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Housing starts higher than predicted last year

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Whitchurch-Stouffville's new residential housing starts in 2012 were 112 more than predicted.

By the end of last year, 582 residential permits — 445 for single/semi-detached and 137 for towns — were handed out. Town staff predicted 470, according to this month's council report.

This year's residential permit numbers are expected to be down to 350.

The decline is being attributed to the higher number of permits issued last year, along with the present status of their construction, as well as the timeline to complete subdivision site servicing, according to the report.

By mid-2013, Whitchurch-Stouffville's population is anticipated to be 43,300,

according to the report.

For 2015 and beyond's servicing allocation, the region has assigned population targets for each type of residential unit.

Single detached: 3.12 persons/unit; semi-detached: 3.11 persons/unit; townhouse: 2.89 persons/unit; apartment style: 2.02 persons/unit, according to the council report.

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