

Development Services

2021 Proposed Operating Budget

February 2, 2021

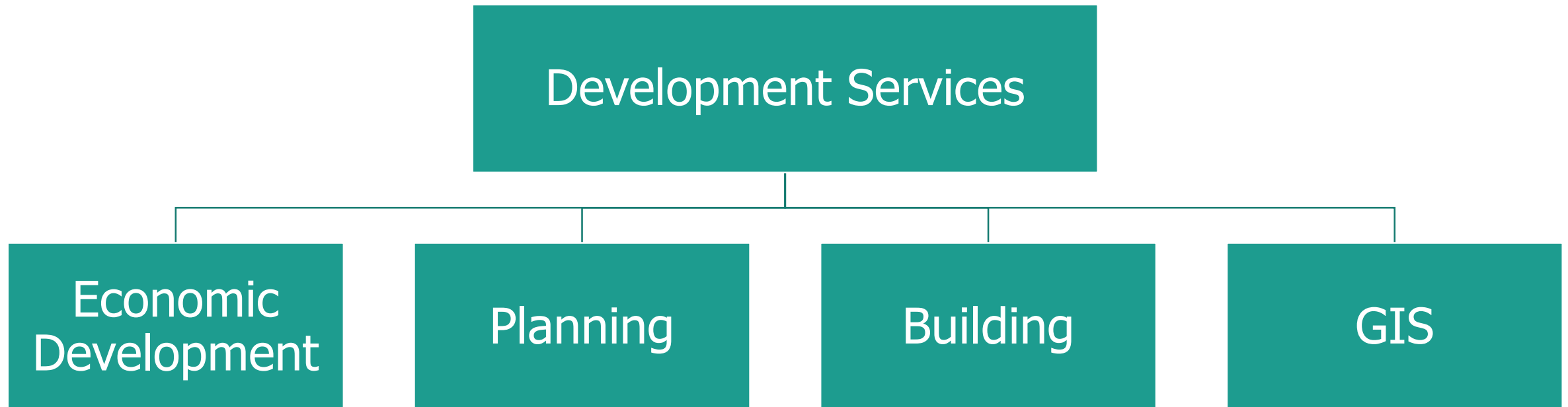
Development Services

Department Overview

- The Development Services Department is responsible to provide leadership, guidance and direction to ensure efficient and effective administration, delivery and operations of programs and services. The Department is comprised of the following divisions, Planning, Building, Mapping & GIS and Economic Development.

Development Services

Organizational Chart



Development Services Divisions

Economic Development Overview

Economic Development strives to shape a vibrant local economy through;

- Building the economic development ecosystem
- Supporting business expansion, retention, and attraction
- Sector specific business development programming
- Kawartha Lakes Destination Marketing Organization
- Kawartha Lakes Small Business and Entrepreneurship Centre

Development Services Divisions

Economic Development 2020 Accomplishments

- Economic Recovery Task Force Support
- Shop Kawartha Lakes & tourism marketing
- Business growth and sustainability training
- Kawartha Lakes Innovation Cluster Pilot Project
- Kawartha Lakes Skills Advance Ontario
- Destination Development Plan (presented to Council – Q1)

Development Services Divisions

Planning Overview

- Responsible to develop and implement policy initiatives and by-laws related to the City's growth and community development,
- Work with the development industry in the processing and approval of planning applications, resolve development issues and maintain compliance with Federal and Provincial Legislation, codes and regulations, and;
- Provide code, policy and statistical information on planning, building and business activity.

Development Services Divisions

Planning 2020 Accomplishments

- Processed as many Planning applications in 2020 than in the previous year despite being under pandemic restrictions and lock down
- Developed work arounds for application processes, agendas meetings etc.
- Source Water Protection Policies and Zoning Regulations
- Additional residential unit Policies and Zoning Regulations

Development Services Divisions

Planning 2020 Accomplishments

- Continued work on Secondary Plan and Official Plan appeals. Working towards LPAT hearing and settlements that began January 11, 2021
- Planning and Development Sub Committee of the Pandemic Economic Recovery Task Force Recommendations
 - Fast tracking larger stimulus projects
 - Development of the Planning Application Chart
 - Planning Application Concierge Pilot Program

Development Services Divisions

Building Overview

- Responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Building Code Act and the Ontario Building Code.
- Responsible for the administration of the municipal Sign By-law, Pool By-law, ARU Registration By-law and Development Charges By-law.
- Responsible for the issuance and inspection of permits relating to above legislation.

Development Services Divisions

Building 2020 Accomplishments

- Successfully adapted to Covid restrictions and found work arounds for accepting and issuing building permits and completing inspections.
- Adapting processes to address the changes to services resulting from Covid-19, such as virtual inspections.
- Commence permit closure project and first round of reminder notices.

Development Services Divisions

Mapping & GIS Overview

- The Mapping & GIS Division produce spatial applications and services required by both City staff and the Public to effectively and efficiently support decision making.

Development Services Divisions

GIS 2020 Accomplishments

- Public online access to interactive Property and Planning information
- Field and remote access (mobile) to Public Works and Engineering information for City staff.

Development Services

2021 Objectives

- Continue to manage and adapt services in all divisions in response to provincial pandemic requirements
- Support the achievement of the City's Strategic Plan
- Commence the Growth Management Strategy update, Commercial Policy Review, and Active Transportation Master Plan
- Use analytics from public and business inquiries to build platforms for optimal support to Development Services

Development Services

2021 Objectives

- Deliver Skills Advance Ontario Program
- Launch Signature Experience Program (work with tourism operators to develop new experiences to market)

Development Services

2021 Budget Opportunities

- Request for provincial funding for a business and workforce marketing project (Jan. 28 Council meeting)
- International Plowing Match (if it goes ahead)
- Kawartha Lakes Business Count Project
- Agricultural Lands Assessment Study - as required background component to the Official Plan Review
- Natural Heritage System Study - as required background components to the Official Plan Review

Development Services

2021 Proposed Operating Budget