

CITY - TOWN - REGION

What does a municipal (city) or regional government do?

Municipal or regional governments are responsible for policies directly related to your city, town, or county.

YOU

HEAD OF COUNCIL: MAYOR/REEVE/ CHIEF/ WARDEN/ CHAIR

The head of council has a lot of different names, depending where in Canada you live. No matter what, their job is to uphold the laws, by-laws and regulations agreed upon by your councillors.

COUNCILLORS

The key decision makers at this level of government are called councillors. They are the members of the council. There is a councillor who represents you, because they represent the area that you live in - you can find the names of councillors and the head of council, and their contact information, by looking up your city or town's home webpage.

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BY-LAWS

Councillors have the power to create laws to help govern their area. These are called "by-laws." For example, many towns have by-laws that restrict the use of noisy construction equipment in quiet or residential zones at certain times of the day.