

Guidelines for Attending HRTO Hearings

Human Rights Tribunal hearings are open to the public, however, our legal counsel has also asked that we find a balance between showing support for the legal action and ensuring there are no undue disruptions to legal counsel, adjudicator or the process.

Below are a few key things to consider if you are attending the hearings.

Where:

Unless otherwise noted, proceedings will take place at the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario, 655 Bay St., 14th floor, Room 13, Toronto ([see link for map](#)), east side of Bay, south of Gerrard Street West. The closest subway station is Dundas station on the Yonge line, walk west on Dundas and north on Bay.

Who:

The Tribunal is making best efforts to accommodate any who are interested in attending by allocating the largest hearing room, which can accommodate approximately 60 people. In addition to midwife applicants, other people attending include: the Tribunal adjudicator, legal counsel from both sides, AOM staff, possible media and other stakeholders.

Silent observers only, please

The proceedings are a legal process and formal decorum is mandatory. The hearing schedule will be dense; therefore, any unnecessary distractions will be detrimental to the efficiency of the process. We kindly ask that those attending avoid doing anything to disrupt counsel, the panel members or the process (e.g., frequently leaving and re-entering the room, talking, whispering, applauding, cheering). Phones **must** be on vibrate/silent. If it is necessary to bring your infant, it is recommended you sit closest to the exit to give you the opportunity to leave and settle the baby if necessary (please note that childcare will not be provided).