

ARE YOU RUNNING FOR REGIONAL COUNCIL?

DID YOU KNOW?

A candidate elected for the Office of Mayor or Regional Councillor in a local municipality earns a seat on both local and regional councils for four years.

REGIONAL GOVERNMENT

The authority of regional government in Ontario is established by the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

York Region is one of six regional governments in Ontario. A regional government is an upper-tier municipality that is a federation of the local, lower tier municipalities within its boundaries. York Region is comprised of these nine cities and towns:

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| Town of Aurora | Town of Newmarket |
| Town of East Gwillimbury | City of Richmond Hill |
| Town of Georgina | City of Vaughan |
| Township of King | Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville |
| City of Markham | |

Regional and local governments provide different services to residents based on jurisdiction granted by the *Municipal Act*. Regional municipalities provide services that are best delivered across wide areas, or those requiring large-scale coordination. The table below illustrates the types of services provided by York Region and its nine cities and towns.

YORK REGION

Children's Services
Forestry
Housing
Long-Term Care*
Paramedic Services
Police Services
Court Services
Public Health
Social assistance
Transit

LOCAL CITIES AND TOWNS

Building
Fire
Libraries
Licensing
Parks, Recreation and Heritage
Storm Water Drainage and Management

INTEGRATED SERVICES

Bylaw Enforcement
Borrowing / Tax Collection
Economic Development
Emergency Planning
Planning
Roads
Waste Management
Water



* Regional Council members sit on a Committee of Management that provides governance oversight for the Region's two Long-Term Care Homes. The new *Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021* requires members of the Committee to successfully clear a criminal record check and to provide a declaration to the Region disclosing acts of professional misconduct.

