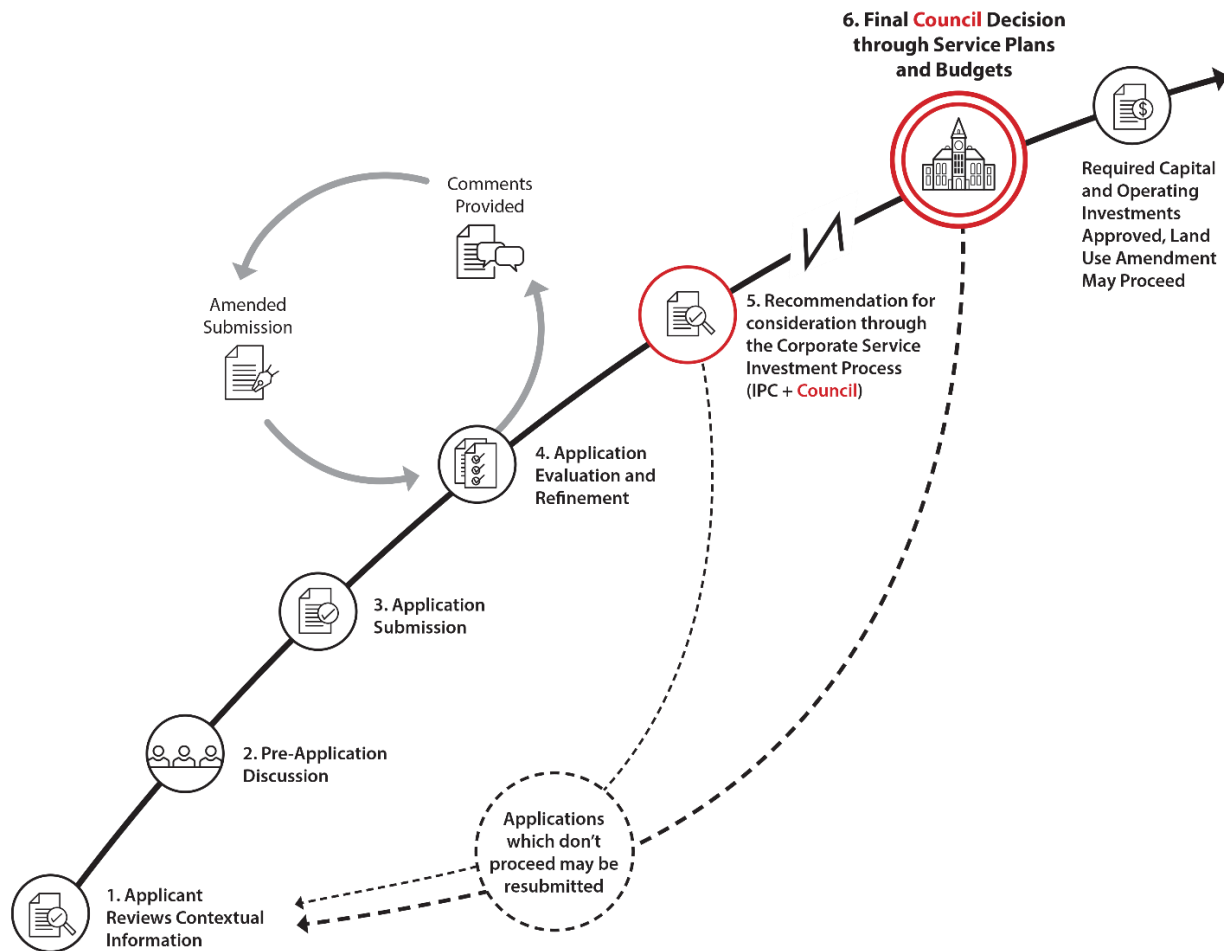


## New Process for Growth Applications

The purpose of this attachment is to outline the steps of the new process for Growth Application evaluations and decisions.



### 1. Applicant Reviews Contextual Information:

The review begins with enhanced sharing of information about land status (planning, existing and needed infrastructure and services, land supply); and maps of enabling infrastructure, amenities, and services referred to in the evaluation criteria. Making this information available online, so that applicants can access it in a timely manner that works for their business needs, will provide transparency on important information.

### 2. Pre-Application Discussion:

A pre-application discussion provides a chance for applicants and Administration to discuss early-stage perspectives on the potential Growth Application. Administration will advise applicants on the value of a concurrent Outline Plan submission, to link technical planning elements (Outline Plan) and strategic growth investment considerations (Growth Application).

### 3. Application Submission:

The applicant makes the decision to submit a Growth Application, provides relevant information as outlined in the Complete Application Requirements List (CARL) and pays the requisite fee.

#### **4. Application Evaluation and Refinement:**

Administration evaluates the Growth Application, with reference to the evaluation criteria outlined in Attachment 6.

#### **5. Recommendation for Further Consideration through the Corporate Service Investment Process (IPC + Council):**

Administration brings a recommendation on the Growth Application to Infrastructure and Planning Committee and Council, which then make recommendations regarding further consideration through the Corporate Service Investment Process. The recommendation may be that the Growth Application is suitably ready for strategic growth and that Administration should consider the operating and capital infrastructure investments required to enable the Growth Application in the Corporate Service Investment Process.

If the recommendation is that the Growth Application is *not* suitably ready for strategic growth Administration should *not* consider the operating and capital infrastructure investments required to enable the Growth Application in the Corporate Service Investment Process, the Growth Application may be revised and resubmitted for consideration ahead of the following year's budget prioritization.

#### **6. Final Council Decision through Service Plans and Budgets:**

The operating and capital investments required to enable Growth Application are considered through the Corporate Service Investment Process and ultimately Council's approval and adoption of the Service Plans and Budgets. If the required investments are included in the approved Service Plans and Budgets, the Growth Application is considered approved. If not, the Growth Application may be resubmitted for evaluation ahead of the following year's Corporate Service Investment Process. The first opportunity for consideration in budget is 2024 November.

Although the recommendation and decision are focused on necessary operating and leading capital infrastructure investments required to enable the Growth Application to proceed, analysis and reporting also consider investments beyond the current budget cycle and those that span multiple budget cycles, including community-completing infrastructure such as libraries and recreation centres.

#### **Required Capital and Operating Investments Approved, Land Use Amendment May Proceed**

If the required investments are approved and the Growth Application approved, land use amendment applications can be supported from a growth perspective. Outline Plan applications can be submitted and approved before or after the associated Growth Applications are approved, however land use amendments can only be considered after the associated Growth Applications are approved.