

Who Does What?

In Canada, the **four orders of government** each have distinct responsibilities but often work together to serve the public.

Municipal governments, like Coquitlam, operate under provincial authority, are led by the Mayor and City Councillors, and handle local services and bylaws.

Regional districts and agencies, such as Metro Vancouver, governed by a Chair and Board of Directors, oversee services that cross municipal boundaries, like water, regional parks and waste management; and TransLink governed by Board of Directors and the Mayor’s Council, oversee regional transportation in Metro Vancouver.

The **provincial government**, led by the Premier and Members of the Legislative Assembly, oversees province-wide services like education, health care, public transit, and supportive/affordable housing.

The **federal government**, headed by the Prime Minister and Members of Parliament, addresses national issues like immigration, defence and criminal law.

Municipal Government



City of Coquitlam

Mayor and City Councillors

- Animal control
- Business licencing
- Bylaw enforcement
- Community planning and development
- Fire and rescue services
- Garbage and recycling collection contracts
- Municipal property tax
- Outdoor pools and spray parks
- Parks, trails and playgrounds
- Coquitlam RCMP
- Recreation and community centres
- Streets and sidewalks
- Sewer and storm water drainage
- Snow removal

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Regional District



Metro Vancouver

Chair and Board of Directors

- Landfill and transfer stations
- Recycling depot
- Regional air quality
- Regional drinking water supply
- Regional growth strategy
- Regional Parks (e.g., Minnekhada Regional Park)
- Regional Solid Waste
- Wastewater treatment

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TransLink

Chief Executive Officer, Board of Directors and Mayor’s Council

- Transit
- Major roads and bridges

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Provincial Government



Province of BC

Premier and Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs)

- Children and youth services
- Economic development
- Electricity
- Highways
- Homelessness and supportive housing
- Hospitals and health care
- Labour (e.g., Employment Standards)
- Mental health and addiction
- Natural resource management
- Post-secondary education
- Provincial courts and laws
- Provincial emergency response and coordination
- Provincial sales and income tax
- School Districts
- Tenant and landlord supports
- Wildlife Stewardship

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Federal Government



Government of Canada

Prime Minister and Members of Parliament (MPs)

- Airports and air traffic
- Borders and passports
- Canadian pension plan and old age security
- Child benefit
- Criminal law
- Employment and social development (e.g., EI)
- Environment
- Federal income and sales taxes
- Fisheries, oceans, and national parks
- Foreign affairs
- Human rights
- Immigration and citizenship
- National defence
- Postal services
- Student loans

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The City of Coquitlam acknowledges with gratitude and respect that the name Coquitlam was derived from the hən̓q̓əmiṇəṇ (HUN-kuh-MEE-num) word kwikwəḷəm (kwee-KWET-lum) meaning “Red Fish Up the River”. The City is honoured to be located on the kwikwəḷəm traditional and ancestral lands, including those parts that were historically shared with the q̓íḱáḱ (kat-zee), and other Coast Salish Peoples.

