

Staff Report

Report To: Council

Report From: Karl Schipprack, Director of Infrastructure and Development/CBO

Meeting Date: May 16, 2023

Subject: 2023 Q1 Building Department Activities

Recommendations:

That in consideration of staff report '2023 Q1 Building Department Activities', council receives the report for information purposes.

Highlights:

- Building department activity for the first quarter of 2023.
- For information and comparison, 2020, 2021 and 2022 Q1 data is also provided.

Previous Report/Authority:

None.

Analysis:

The purpose of this staff report is to provide the Q1-2023 Building Department Activity on number of permits, project value and permit fees. This report also provides the Q1 2020, 2021 and 2022 Building Department activity for comparison. Overall numbers are down from 2021 and 2022. We are starting to see construction return to pre-pandemic levels. The number of issued building permits is down by 50% over 2022. Building permit fees are down 58% from 2022. Project values are down by 66% over 2022. To date, nine new residential units have been added in 2023. Part of the reason for the lower numbers is due to weather this spring. We are already seeing increases in applications and enquiries that will lead to increased permits issued in Q2 of 2023.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Communication Plan:

This report is available on the West Grey website through the agenda.

Consultation:

None.

Attachments:

2023 Q1 Building Department Activity

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