

Planning and Development Services

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Subject

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES – DEVELOPMENT, BUILDING AND BY-LAW STATISTICAL REPORTING – 2015 FOURTH QUARTER (Q4) AND YEAR END

Recommendations

THAT Council receives Report No. PDS-31-2016 regarding development, building

and by-law statistical reporting for information purposes, and further

THAT Council directs staff to forward a copy of this report to the Regional Planning

and Development Services Department, the Fort Erie Economic Development

and Tourism Corporation, District School Board of Niagara and Niagara

District Catholic School Board.

Relation to Council's 2015-2018 Corporate Strategic Plan

Priority: A - Prosperous and Growing Community

Goal: A1 – Improve the municipal development team process to attract private

investment and expedite key projects

Initiative: A1.2 – Continue to communicate on key issues/advancements of projects

Priority: C – Strong Customer Service, Relationships and Communications

Goal: C3 – Expand and improve connections with internal and external partners,

stakeholders and agencies

Initiative: C3.4 - Reach out to community partners to provide periodic updates

List of Stakeholders

Land owners / Developers Region of Niagara School Boards

Fort Erie Economic Development and Tourism Corporation

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Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with this information about the past year's building, permit and by-law activity. The report is statistical in nature and is generally meant as an overview for measure and to bring awareness on 2015 performance. Some commentary is offered on matters where further explanation may be warranted. The report was expanded to include information on some of the other activities carried out by Planning and Development Services.

Although reporting is now being expanded, the information previously supplied on residential subdivision activity remains intact and is composed as a "section" within the Appendix. The subdivision reporting contains the same Subdivision and Building Permit Status statistics for continuity of this valuable information, tracked since 1991. Additional sections with respect of Industrial, Commercial and Institutional activity with Development Charge monitoring, and By-law Enforcement caseload, comprise the present reporting structure. It is the intention of staff to continue the reporting over the long term.

Background

Subdivision and Residential Building Permit Activity 4th Quarter 2015 and Year End

Tracking residential, commercial and industrial construction trends in the Town of Fort Erie by way of quarterly and year-end subdivision and building permit status reports assists staff in monitoring new development and intensification occurring throughout the Town, and represents a key resource component for the Town's growth management initiatives and measure against both regional and provincial policy related to residential growth.

All levels of government share an interest in tracking this data for comparative purposes, particularly when it is used to gauge effectiveness of the Provincial Growth Plan and Regional Growth Management Plan.

The reporting identifies areas where most activity has been occurring and reports on actual permits drawn for each Neighbourhood Area. The report also supplies a breakdown of residential dwelling types/mix being constructed. The information supplied in this report will be used in generating data for the annual Municipal Performance Measures Program reporting requirements for the calendar year of 2015.

Section A of **Appendix "1"** to this report provides the information outlined above.

Industrial, Commercial & Institutional Permit Activity and

Development Charge Monitoring

Section B of **Appendix "1"** focuses on the permit activity for the building activity that would relate to employment development. Table 5 in Section B of Appendix "1" provides

the sums of the various types of buildings, expansions and renovations. Over the course of each year's quarterly reports, this table is used to report in a year-to-date manner, with comparatives of the two previous years. As this is now reporting the Q4 numbers, it can be considered a "Year End" tabulation; "apples to apples" with the two previous years for direct comparison.

Development Charges (DC's) are being monitored within the context of Industrial and Commercial. Institutional uses such as the schools are exempt from DC's, so the monitoring will focus only on Industrial (currently exempt) and Commercial (limited to downtown CIP Project Area exemptions). The underlying purpose for this monitoring will enable staff to provide relevant statistical data when the DC by-law review process commences (every 5 years). Understanding how effective the full DC exemption locally has been for new Industrial buildings and major floor space additions (more than 50%) will be useful information when background research is being undertaken to update the DC by-law.

Again, **Section B** of **Appendix "1"** provides the statistical reporting and commentary for the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) development sectors.

By-law Enforcement Statistical Reporting

The Town's By-law Officers keep records relating to calls/complaints, infractions/charges and other related core activities. The reporting of **Section C** of **Appendix "1"** is intended to provide Council and public with indication on the caseloads experienced by our Town By-law Officers.

Benchmarks can be established and should trends become more apparent, it is anticipated such information can be useful in determining resource capabilities together with revenue stream. Similar to the other statistics found in Appendix "1", no analysis is being offered. Staff may make comments relating to observations on increases or decreases; however these are simply being stated. Any analytical assessments are the domain of the reader.

Analysis

2015-Q4 and YEAR END SUBDIVISION STATUS AND RESIDENTIAL PERMIT REPORT

Section A of Appendix "1"

New Residential Permit Overview

New residential building permit activity in Q4 finished very strong with 40 new residential permits issued. It is the strongest Q4 in the past 5 years. This has helped make 2015 the second best year in the last 5 with a total of 105 permits, 2 shy of the 107 permits drawn in 2012 and since the recession starting in 2008. To put this in context, the average Q4 permits over the last 5 years is 27; 13 units better than average. Once again, Ridgeway-Thunder Bay has led the activity with just over half of the Q4 permits issued, as activity picks up in Ridgeway-by-the-Lake Phase 3.

With respect to annual year end averaging for residential permits, a rolling 5 year average would see 93 units per year. The 105 units in 2015 represent just under 13% better than average. When viewing the dollar value of the Q4 residential construction, the total was approximately \$12.4 million compared to 2014 Q4 at \$10.0 million and almost double that of 2013 Q4 at \$6.5 million.

Of note, while the majority of residential permits are coming from Ridgeway-Thunder Bay, with the registration and marketing of the Spears Road Estates (Ashton Homes) the Spears-High Pointe Neighbourhood has seen its first 3 new residential permits drawn in 20 years. Other plans in the Spears-High Pointe Neighbourhood continue to advance and staff anticipates this area to gradually ramp up activity in the coming decade.

All Residential Related Permit Activity for 2015 Q4

For this fourth quarter, 89 permits had been drawn for all residential *related* building, construction, renovation and addition (including the 40 new dwellings). The construction value associated with all 89 permits totaled \$14.7 million, up almost \$4.7 million over Q3 (\$10.0 million on 75 permits).

Subdivision Registrations

The 2 subdivision plans to register very early in Q4 were Ridgeway-by-the-Lake Phase 3 (Blythwood Homes Inc.) and Spears Road Estates (Ashton Homes). Combined, these 2 plans have added 137 dwellings to the inventory of registered plans.

Staff notes that River Trail Estates Phase 2 registration continues to be delayed as the Town waits on the developer to come forward and execute the subdivision agreement.

Draft Plans

The fourth quarter of 2015 did not result in any new Draft Plans being approved. There has been steady progress by several developers who are pursuing redline revisions and/or clearing conditions. These developments would include Village Creek Phase 3 (formerly Bakersfield Plan of Subdivision), Spears Garden and Alliston Woods.

During Q4 there were two Draft Plan extensions granted. These would include River Trail Estates Phase 2 and Schooley Road condo draft plans. Over the course of 2015, 6 approved draft plans received extensions.

Active Plans

Two newer Draft Plan of Subdivision applications received in Q3 2015 have been actively pursued by the developer/applicants and have been moving through the process steadily. Both applications have been working through the final steps of consultations and recommendations are expected in the second quarter of 2016. These developments are referred to as Royal Oak Subdivision in Ridgeway (41 units) and Black Creek Signature (181 units).

Registered Residential Inventory

Section A of **Appendix "1"** contains detailed spreadsheets, charts and graphs reporting the building permit activity and subdivision status as the end of Q4. The map provided as part of Appendix "1" illustrates the location of the various corresponding plans of subdivision throughout the Town, colour coded to show their current status.

To summarize, at the end of this fourth quarter there were 353 vacant registered lots/blocks (404 units), which represents an supply of 4.3 years of new unit construction, based on a 5 year rolling average of permits issued (currently 93 units annual average).

The mix of residential building types in this final quarter was more in line with Official Plan targets (80%-20% single to multi-family units), which was an improvement over last quarter (92%-8%). From an annual perspective, the year finished with an 82%-18% split, which is close to the targeted split.

Industrial / Commercial / Institutional (ICI) Permit Activity Q2 - 2015

Industrial

The final quarter of 2015 did see some activity in the industrial sector, all related to one site. Permits were obtained by Durez (SBHPP) for work related to expanding their office facilities and adding a training room. The expansion added about 2300 more square feet to the facility at an approximate cost of \$521,000.

In general, permit activity for industrial sector lands has been quiet throughout 2015 with 5 permits total. However, it does represent a significant increase in the total value with an estimated total of \$539,000 for 2015 over the 2 permit, \$135,000 reporting of 2014 year end.

Commercial

Commercial renovation projects remained active in the fourth quarter of 2015 with 6 permits totaling \$215,000 in renovation improvements. This is down from Q3 (\$297,000), but it shows continued interest in renewal of the current commercial stock.

For the 2015 year end, a total of 35 permits were drawn for commercial improvements and renovation. The total value of the permits was approximately \$1.8 million. Similar to the quarterly comparison, commercial was down only slightly from the 2014 year end total (\$1.9 million), but on the whole, values of the 2015 permits were spread more evenly amongst all the permits, whereas 2014 had one permit skewing results (\$600,000 for Uncle Sam's Bingo). The single largest commercial permit for 2015 was for \$330,000, being a renovation for the Health Clinic at the Park Plaza commercial site at 1264 Garrison Road. A close second was for the clubhouse at International Country Club at \$300,000.

Overall, staff feel the commercial improvement activity remains strong.

Institutional

A monumental Q4 for Institutional activity for the Town with the new high school permit being issued. The permit value of this singular build is reported at \$23.0 million. This comes on the heels of the Q3 permit for the new elementary school in Ridgeway (\$8.2 million), making the permit values for 2015 appear as the anomaly. In addition to the building value for the high school, the site servicing permits totaled \$653,500.

For 2015 Q4, the total for Institutional permitting was \$23,684,500 on just 4 permits. Clearly, the institutional permits were by far those most notable single permits of Q3 and Q4 and a welcomed step forward to gain state of the art education facilities for the future generations of students in Fort Erie.

2015-Q4 INDUSTRIAL / COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT CHARGE MONITORING Section B of Appendix "1"

Section Overview

Further to CDS implementing service enhancements, the department is also seeking to expand on statistical reporting to better inform Council, stakeholders and the public at large. Development Charges (DC's) are applied to new development under provincial legislation (Development Charges Act, 1997, S.O.) and are to be used in capital projects that are attributable to the new development impacts. For example, new development (population) may bring about need for a new park at the local municipal level, or a new ambulance station at the regional level. Funds collected are to be applied to such capital works in order to service the increased population.

DC's are collected for both regional and local governments, where applicable, when permits are issued for new construction.

Section B of **Appendix** "1" will be used to report any collected/exempt Industrial and Commercial DC's going forward. The information supplied is provided through the Building Department, who are responsible for DC calculation and collection. DC's are due at the time of permit issue.

Over the course of Q4, only **one** project would have been subject to local DC if not for the exemption status. The project is an industrial addition (Durez) that despite local exemption, was still subject to regional DC's. As a result, \$6728.00 in DC's were payable to the Region. The applicant did apply for the Region's DC Grant Program and was ultimately successful in eliminating the Regional DC's.

In review of all Industrial and Commercial projects for 2015 involving new floor space, and considering local exemption, DC's were not required for any of the projects introducing new floor space or through change of use, intensified demand on existing services. Only regional DC's were payable for the one instance mentioned above.

2015–Q4 BY-LAW STATISTICAL REPORTING Section C of Appendix "1"

Section Overview

A straight forward statistical approach is used for tracking the volume and type of municipal by-law complaints received. By-law Enforcement monitors action and activity and this quarterly report is being used to convey the statistics in a summary form, producing a year end overview.

The breakdowns are found in **Section C** of **Appendix "1"** and generally are conveying the volumes under various headings. These can be used to offer benchmarking for continual monitoring, charting and annual reporting of the information for Council and public.

Financial/Staffing Implications

There are no immediate financial or staffing implications. Reporting on this statistical information is considered normal operational practice for Planning and Development Services, however has required slightly more resource time to compile.

Policies Affecting Proposal

N/A

Comments from Relevant Departments/Community and Corporate Partners

Both Building and By-law Departments were consulted during preparation of this report. Statistical information relating to each department was provided by staff members who maintain statistics used to monitor and project activity in their relative areas of responsibility. The information conveyed is purely of a statistical nature for Council, stakeholder and public consumption.

| Alternatives |
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As this is an Information Report, there are no alternatives to consider.

Conclusion

Planning staff have traditionally collected and used the various stats relating to development activity for its monitoring and growth management efforts. With more recent Corporate Strategic Priorities, PDS is expanding on reporting some of the activities occurring within the departments that will help shed light on some of the less talked about activities that have impacts on the corporate revenue streams. In keeping

with the new Corporate Strategic Plan, an effort to bring more information out into the open has prompted expansion of this previously residential development focused report. In considering "take-aways" or highlights from the 2015 reporting, staff would consider the following as notable:

- Niagara Christian College Addition and Renovations \$680,000
- New Public Elementary School \$8.2 million
- Site Servicing for new Greater Fort Erie Secondary School \$653,500
- New Greater Fort Erie Secondary School \$23.0 million
- Durez office addition and renovations \$500,000
- Average value of single detached homes constructed in 2015 \$325,000
- Total value of all new residential permits \$30.2 million (up 15% over 2014)
- Total value of all permits \$73.6 million (up 111% over 2014)

Attachments

Appendix "1" – 2015 Q4 and Year End - PDS Development, Building and By-law Statistical Report

2015 Q4 - Year End

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEVELOPMENT, BUILDING AND BY-LAW STATISTICAL REPORTING





SECTION A

SUBDIVISION STATUS AND RESIDENTIAL PERMIT REPORT



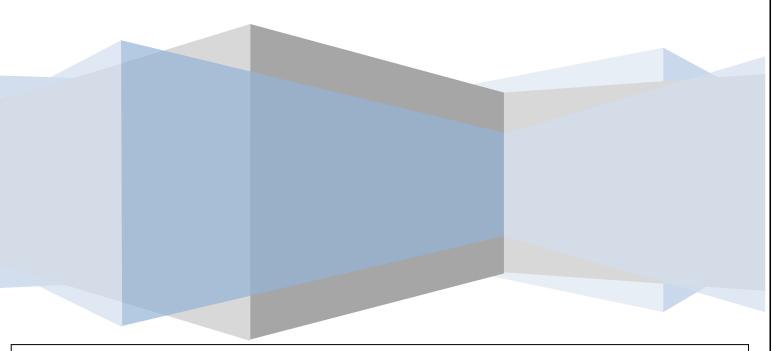
SECTION B

INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL & INSTITUTIONAL PERMIT ACTIVITY and DEVELOPMENT CHARGE REPORT



SECTION C

BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT



Note - This Report is prepared for the information of the Town of Fort Erie Council and overall public consumption. Reporting is of statistical nature only. Analysis is the domain of the reader.

| APPENDIX "1" TO ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT PDS-31-2016 DATED APRIL 4, 2016 |
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DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY – 2015 Q4 AND YEAR END

New Residential Construction

The results of Q4 have seen a stronger showing over the Q3 (25 permits). This may be attributable in part to the mild and relatively snow free conditions, but also with registration of Ridgeway-by-the-Lake Phase 3 and Spear Road Estates. In total, 40 new residential dwelling permits were drawn in Q4. The majority of the permits (32) were for single detached dwellings with semi, multiples and apartment units comprising the remaining 8. This is the strongest quarter of all for new residential permits in the last 5 years. *Table 1* below indicates the residential permit activity by month and location for 2015 Q4.

(Table 1 – Residential Permits by Month and Location – Q4 2015)

| 201F | | | | | | | _ |
|----------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--|----------------|--------------|----------|---------------|
| 2015 Oct-14 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | STR NO 468 | STREET RIDGEWAY ROAD | NEIGHBOURHOOD | TYPE SINGLE | NO. OF UNITS | REG PLAN | _ |
| | 533 | LAKE AVENUE | Crystal Beach Crystal Beach | MULTI | 1 4 | | \rightarrow |
| | 116 | IDYLEWYLDE STREET | Fort Erie | SINGLE | 1 | | - |
| | 496 | CARRIE AVENUE | Ridgeway-Thunder Bay | SINGLE | 1 | | _ |
| | 3309 | CHARLESTON DRIVE | Ridgeway-Thunder Bay | SINGLE | 2 | | _ |
| | 1037 | MEADOWOOD STREET | Spears-High Pointe | SEMI | 1 | | \rightarrow |
| | 1041 | MEADOWOOD STREET | Spears-High Pointe | SEMI | 1 | | |
| | 1040 | MEADOWOOD STREET | Spears-High Pointe | SINGLE | 1 | | |
| | 35 | NANTUCKETT ROAD | Crystal Beach | SINGLE | 1 | | |
| | 148 | DERBYSHIRE DRIVE | Ridgeway-Thunder Bay | SINGLE | 1 | | |
| | 195 | BURLEIGH ROAD NORTH | Ridgeway-Thunder Bay | SINGLE | 1 | | |
| | 3491 | TRILLIUM CRESCENT | Ridgeway-Thunder Bay | SINGLE | 1 | | |
| | 153 | DERBYSHIRE DRIVE | Ridgeway-Thunder Bay | SINGLE | 1 | | |
| | 3562 | ALGONQUIN DRIVE | Ridgeway-Thunder Bay | SINGLE | 1 | | |
| | 11 | SUNRISE COURT | Ridgeway-Thunder Bay | SINGLE | 1 | | |
| | 91 | BUTLERS DRIVE | Ridgeway-Thunder Bay | SINGLE | 1 | | |
| | 87 | BATTERY STREET | Fort Erie | SINGLE | 1 | | |
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| | TOTAL | | | | 21 | | \rightarrow |
| Nov-15 | STR NO | STREET | NEIGHBOURHOOD | TYPE | NO. OF UNITS | REG PLAN | = |
| | 511. NO | ♥ | | | NO. OF UNITS | REOT EAR | |
| | 453 | CRESCENT ROAD | Crescent Park | SINGLE | 1 | | |
| | 333 | ALBANY STREET | Garrison | SINGLE | 1 | | |
| | 94 | DERBYSHIRE DRIVE | Ridgeway-Thunder Bay | SINGLE | 1 | | |
| | 945 | BARKER AVENUE | Rural | SINGLE | 1 | | |
| | 3517 | TRILLIUM CRESCENT | Ridgeway-Thunder Bay | SINGLE | 1 | | |
| | 69 | BUTLERS DRIVE | Ridgeway-Thunder Bay | SINGLE | 1 | | |
| | 116 | PROSPECT POINT ROAD SOUTH | | SINGLE | 1 | | |
| | 3446 | TRILLIUM CRESCENT | Ridgeway-Thunder Bay | SINGLE | 1 | | |
| | 47 | COOK AVENUE | Ridgeway-Thunder Bay | SINGLE | 1 | | |
| | 3989 | VILLAGE CREEK DRIVE | Stevensville | SINGLE | 1 | | |
| | 506 | LAKEVIEW ROAD | Crescent Park | SINGLE | 1 | | |
| | 81 | SHIRLEY ROAD | Ridgeway-Thunder Bay | SINGLE | 1 | | _ |
| | 0 | CAMBRIDGE ROAD WEST | Crystal Beach | SINGLE | 1 | | _ |
| | 3532 | TRILLIUM CRESCENT | Ridgeway-Thunder Bay | SINGLE | 1 | | _ |
| | 3556 | ALGONQUIN DRIVE | Ridgeway-Thunder Bay | SINGLE | 1 | | _ |
| | 65 | BUTLERS DRIVE | Ridgeway-Thunder Bay | SINGLE | 1 | | \rightarrow |
| | TOTAL | | | | 16 | | |
| Dec-15 | | | | | | | |
| Dec-13 | STR NO | STREET | NEIGHBOURHOOD | TYPE | NO. OF UNITS | REG PLAN | _ |
| | 3886 | HAZEL STREET | Ridgeway-Thunder Bay | SINGLE | 1 | | \rightarrow |
| | 3826 | SETTLER'S COVE DRIVE | Stevensville | SINGLE | 1 | | \rightarrow |
| | 168 | HIGH STREET | Fort Erie | MULTI | 1 | | \rightarrow |
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| | | | NEIGHBOURHOOD STATS | | | | |
| | | | Daidach | _ | | | |
| | | | Bridgeburg | 0 | | | \rightarrow |
| | | | Business Park - Gilmore Crescent Park | 0 2 | | | _ |
| | | | Crystal Beach | 7 | | | \rightarrow |
| | | | Douglastown-Black Creek | 0 | | | \rightarrow |
| | | | Fort Erie | 3 | | | \rightarrow |
| | | | Garrison | 1 | | | \neg |
| | | | Gateway | 0 | | | |
| | | | Kraft | 0 | | | |
| | | | Lakeshore | 0 | | | |
| | | | Ridgeway/Thunder Bay | 21 | | | |
| | | | Spears/High Pointe | 3 | | | |
| | | | Stevensville | 2 | | | |
| | | | | 0 | | | - 1 |
| | | | Walden Rural Areas | 1 | | | \rightarrow |

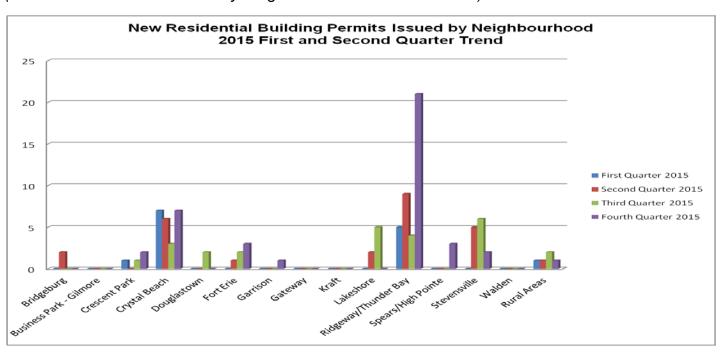


The 40 permits is up from this same quarter last year, which had seen 30 permits drawn. The average over the past 5 years for Q4 permits is 27, so in comparison 40 represents a notable jump over average. The yearend count of 105 units is second only to 2012 (107 units) and second highest since the recession of 2008.

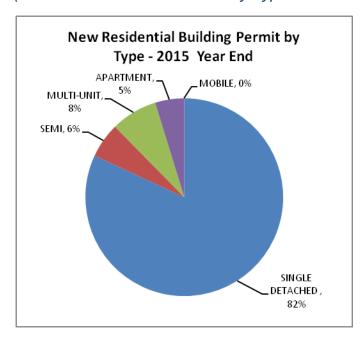
Estimated construction value of the 105 new residential dwellings is reported as \$29,519,000.

The following charts (1 and 2) illustrate yearend distribution, which identifies where the new residential construction activity is occurring, but also, what type of residential form is being built.

(Chart 1 – Residential Permits by Neighbourhood – 2015 Year End)



(Chart 2 – Residential Permits by Type – 2015 Year End)





Registered Plans of Subdivision

Two (2) Plans of Subdivision that registered on the cusp of Q3 / Q4 have already become active with permits being drawn. These included Ridgeway-by-the-Lake - Phase 3 (Blythwood) in the Ridgeway-Thunder Bay Neighbourhood and Spears Road Estates (Ashton Homes) in the Spears-High Pointe Secondary Plan Area. The 3 permits drawn for Spears Road represents the first new residential permits in over 20 years for this neighbourhood. With these registrations, a total of 137 units on 94 lots/blocks have now been added to the short term available supply.

The River Trail Estates Phase 2 Plan of Subdivision in Douglastown-Black Creek remains in a position to register. A by-law was passed in April 2015 to permit the execution of the Subdivision Agreement under the new ownership, however to date; the developer has not proceeded with registration, but has acquired a model home permit. Pre-servicing of the site has not yet begun.

Table 2 on a subsequent page provides the statistical information on Registered Plans.

Draft Approved Plans of Subdivision

Q4 did not result in any new Draft Plan of Subdivision approvals, however, staff anticipate decision from Council on 2 new draft plans within the first half of 2016 (Royal Oak in Ridgeway and Black Creek Signature in Douglastown). Additionally redline revisions for Village Creek Phase 3 are also anticipated to be brought to Council in the first half of 2016.

Table 3 on a subsequent page provides the details on the present Draft Approved Subdivision supply.

Active Plans in Process

As indicated above, Royal Oak Subdivision in the north end of Ridgeway has been filed with a total of 41 units, almost exclusively townhomes with the exception of a semi-detached dwelling. Secondly, Black Creek Signature (former Black Creek Meadows Draft Plan) are close to the recommendation stages of processing. The Black Creek Signature Plan would include a mix of single detached, semi-detached and townhomes. In total, the Plan is proposing 181 new residential units.

Bridgeburg north is another area recently stimulated with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing withdrawing its appeal of the urban expansion area. Pre-consultations and application activity is anticipated in 2016.

Table 4 on a subsequent page provides the statistical information on Active Plans (applications that are in, or about to enter the Draft Plan of Subdivision process).



(Table 2 – Registered Plans of Subdivision at 2015 Year End)

REGISTERED PLANS OF SUBDIVISION - 2015 Year End

| | Plan Name | Neighbourhood | Reg'd | Reg'l File No. | Date of Reg'n | # of Lots/Blocks | # of Units | Vacant Lots/Blocks | Potential Units | Vacant Single- Det. | Vacant Semi-Det. Units | Vacant Multiple Units |
|-----|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|----------------|---------------|---------------------|------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| R1 | JETMAR SUBDIVISION | Crystal Beach | M-65 | 26T-74259 | 2/7/1978 | 54 | 54 | 46 | 46 | 46 | 0 | |
| R2 | GARRISON VILLAGE PHASE I | Garrison | M-83 | 26T-74019 | 11/26/1979 | 215 | 306 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | |
| R3 | GARRISON VILLAGE PHASE II | Garrison | M-84 | 26T-74019 | 11/26/1979 | 65 | 150 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 0 | |
| R4 | DAYTONA PARK ACRES | Crescent Park | M-155 | 26T-85019 | 3/10/1989 | 15 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | |
| R5 | COUNTRY SQUIRE ESTATES I | Rural Area | M-172 | 26T-78024 | 3/8/1990 | 11 | 11 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | |
| R6 | DOUGLAS-ON-THE-PARKWAY | Douglastown | M-197 | 26T-88006 | 4/8/1991 | 38 | 38 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| R7 | CRYSTAL BEACH Y & T CLUB | Crystal Beach | M-208 | 26T-91012 | 4/7/1993 | 169 | 169 | 36 | 36 | 36 | 0 | |
| R8 | NEYE PLAN PHASE I | Outside of Urban Area | M-209 | 26T-91011 | 12/9/1993 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | |
| R9 | HILL ESTATES NORTH | Stevensville | M-232 | 26T-91018 | 10/23/1996 | 27 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| R10 | CRESCENT FARM EXTENSION I | Crescent Park | M-244 | 26T-22885 | 4/16/1998 | 19 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| R11 | VICTORIA VILLAGE PHASE I | Garrison | M-261 | 26T-90009 | 12/21/1998 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| R12 | ERIE BEACH PHASE 1A | Lakeshore | M-263 | 26T-94005 | 2/8/1999 | 6 | 12 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 8 | |
| R13 | PROSPECT POINT PLAN | Crystal Beach | M-265 | 26T-91010 | 3/24/1999 | 55 | 55 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | |
| R14 | NEYE PLAN PHASE II | Rural Area | M-267 | 26T-91011 | 6/21/1999 | 4 | | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | |
| R15 | RIVER TRAIL ESTATES II - PHASE | Douglastown | M-276 | 26T- | 6/7/2000 | 23 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| R16 | BURLEIGH SOUTH PLAN | RidgewayThunder Bay | M-287 | 26T- | 5/ // 2000 | 14 | 14 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0 | |
| R17 | HILL ESTATES SOUTH | Stevensville | M-303 | 26T- | 11/18/2002 | 36 | 36 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 0 | |
| R18 | RIDGEWAY SHORES PHASE 1 | Ridgeway/Thunder Bay | | 26T-15-9801 | 12/18/2002 | 16 | 16 | 9 | q | 9 | 0 | |
| R19 | NORTHRIDGE MEADOWS PHASE | , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , | | 26T-15-2001- | 2/27/2003 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| R20 | NORTHRIDGE MEADOWS PHASE | , | | 26T-15-2001- | 7/30/2003 | 44 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 | _ | |
| R21 | WELLINGTON COURT CONDOMIN | , | | 26CD-15-9901 | 1/1/2001 | 44 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| R22 | ERIE BEACH PHASE 1B | | | 26T-94005 | 3/31/2004 | 20 | 46 | | 17 | | 4 | |
| | | Lakeshore | M-319 | | | 39 | | 15 | | 13 | | |
| R23 | BRIAN STREET DEVELOPMENT | Crescent Park | M-BRI | N/A | N/A | 46 | 46 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 0 | |
| R24 | HENRY-BROWNE SUBDIVISION | Crystal Beach | | 26T-15-02-06 | 2/24/2005 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| R25 | BEAVER CREEK ESTATES | Ridgeway/Thunder Bay | | 26T-15-02-05 | 3/9/2005 | 53 | 53 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | |
| R26 | VICTORIA VILLAGE 2 | Garrison | M-331 | 26T-90009 | 3/9/2005 | 11 | 11 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | |
| R27 | DOMINION ROAD ESTATES PLAN | | M-333 | 26T-15-00-01 | 4/1/2005 | 7 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | |
| R28 | BAY RIDGE CROSSING 1 | Crystal Beach | M-337 | 26T-15-03-02 | 7/15/2005 | 10 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | |
| R29 | RIDGEWAY-BY-THE-LAKE PHASE | , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , | M-341 | 26T-96014 | 1/30/2006 | 86 | 86 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 0 | |
| R30 | VILLAGE CREEK ESTATES PHASE | Stevensville | M-347 | 26T-91013 | 5/29/2006 | 40 | 63 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| R31 | BAY BEACH WOODS | Crystal Beach | M-349 | 26T-15-9803 | 8/4/2006 | 32 | 32 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 0 | |
| R32 | BAY RIDGE CROSSING PHASE 2 | Crystal Beach | M-363 | 26T-15-2000-01 | 9/5/2007 | 26 | 26 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | |
| R33 | RIVER TRAIL CONDOMINIUMS | Douglastown | NSVLC-99 | 350303-0011 | | 10 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | |
| R34 | RIDGEWAY-BY-THE-LAKE PHASE | Ridgeway/Thunder Bay | | | 9/11/2008 | 41 | 70 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | |
| R35 | SHOREBREEZE CONDOMINIUM P | Crystal Beach | VLC-92 | | 9/3/2008 | 19 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| R36 | HAGEY AVENUE CONDOMINIUM PI | _ | NSC-102 | | 9/17/2009 | 1 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| R37 | VILLAGE CREEK ESTATES PHASE | Stevensville | M-390 | 26T-91013 | 6/6/2012 | 38 | 52 | 18 | 27 | 11 | 12 | |
| R38 | DOMINION ROAD PHASE 1 | Thunder Bay | M-375 | 26T-15-03-01 | 4/3/2008 | 24 | | 19 | 19 | 19 | 0 | |
| | BAY RIDGE CROSSING PHASE 3 | | | 26T-15-03-02 | 2007 | | | 1 | 7 | 7 | 0 | |
| | DEERWOOD LANE PHASE 1 | Ridgeway/Thunder Bay | | 350308-089 | 11/8/2012 | | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| | LEXINGTON COURT CONDOMINIU | | | 26CD-15-04-01 | 10/18/2013 | | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | SOUTH COAST VILLAGE PHASE 1 | | | 26T-15-09-01 | 12/12/2014 | 2 | 11 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 0 | |
| | SPEARS ROAD ESTATES | , | | 350308-0380 | 10/2/2015 | 40 | | 40 | 56 | 31 | 6 | |
| | | | | | | 54 | 78 | 68 | | 57 | 0 | 1 |
| 144 | RIDGEWAY-BY-THE-LAKE PHASE | niugeway/ munuer Bay | J91VF418 | 350308-0048 | 10/2/2015 | | | | | | 0 | |
| | TOTALS | | <u> </u> | | | 1422 | 1796 | 350 | 395 | 323 | 30 | 4 |
| | | denotes built-out subdi | vision | | | | | | | | | |



(Table 3 – Registered Plans of Subdivision at 2015 Year End)

| | DRAFT APPROVED PLANS OF SUBDIV | ISION | | | | | | | | | |
|-----|------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Plan Name | Neighbourhood | File No | Draft Approval | Redline Approved | # of Residential Lots/Blks | # of Units | Single-Det. Units | Semi-Det. Units | Multiple Units | Site Area (ha) |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | MACKENZIE'S CROSSING | Rural Area | 26T-89019 | 6/7/1990 | | 27 | | | 0 | | 14.16 |
| _ | BAKERSFIELD PHASE I | Stevensville | 26T-91016 | 2/2/1995 | 6/21/2010 | 26 | | | | · | 2 |
| | BAKERSFIELD PHASE II | Stevensville | 26T-91016 | 5/1/1997 | 6/21/2010 | 42 | | | 0 | 0 | 4.19 |
| | RIVER TRAIL ESTATES 2 - PHASE II | Douglastown | 26T-89020 | 11/13/1997 | | 90 | 90 | | 0 | 0 | 6.94 |
| D05 | ALLISTON WOODS | Spears | 26T-15-00-02 | 2/8/2001 | 5/22/2015 | 177 | 304 | 170 | 0 | 134 | 23.56 |
| D06 | LEVY COURT (formerly KRISTEN CLOSE | Lakeshore | 26T-15-02-07 | 9/23/2003 | 7/16/2010 | 12 | | | 0 | 0 | 0.84 |
| D07 | HERSHEY ESTATES | Rural Area | 26T-15-99-02 | 1/12/2001 | 9/15/2003 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 14.3 |
| D08 | HIGH POINTE SUBDIVISION | High Pointe | 26T-15-02-02 | 12/24/2002 | 6/6/2008 | 114 | 139 | 112 | 0 | 27 | 11.87 |
| D09 | SPEARS GARDENS | Spears | 26T-85022 | 11/1/2004 | 5/24/2015 | 82 | 103 | 76 | 0 | 27 | 9.24 |
| D10 | DOMINION WOODS 2 (CONDOMINIUM) | Ridgeway/Thunder Ba | 26CD-15-09-01 | 8/13/2009 | | 1 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 1.65 |
| D11 | CRYSTAL RIDGE LANDING | Ridgeway/Thunder Ba | 26T-15-2005-02 | 5/4/2006 | | 72 | 72 | 72 | 0 | 0 | 5.27 |
| D12 | WILLOW TRAIL HOMES | Ridgeway/Thunder Ba | | 4/7/2006 | | 16 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 0.6 |
| D13 | SCHOOLEY ROAD CONDOMINIUMS | Crystal Beach | 350303-006 | 9/11/2006 | | 53 | 53 | 0 | 0 | 53 | 3.94 |
| D14 | DOMINION ROAD SUBDIVISION | Lakeshore | 26T-15-2005-01 | 10/2/2006 | | 13 | 46 | 10 | 0 | 36 | 2.35 |
| D16 | GARRISON GREENS | Garrison | 26T-15-06-02 | 4/9/2007 | | 70 | 92 | 69 | 0 | 23 | 6.41 |
| D17 | HAZELWOOD CONDOMINIUMS | Crystal Beach | 350309-0293 | 3/10/2008 | | 2 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0.35 |
| D18 | KING ALBANY | Gateway | 26T-15-0801 | 11/13/2009 | | 17 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 1.28 |
| D20 | CREEKSIDE ESTATES | Ridgeway/Thunder Ba | 26T-15-05- | 4/11/2011 | | 31 | 31 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 2.43 |
| D21 | DEERWOOD LANE PHASE 2 (CONDOM | / | | 12/11/2012 | | 1 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 18 | |
| _ | ABINO DUNES CONDOMINIUM | <u> </u> | 350308-040/D12-040 | | | 27 | | 27 | 0 | 0 | 32.97 |
| D23 | SOUTH COAST VILLAGE Phase 2 | Crystal Beach | 350308-0087 | 10-May-10 | 15-Feb-12 | 5 | 128 | 8 | 0 | 120 | 6.04 |
| _ | NIGH ROAD SUBDIVISION | Rural Area | 350308-0077 | Mar-08 | | 19 | 19 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 9.57 |
| _ | RIDGEWAY SHORES PHASE 2 | Ridgeway/Thunder Ba | | 3-Feb-09 | | 80 | 124 | | 0 | 45 | |
| D26 | SOUTH RIDGE MEADOWS | Ridgeway/Thunder B | | 9-Oct-12 | | 18 | 36 | | 34 | 0 | 1.4 |
| _ | DANTINI PLAN | | 350308-0082 | | | 28 | | | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | PARKLANE PLACE | , | 350308-0095 | 12-May-14 | | 6 | | | 0 | | |
| _ | RIVER LEA ESTATES | Rural Area | 350303-0016 / 350302 | , | | 4 | 3 | | Ŭ | 0 | 1 |
| | =::=:::=::::: | | 22220 00.07 000002 | 10 / pt 11 | | | <u> </u> | | | ľ | 0 |
| | TOTALS | | | | | 1050 | 1567 | 920 | 34 | 613 | 178.16 |
| | 16.8 YEAR SUPPLY OF UNITS IN DRAF | T- APPROVED PLAN | IS | | | | | | | | |

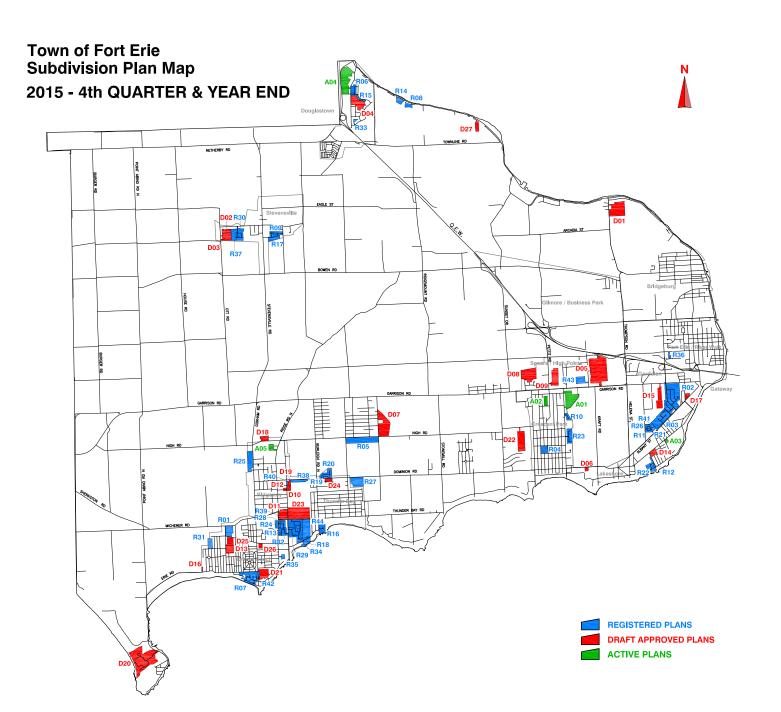
(Table 4 – Registered Plans of Subdivision at 2015 Year End)

| | ACTIVE PLANS OF SUBDIVISI | ON (NOT DRAFT APPRO | OVED) | | | | | | | |
|-----|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Plan Name | Neighbourhood | Reg/Town File No | Submission Date | # of Lots/Blocks | # of Units | Single- Det. Lots | Semi-Det. Units | Multiple Units | Site Area (ha) |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| A01 | CRESCENT FARM ACRES | Crescent Park | 26T-22885 | | 104 | 198 | 103 | 0 | 95 | 10.8 |
| A02 | SHAYNE AVENUE TOWNHOME | Crescent Park | 350308-0090 | 10-Mar-11 | 35 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 1.4 |
| A03 | HEIMS ESTATE | Lakeshore | 350308-0093 | 4-Jan-12 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0.62 |
| A04 | ROYAL OAK SUBDIVISION | Ridgeway-Thunder Bay | 350308-0101 | 24-Jul-15 | 10 | 41 | 0 | 2 | 39 | 2.615 |
| A05 | BLACK CREEK SIGNATURE | Douglastown-Black Creel | 350308-0100 | 30-Sep-15 | 134 | 181 | 117 | 14 | 50 | 14.737 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | TOTALS | | | | 288 | 460 | 225 | 16 | 219 | 30.172 |

Subdivision Map

The following page contains the Subdivision Map illustrating geographically where each of the Registered, Draft Approved and Active Plans are found within the municipality.





REGISTERED PLANS

- R01 Jetmare Subdivision
- Garrison Village I
- Garrison Village II
- Daytona Park Acres
- R06
- Country Squire Estates
 Douglas-on-the-Parkway
 Crystal Beach Tennis & Yacht Club
 Neye Plan I RO7
- R08
- Hill Estates
- Crescent Farm Extension 1
- Victoria Village Phase I
- Erie Beach IA
- R13 R14
- Prospect Point Neye Plan II River Trail Estates 2 Phase I R15
- **Burleigh South** R17 Hill Estates South
- Ridgeway Shores
- North Ridge Meadows Phase I
- R20
- North Ridge Meadows Phase II Wellington Court Condominiums Phase I R21
- R22 Erie Beach Phase IB
- Brian Street
- Henry-Browne
- R25 Beaver Creek Estates R26
- Victoria Village Phase II Dominion Rd Estates R27
- Bay Ridge Crossing Phase I Ridgeway-by-the-Lake Phase Village Creek Estates Phase I
- Bay Beach Woods
- R33
- R34
- Bay Ridge Crossing Phase II River Trail Condominiums Ridge-by-the-Lake Phase II Shorebreeze Condominiums R35
- Hagey Avenue Condominiums
- Village Creek Estates Phase II Dominion Woods Phase I
- R39 Bay Ridge Crossing Phase III
- R40 Deerwood Lanes Phase I
- Lexington Court Condominiums South Coast Village (Phase I) Spears Road Estates R41
- Ridgeway-by-the-Lake Phase 3

DRAFT APPROVED PLANS

- Mackenzie's Crossing
- Bakersfield Phase I Bakersfield Phase II DO3
- D04 River Trail Estates 2 Phase II
- Alliston Woods
- Hershey Estates High Pointe Subdivision
- Spears Gardens
- D10 Dominion Woods
- Crystal Ridge Landing
- Willow Trail
- Schooley Road Condominiums Dominion Road Subdivision
- **Garrisons Greens** Hazelwood Condominiums
- King Albany Phase 1 Creekside Estates
- Deerwood Lanes Phase II (Condo) D19 Ahino Dunes
- South Coast Village (Phase II) Nigh Road Subdivision
- Ridgeway Shores Phase II
- South Ridge Meadows
- Dantini Plan
- D26 Parklane Place

River Lea Estates (Condo) **ACTIVE PLANS (Not Draft Approved)**

- A01 Crescent Farm Acres
- Shayne Avenue Townhomes A03 Heims Estates
- Black Creek Signature
- Royal Oak



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PERMIT ACTIVITY – 2015 Q4 and YEAR END

Overview

This section provides a brief summary of the quarter the year end. Table 5 on the subsequent page illustrates the year end permits and associated values with comparative preceding 2 years. This report is provided strictly for information purposes and is not intending to convey analysis. Interpretations drawn from these figures are those of the reader. Staff may add some comments, but in doing so, are intending only to draw attention to certain figures, trends or variations that may be of interest to Council or stakeholders reviewing this report. Table 5 provides the comparative figures.

Industrial Q4

During the 4th quarter, Durez was issued a permit for a building expansion for office use and training room. The estimated value being report as \$500,000.

Industrial Year End

In general, permit activity has been very low over the course of 2015 with only 2 permits for minor addition/renovation and 1 larger addition (Durez - approximately 2300 sq.ft.) having been drawn. Total value reported for the year stands at \$539,000. Comparatively, this is up from 2014 where only \$185,000 was invested in the industrial building supply.

Commercial Q4

The fourth quarter of 2015 had seen reasonably steady investment in the current building stock with 6 permits totaling \$215,000 in improvements. This is less than the third quarter (\$297,000), but still demonstrates active ownership improving their buildings in the early winter months.

Commercial Year End

Similar to the Q3 / Q4 comparison, commercial construction/renovation was fairly strong and more closely matched when viewed over the full year. In 2015 there were 35 permits drawn for a total of \$1.8 million compared to 2014 where 29 permits were pulled for a total of 1.9 million. While none of the permits were for new buildings, it remains a strong indicator that owners are investing in the existing stock on hand.

Institutional Q4

Unequivocally, 2015 will remain a notable year for institutional within the Town. Q4 had seen the building permit for the new Greater Fort Erie Secondary School issued with a reported value of \$23.0 million. This also marks the first new secondary school constructed in Niagara in close to 40 years. Q4 also had seen the high school site issued a permit for site servicing that was valued at \$653,500, bringing the total on that property to just under \$24.0 million in Q4. There was one additional permit related to renovations at the arena for a value of \$25,000.

Institutional Year End

In closing out 2015, the anomaly will remain apparent in any future graphs depicting institutional investment for years to come. In total, 2015 had seen 14 institutional related permits issued with a total reported value of just over \$31.5 million. This investment seen will likely stand alone for many years and does not have a comparable in recent past. 2014 had seen approximately \$1.0 million invested and approximately 4.5 million in 2013.



(Table 5)

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES BUILDING DEPARTMENT COMBINED 2015 YEAR END PERMIT SUMMARY

(The following is a breakdown of key permits issued during 2015 - with comparative years 2014 & 2013) (Note: Not all permits listed. Permits for smaller items such as fire place, temporary tent, signs, etc; not listed.)

| | 2015 | | 20 |)14 | 2013 | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| CLASSIFICATION | NO. OF PERMITS YEAR END | ESTIMATED VALUE\$ | NO. OF PERMITS YEAR END | ESTIMATED VALUE\$ | NO. OF PERMITS YEAR END | ESTIMATED VALUE \$ | |
| Oiresta Familia Berellina | | | | | | | |
| Single Family Dwellings | 00 | 20, 202, 000 | 00 | Фог 77 0 000 | 70 | £40,000,000 | |
| New Familia Baselliana | 89 | 29,292,000 | 88 | \$25,778,000 | 72 | \$19,008,000 | |
| Two Family Dwellings | 4 | 070.000 | | #000 000 | 4 | #4 000 000 | |
| New | 4 | 870,000 | 4 | \$360,000 | 4 | \$1,080,000 | |
| Multi-Unit Dwellings/Apartments/Towns | | | | | | | |
| New | 1 | 380,000 | 4 | \$480,000 | 4 | \$0 | |
| Res. Add. Alt, & Repairs | 155 | 5,660,600 | 102 | \$3,493,400 | 144 | \$3,623,800 | |
| Garages & Carports | 33 | 1,369,800 | 26 | \$618,700 | 28 | \$536,500 | |
| Accessory Buildings | | | | | | | |
| Swimming Pools | 14 | 297,000 | 12 | \$356,000 | 26 | \$454,200 | |
| Farm Buildings | 6 | 248,500 | 2 | \$422,000 | 5 | \$151,500 | |
| Model Homes | 1 | 315,000 | | | | | |
| Commercial Business | | | | | | | |
| New | 1 | 300,000 | 5 | \$186,000 | 3 | \$3,472,000 | |
| Additions, Alterations, Etc. | 33 | 1,489,600 | 24 | \$1,781,300 | 15 | \$1,775,500 | |
| Industrial | | | | | | | |
| New | | | 1 | \$50,000 | 2 | \$914,000 | |
| Additions, Alterations, Etc. | 5 | 539,000 | 2 | \$135,000 | 3 | \$278,000 | |
| Institutional & Gov't | | | | | | | |
| New | 2 | 31,000,000 | 3 | \$257,000 | 2 | \$260,000 | |
| Additions, Alterations, Etc. | 14 | 1,362,500 | 8 | \$728,000 | 9 | \$4,337,300 | |
| Demolitions | 63 | 508,800 | 34 | \$215,500 | 26 | \$182,900 | |
| Plumbing | 12 | 27,000 | 15 | \$34,100 | 27 | \$758,900 | |
| TOTALS | 433 | \$73,659,800 | 315 | \$34,860,900 | 370 | \$36,832,600 | |

Permit Volumes & Estimate Value

Table 5 provides the sum totals of each permit category or classification. Where viewed comparatively with the 2013 and 2014, it is apparent that certain types of permits have increased considerably over the 3 year sampling period, which is reflected in the total permits issued at the bottom of the column.

Of note, Residential Additions, Alterations and Repairs remained strong in 2015 compared to last year at this time. Commercial Additions/Alteration permits volumes are higher despite finishing with a slightly lower value. Some of this activity can be attributed commercial renovations taking advantage of CIP programs.



There is also a steady increase in demolition permits being issued, which may further support the notion that property owners are taking advantage of low interest rates to undertake improvements.

New residential dwelling permits had seen a very strong year, finishing with the second best quarter since 2008. Residential permit value for the year was approximately \$30.0 million, up almost \$4.0 million over 2014 and \$10.0 million from 2013.

On a whole 2015 has seen a considerable jump in permits issued with 433 over last year's 315. Total estimated value of permits issued to the end of 2015 was approximately \$73.5 million, double what 2014 had seen. This is largely due to the new elementary and secondary school construction permits, but even taking them out, the balance of the permits and value was up considerably from 2014.

Noteworthy Building Permits YTD

Over the course of 2015, several Building Permits issued that are worth bringing to the attention of Council consist of:

- Niagara Christian College Addition and Renovations \$680,000
- New Public Elementary School \$8.2 million
- Site Servicing for new Greater Fort Erie Secondary School \$653,500
- New Greater Fort Erie Secondary School \$23.0 million
- Durez office addition and renovations \$500,000

Development Charge (DC) Report

Planning and Development Services will be monitoring / tracking the Industrial and Commercial construction segments going forward for purposes of Development Charges By-law review when next due for comprehensive study in 2019. By-law 43-2014 was passed by Town Council which effectively eliminated Town Industrial Development Charges. Other exemptions include Commercial and Residential in downtown core area CIP's. For this reporting, there is expressed interest in monitoring the industrial and commercial amounts.

Industrial

There was one instance where new industrial (office) floor space was created in 2015. As industrial is exempt from local DC's, no levy from the Town was made. The project was subject to Regional DC's, which would have amounted to approximately \$6,725, but the applicant was able to secure a Regional DC Grant through its program offering. Ultimately, no fees where levied.

Commercial

Commercial activity that would otherwise have been subjected to DC levies includes an expansion to an existing site in downtown Bridgeburg on Jarvis Street, but due to it being within an exemption area, no local DC's were payable. The Regional DC is exempt 50% automatically with opportunity to become fully exempt by meeting specific criteria. It is anticipated the project will meet the criteria and would be fully exempt from Regional DC's.

This single permit, if not otherwise exempt, would have resulted in an \$8,475.00 local DC levy and an \$18,450.27 Regional DC's levy under the rates at that time.



The recently levied Niagara Catholic District School Board Education Development Charge does not apply to Industrial or Commercial (only residential) and therefore is not being monitored under these sectors.

This report segment will be updated quarterly for general information of Council, stakeholders and general public.



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BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT - 2015 Q4 and YEAR END (with comparables)

Overview

This section provides statistics related to the volume of complaints and actions the Town's By-law Enforcement Officers are experiencing for the information of Council and general public. In addition to the Q4 statistics, tables include the year's first three quarters for comparable review and benchmarking of an annual cycle. Different complaints can peak at different times throughout the course of a year and including a year's cycle of quarterly stats will help illustrate this and assist in measure against future years. (Tables 7 to 10)

An annual summary table is provided (at right) that simply reports the total complaints received for 2015 with comparable years to 2012 (Table 6). It is clear this past year marks a 4 year high in complaints filed.

(Table 6)

| TOTAL COMPLAINTS 2012-2015 | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 2012 | 582 | | | | | |
| 2013 | 522 | | | | | |
| 2014 | 580 | | | | | |
| 2015 | 675 | | | | | |
| Total Complaints | 2359 | | | | | |

Activity Comments

Entering the winter months, not surprisingly, has seen a dramatic drop in new complaints. This is for the most part due to the absence of long grass and weed complaints, which were recorded at 128 in Q3 and reduced to only 1 new complaint in Q4.

Table 10 describes the type of complaints that were received by the Town, how many have been investigated, closed and how many files remain open. These complaints usually require letters, phone calls or an Order to be issued before compliance is achieved. The statistics do not include the many informal enquiries that By-law Enforcement staff receive and resolve over the phone, by meeting on site or at Town Hall.

The majority of complaints were related to the Property Standards By-law and the Lot Maintenance By-law (By-law No.186-08 and No.165-08 respectively). It can be expected that during the spring and summer months these types of complaints are much higher, as property owners are outside and exposed to the perceived infractions, resulting in the filing of the complaints.

Over the course of 2015, By-law Enforcement started the year with 44 open files, received 675 new complaints, closed 674 of them and carried 45 into the New Year.

Parking Violations

Staffing was increased this year with the addition of a seasonal contractual enforcement officer. The officer's duties were primarily parking enforcement and investigating long grass and weeds complaints. While the long grass & weed statistics are reflected in the charting for this section, the parking statistics are not captured. From a stand-alone perspective, the seasonal officer issued approximately 439 parking notices and the revenue from these infractions was in excess of \$11,000.

On an annual basis, including the seasonal officer's contribution, a total of 804 parking violations were issued with revenues of \$22,221 collected and \$2,442 that remains outstanding.



