

## **Planning and Economic Development Department**

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### **Purpose:**

Planning and Economic Development Department (PED) brings the City's vision to life through effective planning for existing and future communities, processing of development applications, support for new and existing businesses, delivery of major infrastructure and development projects, support for the City's heritage, culture and arts, and ensuring the health, safety and well-being of the public through compliance with municipal by-laws.

### **Departmental Overview:**

- FTE: 639
- Operating Budget: \$31.6M
- Capital: 54.7M Gross; \$10.5M Net
- Current level of reserve funding: \$150M
- Budget figures based on 2022 budget; reserve levels based on 2021 actuals.
- Office Locations:
  - Hamilton City Hall (General Manager's Office, Economic Development Division, Planning Division, Building Division, Growth Management Division)
  - 330 Wentworth Street North (Licensing and By-law Services Division)
  - Stelco Tower, (Transportation Planning & Parking Division)
  - Lister Block, 28 James Street North (Tourism and Culture Division, Visitor Experience Centre, Corporate Real Estate Office)
  - 80 Main Street West (Hamilton Municipal Parking System)
  - 36 Hunter Street East, 5<sup>th</sup> floor (LRT Project Office)

### **Core Business:**

- Economic development including implementation of the Economic Development Action Plan, small business support programs, support for Business Improvement Areas, and support for the Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council (HIPC)
- Planning and development approvals
- Issuance of building permits in compliance with the Ontario Building Code and applicable law
- Long range growth planning, including GRIDS2 and community planning such as neighbourhood plans and secondary plans
- Coordination of growth-related infrastructure associated with new development areas
- Cultural heritage matters, including designations of heritage buildings and stewardship of heritage assets
- Art and cultural initiatives and programs, including public art and placemaking
- Tourism Hamilton and visitor attraction, tourism marketing, hosting of major events
- Design and delivery of the Hamilton LRT Project

- Planning for a multi-modal transportation network including preparation of the Transportation Master Plan, Complete Streets Guidelines, Truck Route Master Plan, Cycling Master Plan and support for the bike share system
- Managing the City's parking system, including parking enforcement
- Coordination of the City's climate change initiatives through the Climate Change Office
- Delivering the "Open for Business" initiative that identifies efficiencies through tracking key performance metrics (KPI's) and dashboards to minimize approval/review timelines
- Waterfront and West Harbour redevelopment
- Leading real estate and property matters
- Developing and enforcing municipal by-laws, including Business Licensing and Animal Services

### **Council Approved Work Underway:**

PED's work is guided by the following Council-adopted plans and strategies:

- City of Hamilton Urban Official Plan and Rural Official Plan
- GRIDS2 and Municipal Comprehensive Review (Growth Related Integrated Development Strategy)
- 2021-2025 Economic Development Action Plan
- Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Strategy
- Transportation Master Plan, Parking Master Plan and Cycling Master Plan
- Tourism Strategy and Civic Museum Strategy

### **Critical Deliverables:**

Items needing decision from council within 2 months of inaugural

- Implementation of GRIDS2 (pending provincial approval)
- Residential zoning initiative (including inclusionary zoning, parking standards)
- Licensing Short Term Rentals (STR)
- Encampments Response process
- Tourism Strategy 2023-2027
- Light Rail Transit matters (LRT)
- Climate Change initiative matters, including creation of Advisory Committee