Report to Planning & Environment Committee

To: Chair and Members

Planning & Environment Committee

From: Scott Mathers, MPA, P. Eng

Deputy City Manager, Planning and Economic Development

Subject: Building Division Monthly Report

December 2023

Date: January 30, 2024

Recommendation

That the report dated December 2023 entitled "Building Division Monthly Report December 2023", **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Executive Summary

The Building Division is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the *Ontario Building Code Act* and the *Ontario Building Code*. Related activities undertaken by the Building Division include the processing of building permit applications and inspections of associated construction work. The Building Division also issues sign and pool fence permits. The purpose of this report is to provide Municipal Council with information related to permit issuance and inspection activities for the month of December 2023.

Linkage to the Corporate Strategic Plan

Growing our Economy

- London is a leader in Ontario for attracting new jobs and investments. Leading in Public Service
 - The City of London is trusted, open, and accountable in service of our community.
 - Improve public accountability and transparency in decision making.

Analysis

1.0 Background Information

This report provides information on permit and associated inspection activities for the month of December 2023. <u>Attached</u> as Appendix "A" to this report is a "Summary Listing of Building Construction Activity for the Month of December 2023", as well as respective "Principle Permits Reports".

2.0 Discussion and Considerations

2.1 Building permit data and associated inspection activities – **December** 2023

Permits Issued to the end of the month

As of December 2023, a total of 3,591 permits were issued, with a construction value of \$1.2 billion, representing 1,726 new dwelling units. Compared to the same period in 2022, this represents a 14% decrease in the number of building permits, with a 24% decrease in construction value and an 33.6% decrease in the number of dwelling units constructed.

Total permits to construct New Single and Semi-Dwelling Units

As of the end of December 2023, the number of building permits issued for the construction of single and semi-detached dwellings was 232, representing a 62.2% decrease over the same period in 2022.

Number of Applications in Process

As of the end of December 2023, 977 applications are in process, representing approximately \$857.3 million in construction value and an additional 1,291 dwelling units compared with 919 applications, with a construction value of \$635 million and an additional 1,117 dwelling units in the same period in 2022.

Rate of Application Submission

Applications received in December 2023 averaged to 11.4 applications per business day, for a total of 217 applications. Of the applications submitted 13 were for the construction of single detached dwellings and 33 townhouse units.

Permits issued for the month

In December 2023, 217 permits were issued for 84 new dwelling units, totaling a construction value of \$36.9 million.

Inspections – Building

A total of 1,225 inspection requests were received with 1,344 inspections being conducted.

In addition, 22 inspections were completed related to complaints, business licenses, orders and miscellaneous inspections.

Of the 1,225 inspections requested, 99% were conducted within the provincially mandated 48 hour period.

Inspections - Code Compliance

A total of 769 inspection requests were received, with 801 inspections being conducted.

An additional 118 inspections were completed relating to complaints, business licences, orders and miscellaneous inspections.

Of the 769 inspections requested, 99% were conducted within the provincially mandated 48 hour period.

Inspections - Plumbing

A total of 652 inspection requests were received with 849 inspections being conducted related to building permit activity.

An additional 1 inspections were completed related to complaints, business licenses, orders and miscellaneous inspections.

Of the 652 inspections requested, 100% were conducted within the provincially mandated 48 hour period.

2018 - 2020 Permit Data

Additional permit data has been provided in Appendix "A" to reflect 2018 – 2020 permit data.

New Housing Unit Activity

The following diagram provides a simplified summary of building permit activity beginning at the start of the calendar year. It was reported in the October of 2023 in a report titled "London's Housing Pledge: A Path to 47,000 units by 2031 Update" to the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee that this figure would be included in future Building Division update reports.



This figure provides a deeper dive into the Permits and Inspections Housing Unit Supply number discussed in the previous section. It shows the inflow and outflow of housing unit permits through the building area on a year-to-date basis and the volume of units in permits that are under review.

3.0 Analysis

There has been a significant slowdown of housing unit construction in the City of London over 2022 and in 2023 to date. CMHC's most recent Housing Supply Report provides the following commentary on the current housing market in Canada:

- Total housing starts across the country's largest census metropolitan areas (Toronto, Vancouver) increased slightly in the first half of 2023.
- In most other large centres (including London), meanwhile, they were below these levels.
- Elevated rates of apartment construction are not likely to be sustainable due to various challenges facing developers. These challenges include higher construction costs and higher interest rates.
- Significant increases in construction productivity are critical to addressing the country's affordability and housing supply crisis over the longer term. The level of new construction activity remains too low.

The drop in building activity was also discussed at a recent meeting of the Housing Supply Reference Group. It was the consensus of this group that in London:

- Consumer demand has dropped due to higher mortgage rates and the increasing difficulty in consumers to meet the requirements of mortgage stress tests.
- Higher construction costs and higher interest rates are making it more difficult to acquire financing for large construction projects.
- Due to substantial and increasing fixed costs for components of midrise buildings, many forms of midrise style buildings are not financially viable at this time.

These macro-economic factors have a major influence on the housing marketplace. Civic Administration will continue to monitor these changes and provide further analysis in future updates. London is leading the way in housing innovation and will continue to develop new and progressive ways to create new housing opportunities. The Housing Supply Action Plan that is currently under development in collaboration with industry partners will continue this work and ensure London remains at the forefront of providing housing for those that need it.

Conclusion

The purpose of this report is to provide Municipal Council with information regarding the building permit issuance and building & plumbing inspection activities for the month of December 2023. Attached as Appendix "A" to this report is a "Summary Listing of Building Construction Activity" for the month of December 2023 as well as "Principle Permits Reports".

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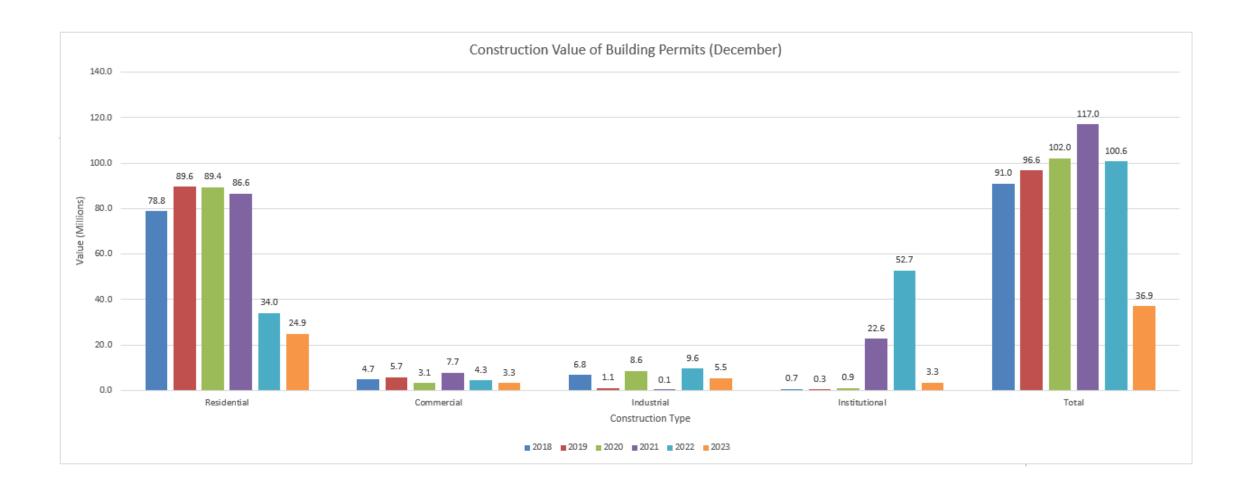
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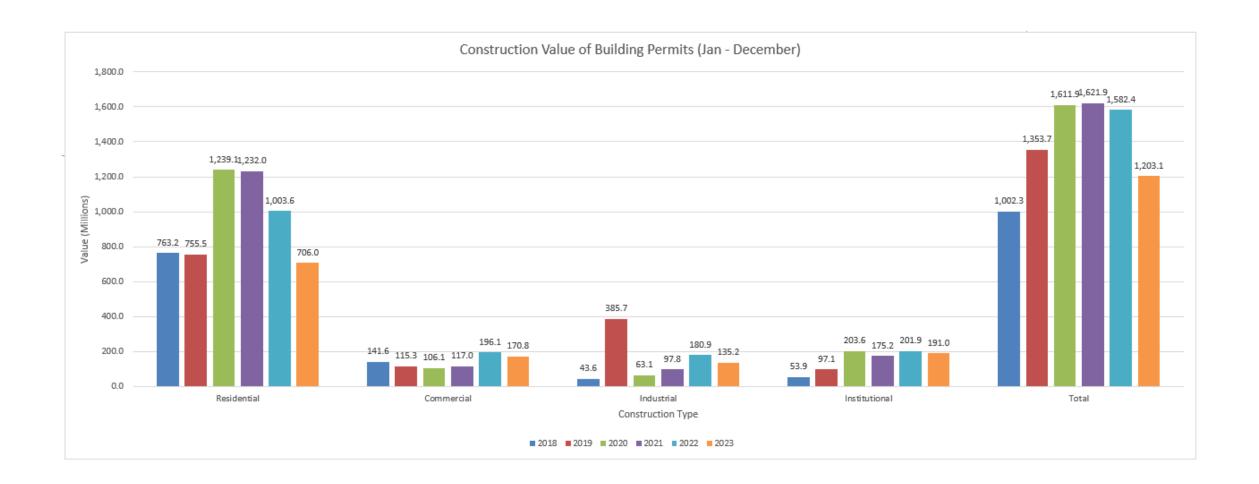
APPENDIX "A"

CITY OF LONDON
SUMMARY LISTING OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2023

		December 2023		to the end of	December 2023			December 2022		to the end o	of December 2022			December 2021		to the end o	of December 2021	
	NO. OF	CONSTRUCTION NO.	OF	NO. OF	CONSTRUCTION N	10. OF	NO. OF	CONSTRUCTION N	10. OF	NO. OF	CONSTRUCTION I	NO. OF	NO. OF	CONSTRUCTION N	10. OF	NO. OF	CONSTRUCTION 1	NO. OF
CLASSIFICATION	PERMITS	VALUE UN	ITS	PERMITS	VALUE (JNITS	PERMITS	VALUE (JNITS	PERMITS	VALUE	UNITS	PERMITS	VALUE (UNITS	PERMITS	VALUE	UNITS
SINGLE DETACHED DWELLINGS	13	7,680,197	13	227	125,285,021	227	31	16,618,097	31	612	317,888,297	610	43	19,022,100	43	1,045	473,954,650	1,045
SEMI DETACHED DWELLINGS	0	0	0	5	4,181,026	9	0	0	0	1	919,374	2	0	0	0	2	434,500	2
TOWNHOUSES	5	9,494,417	33	63	115,597,566	344	9	13,214,534	40	143	215,816,274	709	16	14,286,800	69	237	215,823,400	891
DUPLEX, TRIPLEX, QUAD, APT BLDG	1	1,472,350	4	24	272,033,971	865	0	0	0	16	371,963,035	1,052	3	46,786,500	173	17	458,158,000	1,924
RES-ALTER & ADDITIONS	118	6,222,170	34	1,858	188,939,375	281	104	4,180,892	26	1,932	96,985,151	224	118	6,541,195	15	1,889	83,617,986	137
COMMERCIAL -ERECT	0	0	0	9	42,180,370	0	1	1,794,000	0	19	84,781,087	1	2	3,972,000	0	29	23,783,100	0
COMMERCIAL - ADDITION	0	0	0	13	8,936,730	0	0	0	0	10	26,741,900	0	0	0	0	8	4,101,500	0
COMMERCIAL - OTHER	24	3,273,736	0	321	119,670,686	0	19	2,510,660	0	287	84,572,751	0	28	3,688,115	0	364	89,067,040	0
INDUSTRIAL - ERECT	2	1,749,800	0	7	53,141,668	0	1	4,800,000	0	4	104,173,579	0	0	0	0	14	46,342,409	0
INDUSTRIAL - ADDITION	1	2,500,000	0	11	62,360,528	0	3	4,720,595	0	10	69,157,986	0	0	0	0	9	30,886,560	0
INDUSTRIAL - OTHER	5	1,225,700	0	54	19,703,752	0	1	100,000	0	33	7,525,860	0	4	50,500	0	41	20,539,980	0
INSTITUTIONAL - ERECT	0	0	0	5	121,281,569	0	2	50,935,329	0	5	150,581,560	0	1	21,600,000	0	2	33,600,000	0
INSTITUTIONAL - ADDITION	1	60,000	0	14	12,219,743	0	0	0	0	4	6,830,800	0	1	3,000	0	9	51,276,386	0
INSTITUTIONAL - OTHER	7	3,247,000	0	182	57,522,105	0	7	1,767,000	0	154	44,459,466	0	10	1,035,700	0	133	90,325,650	0
AGRICULTURE	0	0	0	7	4,152,600	0	1	193,000	0	4	1,803,000	0	0	0	0	4	557,000	0
SWIMMING POOL FENCES	0	0	0	161	5,994,368	0	3	213,000	0	317	13,105,615	0	4	123,564	0	377	11,316,960	0
ADMINISTRATIVE	7	0	0	138	493,000	0	6	0	0	142	890,000	0	4	0	0	94	298,000	0
DEMOLITION	10	0	8	107	0	84	15	0	9	110	0	73	8	0	4	83	0	54
SIGNS/CANOPY - CITY PROPERTY	0	0	0	13	0	0	2	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0
SIGNS/CANOPY - PRIVATE PROPERTY	23	0	0	372	0	0	31	0	0	352	0	0	33	0	0	395	0_	0
TOTALS	217	36,925,370	84	3,591	1,213,694,077	1,726	236	101,047,107	97	4,176	1,598,195,735	2,598	275	117,109,474	300	4,760	1,634,083,121	3,999

		December 2020		to the end o	f December 2020			December 2019		to the end	of December 2019			December 2018		to the end	of December 2018	i
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SINGLE DETACHED DWELLINGS	100	45,612,700	100	963	414,170,954	963	43	19,821,640	43	688	296,806,026	688	15	5,896,140	15	656	277,243,845	656
SEMI DETACHED DWELLINGS	0	0	0	2	1,023,000	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOWNHOUSES	10	9,437,117	52	145	136,851,902	536	16	15,296,024	71	173	157,778,554	709	9	9,161,400	43	207	160,644,323	665
DUPLEX, TRIPLEX, QUAD, APT BLDG	3	29,200,000	176	20	626,102,400	2,210	2	50,222,480	334	20	242,709,332	1,209	3	60,033,000	227	13	263,389,520	1,149
RES-ALTER & ADDITIONS	109	5,116,900	15	1,509	60,969,387	68	76	4,286,344	20	1,798	58,200,166	82	90	3,702,750	94	1,826	61,893,349	178
COMMERCIAL -ERECT	0	0	0	11	8,460,300	0	1	1,930,000	0	20	33,536,380	0	0	0	0	33	60,801,403	1
COMMERCIAL - ADDITION	1	894,300	0	6	3,097,100	0	1	300,000	3	17	10,144,000	3	1	290,000	0	14	11,070,718	0
COMMERCIAL - OTHER	28	2,227,200	0	373	94,514,869	0	28	3,455,600	0	509	71,661,203	2	29	4,448,200	0	455	69,695,239	0
INDUSTRIAL - ERECT	0	0	0	8	40,231,400	0	1	90,000	0	15	320,480,000	0	1	5,000,000	0	4	14,450,000	0
INDUSTRIAL - ADDITION	0	0	0	5	7,931,300	0	0	0	0	13	44,445,100	0	1	948,000	0	8	8,278,000	0
INDUSTRIAL - OTHER	11	8,584,000	0	51	14,958,007	0	9	982,300	0	84	20,782,320	0	6	860,400	0	69	20,862,454	0
INSTITUTIONAL - ERECT	0	0	0	7	129,443,300	0	0	0	0	2	27,456,800	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
INSTITUTIONAL - ADDITION	1	600,000	0	9	15,778,000	0	0	0	0	9	39,233,800	0	0	0	0	5	14,049,600	0
INSTITUTIONAL - OTHER	5	314,700	0	162	58,399,501	0	7	255,100	0	180	30,436,060	0	7	700,750	0	231	39,875,692	0
AGRICULTURE	1	7,000	0	3	269,000	0	0	0	0	6	15,700,000	0	0	0	0	3	210,000	0
SWIMMING POOL FENCES	5	142,728	0	358	9,235,019	0	2	50,000	0	210	4,535,267	0	2	90,000	0	222	5,062,972	0
ADMINISTRATIVE	9	0	0	62	109,000	0	4	80,000	0	144	447,000	0	7	81,650	0	187	538,500	0
DEMOLITION	4	0	3	78	0	53	5	0	3	95	0	53	1	0	1	83	0	43
SIGNS/CANOPY - CITY PROPERTY	1	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	4	0	0	24	0	0
SIGNS/CANOPY - PRIVATE PROPERTY	23	0	0	312	0	0	53	0	0	518	0	0	25	0	0	530	0	0
TOTALS	311	102,136,645	346	4,091	1,621,544,439	3,834	248	96,769,488	471	4,531	1,374,352,008	2,693	201	91,212,290	379	4,570	1,008,065,615	2,649







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Owner	Project Location	Proposed Work	No. of Units	Construction Value
STORMFISHER ENVIRONMENTAL LTD STORMFISHER ENVIRONMENTAL LTD	1087 Green Valley Rd	(statcan) Erect - Chemical Mfg or Processing Construction of a new Anamix Tank		1,000,000
UNDERHILL HOLDINGS LONDON INC. UNDERHILL HOLDINGS LONDON INC.	126 John St	(statcan) Erect - Four-Plex ERECT NEW FOURPLEX RESIDENTIAL UNIT.	4	1,472,350
1600 Hp Inc	1600 Hyde Park Rd	(statcan) Alter - Medical Offices ALTER UNIT 110 FOR TENANT FIT UP - DERMA CARE	0	110,000
CF REALTY HLDG INC., FAIRVIEW CORP CF REALTY HLDG INC., C/O CADILLAC FAIRVIEW CORP	1680 Richmond St	(statcan) Alter - Restaurant <= 30 People ALTER FOOD COURT RESTAURANT - THAI EXPRESS	0	200,000
Cf/Realty Holdings Inc C/O Cadillac Fairview Corp	1680 Richmond St	(statcan) Alter - Retail Store EXISTING TENANT - SWAROVSKI - RENOVATION - NO ALTERATION TO HVAC, SPRINKLERS, PLUMBING.	0	250,000
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HEARTLAND ONTARIO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HEARTLAND ONTARIO	1697 Highbury Ave N A	(statcan) Erect - Townhouse - Condo ERECT 2 STOREY, 8 UNIT TOWNHOUSE BLOCK A	8	1,815,697
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HEARTLAND ONTARIO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HEARTLAND ONTARIO	1697 Highbury Ave N B	(statcan) Erect - Townhouse - Condo ERECT 3 STOREY, 12 UNIT STACKED TOWNHOUSE BLOCK B	12	3,112,110
2462033 ONTARIO o/a REIMAGINE CO 2462033 ONTARIO INC o/a REIMAGINE CO	206 Piccadilly St	(statcan) Alter - Retail Store Addition of accessible features- wheelchair ramp, accessible washroom, as well as constructing of new walls and removal of walls.	0	191,000
CHARDI KALA INVESTMENTS LTD	2130 Kains Rd	(statcan) Alter - Restaurant Restaurant Fit-Out, and add second floor FOR MASSEY'S RESTAURANT **SHELL PERMIT ONLY** PROVIDE STAIR & GUARD SHOP DRAWINGS PRIOR TO COMMENCING ANY INTERIOR FINISHING	0	152,736
		DO NOT SEND DRAWINGS TO APPLICANT UNITL REVISED ELECTRICAL PLANS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED*		
Guillevin International Co	220 Adelaide St N	(statcan) Add (Non-Residential) - Warehousing Add and Alter: Renovation of an existing conventional steel industrial building to include: - Removal of 80% of second floor - Raise 20% of second floor structure - Raise roof structure - Parking Garage Addition	0	2,500,000
ALI SOUFAN WONDERLAND GATEWAY CENTRE INC.	3429 Wonderland Rd S	(statcan) Alter - Restaurant <= 30 People Interior Alterations to accommodate a fresh Mexican grill. Alterations include architectural, plumbing, HVAC and Kitchen FSS, electrical and gas work.	0	125,000



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ALI SOUFAN WONDERLAND GATEWAY CENTRE INC.	3429 Wonderland Rd S	(statcan) Alter - Bake Shop Tenant Fit out for new COBS Bread Bakery	0	250,000
1537674 ONTARIO INC	36 Firestone Blvd	(statcan) Erect - Warehousing ID - ERECT WAREHOUSE FOUNDATION PERMIT ONLY: SITE SERVICING AND BELOW GRADE FOOTINGS/FOUNDATION WORK ONLY. NO ABOVE GRADE WORK PERMITTED.	0	749,800
LONDON CITY LONDON CITY	400 Horton St E	(statcan) Alter - Municipal Buildings Mechanical and Generator Replacement	0	1,300,000
Damako Holdings Ltd	420 Talbot St	(statcan) Alter - Restaurant Application for interior alteration of an existing building	0	150,000
2155110 ONTARIO INC 2155110 ONTARIO INC	515 Richmond St	(statcan) Alter - Restaurant <= 30 People Interior fit-out of ground floor CRU space for Panago PIzza, retail store dedicated to take out pizza.	0	250,000
LONDON CITY LONDON CITY	601 Dundas St	(statcan) Alter - Police Station with Detention Centre Concrete column and floor repairs within East parking Garage	0	500,000
SEASONS RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES (LONDON HIGHLAND) GP INC.	633 Base Line Rd E	(statcan) Erect - Townhouse - Rental ERECT 1 STOREY, 6 UNIT TOWNHOUSE BLOCK, BUILDING B, DPN 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24	6	1,772,300
SEASONS RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES (LONDON HIGHLAND) GP INC.	633 Base Line Rd E	(statcan) Erect - Townhouse - Rental ERECT 1 STOREY, 6 UNIT TOWNHOUSE BLOCK, BUILDING A, DPN 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12	6	1,772,300
BLUESTONE PROPERTIES INC. BLUESTONE PROPERTIES INC.	7098 Kilbourne Rd	Install - Sanitary or Storm sewer - Townhouse - Cluster SDD Earthworks and Site Servicing for a Vacant Land Condominium (10 lots) 39CD-19518 **Do not issue Work Approval Permit. Please contact manager of Zoning and Public Property**		800,000
SOUTHSIDE MANAGEMENT LTD SOUTHSIDE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT LTD	720 Apricot Dr 6	(statcan) Erect - Townhouse - Cluster SDD ERECT SDD, 2 STOREY, 3 CAR GARAGE, PARTIALLY FINISHED BASEMENT, 5 BEDROOMS, COVERED PORCH AND REAR DECK, NO A/C, SB-12 A1, UNIT 3, M.V.L.C.P. NO. 972, HRV & DWHR REQUIRED	1	1,022,010
LONDON HEALTH SCIENCES CENTRE LONDON HEALTH SCIENCES CENTRE	800 Commissioners Rd E	(statcan) Alter - Hospitals An existing isolation room exhaust system is being upgraded.	C	325,000



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LONDON HEALTH SCIENCES CENTRE LONDON HEALTH SCIENCES CENTRE	800 Commissioners Rd E	(statcan) Alter - Hospitals VICTORIA HOSPITAL, LRCP BAKER CENTRE INTERIOR RENOVATIONS IN A4-912 BUILDING PERMIT ISSUED SHELL ONLY. Documents to be reviewed prior to permit being issued to full. Provide sprinkler shop drawing. Provide integrated testing plan (smoke dampers). Provide fire alarm notification within floor areas.	0	1,000,000
CITY LONDON WESTERN FAIR ASSOCIATION	900 King St	(statcan) Alter - Convention Centre/Exhibition Hall Renovation of existing meeting rooms in the "Grove" space at Western Fair. Conversion of portion of existing entrance vestibule to additional meeting room space. Construction of new exterior glass entrance and vestibule area.	0	1,100,000
CITY LONDON WESTERN FAIR ASSOCIATION	900 King St	(statcan) Alter - Food Processing Plant Shell fitup of spaces in existing building to be leased to future tenants for food processing purposes. SHELL - Provide sprinkler shop drawing and GRCC.	0	990,000

Total Permits 25 Units 37 Value 22,910,303

^{*} Includes all permits over \$100,000, except for single and semi-detached dwellings.