

for political and administrative purposes except for certain joint expenditures. The remaining municipal corporations and the unorganized territory within counties fall under the county system. The counties have no direct powers of taxation; funds to finance the services falling within their jurisdiction are provided by the municipalities forming part thereof. The municipalities are governed by Special Charter, by the Cities and Towns Act or by the Municipal Code. On January 1, 1973, there were 1,590 municipalities comprising 68 cities, 199 towns, 279 villages, 499 parishes, 155 townships, 14 united townships and 376 municipalities without designation. Major municipal consolidations began in 1965 with the fusion of the 14 municipalities on Île Jésus into the new city of Laval. At the beginning of 1970, the Montreal and Quebec Urban Communities and the Outaouais Regional Community were established in which integration of services will be staged gradually. Supervision of and assistance to municipalities are through the Department of Municipal Affairs and the Quebec Municipal Commission.

Ontario. Slightly more than one tenth of Ontario's area includes 95% of its total population and is municipally organized; the remainder is under direct provincial administration. The settled section of the province is divided into one metropolitan municipality, five regional municipalities, one district municipality and 33 counties. In addition, there are 35 cities, six separated towns, five boroughs, 143 towns, 141 villages, 519 townships and 14 improvement districts. The Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto, in existence since January 1, 1954, encompasses one city and five boroughs and is responsible for assessments, police, water supply, sewerage, metropolitan road systems, planning, etc. The regional municipalities of Niagara, Ottawa—Carleton, Sudbury, Waterloo and York have replaced the county administrations in their respective areas and assumed certain responsibilities over all the municipalities within their boundaries. The District Municipality of Muskoka was incorporated on January 1, 1971 to assume responsibilities, similar to those of the regional municipalities, over the reorganized municipalities of the former district of Muskoka. This form of regional government in Ontario is also contemplated in other areas. Each county, although an incorporated municipality, comprises the towns (with the exception of six separated towns), villages and townships situated within it. Some municipalities are located outside the counties in areas called districts. These districts are in the western and northern parts of Ontario and are not municipal entities. Supervisory control of municipalities is exercised by the Department of Municipal Affairs and the Ontario Municipal Board under the Municipal Act and other Acts governing aspects of municipal government.

Manitoba. Manitoba has five cities, 33 towns, 41 villages and 105 rural municipalities. These are supervised by the Department of Municipal Affairs under the Municipal Act and special charters. However, the Metropolitan Corporation of Greater Winnipeg is responsible to the Department of Urban Affairs except for financial matters, for which it reports to the Department of Municipal Affairs. There are 19 local government districts incorporated under the Local Government Districts Act where the province has placed a resident administrator to carry out the functions of a municipal council. The unorganized areas are the direct responsibility of the provincial government.

Saskatchewan. All municipalities in Saskatchewan derive their powers from general Acts that are designated with the name of the type of municipality. There are 11 cities, 131 towns, 352 villages and 292 rural municipalities. The area so organized consists of most of the southern part of the province, the remainder of this portion being administered by the province through nine unincorporated local improvement districts. The northern part is sparsely populated and some municipal services are provided by the province through the operation of the Northern Administration District. Municipalities are supervised by the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Alberta. This province has an Act applying to each type of municipality and, under these Acts, the Department of Municipal Affairs supervises the nine cities, 102 towns, 168 villages, 18 municipal districts and 30 counties. The counties administer schools in addition to municipal functions. There are 24 improvement districts administered directly by the Department of Municipal Affairs and three special areas under the Special Areas Board also responsible to the Department of Municipal Affairs.