

Who does what?

Municipal Government	Regional District	Provincial Government	Federal Government
			
• Road maintenance • Snow removal • Water supply • Sewer/storm water management • Solid waste collection • Parks, trails and playgrounds • Cemetery • Recreation facilities (e.g., CN Centre) • Bylaws • Municipal RCMP • Fire Rescue • Business licenses • Community planning and development • City Hall • Municipal property tax	• Solid waste management (landfill, recycling depot and transfer stations) • Residential services outside City boundaries • Regional parks and recreation • Rural area planning and development • 911 operation • Fire dispatch • Heritage conservation	• Schools • Provincial parks • Crown land resource extraction • Health care • Social services (e.g., housing) • WorkSafe • ICBC • Justice • Post-secondary education • Highway maintenance (including highways within City boundaries) • Provincial income tax • Provincial property tax • Sales tax	• Income tax • Employment insurance • Child tax benefits • Student loans • Military • National parks • International travel • Banking • Criminal law • Foreign affairs

* Not included in the table is the role of First Nations. First Nations governments typically manage governance, social and economic development, education, health, lands and more for members of their communities. Services vary depending on their unique needs and priorities.

Addressing encampments and homelessness

The power and authority of municipalities to address the impacts of homelessness is limited. The Courts of B.C. have made it clear that the Government of B.C. is responsible for addressing homelessness, housing, and health care.

The Courts have acknowledged the rights of municipalities to regulate and control the use of their parks and public spaces. Local governments cannot generally prohibit people from overnight sheltering in parks and open spaces unless there is accessible housing for all those in need.

