



MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE

REPORT NO. PDS-BD-001-22

TO: Mayor and Members of Council
FROM: Chief Building Official/By-Law Enforcement Officer
MEETING DATE: February 14, 2022
SUBJECT: **Building Services 2021 Annual Report**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. PDS-BD-001-22, regarding the Building Services 2021 Annual Report, be received for information.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to notify Council and the public of the yearly activity for the Building Services Division.

BACKGROUND:

Under the Ontario Building Code Act, building departments are required to provide annual reports to Council and the public regarding fees collected and the expenses to operate the enforcement of the Building Code Act and regulations.

COMMENTS:

Building Services staff continued during 2021 to work through difficult situations with the pandemic, which included staggering days in office and working from home to avoid contact, and the continuation of conducting inspections to ensure that essential workers could continue to work. The construction industry within Thames Centre maintained a strong growth, and with the exception of a few weeks in January, construction was deemed essential and able to continue throughout the year.

In comparison to 2020, Building Services has seen a steady increase to construction during 2021 with a 13% increase in number of permits issued and a 52% increase in inspections being conducted. Value of construction increase to 10.8% and the permit fee collection increased 6.8%. Staff reviewed approximately 530 applications for permit, with 417 being able to be issued during the year, and 118 of these permits were for new residential dwellings.



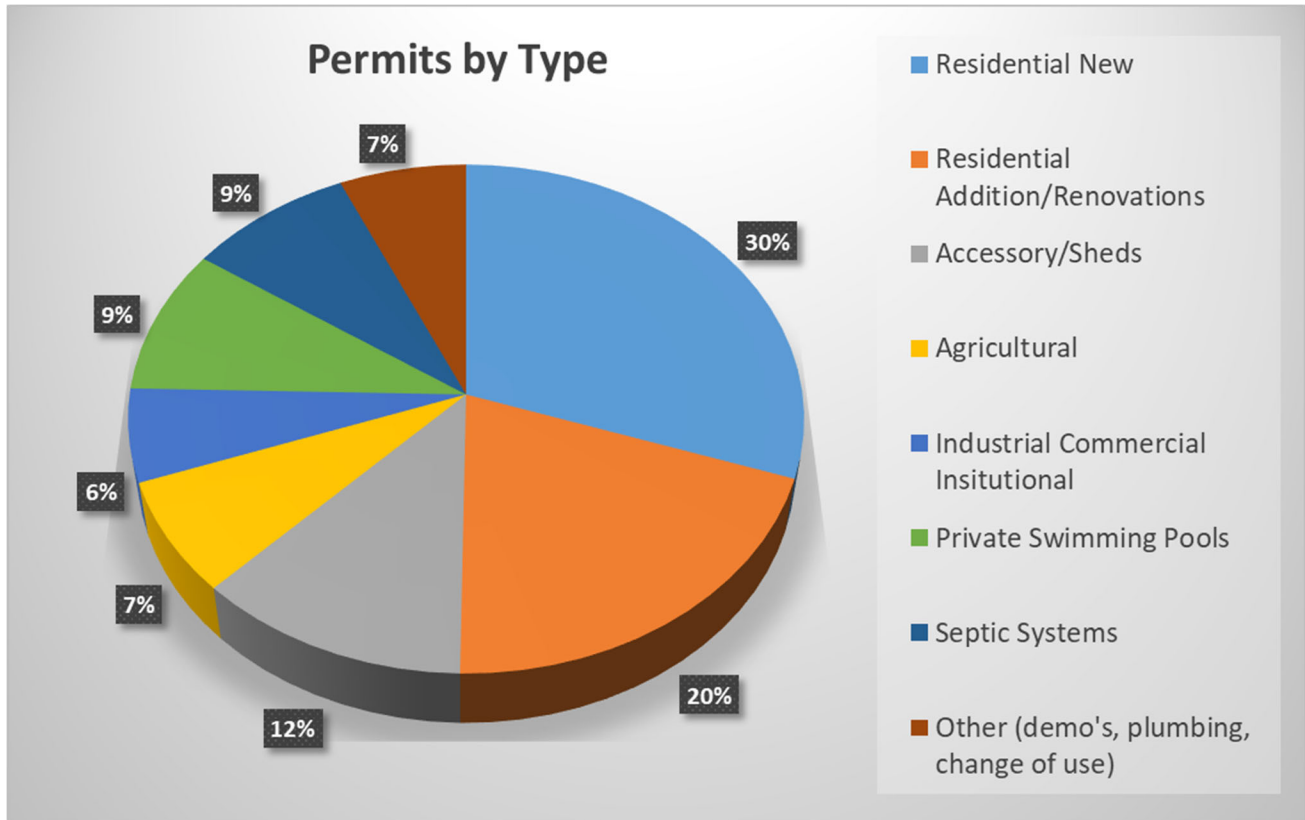
The budgeted amount of revenue for Building Services was \$367,065.00 and that was surpassed by 13.2%, with a total amount of revenue collected being \$415,639.00.

Below you will find additional information relating to Building Services data and attached is a five year comparison chart relating to construction value and permit fees.

| 2021 Building Permits | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Applications Review | 534 |
| Permits Issued | 417 |
| Total Permit Fees | \$415,639.00 |
| Total Construction Value | \$90,294,177.00 |
| Average Permit Review Time | 17.4 Days |

| Inspections Conducted | |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Year | Total Number of Inspections |
| 2019 | 1038 |
| 2020 | 1814 |
| 2021 | 2756 |

| Residential Starts | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Year | Starts | Fees | Value |
| 2019 | 65 | \$112,608.44 | \$30,001,000.00 |
| 2020 | 107 | \$186,962.00 | \$52,833,800.00 |
| 2021 | 118 | \$253,137.00 | \$74,503,995.00 |



FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications with this report.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK

Pillar: Community Development

Goal: Thames Centre will have opportunities for All to live a vibrant engaged life, making the municipality an attractive place to enjoy lifelong vitality.

CONSULTATION:

None.

REFERENCES:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:

Building Report Five Year Compare 2021.pdf



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