

Who Does What in Local Government

Do you know who manages which services in your community?

Later this month, British Columbians have two important opportunities to vote: a local election on October 17, and a provincial election on October 24. While both elections will shape our future, local government decisions often have the most immediate impact on our day-to-day lives.

Your municipal council makes decisions about parks, roads, sidewalks, water systems, community safety, recreation facilities, development, and the services that help shape our neighbourhoods. These are the things residents interact with every day.

Provincial government plays a vital role in delivering services such as health care and education, but local government is where many community priorities become reality. That's why it's important for residents to make their voices heard in both elections.

During this election period, the City of Parksville has been hearing from residents and community members about various popular topics surrounding levels of service in government, water conservation, housing and affordability, and other community related themes.

It's important to understand 'who does what' when it comes to government services; some levels of government manage services that others might not.

To understand things a little better, review this handy [graph](#) to see specifically who does what and how it impacts your day-to-day life. To view a larger version of the graphic, visit [Let's Talk Parksville](#) and click on the 'Who Does What in Local Government' link.

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