

Save It or Pave It?

Student Instructions



The Yukon Territory Municipal Board has called in a panel of arbitrators to make a decision on whether or not to approve development on the selected site. It has called a public hearing where the various interest groups can voice their opinions. In this simulation students play the roles of participants involved in the debate over the development of the local area. At the hearing, each group presents its arguments and evidence to support its point of view, followed by the Arbitrator's decision. The class discusses the effectiveness of the arbitration process and submits a response to the arbitration decision through a letter to the editor.

Interest Groups

- Developers
- Local Government
- Territorial Government
 - Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 - Ministry of the Environment
- Local Residents
- Environmental Non-Governmental Organizations

Interest Group Instructions

- Groups will research the issues in role.
- Prepare their brief/presentation – must include visuals (Each presentation should be no more than 10 minutes in length).

Arbitration Panel Instructions

- Prepare background research that appreciates all viewpoints;
- Hear all arguments, analyze the situation, and make a decision that considers all factors;
- Prepare a final report that explains your decision based on present and future considerations;
- Use formal and legal language – this is a formal hearing.