



Subject: 2022 Building Division Annual Report

Report to: Thorold City Council

Recommendations

1. That report DS 018-2023 **BE RECEIVED** for information purposes.

Key Facts

- Building permit applications increased by 25.51% over 2021
- Building permits issued increased by 16.61% over 2021
- Revenue collected in 2022 was \$2,721,295.32
- Expenses in 2022 was \$1,021,923.58
- \$1,699,371.74 was added to the building reserve in 2022

Budgetary Status

Highlight the cost of what is being requested. Include financial effects of not making a decision or negative effects to Niagara Region's credit due to a decision.

Analysis

Pursuant to Section 7(4) of the Ontario Building Code Act, the municipality is required to prepare a report containing information on the annual permit fees collected, as well as the costs of administration and enforcement of the Building Code Act and Building Code.

The following provides an overview of the Building Division activity for the year 2022 in the City of Thorold.

The Building Division exercises the duties and powers for the day-to day administration and enforcement of the Building Code Act and the provisions of the Ontario Building Code. The statistics below identify the activity within the Division for the 2022 calendar year.

Activity

• Total building permit applications received	674
• Total building permits issued	639
• Total building inspections conducted	6,518
• Total violation complaints received	52
• Construction Value of Permits Issued	\$405,233,701

The Building Code Act allows municipalities to collect fees to recover the cost of delivering services related to the administration and enforcement of the Ontario Building Code. Any fees collected in excess of the annual expenses are transferred into the Building Reserve Fund. The Building Reserve Fund is intended to support and offset the costs during downturns in the industry. The financial statistics below are for the 2021 Calendar year.

Financial

• Revenue from building permit applications ³	\$2,721,295.32
• Direct Expenses ^{1 3}	\$888,008.58
• Indirect expenses ^{2 3}	\$133,915
• Surplus added to building reserve ³	\$1,699,371.74
• Building reserve balance at end of 2022 ³	\$5,107,279.20

¹ Direct expenses refer to the direct costs of administration and enforcement of the Building Code Act incurred by the municipality

² Indirect expenses refer to the indirect costs of administration and enforcement of the Building Code Act incurred by the municipality

³ Subject to annual audit

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Alternatives Reviewed

N/A

Relationship to Strategic Plan

N/A

Other Pertinent Reports

N/A

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