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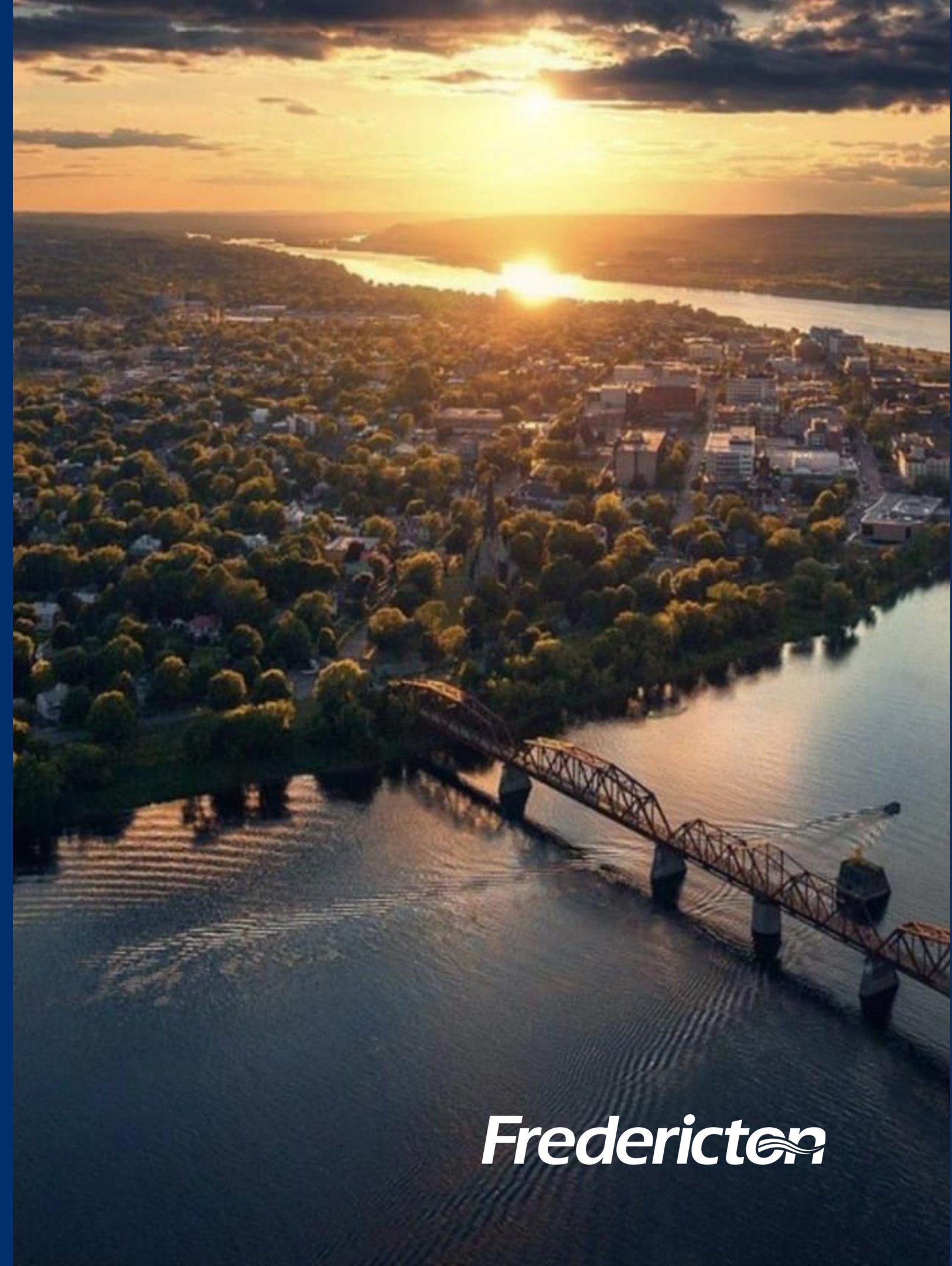
Introduction to Local Government

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Levels of Government



Federal



Provincial



Municipal

Role of the Federal Government

The Government of Canada has the following responsibilities:

- Immigration
- Canada Pension Plan
- Employment Insurance Benefits
- Old Age Security
- Criminal Law
- Income Taxes
- Regulations affecting industries that are national or international

Role of the Provincial Government

The Government of New Brunswick has the following responsibilities:

- Education
- Health & Medicine
- Labour Standards
- Family Law
- Social Services
- Housing
- Property Tax Assessment and Collection
- Building and Maintaining Provincially owned roads and highways

Role of the Municipal Government

The City of Fredericton has the following responsibilities:

- Water and Sewer
- Recreation (parks, arenas, pools, courts and programming)
- Street Construction and Maintenance on City owned roads (plowing, filling potholes, traffic calming, infrastructure renewal etc.)
- Fire and Police Protection
- Land Use Planning & Zoning (Zoning is the method of determining what types of buildings and developments are in what areas.)
- Building Inspections
- Garbage and Waste Removal
- Public Transit

Role of Mayor & Council

- Municipal elections occur every 4 years;
- Fredericton elects 12 councillors by ward and one Mayor at large;
- Council sets the goals of the City and approves the budget;
- Mayor and Council are your voice in municipal government.



How to Stay Informed:

- Standing committee and regular city council meetings are public and livestreamed on the City website or anyone can attend in person. Agendas and meeting packages are available in advance of the meetings.
- Council meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Monday of each month starting at 7:30pm. Council meetings are where City Council makes formal decisions and approvals.
- Standing committees are permanent meetings that occur at lunch hour on Thursdays and are a place for informal discussions and updates.

How to be Involved:

- The City has numerous advisory committees that report to standing committees. The committees are made up of local residents chosen through a public recruitment process. Anyone who lives in Fredericton can apply to serve on an advisory committee.
- The City of Fredericton does regular public engagement on specific projects via our engagement website Engage Fredericton. Public engagement sessions occur on a wide range of topics including: traffic calming initiatives, Recreation and Leisure Master Plan and the Urban Forestry Strategy
- If you any ideas or feedback for the City you can reach out to your City Councillor or the Mayor.

Thank you!

Learn more at: <https://www.fredericton.ca/city-government/mayor-council/civic-engagement>

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