



REGIONAL DISTRICT of Fraser-Fort George

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REPORT FOR CONSIDERATION

TO: Chair and Directors

FROM: Dana Ferguson, Senior Building Inspector

DATE: March 6, 2025

SUBJECT: Building Permit Statistics for February 2025
 SUMMARY: Purpose: For Information

File No.: N/A

Attachments:

1. Prince George Rural Building Statistics for February 2025
2. McBride Building Statistics for February 2025

Previous Reports: None

RECOMMENDATION(S):

THAT the report dated March 6, 2025, regarding “Building Permit Statistics for February 2025,” 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 4-year overview of monthly building permit statistics for the month of February.

| Year to Date | # Permits | Total Value (\$) | Total Permit Fees | # SFD Permits | Total SFD Value (\$) |
|--------------|-----------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| 2025 | 10 | \$2,979,000 | \$16,666 | 7 | \$2,796,000 |
| 2024 | 7 | \$2,848,000 | \$19,101 | 2 | \$1,363,000 |
| 2023* | 7 | \$933,300 | \$7,472 | 0 | \$0 |
| 2022 | 18 | \$1,996,100 | \$12,171 | 6 | \$1,765,000 |

**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.*

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 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:

1. Approve recommendations.
 - 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 & 2025 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 February 2025 is \$1,520,000.

The Village of McBride Statistics are included in the Building Permit Statistics attached are 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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