



## Guiding Principles

The purpose of the Guiding Principles is to ensure each member of the Stakeholder Working Group is able to participate in positive and meaningful dialogue. Guiding Principles include:

- Prepare in advance for and attend all meetings
- Treat each member with courtesy and respect
- Agree or disagree with ideas, not with people
- Identify issues rather than taking “positions”
- Listen to and consider the opinions of others, continually seeking common ground
- Be brief and clear in your comments; avoid repetition of what has already been said and focus on the meeting objectives
- Concentrate on problem-solving, not fault-finding
- Focus on providing thoughtful, well-meaning comments that represent the community’s interests and needs