

Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development

Planning and Growth Management

2017 Budget Briefing Note

Description

Planning and Growth Management 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.

Planning and Growth Management reports primarily through Planning Committee, and includes Development Review – Rural Services (reports through the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee).

Our mission: proudly shaping our city to enhance the quality of life for all. Our vision: connecting people and ideas to inspire, plan, and build a vibrant liveable city.

Programs/Services Offered

- Develop, update and implement the Official Plan, Infrastructure Master Plan and Zoning By-law;
- Undertake community design plans, natural systems planning, heritage studies and designations, zoning consistency review and urban design guidelines and plans;
- Provide strategic planning and environmental assessments for infrastructure (water, wastewater, stormwater and groundwater);
- Coordinate corporate reviews of the impacts of changing provincial legislation on the City, National Capital Commission and intermunicipal planning;

- Centre of expertise for population, employment, geomatics, mapping and graphics, land use, natural heritage, development of travel demand input data, and for monitoring and forecasting related to population, employment and housing;
- Establish growth-related capital budget priorities and performs long-range financial planning for development-related infrastructure requirements including the Development Charges By-law;
- Provide One Stop Service delivering multi-disciplinary review and approval of development applications on a geographic basis (including planning, engineering, urban design, parks, environment and trees, transportation and heritage considerations);
- Conducts inspections of developer-constructed growth-related infrastructure through to assumption;
- Online development applications search tool providing information on current development applications;
- Lead on all roadway modification matters; administers the Roadway Modifications Approvals process needed to support growth, as well as the Network Modification Program;
- Administer the Brownfields Redevelopment Program;
- Administer the permitting of a range of development and non-development-related permits, such as surface encroachment, outdoor patio, tree conservation, etc.;
- Reimbursement Program for Development-related Fees for Charitable or Non-Profit Organizations;
- Issue permits for permanent signs on private property, including processing sign minor variances;
- Compliance and zoning reports;
- Issue permits and conduct inspections of new pool enclosures;
- Implement an annual public awareness and education campaign about pool safety and pool enclosure standards; and
- Develop policies and by-laws related to permanent signs on private property and pool enclosures..