

Local Benchmarking

The below information was provided through consultation with the Canadian Protocol network, a group created and leveraged by Strategic Communications and Initiatives Division.

Municipality	Process
Toronto	Takes the approach that precedence flows from the host so when the City is host, the Mayor takes precedence.
Ottawa	<p>In 2009 the Office of Protocol reached out to the Department of Canadian Heritage regarding the Order of Precedence. Paul Leblanc, Chief of Protocol at Canadian Heritage, raised the following points when trying to establish an Order of Precedence for city events: “When deciding who should take precedence when preparing an event, I often refer to who holds the gold, makes the golden rule”. This is helpful when thinking of funding announcements where the Federal and Provincial Governments are partners in the funding of a project being announced for the city.</p> <p>“The Mayor is King of his own backyard and therefore precedence should be given to him/her. This seems to be a change in policy for the Federal Government. It would seem that for events hosted by the city, the Mayor would take precedence and then the decisions would have to be made if the Federal Order of Precedence of the Provincial Order of Precedence should then be followed for all other representatives in attendance.</p>
Brampton	<p>Note: Brampton’s Civic Events Protocol, is currently under review to address the role of Deputy Mayors.</p> <p>Speaking Order</p> <p>The Mayor and Members of Council are hosts for official City events that are ceremonial in nature.</p> <p>The Mayor will speak first and convey official greetings from the City. The organizing department in consultation with the Protocol Office may determine appropriate speaking roles in consultation with the Mayor’s Office. Elected officials speak before other speakers in the following order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor or Acting Mayor or relevant Committee Chair • Local ward Councillor(s) if the event is not considered city-wide • Regional Chair • Area Member of Parliament (MP), and • Area Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP)
Calgary	The following are Calgary’s general guidelines. They noted that there is ‘negotiation’ at times, based on who is involved, purpose of event,

	<p>etc.</p> <p><u>Order of precedence</u></p> <p>The City uses the Government of Alberta's order of precedence when it comes to introductions and speaking order at special events. Typically, introductions are from most senior position to junior position and speaking order is junior position to most senior position. Note that there are always exceptions to the rule depending on who is in attendance, who is hosting the event, and the purpose of the event. If there are multiple Members of Legislative Assembly to be introduced, put them in order based on the date of first election and then in alphabetical order by last name.</p>
Quebec	<p>For funding announcements held at the City Hall: Mayor > Federal Government* > Provincial Government* (*depending on who holds the largest funding)</p>
Winnipeg	<p>Winnipeg follows Manitoba's order of precedence.</p> <p>Order of Precedence for Manitoba</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba • The President of the Executive Council of Manitoba (otherwise known as the Premier of Manitoba) • The Chief Justice of Manitoba • Former Lieutenant Governors of Manitoba or surviving spouses in order of seniority in taking office • Former Presidents of the Executive Council of Manitoba in order of seniority in taking office • Members of the Privy Council of Canada resident in Manitoba by order of seniority of taking the Oath of Office • Members of the Executive Council of the Province of Manitoba in relative order of seniority of appointment • The Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench • The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba • The Puisne Judges of the Court of Appeal and of the Court of Queen's Bench in relative order of seniority of appointment • The Leader of the Official Opposition in the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba • The Archbishop of St. Boniface • The Bishop of Rupert's Land • The Archbishop of Winnipeg • The Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church • The Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Catholic Church • The President of the Manitoba Conference of the United Church of Canada • The Chair of the Manitoba Conference of the Presbyterian Church in Canada • The Chair of other representatives persons of the following denominations as indicated below and whose person will be signified to the Clerk of the Executive Council from time to time: Lutheran Church; Jewish Rabbi; The Mennonite Faith; The Baptist Church; The Salvation Army; The Pastors Evangelical Fellowship • Members of the House of Commons resident in Manitoba by order of seniority in taking office

- Members of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba in relative order of seniority in taking office
- Provincial Court Judges in relative order of seniority of appointment
- Magistrates in relative order of seniority of appointment
- Members of the local Consular Corps in relative order of seniority of appointment
- Mayors, Reeves and elected local government administrators in relative order of date of taking office