

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Under the elected Prime Minister, the federal government's responsibilities include all that is national or international in character, which include the following:

- national defence
- foreign affairs
- money
- banking
- federal taxes
- mail
- shipping
- railways
- broadcast and telecommunications regulation (TV and radio licences, regulation of telephone companies, etc.)
- pipelines
- Indigenous lands and rights
- criminal law

PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL

Led by an elected Premier, provinces and territories are assigned certain responsibilities, which include the following:

- provincial taxes
- marriage licenses
- age of majority
- education
- health care
- road regulations

MUNICIPAL

Headed by an elected mayor, this level of government is considered your local city, town or district government, which is responsible for the following:

- dog licences
- cemeteries
- municipal taxes
- public transportation
- fire protection
- local police
- local land use
- libraries
- city parks
- community water systems
- roadways
- parking

FIRST NATIONS GOVERNANCE

Band councils govern these communities, making decisions regarding local issues much akin to municipal government. The band councils are comprised of elected members by the band members.

Sources for responsibilities:

- cic.gc.ca/english/newcomers/before-government.asp and
- lop.parl.ca/About/Parliament/Education/OurCountryOurParliament/section2-e.aspx