

#### THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG

#### OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Mission Statement: As stewards of the Town of Amherstburg, we strive to improve the quality of life of all residents through the delivery of effective, efficient, and affordable services.

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To: Mayor and Members of Town Council

Subject: Building Activity Report for Month of January to March 2024

### 1. **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that:

The report from the Chief Building Official dated April 15, 2024 regarding the Building Activity Report for the months of January, February and March 2024, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

### 2. BACKGROUND:

Council has directed that Administration provide Building Activity Reports, Fire Activity Reports and Police Activity Reports on a quarterly basis.

## 3. **DISCUSSION**:

Building activity and statistics are from January to the end of March 2024 and are indicated with the tables attached.

A total of 405 inspections were conducted within the three months which is approximately 7 inspections per day.

The Building Department has issued 54 permits with the approximate construction value of \$12,000,000.00. This group of permits consists of 8 single family dwellings, 6 semi detached dwellings, and 3 additional dwelling units. There were several commercial

permits issued including permits for the new LCBO and the commercial property at 527 Sandwich St. which includes 3 restaurants with drive thru. A total of 3 backwater valve permits were issued under the subsidy program.

Based on the current activity for the first three months of the year it appears to be a substantial increase from 2023 for the same period. In 2023 36 permits were issued compared to 54 permits issued this year. The construction value has increased to \$12,000,000.00 compared to \$5,000,000.00 in 2023. We are expecting a slow but steady increase in development due to Bank of Canada maintaining stable borrowing rates for the first quarter and we remain optimistic that the rates will be lowered some time later this year which may result in an increase in the number of applications being submitted. There are currently a number of ready to go building lots within the Kingsbridge Subdivision area as well the new subdivision in the McGregor area, and Boblo Island.

## 4. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The collected revenues for all building permits during this time is approximately \$149,000.00.

Further, a total of approximately \$430,000.00 in development charges were collected.

## 5. CONSULTATIONS:

N/A

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# 6. CORPORATE STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:

Vision: Preserving our past while forging our future.

Amherstburg Community Strategic Plan 2022 - 2026		
PILLAR 1 Deliver Trusted & Accountable Local Government	PILLAR 3 Encourage Local Economic Prosperity	
<ul> <li>□ Improve trust between council and staff, and residents, by strengthening governance and internal accountability structures.</li> <li>□ Deliver transparent and efficient financial management.</li> <li>✓ Increase effective communication and engagement with residents.</li> <li>□ Develop our staff team, resources, and workplace culture.</li> <li>✓ Continue to deliver strong core municipal services.</li> <li>□ Ensure Amherstburg is an inclusive accessible and welcoming community committed to reconciliation.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Encourage development of commercial and industrial lands.</li> <li>Continue to promote local tourism industry, especially overnight accommodation.</li> <li>Continue to facilitate downtown development for residents and visitors.</li> <li>Continue to leverage partnership opportunities with other provincial, federal, and local governments, agencies, and organizations.</li> </ul>	
PILLAR 2 Invest in Community Amenities and Infrastructure	PILLAR 4 Shape Growth Aligned with Local Identity	
<ul> <li>□ Maintain safe, reliable and accessible municipal infrastructure and facilities.</li> <li>□ Increase access to recreation opportunities for all ages.</li> <li>□ Finalize and execute plans for townowned lands (e.g. Duffy's site, Belle Vue)</li> <li>□ Create public access to water and waterfront</li> <li>□ Prioritize opportunities to reduce environmental impacts of Townoperations and increase Town resilience to climate change.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Define and communicate a vision for the Town's future and identity.</li> <li>□ Promote and plan for green and "climate change ready" development.</li> <li>□ Review and implement policies that promote greater access to diverse housing.</li> <li>□ Protect the Town's historic sites and heritage.</li> <li>□ Preserve the Town's greenspaces, agricultural lands, and natural environment.</li> </ul>	

# 7. **CONCLUSION**:

This report is provided for informational purposes.

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Angelo Avolio CBCO
Chief Building Official

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