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Third Quarter Report, 2020



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Economy and Housing Starts

According to Central 1 Credit Union predictions, economic recovery is expected to lose momentum in the fall given rising COVID infection trends, decimation of international travel, and weaker revenue outlooks. The gap between GDP and February's pre-pandemic level has narrowed to about 6% in July with further growth erosion of 1% anticipated for August based on current preliminary numbers. Some sectors have fully recovered including retail, finance, insurance and real estate. The hardest hit sectors are tourism and hospitality which will be heavily constrained until a vaccine is available and distributed (Central 1).

Economic reports of the fully recovered real estate sector are supported by significantly strong housing sales performance in Chilliwack and the Fraser Valley. Chilliwack and District Real Estate Board statistics show housing sales on the rise since May with September sales reaching 227 units which are month sales that have not been reached since near the peak



of the lifted housing cycle of 2017. The Fraser Valley Real Estate Board (FVREB) reports the highest recorded sales for September in the history of FVREB with an increase of 66.1% compared to the same month last year and an increase of 9.4% compared to August 2020. Single-family homes and townhomes continue to drive sales with the FVREB attributing record sales to low interest rates and people looking for more space as homes have become more important than ever.

Despite significantly higher residential sales for 2020 compared to recent years, building permit volumes are trending lower in Chilliwack and BC. Chilliwack's residential building permits have declined approximately 11% through eight months compared to the same period in 2019. This is similar to BC residential building permit volumes which have decreased 12.2% through eight months in 2020 compared to the same period in 2019. Given the current economic circumstances, BC building permits will likely remain constrained through 2020 (Central 1). To date, Chilliwack total residential building permit units are 516 (187 single detached, 41 townhouses and 240 apartment units).

In calculating Chilliwack's dwelling growth, it is important to capture the high rate of dwellings built on First Nations land for non-First Nations, a trend in the last few years, as this impacts City building permit numbers and contributes to overall City growth. For example, the Development Cost Charges report for housing on First Nations lands for the first half of 2020 includes a 211-unit mixed single detached and townhouse development on the corner of Promontory Road and Chilliwack River Road.

Sources: Fraser Valley Real Estate Board, Chilliwack and District Real Estate Board, Central 1 and City of Chilliwack Building Permit and Development Cost Charge records.



Housing Needs Report
Prepared For: The City of Chilliwack
Final – July 2020



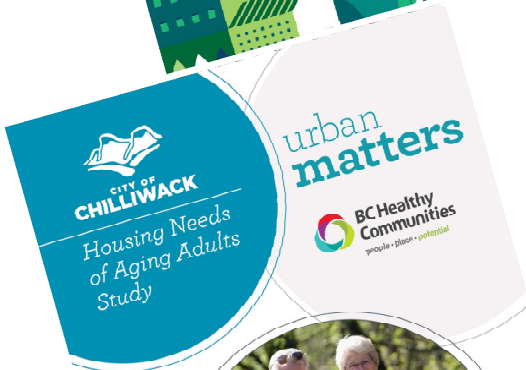
Chilliwack Housing Needs Report

Following a year-long comprehensive planning process, the Chilliwack Housing Needs Report was received for information by Council on August 4, 2020. It is intended to be used by the City, as well as other community stakeholders, in the planning and provision of housing and is published online to share with the community at www.chilliwack.com/housingneeds. The Local Government Act requires municipalities to complete Housing Needs Report updates every five years.



Sardis Neighbourhood Plan

We are in the final phase of developing the Sardis Neighbourhood Plan and the year-long planning and community consultation process. The draft plan was received for information by Council on September 15, 2020 and introduced to the public for feedback through the project webpage at www.chilliwack.com/sardisplan. Staff are responding to email and phone enquiries and referrals have been made to the Agricultural Land Commission, School District #33 and First Nations. Following review and amendments as needed, staff will proceed with an OCP amendment to adopt the Plan as a schedule in the OCP this Fall.



Seniors Housing Study

Following a year-long comprehensive planning process, the Seniors Housing Study was received for information by Council on July 13, 2020. It is shared with stakeholders, including the development community, non-profit sector, senior levels of government, and will be used to support planning and development decisions over the next 15 to 20 years. The report can be found on the project website at chilliwack.com/seniorsstudy.

Homelessness Action Plan Update

Throughout this quarter City staff continued to work with Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) to facilitate the Reaching Home Program, including providing \$105,000 to Pacific Community Resources Society to support the Housing Hub program. In July, as a result of becoming a recognized community under the Reaching Home program, the City received an additional \$200,000 from ESDC, under Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan, which when combined with the Reaching Home core funding allowed the City to release a call for proposals for a total of \$265,259 to support initiatives that address homelessness. Next steps include approving submitted proposals, and the development of a Community Plan to inform how future Reaching Home funds will be invested in the community.

The Integrated Community Safety Task Force continued to work with the Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention to develop a technical report outlining challenges and opportunities to address community safety issues. The City, in partnership with the CMNCP released an online survey to understand community members perception of crime and safety, which received 999 responses, and will inform the report and upcoming action items to address community safety concerns. The next step will be to develop a local Community Safety Plan to be implemented in 2021.

Chilliwack Healthier Community

July In July, CHC in partnership with Fraser Health completed the Harm Reduction Safety Tips card, with printed copies distributed by outreach workers to individuals living rough who often neglect their physical health. The card provides information on the importance of early intervention, resources for wound and other health care needs, and tips for staying safe while using substances. CHC completed the Project Impact final report and companion booklet, for print in early August to present at the August CHC Partner Meeting.

August The Chilliwack Ministerial completed its fundraising campaign for the Elements of Mental Wellness project, raising most of the funds needed to insert a copy of the brochure into the Chilliwack Progress, with remaining funds to be secured through grant opportunities so that copies can be provided to all homes that receive the Progress.

September The CHC Elements of Mental Wellness bookmarks were completed for print by School District #33 to be distributed in all middle and high schools. CHC and Community Health and Social Innovation (CHASI), through the University of the Fraser Valley have submitted a research proposal to the Chilliwack Social Research and Planning Council to conduct a Community Food Security Assessment for Chilliwack to inform future food security activities.



PLANNING & STRATEGIC INITIATIVES DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION SUMMARY – 2018

APPLICATION	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	3rd Quarter Totals	2018 Year-to-Date Totals
Rezoning	15	21	14	25	39	14	11	14	17				42	170
DVP	11	15	13	5	12	12	14	6	6				26	94
DP - Form & Character	12	7	10	6	10	12	18	19	8				45	102
ALR	1	1	1	3	2	5	0	1	3				4	17
TUP	1	1	2	5	0	0	2	0	0				2	11
Compliance Letters	6	1	0	1	1	2	1	4	2				7	18
New Business Licences	71	43	41	43	60	52	32	34	39				105	415

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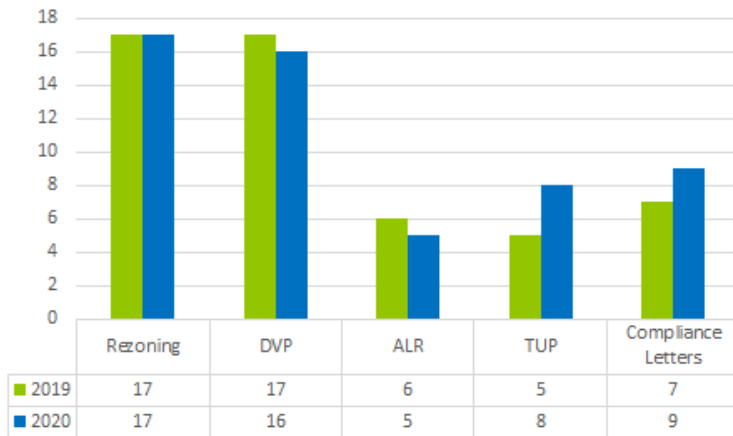
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DVP	33	12	11	8	2	10	2	5	10				17	93
DP - Form & Character	4	31	9	23	8	8	10	7	6				23	106
ALR	1	0	2	3	4	5	3	3	0				6	21
TUP	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	3	1				5	13
Compliance Letters	3	8	2	3	3	2	1	0	6				7	28
New Business Licences	39	39	43	55	67	47	71	56	30				157	447

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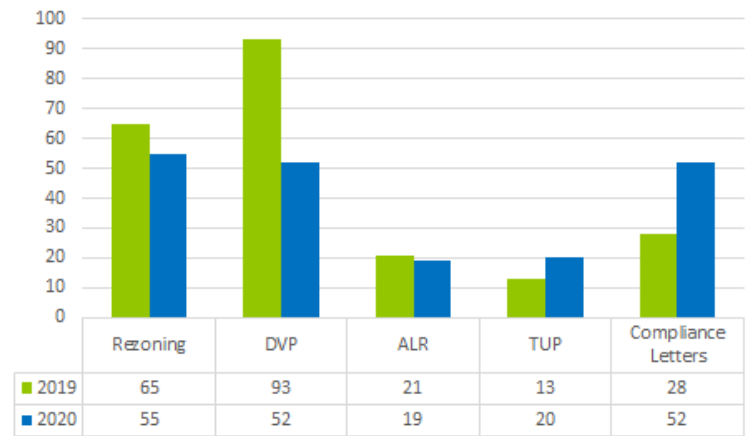
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DVP	7	5	12	0	9	3	3	6	7				16	52
DP - Form & Character	14	8	8	7	8	12	8	6	6				20	77
ALR	0	3	3	7	0	1	3	2	0				5	19
TUP	2	0	2	2	3	3	3	3	2				8	20
Compliance Letters	7	5	1	2	8	20	5	1	3				9	52
New Business Licences	29	44	41	31	43	61	48	46	51				145	394



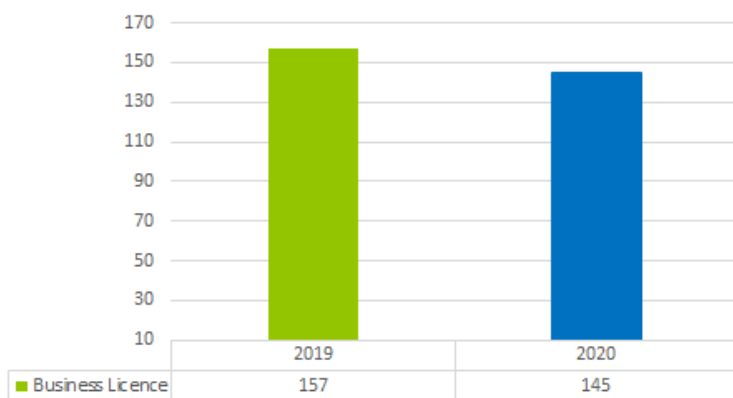
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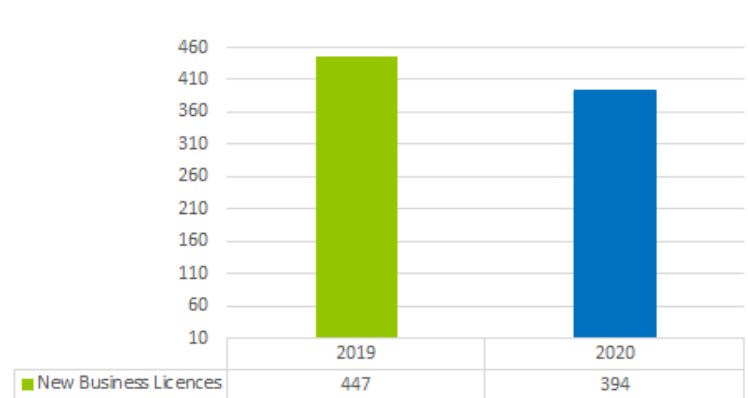
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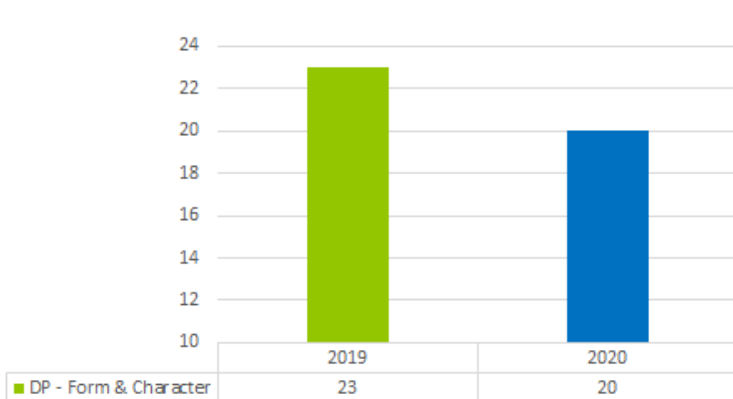
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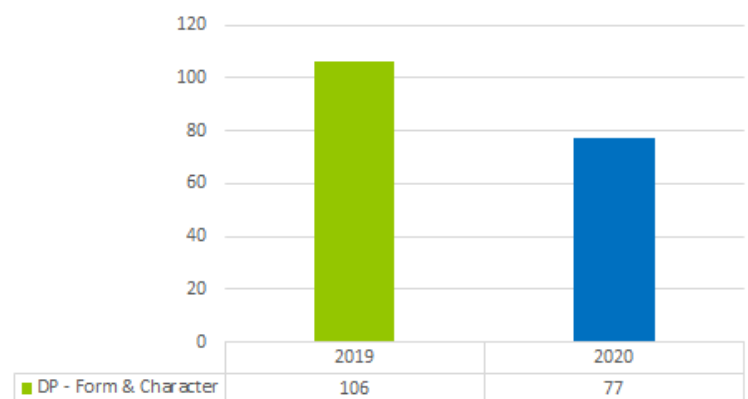
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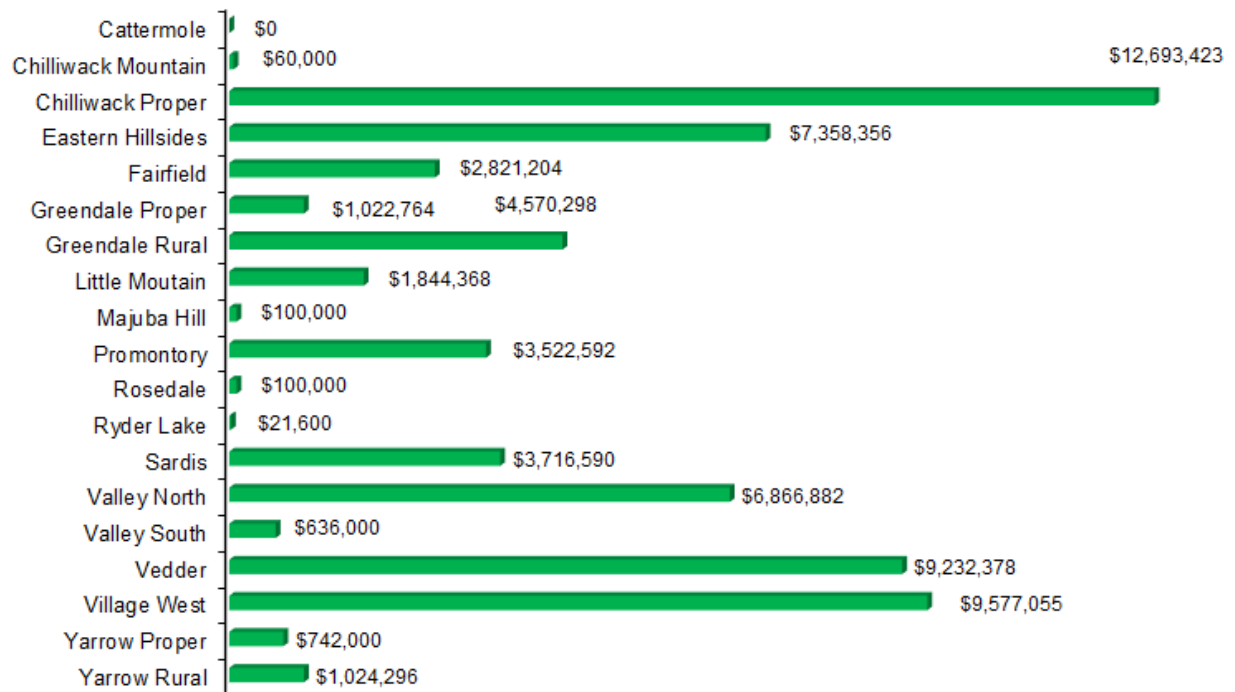
3RD QUARTER 2020						
	Rezoning	Development Variance Permits	Development Permits - Form & Character	ALR	TUP	*Business Licences
Fairfield					1	8
Little Mountain			2			3
Chilliwack Proper	2	2	3		2	56
Chilliwack Mountain	1	1				3
Cattermole	1					
Village West	3	3	2			8
Sardis	2	2	6		1	16
Vedder	1	1	1		1	36
Greendale	1	1		2		
Greendale Area	1	1	3			5
Yarrow	1	1		1	2	3
Promontory	2	2				8
Ryder Lake						1
Majuba Hill						
Eastern Hillside	2	2				3
Rosedale						2
Valley North			2	1	1	3
Valley South			1	1		
OCP/Text Amendments						
Non Resident Businesses						27
TOTAL APPLICATIONS	17	16	20	5	8	182

*Note: Business Licences include new, change of address, ownership changes and non-resident.

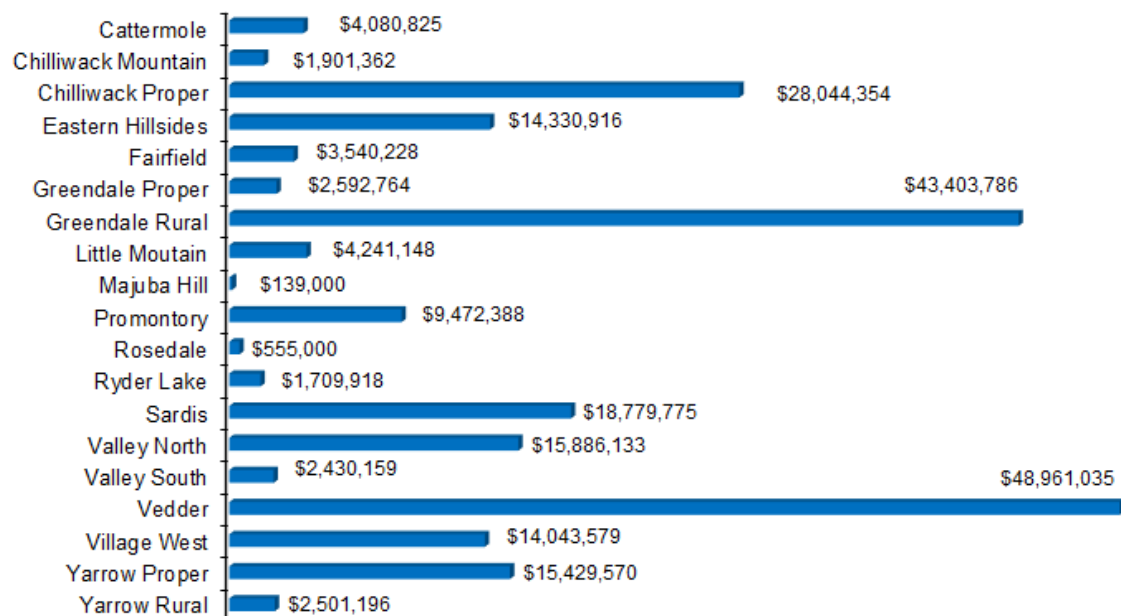
2020 BUILDING PERMITS - 3RD QUARTER

	3rd Quarter 2020				2020 YEAR-TO-DATE				3rd Quarter 2019				2019 YEAR-TO-DATE			
	PERMITS	UNITS	VALUE		PERMITS	UNITS	VALUE		PERMITS	UNITS	VALUE		PERMITS	UNITS	VALUE	
RESIDENTIAL	New single family (fee simple)	41	49	14,830,680	109	133	38,782,863		31	35	10,819,172		112	136	41,002,599	
	New single family (strata)	12	16	3,214,296	41	54	11,599,301		20	28	6,499,072		59	71	17,078,495	
	First Nations Lease	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	
	New 2 family duplex (fee simple)	3	6	1,447,000	5	10	2,267,440		2	4	640,000		5	10	1,870,000	
	New 2 family duplex (strata)	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	
	New townhouses	3	15	2,470,764	9	41	7,220,764		10	38	5,800,680		14	53	8,222,814	
	New apartments	1	52	7,000,000	4	240	20,950,000		1	58	11,000,000		5	264	45,500,000	
	Mobile / manufactured homes	1	0	7,500	8	8	1,250,199		1	1	72,400		4	4	308,200	
	Secondary suites, TADs, etc.	9	9	370,000	15	15	552,000		10	10	255,000		36	37	1,410,000	
	Miscellaneous residential	47	3	4,735,146	167	15	17,229,020		74	5	4,539,463		186	13	11,335,438	
TOTAL RESIDENTIAL	117	150	34,075,386	358	516	99,851,587		149	179	39,625,787		425	596	128,527,546		
COMMERCIAL	New commercial buildings	3	4,872	13,600,000	6	6,318	17,050,000		2	725	1,009,000		5	4,942	14,894,000	
	Misc. commercial (additions, improvements, etc.)	10	0	3,972,000	49	45	12,706,063		16	3,680	15,102,000		45	4,325	21,062,847	
	Commercial Signs	15	0	229,668	43	0	771,353		15	0	215,057		37	0	704,631	
	TOTAL COMMERCIAL	28	4,872	17,801,668	98	6,363	30,527,416		33	4,405	16,326,057		87	9,267	36,661,478	
INDUSTRIAL	New industrial buildings	0	0	0	2	17,089	15,300,000		0	0	0		3	8,031	6,125,000	
	Misc. industrial (additions, improvements, etc.)	3	431	288,000	8	6,043	5,669,980		0	0	0		5	350	260,000	
	TOTAL INDUSTRIAL	3	431	288,000	10	23,132	20,969,980		0	0	0		8	8,381	6,385,000	
INSTITUTIONAL	New institutional buildings	0	0	0	2	9,228	32,045,000		0	469	0		2	1,514	3,842,322	
	Misc. institutional (additions, improvements, etc.)	2	2,369	8,973,000	5	2,369	10,173,000		2	469	847,322		2	0	330,000	
	TOTAL INSTITUTIONAL	2	2,369	8,973,000	7	11,597	42,218,000		2	938	847,322		4	1,514	4,172,322	
AGRICULTURAL	New agricultural buildings	16	13,579	4,207,880	40	30,914	8,891,888		6	5,156	1,215,000		46	43,443	12,790,978	
	Misc. agricultural (additions, etc.)	5	2,013	563,872	16	6,495	4,584,265		7	9,186	2,472,840		18	15,733	4,063,560	
	TOTAL AGRICULTURAL	21	15,592	4,771,752	56	37,409	13,476,153		13	14,342	3,687,840		64	59,176	16,854,538	
OTHER	3rd Quarter 2020	2020 Yr-To-Date	3rd Quarter 2019	2019 Yr-To-Date	BUILDING INSPECTIONS											
	15	55	15	68	3rd Quarter 2020											
	17	41	16	49	2020 YEAR-TO-DATE											
					3rd Quarter 2019											
MONTH-END TOTALS	PERMITS	UNITS	VALUE		PERMITS	UNITS	VALUE		PERMITS	UNITS	VALUE		PERMITS	UNITS	VALUE	
	203	150	65,909,806		625	516	207,043,136		228	179	60,487,006		705	596	192,600,884	

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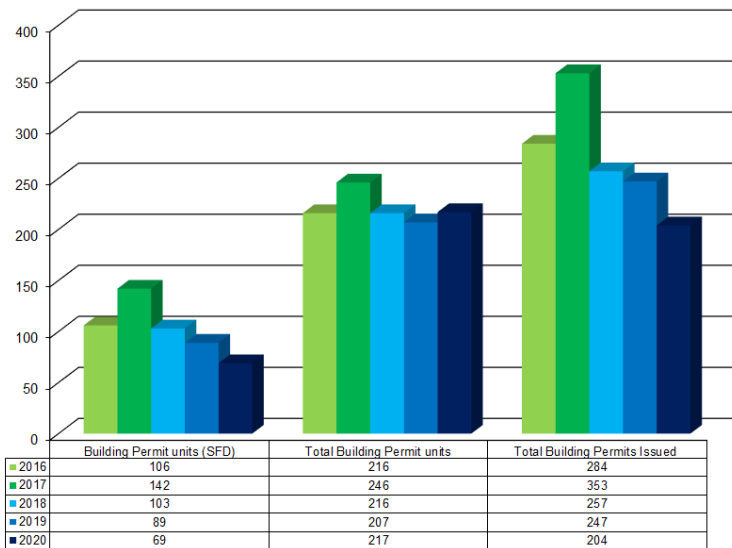
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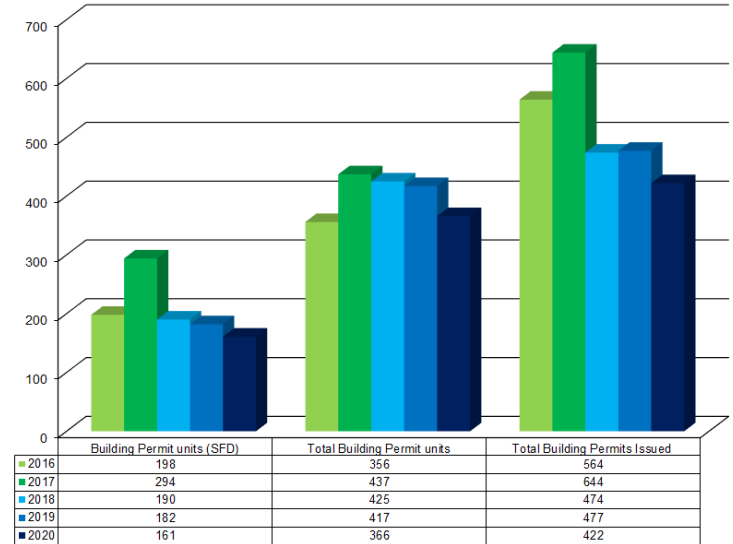
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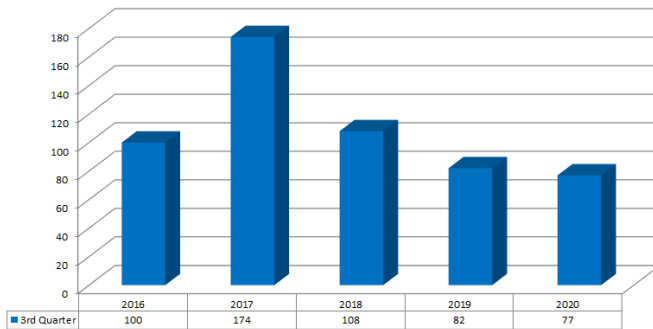
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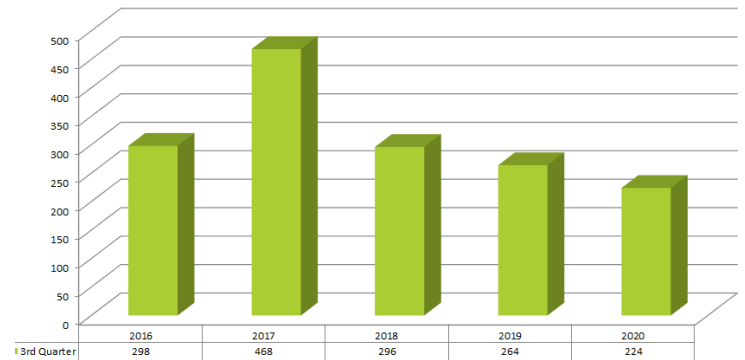
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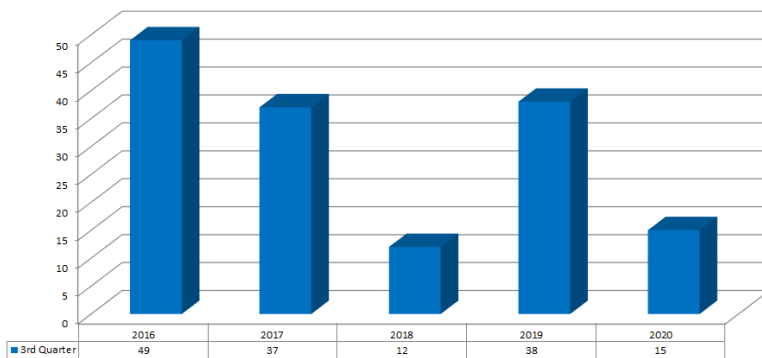
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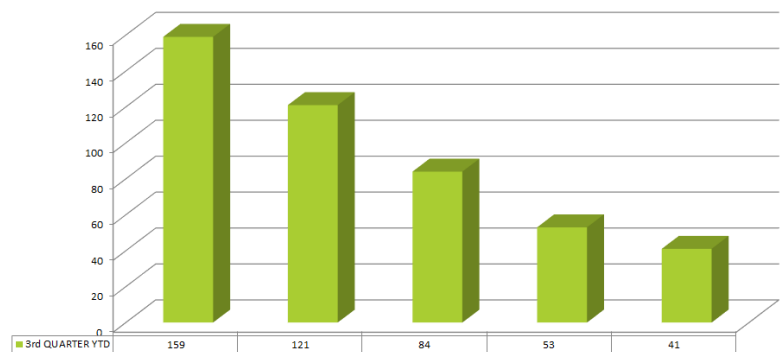
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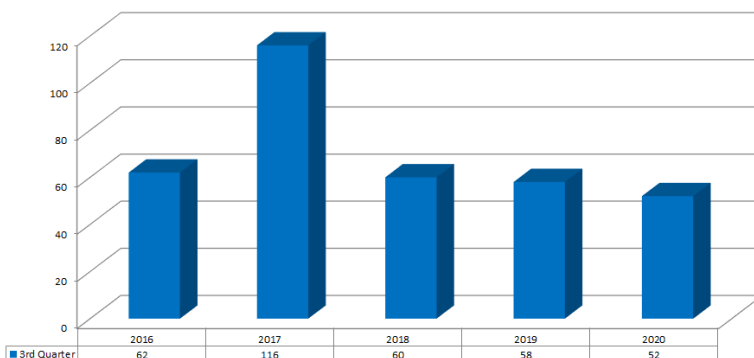
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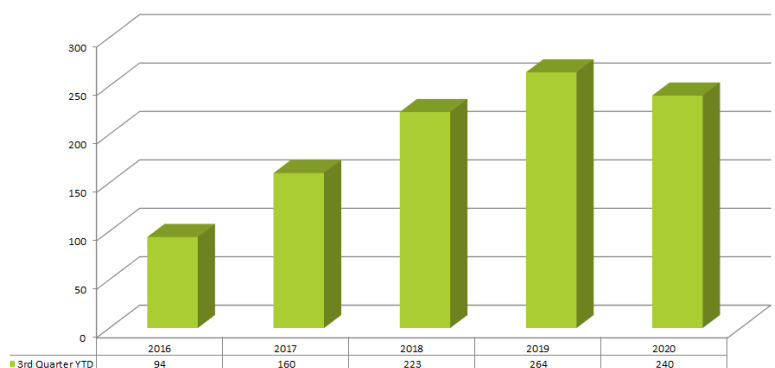
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**Multi-Family Apartments
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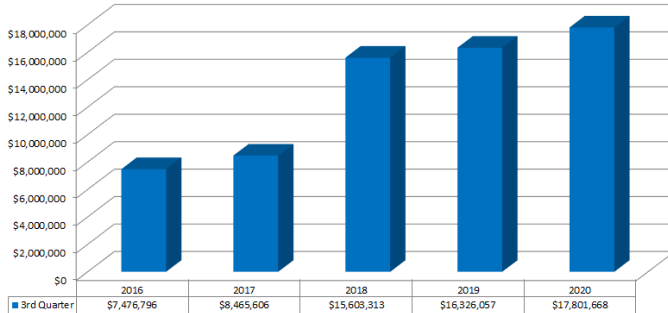
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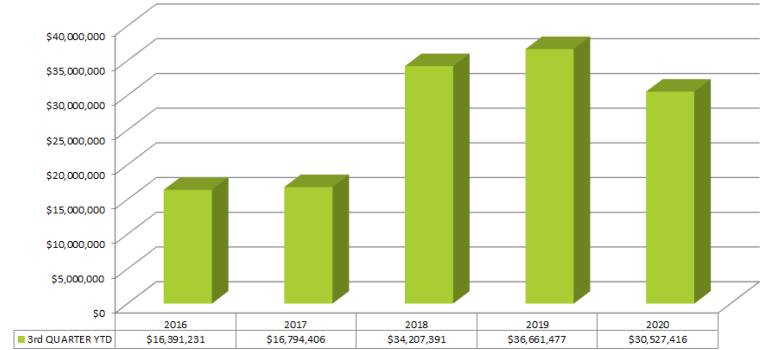
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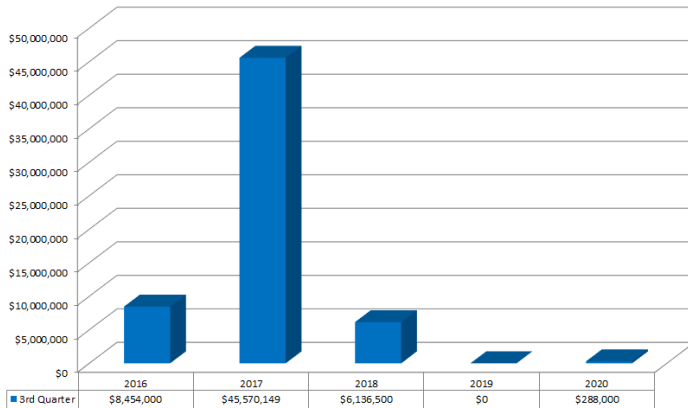
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Commercial
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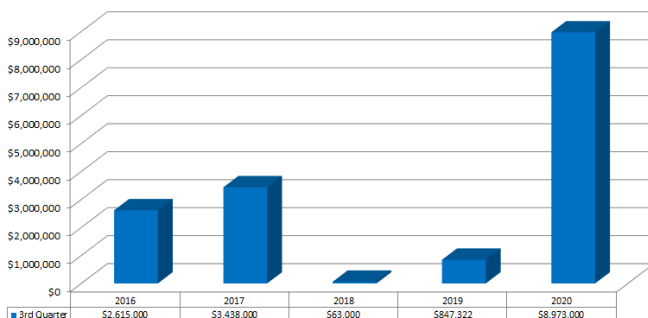
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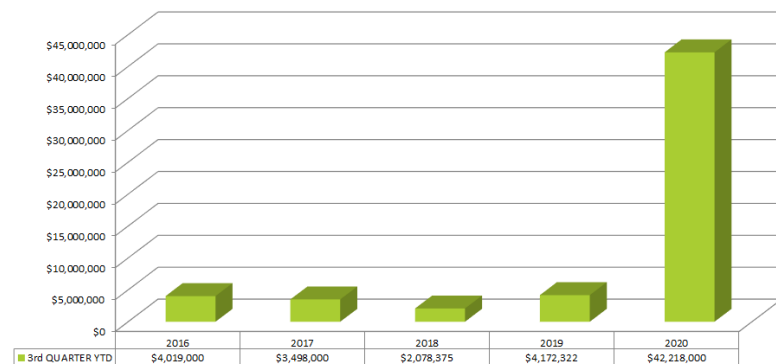
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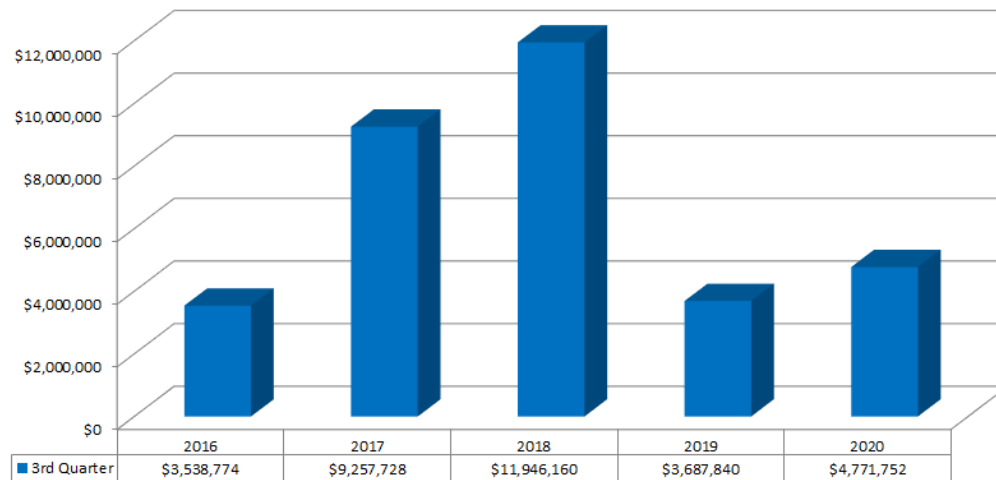
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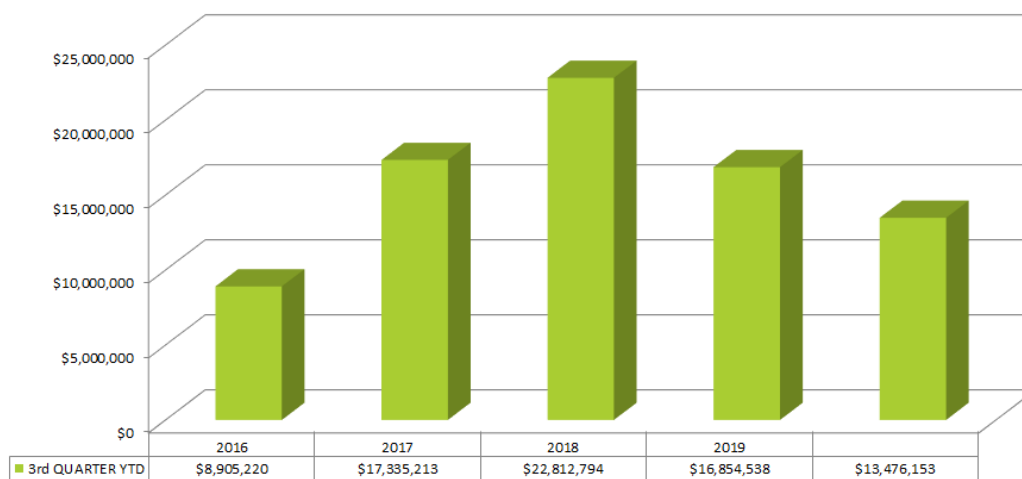
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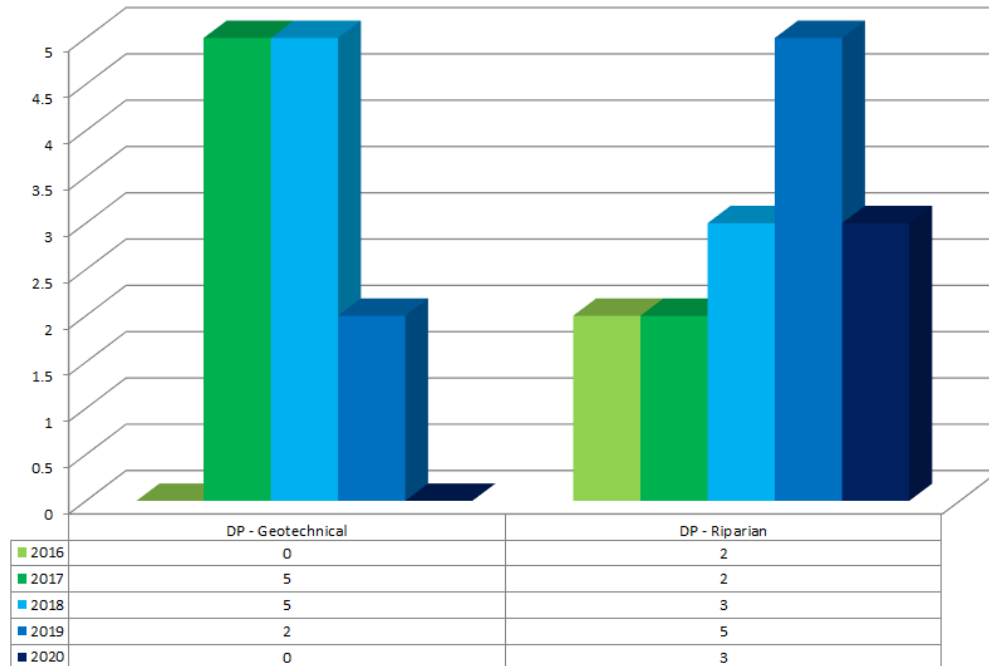
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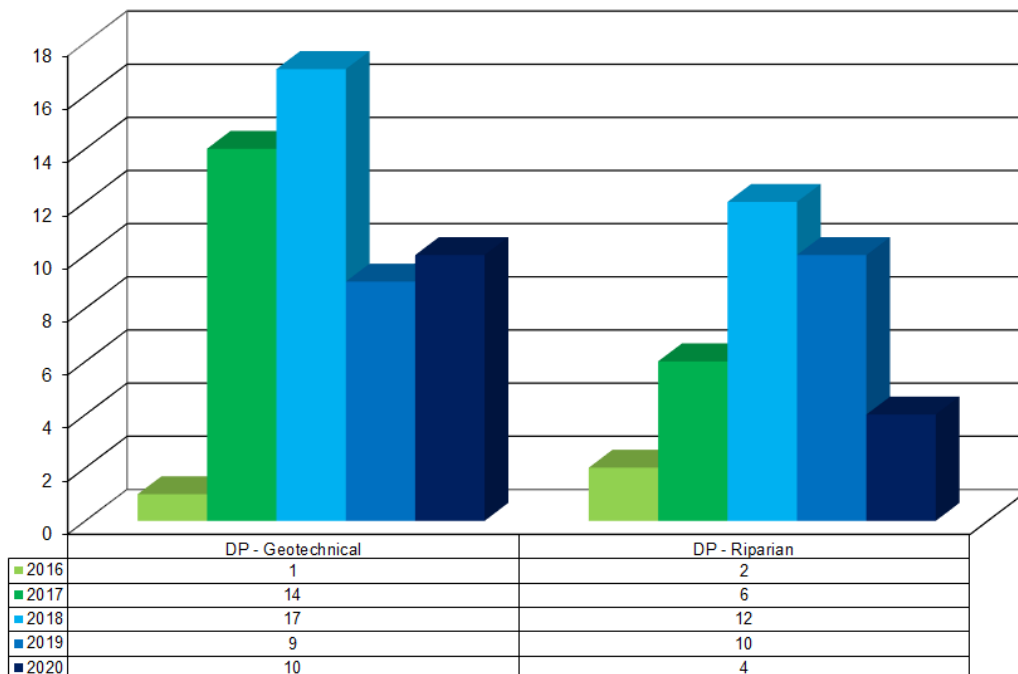
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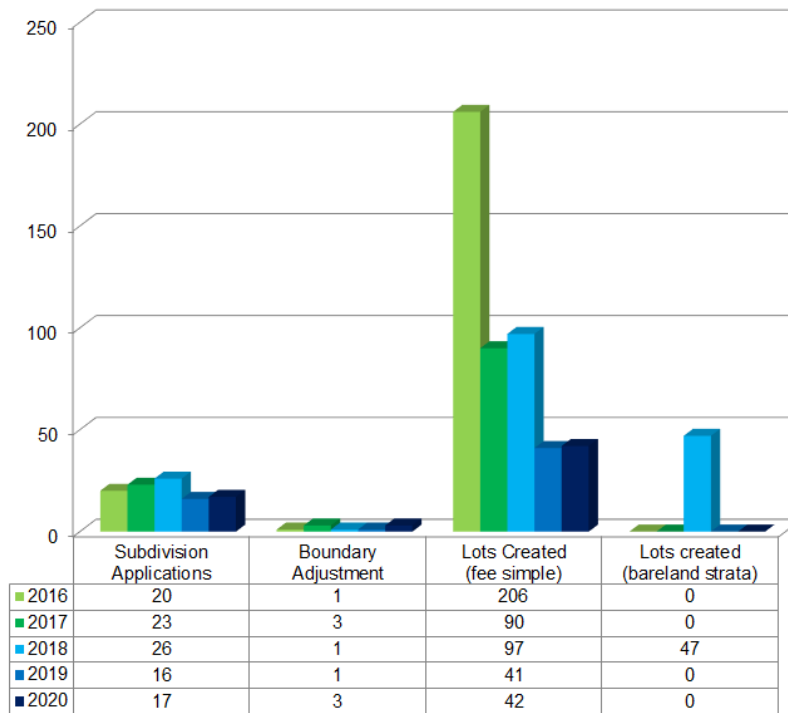
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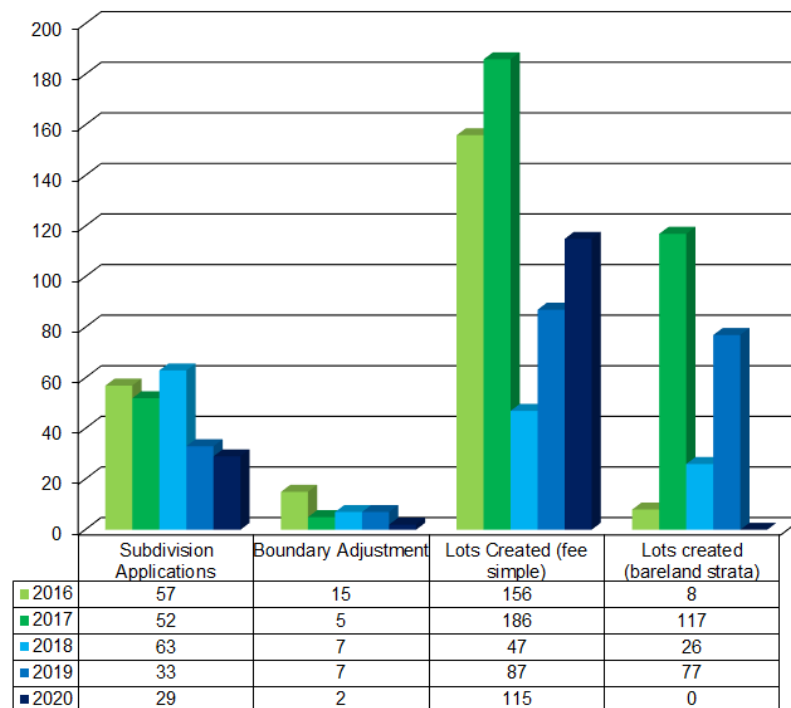
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3rd Quarter 5-Year Comparison Subdivision

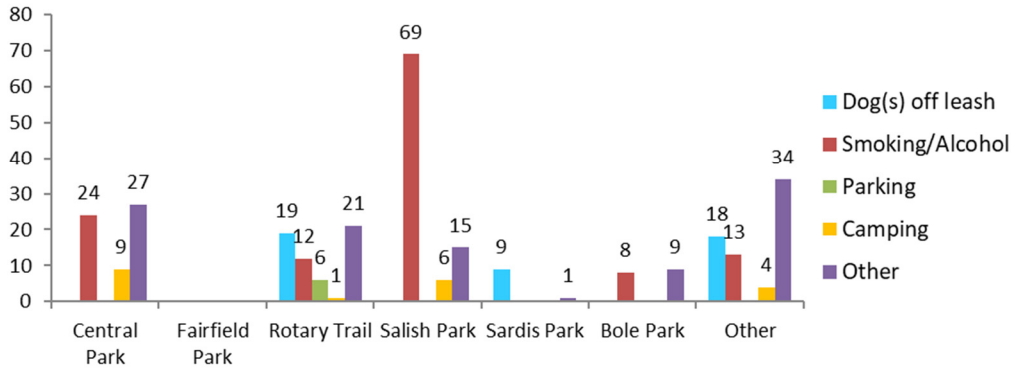


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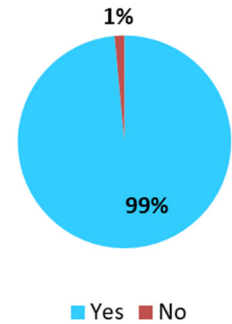


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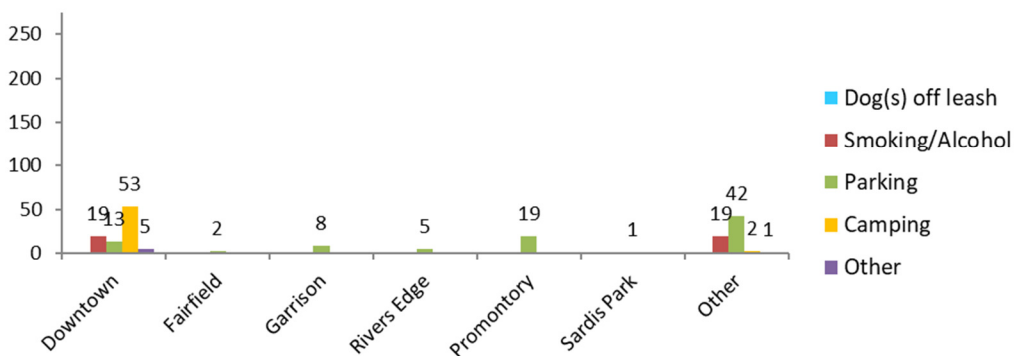
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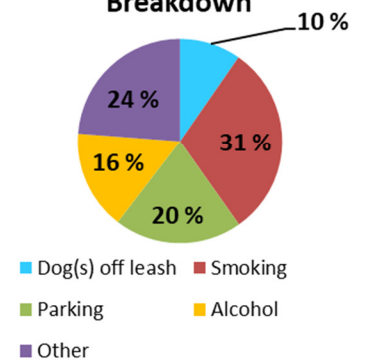
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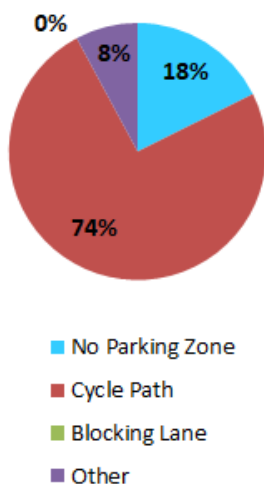
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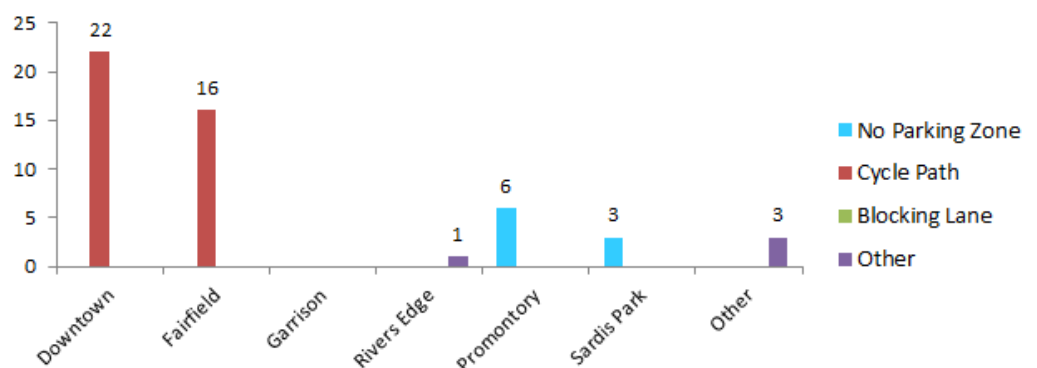
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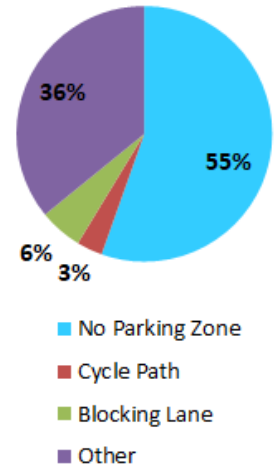
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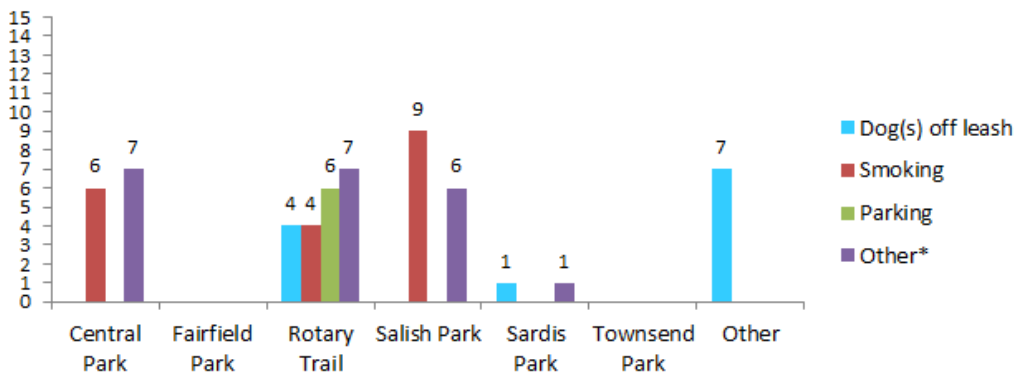
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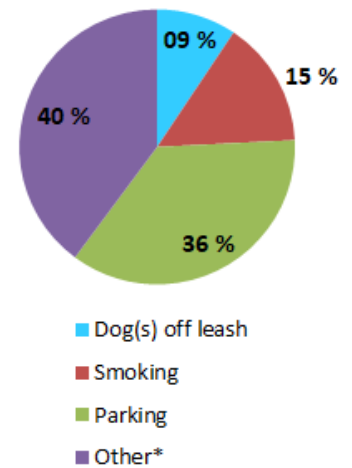
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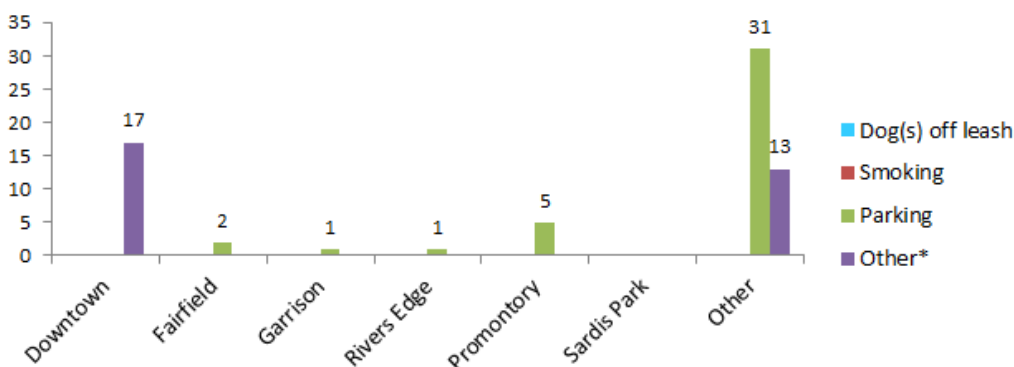
Verbal Complaints Received (Parks)



Verbal Complaint Breakdown



Verbal Complaints Received (Neighbourhoods)

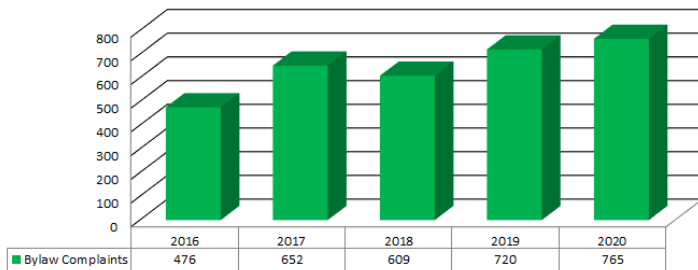


* "Other" includes complaints such as homeless camps, drinking in public, unsightly properties, and any other bylaw infractions.

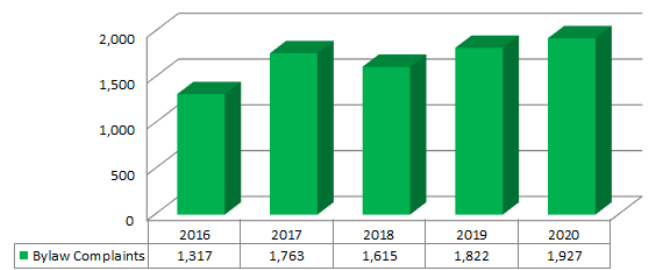
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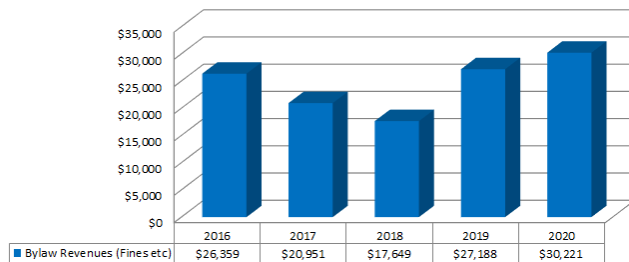
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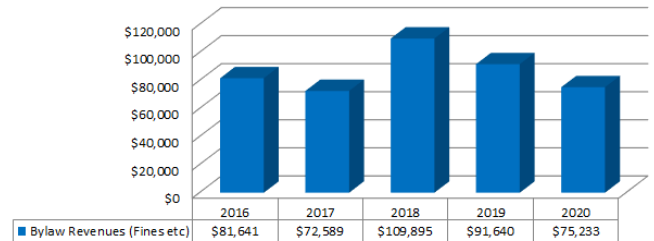
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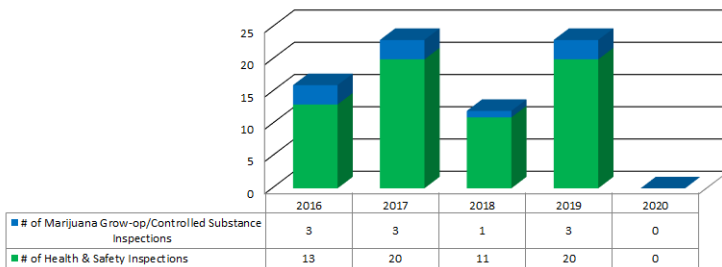
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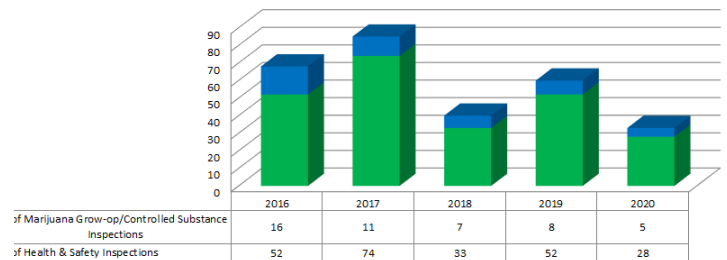
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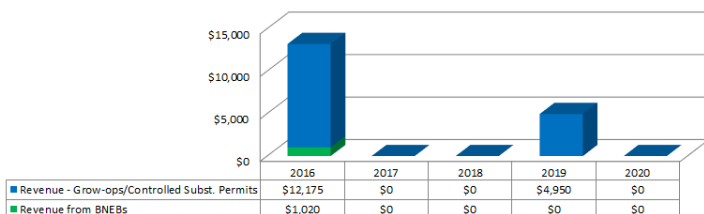
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