

FROM ROADS TO RECREATION: HOW A MUNICIPALITY WORKS FOR YOU



What municipalities do

Your council governs the municipality through debating topics and making decisions that give direction to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). Administration (CAO) is responsible to carry out council's decisions and run the day-to-day operations with their staff.

They shape your everyday life — from roads and sidewalks to snow clearing, water, wastewater, garbage, parks, fire services, housing approvals, community programs, and so much more. If it is part of your daily routine, your municipality is likely behind it.

Who runs the municipality



How a bylaw is created

From idea → guideline. A policy is a council-approved guideline that sets direction but is not a law. A problem is identified, administration researches and drafts options, council debates and may seek public input. If council approves the policy, the policy is officially adopted.

From idea → enforceable rule. Bylaws are local laws made by municipal councils. A problem is identified, administration researches and drafts options, council debates and may seek public input. If council approves through the required legislative process, the bylaw is officially adopted.

How a policy is created



How can you get involved

Municipalities keep things running using a mix of revenue: property taxes, utility and user fees, grants, fines, and licenses. Council reviews the budget and either approves it as is or makes changes before giving it the final sign-off.

Where \$ comes from



Jobs and Local Economy

Municipalities support the local economy by helping local businesses grow, encouraging development, investing in infrastructure, hosting community events, and creating opportunities in your community.

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