

Local Government Week

#LocalGovWeek

Local Government Week is an opportunity to promote the successes and hard work that all local government professionals do to serve their communities.

What Do Local Governments Do?

Municipalities are the level of the government closest to the people. From transportation and economic development, to affordable housing and social services, local governments are responsible for the delivery of many services that we all use on a daily basis.



“Local government is full of great people and brilliant minds that come together to bring a project or vision to life. Local government offers a number of services, and I always find myself learning something new.”

Liz Barber
Board & Committee Coordinator

Local governments in Ontario include:

- 444** Municipalities¹
- 72** School Boards¹
- 34** Public Health Units²
- 36** Conservation Authorities³

Local Government Roles and Responsibilities

- Airports
- Animal Control
- Building Code
- Bylaw Enforcement
- Arts and Culture
- Chief Administrative Officers
- Cemeteries
- Children’s Services
- Economic Development
- Fire Services
- Garbage Collection and Recycling
- Electric Utilities
- Library Services
- Long-Term Care and Senior Housing
- Municipal Clerks
- Municipal Managers
- Municipal Treasurers
- Road Maintenance
- Paramedics
- Parks and Recreation
- Public Transit
- Planning
- Police Services
- Property Assessment
- Public Health
- Social Housing
- Social Services
- Tourism
- Water and Sewage

¹ Province of Ontario

² Association of Public Health Agencies

³ Conservation Ontario

Why Choose a Career in Local Government?

Every day local governments work hard to make life happen. From taking care of necessities like roads, waste, and water, to creating diverse arts, culture, and tourism experiences, to finding innovative solutions to tomorrow's challenges, local government professionals are change-makers and community builders. If you are an innovator, a social entrepreneur, or someone who wants to make a difference, a career in local government may be the perfect opportunity!

A career in local government can be extremely rewarding and allow you to:



Make a difference in your community through meaningful and challenging work



Experience dynamic work environments that are constantly evolving



Build a comfortable lifestyle while earning competitive pay and retirement savings



Build an impactful career with lots of opportunities across the province



Get involved with local government today to have a direct impact on your community!

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