From planning smart cities to facilitating the infrastructure that services them, providing fresh advice for the unique challenges municipal organizations face requires in-depth knowledge and experience.

We offer an experienced legal team who can address a wide range of municipal, expropriation, planning, development, finance and governmental issues, including:

- policy planning
- · development approvals
- · planning appeal hearings and agreements
- · expropriation processes and compensation hearings
- development charges
- · cost-sharing and other finance matters
- local government powers and municipal business corporations
- public policy and government relations
- appellate advocacy

We represent clients in alternative dispute resolutions seeking positive and collaborative outcomes, reinforced by a successful litigation record before municipal tribunals and the courts. We add value to our clients' work through the expertise of our colleagues in environmental law, disputes, commercial real estate, energy, infrastructure, construction and P3 partnerships.

Our lawyers have experience advising and representing:

- upper-tier, single-tier and lower-tier municipalities
- · provincial governments and agencies
- · school boards and health care providers
- developers and industry
- ratepayers and public interest groups

Specializations

Expropriation

As Canada's largest expropriation law practice, we offer trusted advice and counsel to both expropriated owners and expropriating authorities.

Land Use Planning

Navigating the increasingly complex land use planning and approvals regime is challenging for both private and public sector parties. We can help.

Municipal Law

Our interconnected world is changing fast, and municipal regulation is often at the leading edge. BLG's experts can work with you to provide advice on new and familiar issues.

Development Projects

From high-profile real estate developments to smart city planning and infrastructure, BLG offers you an experienced partner with cross-sector and practice expertise, a national reach and an innovative mindset. To read more about BLG's experience, or to see what development projects we are involved in, please visit our Development Projects page.

Related Expertise

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