

Local Boards and Corporations

Chatham-Kent Board of Health

All Boards of Health are mandated and governed by the Health Protection and Promotion Act (HPPA). Section 48 states that there shall be a Board of Health for each health unit. Section 49 (a) indicates that there shall be not fewer than three and not more than thirteen municipal members of each Board of Health. Section 49 (3) indicates that the Lieutenant Governor in Council may appoint one or more members of a Board of Health but the number of members so appointed shall be less than the number of municipal members of the Board of Health.

Locally, in addition to its provincial mandate, the Chatham-Kent Board of Health provides support, advice and recommendations to the Chatham-Kent Public Health Unit leadership team to ensure the organization's vision, mission and values are adhered to.

The Chatham-Kent Board of Health is comprised of four Municipal Councillors, 3 community representatives (1 representing indigenous peoples) and 1 Provincially appointed member.

No changes are being recommended to the board at this time.

More information on the [Chatham-Kent Board of Health](#) can be found on the municipal website.

Chatham-Kent Public Library Board

Public libraries are governed by the Public Libraries Act. Section 3(1) states that the council of a municipality may by by-law establish a public library. Section 3(3) states that a public library shall be under the management and control of a board.

The Chatham-Kent Public Library Board was originally established as part of the Meyboom Order which provided for the dissolution of the predecessor boards and established the new board. In order to address some issues not covered in the Meyboom Order, in 2001 Council approved By-law 134-2001, a by-law to establish the Chatham-Kent Public Library Board.

The Chatham-Kent Public Library Board sets the strategic direction for the Chatham-Kent Public Library, oversees the library's budget and financial expenditures, supports the library through advocacy, and appoints a Chief Executive Officer.

The Chatham-Kent Public Library Board is comprised of four Members of Council and seven public members.

No changes are being recommended to the board at this time.

More information on the [Chatham-Kent Public Library Board](#) can be found on the municipal website.

Chatham-Kent Public Utilities Commission

Section 22 of the Meyboom Order dissolved the public utilities commissions of the former municipalities and established the Public Utilities Commission for the Municipality of Chatham-Kent effective January 1, 1998. Further, it prescribed that the commission would be composed of the head of council and six members of council, one member from each of the six wards. The commission was established under and subject to the provisions of the Public Utilities Act.

No changes are being recommended to the board at this time.

More information about the [Chatham-Kent Public Utilities Commission](#) can be found on the municipal website.

Chatham-Kent Police Services Board

Section 27(1) of the Police Services Act states that there shall be a police services board for every municipality that maintains a police force. The composition of the board is outlined in Section 27(5) which states that the board of a municipality whose population according to the last enumeration taken under section 15 of the Assessment Act exceeds 25,000 shall consist of:

- The head of the municipal Council or, if the head chooses not to be a member of the board, another member of the council appointed by resolution of the Council;
- One member of the Council appointed by resolution of the Council;
- One person appointed by resolution of the council, who is neither a member of the council nor an employee of the municipality; and
- Two persons appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council

No changes are being recommended to the board at this time.

More information about the [Chatham-Kent Police Services Board](#) can be found on their website.

Business Improvement Areas (BIA)

Section 204(1) of the Municipal Act states that a local municipality may designate an area as an improvement area and may establish a board of management to oversee the improvement, beautification and maintenance of municipally-owned land, buildings and structures in the area beyond that provided at the expense of the municipality generally; and to promote the area as a business or shopping area.

Section 204(3) states that a board of management shall be composed of one or more directors appointed directly by the municipality; and the remaining directors selected by a vote of the membership of the improvement area and appointed by the municipality. Council has traditionally appointed one member of Council to the board of management for each BIA.

Chatham-Kent has BIA's in Chatham, Blenheim, Dresden, Tilbury, Wallaceburg, Wheatley and Ridgetown.

Conservation Authorities

Both the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority and the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority are legislated committees under the Conservation Authorities Act. They operate under the direction of a Board of Directors appointed by the municipalities within its jurisdiction. The representatives so appointed have the authority to vote and generally act on behalf of their respective municipalities at meetings.

The Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent is required to appoint 3 members to the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority and 2 members to the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority. Appointments to the conservation authorities must be residents in the participating municipality in which the authority has jurisdiction; they are not required to be a member of Council. Council can choose whether to continue to appoint only Councillors to these committees, to advertise for citizen appointments, or a combination of the two.

More information about the [Lower Thames Conservation Authority](#) can be found on their website.

More information about the [St. Clair Region Conservation Authority](#) can be found on their website.

Source Water Protection Committee, Thames-Sydenham & Region

The Clean Water Act, 2006 established drinking water source protection areas. These areas fall under the jurisdiction of the conservation authority for that area. Under the Clean Water Act, 2006, the conservation authority shall exercise and perform the powers and duties of a drinking water source protection authority for the source protection area. Each source protection area must establish a drinking water source protection committee.

The Source Water Protection Committee, Thames-Sydenham & Region oversees the source protection region encompassing the conservation authorities of St. Clair Region, Lower Thames Valley, and Upper Thames River. According to regulation, representatives from municipalities comprise 1/3 of the committee. The region was broken down into seven groups of municipalities with each group self-selecting one representative. The Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent is required to appoint one representative to this committee.

More information on the [Source Water Protection Committee](#) can be found on their website.

Municipal Corporations

Entegrus Inc.

Entegrus Inc. is a local distribution company that brings electricity, renewable energy and water services to over 60,000 customers in southwestern Ontario. Entegrus is owned by the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, the City of St. Thomas and Corix Utilities.

Pursuant to the shareholder's agreement, the Municipal Council is responsible for appointing six members of the corporation's board of directors. A maximum of two of those six may be members of the Municipal Council.

More information about [Entegrus Inc.](#) can be found on their website.