

Municipal Jeopardy Trivia Cards:



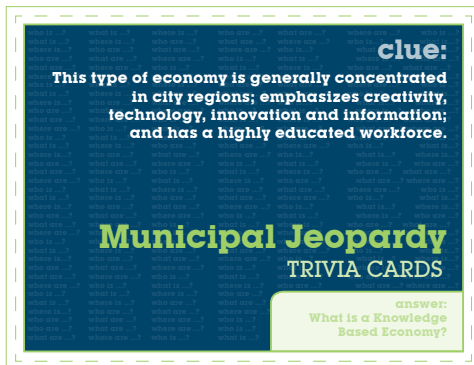
The Municipal Jeopardy Trivia Cards have questions about municipal governments, functions, and historical events across Ontario. The cards have been developed from the Local Government Guides for educators and municipal professionals (which can be downloaded from the AMCTO website). The intent is to make students aware of the municipal functions and role of the government in their day to day lives.

Suggested categories for the questions: history, geography, councils, municipal services, municipal finance, municipal careers, strange facts and figures...

Grade Levels: Grade 5 and above

Suggested Related Curriculum: English, Social Studies, History, and Civics. Or, depending on the subject area, all questions could relate to one subject area, i.e. for a geography class.

Categories could be: geography, demographics/population, environment, land use planning etc.,



How to Play: Use Municipal Jeopardy Trivia Cards for class participation activity. Divide students in two groups. First group can give the clue and the second group can guess the answer. The group that gives the answer scores a point. Alternate the groups to ensure higher participation. The cards can be cut along the dotted line and shared with the groups.

Length of Activity: 20 to 40 minutes

clue:

This tax is the main source of revenue for a regional municipality (to pay for municipal services such as garbage collection and road maintenance). This tax is not based on income but the assessed value of your house.

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answer:

What are Property Taxes?

clue:

Head of Council

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:

**What is the Mayor/Chair/Warden/Reeve?
(one answer is sufficient)**

clue:

This form of development spreads across previously undeveloped lands forming scattered, low density development that increases the need to use cars to get around, contributing to air pollution.

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:

What is Sprawl?

clue:

This acronym describes the behaviour residents express when they are opposed to the development because they think it is undesirable in their neighbourhood. It describes people who are protective of their own "back yards".

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:

**What is NIMBY
(Not In My Back Yard)?**

clue:
A municipal election by general vote.

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:
What is an
“at-large” election?

clue:
A municipal by-law that regulates
what, where and how specific land uses
can be developed in a municipality.

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:
What is a Zoning By-law?

clue:
This type of economy is generally concentrated
in city regions; emphasizes creativity,
technology, innovation and information;
and has a highly educated workforce.

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:
What is a Knowledge
Based Economy?

clue:
Legal, governing corporations created by
the Province, with defined geographic areas,
the power to tax, and an elected council.

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:
What are
Municipal Governments?

clue:

These local bodies help to plan and deliver various services such as transit, police services, and libraries for residents.

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:
What are
Agencies, Boards,
and Commissions?

clue:

The provincial legislation called the Municipal Act sets the rules in which these locally elected bodies should operate, including rules around meetings.

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:
What are
Municipal Councils?

clue:

Local governments can play a key role in terms of their impact on this international and community level issue that is one of the big concerns of public voters.

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:
What are
Global and Local
Environmental issues?

clue:

The Clerk develops this for council meetings.

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:
What is the Agenda?

clue:

An agreement between countries that enables goods and services to be bought and sold around the world with few restrictions.

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:
What is Free Trade?

clue:

The average voter turn-out is about 40% at this event, which occurs every four years.

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:
What are Municipal Elections?

clue:

The upper tier government in a two-tier municipal governance system that covers a large, usually rural geographic area. The term is also part of the official names for the municipalities of Renfrew, Essex and Simcoe.

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:
What is a County?

clue:

The 325 kilometre long area (about 1 million acres) was designated by the provincial government to protect agricultural, environmentally sensitive, and rural areas that surround urban areas within the Region of York and County of Simcoe including Niagara Region. The purpose of it is to protect green spaces and limit urban sprawl.

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answer:
What is the Greenbelt?

clue:

It is important to protect this underground resource from contamination, especially since it is a source of drinking water for residents in some municipalities.

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:

What is ground water?

clue:

Niagara, Halton, Peel, York, and Durham are examples of this type of upper-tier municipality within Ontario.

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:

What is a Region?

Hint: They are similar to counties but they can exercise more powers.

clue:

A method of regulating various activities in a municipality such as taxi-cab operations and refreshment stands (such as chip and hot dog stands).

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:

What is a Municipal License?

clue:

This key provincial statute (legislation) recognizes three official categories of Ontario municipalities: upper-tier, lower-tier, and single tier.

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:

What is the Municipal Act?

clue:
Most municipalities in Ontario were set-up before this 1867 union.

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:
What is Confederation?

clue:
A level of government that holds the authority to establish municipalities and determines what they can do.

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:
What are Provincial Governments?

clue:
After World War II, rapid urbanization occurred as a result of increased immigration and an increase in births from 1946 to 1964 that became known as this well known generational group.

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:
What is the "Baby Boomer" generation?

clue:
St. Catharines, Thorold, Port Colborne, Fort Erie, and Lincoln are examples of this type of municipality. There are 12 in Niagara region.

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:
What is a Lower-Tier Municipality?

clue:

This municipal staff position has a central role in setting agendas for council meetings and acts as a clearing house for sending reports and information to different departments and staff.

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:
What is the Clerk?

clue:

Your soccer fields, baseball diamonds, arenas, swings and slides are this department's responsibility.

In Niagara region it is a lower-tier responsibility.

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:
What is a Municipal Parks & Recreation Department?

clue:

To run in an election to be a municipal councillor, you must file nomination papers, be qualified to vote, and _____.

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:
What is pay a nomination fee?

clue:

This chief municipal employee is responsible for bringing all departments together in order to coordinate and oversee municipal administrative operations.

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:
What is the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)?

clue:

These committees offer a degree of specialization; however many councillors find these committees increase their workload.

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:
What are Standing Committees?

clue:

The joining of two or more municipalities to form one large municipality.

In 1998, the City of Hamilton, City of Kawartha Lakes and the City of Toronto, among others, became new municipal structures based on this type of merger.

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:
What is an amalgamation?

clue:

During this week - October 19 to 25 - there is a great opportunity to learn about local government and its impact on you and your community.

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:
What is Local Government Week?

clue:

Canada has thousands of local governments and 13 of these types of governments.

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:
What are Provincial and Territorial Governments?

clue:

A person must be 18 years old or over, a Canadian citizen, and a resident or property owner of the municipality to practice this democratic right.

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:

What is "To Vote"?

clue:

Municipal governments hold their elections every four years in the fall during this month.

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:

What is November?

clue:

This type of political system, where the people rule, originated from ancient Greece.

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:

What is Democracy?

clue:

This type of arrangement involves a municipality sharing costs, risks, and rewards with a private company and is sometimes used for large projects such as building local hospitals or municipal water treatment plants. Also, an example of alliteration.

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:

What is a Public-Private Partnership (P3s or PPPs)?

clue:

The property tax system used in northern Ontario in the territory outside municipal boundaries (known as the “unincorporated or unorganized territory”).

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:
What is the Provincial Land Tax?

clue:

This municipal by-law sets out (at a minimum) the rules for the calling, place and proceedings of council meetings.

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:
What is a Procedure By-Law?

clue:

A regional employee that is responsible for preparing the regional municipality’s annual budget, collecting municipal revenues properly, and paying bills.

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:
Who is the Regional Treasurer?

clue:

A gathering of municipal politicians or councillors to forward the business of the municipality.

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:
What is a Council Meeting?

clue:

Niagara Region
Building Community. Building Lives.

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:

What is the name of the
Upper Tier Municipal
Government?

clue:

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TRIVIA CARDS

answer:

What is the quickest
way to learn about
Niagara Region services?

who is ...?

what are ...?

where is ...?

who are ...?

what is ...?

where are ...?

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TRIVIA CARDS

Niagara Region
Building Community. Building Lives.

clue:

City of St. Catharines, City Of Thorold,
City of Welland, City of Niagara Falls,
Town of Port Colborne, Town of Pelham,
Town of Fort Erie, Town of Lincoln,
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Town of Grimsby,
Township of Wainfleet, Township of West Lincoln.

answer:

What are the cities,
towns and townships
that make up Niagara?