

Local Government Week

#LocalGovWeek

Local Government Week is an opportunity to promote the successes and hard work that all local government professionals do to serve their communities.

Ways to Celebrate

Municipal organizations and citizens can celebrate #LocalGovWeek annually during the third week in October. Raising awareness and celebrating may look different across communities, but here are some suggestions for how you can honour and get involved in the important work being done at the local level:

- Recognize staff achievements through annual appreciation events and activities
- Put forward a council resolution to recognize Local Government Week
- Share educational tools and resources with staff and members of the public
- Invite residents and community groups to meet and greet events with local heads of council
- Encourage residents to #SupportLocal through community BIAs and other initiatives

Ways You Can Get Involved in Your Local Government

- Attend public council, committee, and town hall meetings
- Apply to serve on a municipal board or advisory committee
- Attend public consultations
- Vote in local elections
- Engage with your elected officials
- Consider running for office
- Get involved in community organizations
- Attend municipal workshops and educational programs
- Volunteer as a poll worker on election day
- Sign up for your municipality's newsletters
- Follow local news and updates
- Participate in local surveys and polls
- Submit a petition to council
- Advocate for local issues



“Once I learned more, I was excited by the decisions that local councils made that positively impacted the community. From there, I found my passion in community service and experienced so many learning opportunities.”

Nicky Kunkel
Chief Administrative Officer-Clerk

Why Get Involved in Your Local Government?

Every day local governments work hard to make life happen. Engaging in local government is vital for building strong, thriving communities. When residents take an active role in their local governance, they not only influence important decisions but also help create an environment where everyone's voice matters.

Engaging with your local government can be extremely rewarding. Here are some key reasons why you should consider getting involved:



Engagement brings diverse perspectives that reflect your local community's needs and values.



Feedback and input can shape policies that impact your daily life within the community.



Active participation promotes openness and accountability in decision-making



Community involvement promotes a culture of shared responsibility and citizenship.



Get involved with local government today to have a direct impact on your community!

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