



Tay Valley Township

FACT SHEET

LOCAL GOVERNMENT 101

Municipalities, including Tay Valley Township, are central to local government. The Constitution made municipalities the responsibility of the provinces. The Municipal Act, 2001 governs the work of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township, its Council and Administration. While some discretion is given to ensure good governance and to serve the local populace, the provincial government prescribes much of what can and cannot be done through legislation and regulation. For instance, building permits are regulated through the Ontario Building Code, while zoning and other planning matters are legislated through the Planning Act. The Provincial Policy Statement also guides all planning issues.

Local government also includes other agencies, boards and local authorities such as the Conservation Authorities, the Police Services Board, and the Library Board.

Tay Valley Township is a lower-tier municipality that forms part of Lanark County, which is responsible for such services as land ambulances, homes for the aged, county roads, and social services. The Reeve and Deputy Reeve sit on Lanark County Council.

For more on local government, visit the following websites:

Lanark County: <http://www.county.lanark.on.ca/>

Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing: <http://www.mah.gov.on.ca>

Federation of Canadian Municipalities: www.amo.on.ca

Association of Municipalities of Ontario: www.fcm.ca

Ontario Good Roads Association: www.ogra.org

E-laws, a repository of provincial law: <http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/index.html>

Municipal World, a publication focused on municipal issues:

<http://www.municipalworld.com/index.php>