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Who Are My Elected Representatives?

Understanding the Different Levels of Government, Representation and Their Responsibilities:

There are 3 different levels of government in Canada; federal, provincial/territorial and municipal. With each level of government, you will have an elected representative. For example, if you live in the City of Ottawa, you will be represented by a Member of Parliament in the House of Commons at the federal level, a Member of Provincial Parliament in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, and a City Councillor. Where you live in a city/town/region will determine which electoral district/division, constituency/riding, or ward you belong to, and the politicians that represent those areas.

For a more detailed breakdown of the different levels of government in Canada, and their responsibilities, see the following links:

- http://www.parl.gc.ca/about/parliament/senatoreugeneforseystouchpoints/touchpoints_content-e.html
- <http://www.thecanadapage.org/Government.htm>

A good example of the different levels of elected representation within a specific City has been produced by the Branford Public Library:

- <http://brantford.library.on.ca/adults/resources/#do>

(You may want to create a list like this for your own Club, or do some research on the internet to see if any other groups or organizations in your community have created such a list and kept it up to date. If you do create a list, you may want to consider posting it on your website; this may be a useful civic resource for other people in your community).

Find the Contact Information for your Member of Parliament:

At the federal level there are 306 Members of Parliament who are responsible to the people within their constituency (i.e. electoral districts). Depending on the population of the area, Cities and towns will have a varying number of ridings. Some towns for example may be part of a riding with neighboring Towns or Cities, while major Cities like Toronto have over 20 ridings. Since CFUW Clubs predominately cover entire Cities, Towns and Districts, you may find that your club can call on many different MPs. The information below is intended to help you identify who they are, and their contact information.

(If you are contacting your MP as an individual, you can use the “find your MP by postal code” function on the Parliament of Canada website – see below.)

Find your MP by Postal Code:

<http://www.parl.gc.ca/Parlinfo/Compilations/HouseOfCommons/MemberByPostalCode.aspx?Menu=HOC>

Alphabetical list of all 306 members of Parliament (includes their constituency):

<http://www.parl.gc.ca/MembersOfParliament/MainMPsCompleteList.aspx?Language=E&TimePeriod=Current>

Find the Contact Information for your Provincial Elected Representative:

Depending on your province of residence, the title of your provincial elected representative will differ. For example, if you live in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, or PEI your provincial elected representative is called your Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA), in Ontario it's your Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP), in Quebec it's your Member of the National Assembly (MNA) and in Newfoundland and Labrador it's your Member of the House of Assembly (MHA). Similar to the federal level, MLAs, MPPs, MNAs and MHAs represent the constituents in their ridings (electoral districts) which cover specific geographical areas which vary in size depending on the population. You will also find that as a CFUW club covering an entire City, Town or District you may have more than one provincial elected representative in your area.

If you are not sure who your elected provincial representative (MPP/MNA/MLA/MHA) is, please consult the appropriate link below. You may need to know your electoral district/division, constituency or riding in order to search the sites.

Alberta: <http://streetkey.elections.ab.ca/>

- Enter your postal code, street address or electoral division to search for your MLA

British Columbia: <http://www.leg.bc.ca/mla/3-1-1.htm>

- Select your constituency, community or enter your postal code to search for your MLA

Manitoba: http://www.electionsmanitoba.ca/en/Related_Links/Who_is_My_MLA.html

- Enter your street address or City, Town, First Nation or Municipality to search for your MLA

New Brunswick: <http://www1.gnb.ca/elections/provstreetkey/provskinformation-e.asp>

- Enter your street name AND select your community to search for your MLA

Newfoundland & Labrador: <http://www.assembly.nl.ca/members/contact-your-member.htm>

- Browse for your MHA by district at: <http://www.assembly.nl.ca/members/cms/membersdistrict.asp>

- If you don't know your district, click here:

<http://www.elections.gov.nl.ca/elections/findyourdistrict.asp>

Nova Scotia: <http://electionsnovascotia.ns.ca/edf/edf.aspx>

- Enter your street address and city OR select your electoral district to search for your MLA

Ontario: http://fyed.elections.on.ca/fyed/en/form_page_en.jsp

- Enter your postal code, search by address to find your electoral district
- Remembering your electoral district, browse the list of MPPs found at “Information on your Member of Provincial Parliament” at:
http://www.ontla.on.ca/web/members/members_current.do?locale=en&channel_id={923146e7-4d81-42a8-99f0-e61f5ab50387}&lang=en

Prince Edward Island: <http://www.assembly.pe.ca/index.php3?number=1024584&lang=E>

- If you know your electoral district, select the corresponding MLA
- If you don't know your electoral district, enter your street address at:
<http://www.electionspei.ca/provincial/districts/find/index.php>

Quebec: <http://www.assnat.qc.ca/en/deputes/index.html>

- Enter your postal code or the name of your riding under “Advanced search in biographical notices of MNAs”

Saskatchewan: http://www.legassembly.sk.ca/members/mla_list.htm

- Browse the list of MLAs by constituency
- If you don't know your constituency, visit: <http://www.elections.sk.ca/find.php>

Find the Contact Information of your Municipal Elected Representatives:

By using a web search engine such as Google or Yahoo, you should be able to find the contact information of your municipal elected representatives. For example, in the City of Ottawa, you could search “Ottawa City Councillors”, which will take you to the page on the City of Ottawa website where the email addresses and phone numbers of all the City Councillors are posted.