



BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITIES COMMISSION

Media Access Policy

Media Contacts

Members of the media who have questions or wish to set up an interview with the British Columbia Securities Commission (BCSC) should direct their media inquiries to Alison Walker at 604-899-6713 or awalker@bcsc.bc.ca.

The BCSC's office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

The address for the BCSC is:
12th Floor - 701 West Georgia Street
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If you are looking for general information or want know more about what the BCSC does, please contact our Inquiries team at 604-899-6854, toll free at 1-800-373-6393 or at inquiries@bcsc.bc.ca.

Media at Hearings

Commission hearings are open to the public, which includes the media. The Commission does have the right to exclude the public and the media where the public interest requires it. Television media must make arrangements for cameras through the secretary to the Commission at 604-899-6500 or commsec@bcsc.bc.ca.

Television coverage of hearings is limited to one-fixed camera position in the public area of the hearing room. If more than one media outlet wishes to film a hearing, they must work out sharing arrangements among themselves, such as pooling or time-sharing.

Media representatives must follow the directions of the Chair of the panel presiding at the hearing at all times and must ensure not to disrupt the hearing in any way. Disruptive activities include the following:

- interviews of parties in the hearing room during the hearing or so nearby as to disturb the hearing;
- movement of equipment while the hearing is in session;
- television lights, cables, equipment, etc. which could distract the parties to the hearing;
- electronic flash for still photography; and
- any other behaviour that the commissioners consider distracting or disruptive.

Microphones may not be placed before counsel, parties, witnesses, the court reporter, or the commissioners.

Cell phones and similar devices must be turned off in the hearing room.

Media may review all published records for a hearing on the Commission website. Records not published on the website may be requested from the secretary to the Commission's office upon payment of the applicable fees. A person who obtains hearing records must provide the Commission with an undertaking to protect personal information in those records.

For additional information or assistance, call or email the secretary to the Commission's office or the media relations contact.