



Q: *Can I ask a question during the Live Stream Council Meeting?*

A: Yes, questions will be taken by Council during the Live Stream council meeting at the following times in the agenda:

1. During the designated question period at the beginning of the meeting following MPC (usually between 10:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.)
2. During discussion related to a public hearing (public hearings are always scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m.)

Q: *What can I ask?*

A: Questions received during the question period can be on any topic of interest to the public/individual.

A: Questions received during a public hearing must be limited to the topic of the public hearing.

Q: *How much time will be allowed to ask questions?*

A: The duration of Question Period will be two (2) minutes to a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes. If no questions have been received after two minutes Council may choose to move forward in the agenda.

A: During a public hearing, anyone speaking in favor or in opposition to the matter being discussed will be given three (3) minutes to make a presentation. Members of the public are allowed to speak only once each except to answer questions from Council. For more information on Public Hearing procedures, see our web page: <http://www.countyofnewell.ab.ca/p/meetings>

Q: *How do I ask Council a question?*

A: Questions will be taken by Council from the public in two ways:

1. Questions emailed to council@newellmail.ca and received at least one day prior to the Council meeting
2. Questions from the Live Stream text window during the appropriate times on the agenda: question period and public hearings. (See instructions below)

Q: *I asked a question and did not hear it answered, why not?*

A: Questions may not be answered for several reasons, including, but not limited to the following:

- The question contains profanity
- The question is submitted under a suspected false identity
- The question falls outside of the allotted timeframe
- The question is not relevant to the public hearing being discussed

Questions will be taken in the order that they have been received whenever possible.

If we are unable to respond to your valid question during the meeting due to time constraints, a County staff member will respond to your question after the meeting. Some questions may require staff to do the required research and respond directly to the questioning party.