

# Land & Property Rights Tribunal

## Mediation Fact Sheet

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### What is mediation?

Mediation provides an opportunity for parties to meet, discuss and resolve their disputes through an informal process. An LPRT member with expertise in mediation facilitates these discussions.

### Why mediation?

- ✓ **Fast** – It can be scheduled quickly and requires little preparation time. The LPRT dedicates Thursdays for hosting mediations.
- ✓ **Free** – There are no fees for LPRT's mediation services.
- ✓ **Flexible & Informal** – The rules are common sense: come in with an open mind, in good faith and with an intention to have a conversation and compromise to allow for a potential resolution.
- ✓ **Costs less than a hearing** – Less time and preparation is needed. Parties can agree to mediate without extensive documentation or expert reports.
- ✓ **Helps restore & maintain working relationships** – Improves relations between industry and landowners.
- ✓ **There is no downside** – If the parties cannot agree, the matter will proceed to a formal hearing.
- ✓ **Confidential** – Mediations are not open to the public and all participants are required to sign a "Mediation Agreement" that protects confidentiality

and sets the ground rules for participants.

### How do I request mediation?

If the parties want to book a mediation, please email your request to:

[LPRT.Applications@gov.ab.ca](mailto:LPRT.Applications@gov.ab.ca)

### What if the other party refuses?

Mediation is voluntary. The LPRT cannot force a party to mediate.

### Who attends mediation?

The parties themselves attend and because it is virtual, it is easy to participate. Legal counsel and other representatives may attend as well to assist the parties, however, this is not required.

### How do I contact the LPRT?

For more information about the LPRT and its processes, please visit the LPRT's website at [www.LPRT.alberta.ca](http://www.LPRT.alberta.ca)

The LPRT can be contacted by email and telephone at:

**Email:** [LPRT.applications@gov.ab.ca](mailto:LPRT.applications@gov.ab.ca)

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