

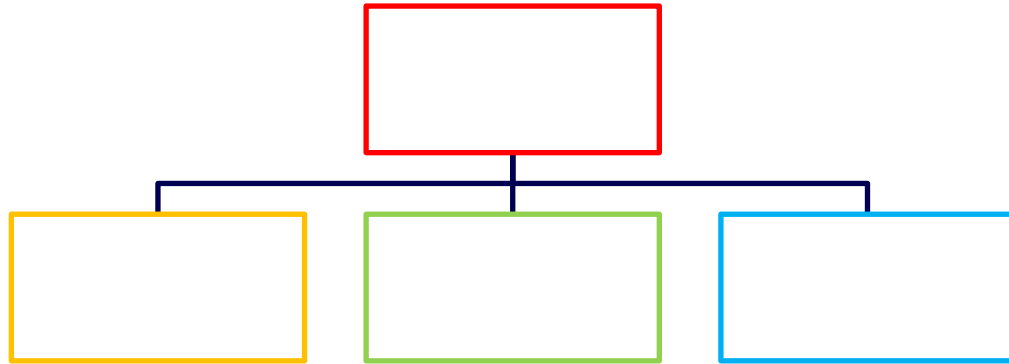
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LGLA Elected Officials Seminars 2019

Role of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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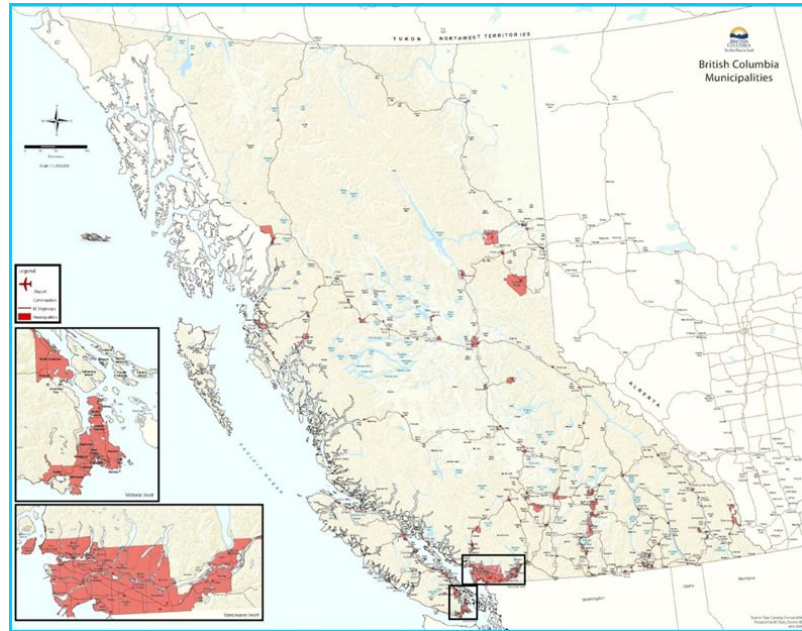
- Responsible for supporting local governments, BC Assessment, BC Housing and TransLink



Local Government in BC

Made up of 162 municipalities 27 regional districts

- Unique federated model of shared governance
- Enables local and regional services
- 89% of BC's population reside in 10.5% of its land base



The made in “BC” approach

Principles that underlie the local government system:

- Legislation that provides structure to local governments
- Local autonomy balanced with public accountability
- Financial independence
- Consultation
- Flexibility
- Intergovernmental and interagency collaboration

How we work in partnership



Role of the Local Government Division


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Local Governments

Municipalities and regional districts provide British Columbians with essential local and regional services such as clean water, sewer systems, parks and recreation, and fire protection. These local governments plan and shape their communities, and exercise the vision through the adoption of bylaws.

Whether you live in a rural area, a small town, or a big city, locally elected officials represent citizens and taxpayers; they make decisions together to meet your community's needs now and in the future.

<h3 style="margin-top: 0;">Local Government Grants & Transfers</h3> <p>Local governments may receive funding from several sources, including the B.C. government and the Government of Canada.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Explore Within ▾</p>	<h3 style="margin-top: 0;">Local Government Finance</h3> <p>All local governments in B.C. operate within a legislative framework that governs their administration and finances including financial planning, reporting, revenues (taxes and fees), liabilities, capital financing, development financing, and property acquisition and disposition.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Explore Within ▾</p>
<h3 style="margin-top: 0;">Local Government Governance & Powers</h3> <p>Municipalities and regional districts in B.C. are empowered by provincial legislation to govern in a wide range of areas. Local government governance and powers focus specifically on how municipal councils and regional district board of directors organize, operate, provide services and make themselves accountable to their communities.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Explore Within ▾</p>	<h3 style="margin-top: 0;">Local Government Infrastructure</h3> <p>Infrastructure at the local government level facilitates the delivery of public services. The design and location of infrastructure can have a significant effect on a region's economic growth, community livability and overall health. B.C. government grants support local governments to plan, build and sustain these essential assets.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Explore Within ▾</p>
<h3 style="margin-top: 0;">Local Government Planning, Land Use & Property</h3> <p>Local government planning establishes land use</p>	<h3 style="margin-top: 0;">Local Government Climate Action</h3> <p>Municipalities and regional districts play an important</p>

Related Links

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- [BC Assessment](#)
- [Property Assessment Review Panels](#)
- [Islands Trust](#)
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