

Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development Department

2018 Budget Briefing Note

Description

Economic Development and Long Range Planning Services is part of the Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development (PIED) Department, a department that champions the city-building agenda – from planning and delivering growth activities and infrastructure, to managing our assets and investments, to fostering economic prosperity.

Programs/Services Offered

Economic Development Long Range Planning Services facilitates economic growth in Ottawa by setting the direction and managing the evolution of the City. The service area delivers programs, services, and initiatives that advance job creation and economic diversification while managing the growth of the City through the Official Plan. The following are services offered:

Economic Development: Create and promote economic development strategies to capitalize on assets and opportunities. Developing partnerships with key ED stakeholders to develop and deliver various programs to support investment attraction, business retention/expansion, entrepreneurship, tourism development.

Sponsorship and Advertising: Develop and market sponsorship and advertising for City facilities and develop partnership opportunities to provide supports for Economic Development initiatives.

Research & Forecasting: Centre of expertise for population, employment, land use, development of travel demand input data, and for monitoring and forecasting related to population, employment and housing.

Rural Affairs: Provides for the continuation of the rural affairs office services to the rural community while positioning the office to support the development and implementation of a rural Economic Development strategy.

Policy Planning is responsible for developing the planning policy framework for directing and managing the growth of the City through the official Plan, secondary plans, natural systems plans and policies, and community plans and in developing and maintaining regulatory tools including the City's Zoning By-law, DC By-law and others for implementing these.

Zoning & Interpretation is responsible for developing zoning provisions to implement Official Plan policy, undertaking issue-or area-specific zoning amendments at the direction of Council, initiating land use studies and zoning by-law amendments in response to evolving land use issues and undertaking administrative updates to correct errors and ensure the efficient function of the Zoning By-law. Additionally, prepares by-laws for the approval of Council and providing formal interpretations regarding how the Zoning By-law is to be implemented and enforced.

Community Planning is responsible for preparing the City's Official Plan (the blueprint for the City's future growth and evolution), and neighbourhood planning in all its aspects, including but not limited to Community Design Plans, Secondary Plans, Transit-Oriented Development Plans, and Neighbourhood Revitalization Plans.

Natural Systems & Environmental Protection provides strategic policy expertise and coordination to the City in the areas of natural systems & climate change mitigation and adaptation, while delivering clear, consistent environmental policies to support planning and growth management of the City while minimizing negative impacts and building resilience. It also fosters a positive public persona of Ottawa as a healthy liveable city through policy, strategies, public engagement by promoting stewardship of the natural environment and a sustainable, resilient city by developing and facilitating the implementation of watershed strategies, environmental plans, protocols, guidelines, by-laws and other tools to inform and influence the corporation's environmental and city building objectives.