



Information Bulletin

Yukon Water Board Updated Rules of Procedure

On March 3, 2021 the Yukon Water Board approved updates to its Rules of Procedure which were last updated in 2010. The updates contribute to a modernization of existing rules, policy and guidance to align with current practices. The purpose of this bulletin is to provide notice to applicants and participants in the licensing process of the updates to the Rules of Procedure which will come into effect on **June 1, 2021**.

How will updates to the Rules of Procedure affect my application, licence or approval?

For applications in process and new applications received **before June 1, 2021**:

- The existing Rules of Procedure (2010) will continue to apply through to the end of the licensing process for that application.

For applications received **on or after June 1, 2021**:

- Updated Rules of Procedure (2021) will apply.
- Additionally, the Board will discontinue using the following rules, guidelines and policy documents:
 - 2010 Rules of Procedure and Meeting Rules.
 - Guidelines for Processing an Application for Emergency Amendment.
 - Review and Approval Procedure.
 - Policy Regarding Fees.
 - Authority to Reconsider Licence Decisions Policy.
 - Scope of a Public Hearing to dispose of an Application for Amendment Policy.
 - Guidelines Regarding Applicants Advisory Committee.

Some information from discontinued rules, guidelines and policy documents that do not appear in updates to the Rules of Procedure are incorporated into the Board's new Operations and Administration Manual. This document is the consolidation of guidelines, policy and procedures under one cover.

Where can I find the updated Rules of Procedure?

The updated Rules of Procedure are found on the Yukon Water Board Website:

<http://www.yukonwaterboard.ca/legislation.htm>.

For questions about updates to the Rules of Procedure, contact the Yukon Water Board Secretariat at ywb@yukonwaterboard.ca or by phone (867) 456-3980.

Background

The Yukon Water Board is an independent administrative tribunal responsible for regulating the use of water and deposit of waste into water in Yukon. Both the *Waters Act* and Yukon First Nations Final Agreements enable the Board to make rules for licensing procedures and its day-to-day business. The update to the Rules of Procedure is part of a larger Board initiative to improve and consolidate many of the Board's rules, policies and guidelines.