



Aerial view of Burrard Inlet

Metro Vancouver Air Quality Permitting Process

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23 Member Jurisdictions

2.8 Million Residents

53% of BC population



METRO VANCOUVER LEGAL ENTITIES AND SERVICES



REGULATORY AUTHORITY

- Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) has delegated authority from the province to manage and regulate air quality in the region
- The MVRD Board is required to appoint a District Director, who is authorized to issue air permits



AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT BYLAW 1082, 2008

Prohibition & exemptions

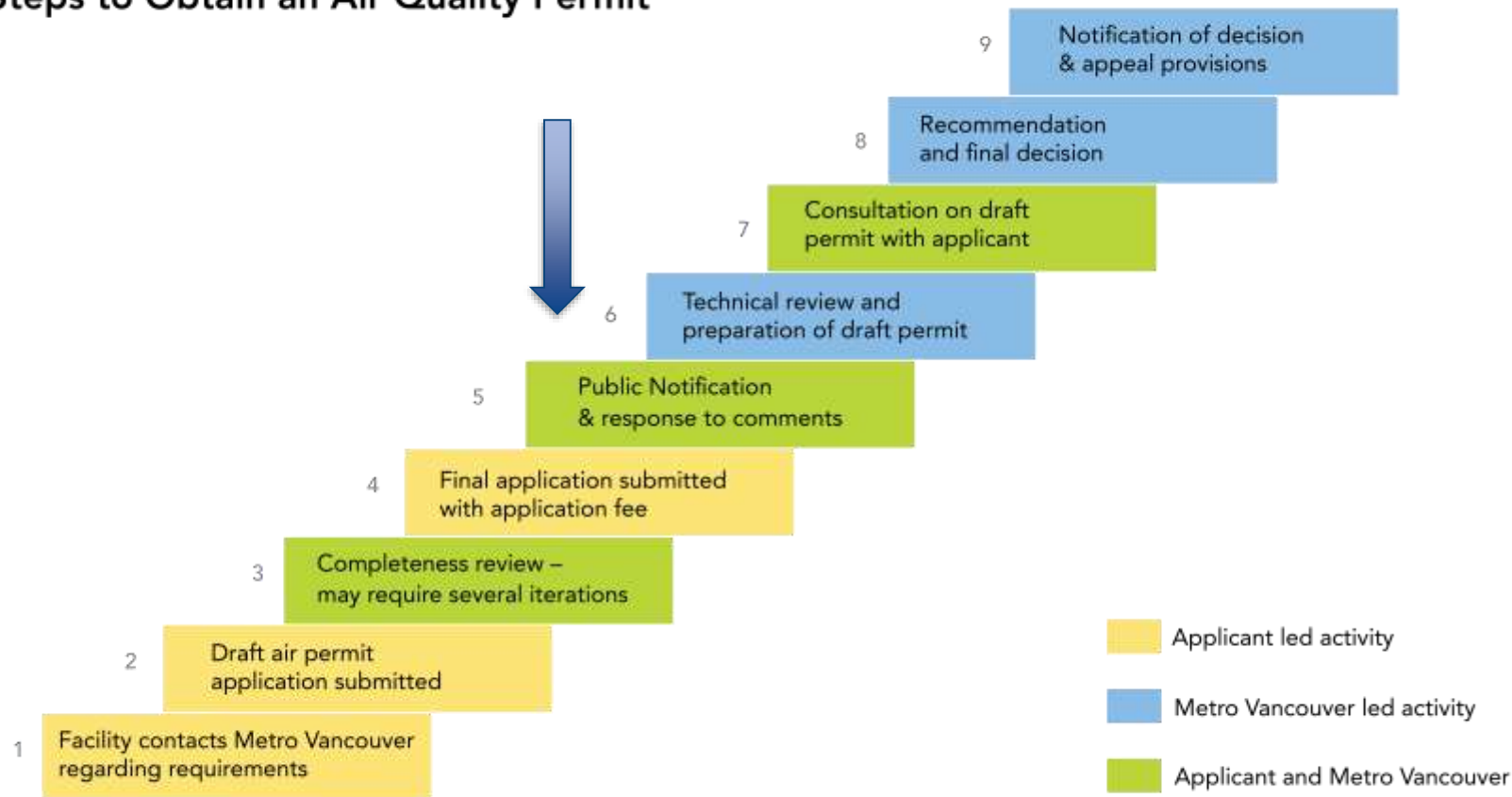
- Prohibits the discharge of air contaminants from an industry, trade or business unless the discharge is conducted strictly in accordance with the terms and conditions of a:
 - Permit or
 - Emission regulation

POSSIBLE PERMIT CONDITIONS

That are Advisable for the Protection of the Environment

- A term for the authorized discharge
- Limits on the quantity, frequency and nature of air contaminants permitted to be discharged
- Requirements to:
 - improve or add works
 - monitor the discharge and its potential effects
 - conduct studies, develop plans, keep records and report information

Steps to Obtain an Air Quality Permit

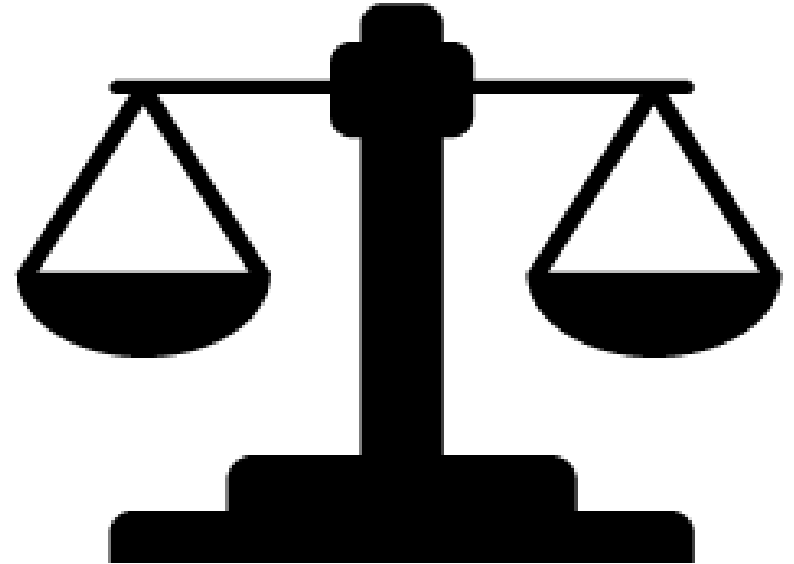


PROCEDURAL FAIRNESS & NATURAL JUSTICE

- Both the Applicant and Concerned Persons are given the opportunity to be “heard”
 - Public Notification Regulation
 - All comments are sent to applicant for a response
- The decision maker must be:
 - Unbiased
 - Impartial
 - Not have any personal stake in the matter

THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR CAN CONSIDER

- Relevant information provided by:
 - Applicant
 - Concerned persons
 - Government or private agencies
 - MVRD staff
 - Others



THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR CANNOT CONSIDER

- Matters outside jurisdiction such as:
 - Zoning
 - Land use
 - Noise
 - Aesthetics
 - Traffic
 - Social licence



EXERCISE OF DISCRETION

- The person who has “heard” the matter must decide the issue – no one else
- The district director:
 - must be independent in the permit decision-making process
 - may consider government policy but cannot apply that policy inflexibly
 - cannot be fettered or directed by others in exercising discretion

HOW TO SUBMIT COMMENTS

Comments must be in writing to be considered

Form available at www.metrovancouver.org
Search “air quality notification”

Email

AndionComments@metrovancouver.org

Write to

Air Quality District Director
4515 Central Boulevard
Burnaby, BC, V5H 0C6





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