



## MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE

**REPORT NO.** PDS-BD-001-24

**TO:** Mayor and Members of Council  
**FROM:** Chief Building Official/Risk Management Official  
**MEETING DATE:** January 15, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** **Building Services 2023 Annual Report**

### RECOMMENDATION:

**THAT** Report No. PDS-BD-001-24 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:

In comparison to 2022, Building Services has experienced an overall 30% decrease in the number of issued permits. There was a 42% decrease in the number of inspections performed, a 36% decrease in value of construction and a 15% decrease in permit fee collection. Staff reviewed approximately 293 permit submissions with 269 being able to be issued during the year. 46 of the permits issued were for new residential dwellings, a decrease of 53% when compared to 2022.

The budgeted amount of revenue for Building Services was \$400,662.00 and the total amount of revenue collected was \$396,174.00, representing a shortfall of 1%.

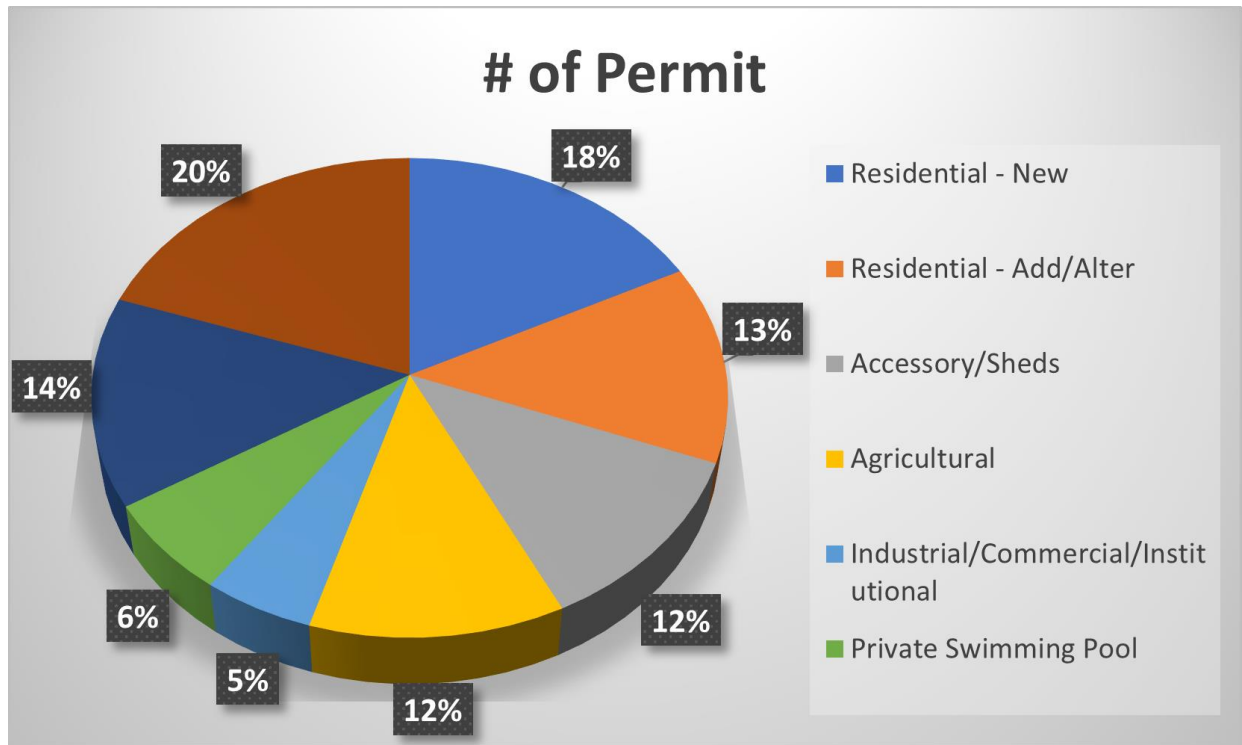
Additional information can be found below relating to Building Services data.



| <b>2023 Building Permits</b> |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Applications Review          | 293             |
| Permits Issued               | 269             |
| Total Permit Fees            | \$396,174.00    |
| Total Construction Value     | \$66,318,737.00 |
| Average Permit Review Time   | 7.5 days        |

| <b>Inspections Conducted</b> |                                    |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Year</b>                  | <b>Total Number of Inspections</b> |
| 2019                         | 1038                               |
| 2020                         | 814                                |
| 2021                         | 2756                               |
| 2022                         | 2858                               |
| 2023                         | 1664                               |

| <b>Residential Starts</b> |               |              |                 |
|---------------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <b>Year</b>               | <b>Starts</b> | <b>Fees</b>  | <b>Value</b>    |
| 2019                      | 65            | \$112,608.00 | \$30,001,000.00 |
| 2020                      | 107           | \$186,962.00 | \$52,833,800.00 |
| 2021                      | 118           | \$253,137.00 | \$74,503,995.00 |
| 2022                      | 98            | \$274,004.00 | \$73,455,109.00 |
| 2023                      | 45            | \$152,450.00 | \$34,318,528.00 |



#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications with this report.

#### STRATEGIC PLAN LINK

**Category:** Community Communications & Engagement

**Goal:** Increase communications between the municipality (Council and Staff).

#### CONSULTATION:

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#### REFERENCES:

None.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

None.

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