



# *Government*

# Municipal *Government*

Municipal government in BC consists of an elected Mayor and Council that are responsible for establishing policies for the community and passing bylaws based on these policies. The next Municipal Election will next be held in November 2014. While the Mayor and Councilors are responsible for establishing policy, municipal employees are responsible for translating policy into action and administering various municipal services such as engineering, building permits, licensing, planning, and parks and recreation, to name only a few. The list of important contacts at the City of Powell River can be found at [www.powellriver.info](http://www.powellriver.info)

## Municipal Government

Form (Structure):	Mayor & Council under the Local Government Act
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No. of Elected Officials:	7 (Mayor + 6 Councillors)
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Mayor	Dave Formosa
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Year Elected:	Nov-11
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Next Election Date:	Nov-14
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City Manager:	Mac Fraser
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Source: City of Powell River

# Regional *Government*

Similar to a US County, The Powell River Regional District (PRRD) is a quiet, rural region with a population of around 20,000. Politically, the PRRD is governed by a Board of 7 Directors representing the City of Powell River (CDPR) and five rural Electoral Areas (EA). The Regional District office is in the Townsite, the oldest neighbourhood in the City of Powell River. The office provides maps, legal plans, community plans, information on property ownership and assessments. Office staff are available to assign house numbers for the rural areas, sell cemetery plots and assist with public enquiries. For a list of important contacts at the Regional District please visit [www.powellriverrd.bc.ca](http://www.powellriverrd.bc.ca).

## Regional Government

Form (Structure):	Board of Directors (three year term)
No. of Elected Officials:	7
Board Chair:	Colin Palmer
Year Elected:	Nov-08
Next Election Date:	Nov-14
Regional District Manager (CAO):	Al Radke

Source: Powell River Regional District



# Provincial *Government*

Similar to US State government, the Provincial government is committed to ensuring B.C. offers a highly competitive business climate that allows small businesses, investors, entrepreneurs and job creators to succeed and prosper. More information on the most current and popular services and information for B.C. businesses can be found on their website. [www.gov.bc.ca](http://www.gov.bc.ca)



## **Provincial** (Similar to US State Government)

Form (Structure): British Parliamentary

No. of Elected Officials: 85

Parliamentary Calendar 2014: Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Oct, Nov

Source: Province of BC

## **Premier** (Similar to US Governor)

Name: Christy Clark

Party Affiliation: BC Liberal Party

Year Elected: 2011

Current Term Expiration: 2017

Allowed to Run for Another Term: Yes

Next Election Date: 2017

Source: Province of BC

## **Provincial Government Representation**

Similar to US Government Representation

Name of MLA: Nicholas Simons

Electoral District: Powell River – Sunshine Coast

Party Affiliation: New Democratic Party of BC

Source: Province of BC



# Federal *Government*

Federal information and business resources can be found through the Government of Canada Website. [www.canada.gc.ca](http://www.canada.gc.ca)

## **Federal Government Representation** (Similar to US Congresspersons)

Name of MP:	John Weston
Electoral District:	West Vancouver--Sunshine Coast--Sea to Sky Country
Year Elected:	2008
Current Term Expiration Date:	On or before 4 years
Next Election Date:	2015
Party Affiliation:	Conservative

Source: Parliament of Canada

## **Senators** (Similar to US Senators)

In Canada, there are ordinarily 105 Senators appointed by the Governor General on the advice of the Prime Minister. Senators are chosen to represent the various Provinces and Territories of Canada and can serve until the age of 75.

