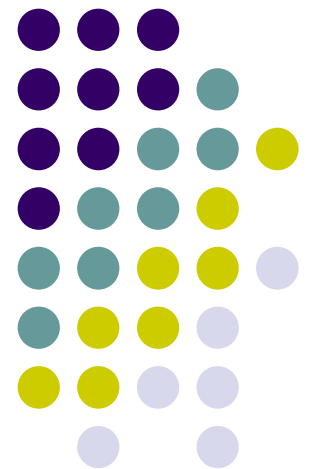
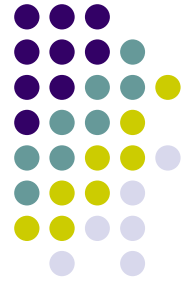


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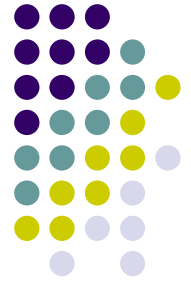
Municipalities in British Columbia



- Over 100 municipalities in BC
- Organized into Regional Districts
- Union Of BC Municipalities
- Local governments' listening post



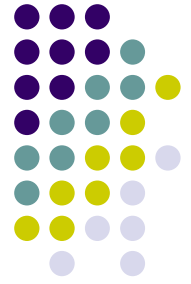
Legal context of provincial municipal relations



- Canadian Constitution : Local Government an area of exclusive provincial jurisdiction
- First formal recognition in 1996
- First legislation in 1998

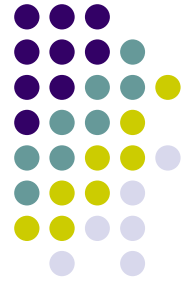


The *Community Charter Act* *2004*



- Greater autonomy
- Provides powers in 15 regulatory spheres
- Spheres of concurrent authority

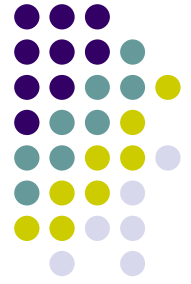
Three environmental spheres of concurrent authority



- protection of the natural environment
- animals in relation to wildlife
- prohibition of deposit of contaminated soils

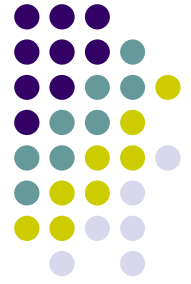


The Cooperative relationship



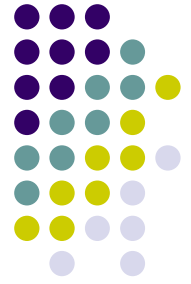
- Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM)
- The Protocol on Shared Environmental Responsibilities
- The Environment Protocol Committee

Opportunities at the UBCM Annual Convention



- Ministerial and staff meetings
- Minister's Cabinet Resource Panel
- Clinics





The way forward....

- A new legal framework
- A new cooperative agenda
- A new relationship

