

Responsibilities of Different Orders of Government

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Federal	Provincial	Regional	Local
Foreign relations National Security (RCMP, Military) Citizenship First Nations Criminal law Employment insurance Postal services Currency and banking Trade Veterans Affairs Census Fisheries and oceans Navigation and shipping Human Resources National parks	Education Healthcare Human Services Provincial police Energy Infrastructure Municipal affairs and housing Economic development Provincial parks	Public transit Public health Waste management Social services Community Housing Ambulance International airport Provincial offences court	Snow removal Parks and recreation Animal Control Zoning and neighbourhood plans Building inspections and permits Cemeteries Parking Fire Department Vital statistics Local economic development
Shared Federal & Provincial		Shared Provincial & Municipal	Shared Regional & Local
Healthcare Immigration Labour Justice Taxation Transportation and communication Tourism Agriculture Environment Intergovernmental relations		Education Healthcare Housing Social services Infrastructure Transportation Provincial offences court Economic Development	Wastewater collection and treatment Roads Land use planning Library system Licensing and by-law enforcement Community services Culture

Examples of Government Investments

Adapted from: Social Planning Council Toronto Federal Election Fact Sheets, 2011

Investment Area	Federal Government	Provincial Government	Municipal Government
Taxes	General Sales Tax, Income tax Business taxes and tariffs	Provincial sales tax Portion of income tax	Property tax
Income	Employment Insurance, maternity/parental, sick leave Canada Social Transfer Old Age Security, CPP, Guaranteed Income Supplement	Sets minimum wage Sets OW & ODSP rates	Administers Ontario Works and Ontario (OW) & Disability Support Program(ODSP)
Health	Canada Health Transfer Commitment to the National Medicare System	OHIP Service delivery in hospitals & community health centres (Local Health Integration Networks)	Public Health Oversight of Emergency Medical Services
Housing	Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation National Housing Framework & Funding Funding for existing social housing Funding for Homelessness initiatives	Pays up to 80% shelter costs Some funding for housing development Rent supplements (especially mental health) Sets the rules on housing Downloads social housing to the city	Runs and funds shelters Funds and oversees non-profit and co-op housing Manages housing waiting lists Some funding and management for housing development
Employment	Funding for training and education, and creation of vocational training centres Working Income Tax Benefit Federal minimum wage	Employment Ontario Setting taxes for businesses Funding for training, productivity and innovation	Municipal employment services Community services delivery

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Investment Area	Federal Government	Provincial Government	Municipal Government(s)
Education	Funding for post-secondary education	Funding for schools Funding for post-secondary education Sets the curriculum	Local School boards Funding of schools from property taxes Curriculum delivery
Children & Families	Funding for Child-Care National Child Tax Benefit, Universal Child Care Benefit Child Tax Fitness Credit	Funding for childcare Funding for supports of persons living with disabilities	Child care delivery Accessible and free children and family programs funded through municipal tax
Transportation & Roads	Rail, marine and airway regulations Some infrastructure transfer funding	Oversight and funding of provincial roads/highways, policing and repairs Vehicle and driver licensing/Disability permits	Oversight of local roads, policing and repairs Green Parking lots Grand River Transit
Immigration	Decisions about entry, immigration courts Settlement program funding	Settlement program funding Downloading refugee housing to municipalities	Community settlement programs delivery and some funding Refugee housing
Environment & Waste Management	Environmental Protection Act implementation	Manage the use of national resources Energy services	Picks up trash, recycling, green bins, waste water Water, utilities infrastructure
Parks & Recreation	National Parks	Provincial Parks Conservation areas	City Parks, Conservation areas Municipal recreation facilities
Security & Emergency Services	Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), National Defense National Centre for Emergency Preparedness and Responses	Ontario Provincial Police Services Emergency Preparedness Office	Fire Protection Emergency Medical Services Regional Police Services