



THE CITY & OTHER GOVERNMENTAL BODIES



CITY OF VANCOUVER

The City is responsible for overseeing the implementation of strategic policies to create a better city. We do this by working day-to-day on projects that help keep Vancouver operating, such as coordinating and planning for the development of housing, funding social and community services, undertaking maintenance and improvements of the city's public works and licensing businesses.



METRO VANCOUVER

Metro Vancouver is a federation of 21 municipalities, one Electoral Area and one Treaty First Nation. Their core services are drinking water, wastewater treatment and solid waste management. Metro Vancouver also regulates air quality, plans for urban growth, manages a regional parks system and provides affordable housing. The regional district is governed by a Board of Directors of elected officials from each local authority.



VANCOUVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Vancouver Police Board is the employer and governing body of the Vancouver Police Department, and a separate legal entity from the City. City Council provides funding for the VPD through the annual budget, under the BC Police Act which mandates how municipal police departments are funded. The Act is currently undergoing review with the Province.



VANCOUVER COASTAL HEALTH

Vancouver Coastal Health is a regional health authority that provides healthcare through hospitals, primary care clinics, community health centres and long-term care and is provincially mandated. The City works closely with VCH on the Healthy City Strategy which includes responding to the opioid crisis, enhancing our collaborative efforts around a healthy environment, and food security.



VANCOUVER SCHOOL BOARD

The Vancouver School Board is the school district that Vancouver's K-12 schools and is governed by the Vancouver Board of Education of nine-elected trustees and one student trustee. The VSB curriculum is set by the Ministry of Education.



VANCOUVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Vancouver Public Library (VPL) is separate legal entity from the City and is governed by the provincial Library Act. The VPL Board is made up of 13 trustees appointed by City Council and develops library policy and service strategy, provides financial oversight and works with the Chief Librarian to oversee the provision of services.



VANCOUVER PARK BOARD

The Vancouver Park Board is the only elected body of its kind in Canada and has jurisdiction, and control over more than 240 public parks in Vancouver and a large public recreation system of community centres, pools, rinks, fitness centres, golf courses, street trees, marinas, playing fields, and more.



TRANSLINK

Translink delivers and plan the region's transportation system through its subsidiaries: Coast Mountain Bus Company Ltd., BC Rapid Transit Company (SkyTrain) and West Coast Express Limited, and its contractors. Translink is governed by the Board of Directors and Mayor Council, which Vancouver Mayor Kennedy Stewarts sits on, and they approve transportation plans and strategies - including pricing and routes - for the region.



BC EMERGENCY HEALTH SERVICES

BC Emergency Health Services provides emergency services and patient transfers and oversees the BC Ambulance Services and BC Patient Transfer Services. The BCEHS is part of the Provincial Health Authority and works closely with Vancouver's Fire and Rescue Services calls.



BC HOUSING

BC Housing develops, manages and administers a wide range of subsidized housing options across BC. They are accountable to the Minister of Municipal Services and Housing and are governed by a Board of Commissioners appointed by the Lieutenant Governor. The City works to advocate for Vancouver residents, advance housing priorities, and partner with them on the development of affordable housing in Vancouver, but cannot intervene in their decision-making.