

HANDOUT 2.1: GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

The table below lists federal, provincial and local government areas of responsibility. Some responsibilities (e.g., transportation, healthcare and environment) are shared between the different levels of government.

Federal Government Responsibilities	Provincial Government Responsibilities	Municipal Government Responsibilities*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currency • Employment and social development • Environment • Federal law and courts • Fisheries and oceans • Global affairs and international development • Health • Canadian culture and heritage • Crown and Indigenous relations • Immigration and citizenship • Indigenous services • Infrastructure • Innovation, science and economic development • International trade • National defence • Natural resources • Official languages • Public safety and emergency preparedness • Regional development and diversification • Transportation • Veterans affairs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced education • Agriculture and forestry • Children’s services • Community and social services • Culture and tourism • Economic development and trade • Early education and K-12 • Energy and mining • Environment and provincial parks • Health-care delivery • Housing • Indigenous relations • Infrastructure • Provincial justice system • Labour relations and workplace safety • Local governments and libraries • Seniors • Gender equality • Transportation, roads, highways and driving 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture services • Airports • Animal control • By-law Enforcement • Cemeteries • Economic development • Environmental impact and conservation • Family and community services • Garbage collection and recycling • Land use planning and development • Library services • Police and emergency services • Public transportation • Roads, sidewalks and lighting • Recreation and cultural facilities (parks, community centres, museums, theatres) • Sewage and water treatment • Social housing • Storm sewers and drainage • Tourism • Water supply and distribution

**Exact list varies by municipality. Each municipality determines which services and facilities it wants to provide, and each comes with specific regulations.*