

# 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:

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.

