



REGIONAL DISTRICT of Fraser-Fort George

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REPORT FOR CONSIDERATION

TO: Chair and Directors

FROM: Dana Ferguson, Senior Building Inspector

DATE: November 5, 2024

SUBJECT: Building Permit Statistics for October 2024
 SUMMARY: Purpose: For Information

File No.: N/A

Attachments:

1. Prince George Rural Building Statistics for October 2024
2. McBride Building Statistics for October 2024

Previous Reports: None

RECOMMENDATION(S):

THAT the report dated November 5, 2024, regarding “Building Permit Statistics for October 2024” be received for information.

ENTITLEMENT	HOW VOTE COUNTED
All 1 Director/1 vote	Majority

ISSUE(S):

The Regional District compiles building inspection service statistics and provides reports to the Regional District Board, Statistics Canada, and BC Assessment monthly. This chart provides a 6-year overview of monthly building permit statistics for the month of October.

Year to Date	# Permits	Total Value (\$)	Total Permit Fees	# SFD Permits	Total SFD Value (\$)
2024	126	\$46,491,000	\$280,450	44	\$22,978,000
2023	145	\$33,491,020	\$214,397	44	\$21,923,000
2022	229	\$40,063,400	\$252,913	58	\$30,214,000
2021	252	\$34,225,000	\$191,007	60	\$22,725,000
2020**	273	\$71,363,500	\$343,289	36	\$14,500,000
2019	294	\$27,951,000	\$193,660	37	\$13,412,000

**In August 2023 the RD amalgamated all plumbing and heating unit permits into the primary permit for the structure to streamline the inspection process. For this reason, you will see a decrease in permit #'s however they will still be reflected in total values.*

***In 2020 the Regional District Building Inspections department permitted industrial and commercial work camps which is reflected in the total value of permits.*

RELEVANT POLICIES:

1. *Local Government Act*, Section 298 - Building regulation bylaws
 - Authorizes the Regional District to establish a bylaw to regulate all aspects of the construction, moving, alteration, repair or demolition of structures or plumbing, require contractors, owners or other persons to obtain and hold a valid permit and require that, before occupancy of a building an occupancy permit be obtained from the authorized official.
2. *Building Act*:
 - Regulates technical building requirements and qualification requirements for building officials.

3. Statistics Canada

- *Statistics Act* of Canada, Section 22(n) establishes that the Chief Statistician shall collect, compile, analyse, abstract and publish statistics in relation to construction in Canada.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous and Intergovernmental Partnerships | <input type="checkbox"/> Organizational Strength and Adaptability | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quality Community Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Stewardship and Climate Action |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Awareness and Engagement | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statutory or Routine Business | | |

SERVICE RELEVANCE:

The Regional District Building Inspection service was established under “Building Inspection Extended Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1130, 1989” and fulfils the obligation of miscellaneous powers under Part 9 Division 1 – Building Regulations of the *Local Government Act* and the *Building Act*. Building Inspection service has been in effect since 1969. Building Bylaw No. 3239, 2021 applies to all Electoral Areas.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

N/A

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

N/A

DECISION OPTIONS:

Approve recommendation. Receive report and take no further action.

COMMENTS:

The attachment to this report provides statistics regarding the building activity for the Electoral Areas of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George. 2024 permit numbers will generally be lower than previous years due to building, plumbing and heating units being included on one building permit in order to streamline process between the homeowner and Regional District staff.

The total value of all permits for the month of October 2024 is \$16,233,000

The Village of McBride Statistics are included in the Building Permit Statistics attached for information purposes only and are not included in the year-to-date history table. The Village of McBride permit information is not included in the Regional District Statistics above.

Respectfully submitted,

“Dana Ferguson”

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