

BUILDING PERMITS ROSE DRAMATICALLY IN 2020

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The Town of Halton Hills saw a marked increase in building permit applications in 2020.

The Town's building services issued 780 permits in 2020, 646 of which were building permits while the remaining 134 permits were for pool enclosures.

In 2019, the Town issued 87 permits and in 2018, 84 permits.

"The increase in pool enclosure permits is believed to be attributed — at least in part — with the travel restrictions associated with COVID-19 and the trend of people investing in 'staycations' and home amenities," said Bill Andrews, commissioner of transportation and public works.

The increase in building permits, Andrews said, was primarily attributed to the final phase of the Remington Homes development beginning construction in Georgetown South.

A total of 200 permits were issued for new construction during the year.

Among the issued building permits, 22 were issued for the creation of accessory dwelling units in existing homes, and a single permit was issued for the construction of a two-unit house.



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The Town issued far more building permits in 2020 than the previous two years.

In 2020, 6,142 inspections were conducted by the town, of which 5,827 were mandatory inspections.

"Notwithstanding the challenges and restrictions caused by COVID-19, the town's building department was able to adapt and maintain service delivery throughout 2020," Andrews said.

Despite the increase in

permits issues, building services brought in \$2,076,039, slightly less revenue than anticipated at \$2,214,800. Total expenses by building services were also lower, due to job vacancies in the department.

From a budgeted \$2,740,413, building services expenses were \$2,155,066. In 2017, the Town saw a record high of building services revenue, bringing in \$3.16 million.



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