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Building continues to strengthen in City: November Building Statistics up over last year

For the fifth month in a row, construction values in the City of Owen Sound have been higher than the same month last year. Based on Building Permits issued in November of this year, there was \$3.5 million in construction value compared to \$444,000 during the same month in 2008.

Major projects issued permits during the past month include construction of an addition to Sydenham School, valued at \$1,760,000; interior alterations to the Wal-Mart store, valued at \$1,250,000; and demolition of a section and alterations to the J.D. McArthur building, valued at \$200,000.

Attached are the 2009 Building Stats for the City of Owen Sound. In general:

Date	# Permits by Month	Construction Value	New Homes
November 2009	40	\$3,495,840	0
November 2008	31	\$444,240	0

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BUILDING STATISTICS: 2009 compared to 2008

	January to November 2009				January to November 2008			
	Permits	Units	Value	Fees	Permits	Units	Value	Fees
New Residential	50	50	\$7,447,210	\$54,764	49	58	\$7,642,750	\$56,808
Single	8	8	\$1,476,780	\$7,784	20	20	\$3,192,510	\$15,753
Row/Semi	16	16	\$2,146,430	\$12,530	4	4	\$482,240	\$2,845
Apt/Condo	1	26	\$3,600,000	\$30,600	1	34	\$3,552,000	\$30,192
Plumbing	25		\$224,000	\$3,850	24		\$416,000	\$8,018
Residential	161		\$1,734,559	\$22,883	184		\$2,505,184	\$30,991
Addition	18		\$832,000	\$7,107	13		\$645,765	\$5,503
Alteration	49		\$419,445	\$6,003	44		\$1,004,603	\$10,510
Swimming Pool	3		\$37,300	\$625	4		\$78,500	\$795
Decks/Porches	39		\$163,781	\$4,115	49		\$191,731	\$5,283
Carport/Garage	17		\$185,154	\$2,149	17		\$263,300	\$2,736
Accessory Bldg	7		\$22,500	\$650	10		\$67,500	\$1,028
Plumbing	28		\$74,380	\$2,235	47		\$253,785	\$5,137
Commercial	84		\$3,332,335	\$33,747	94		\$5,062,281	\$49,342
New	0		\$0	\$0	3		\$1,895,000	\$16,108
Addition	2		\$3,500	\$400	8		\$396,661	\$4,274
Alteration	46		\$3,089,778	\$28,912	36		\$2,113,130	\$20,653
Plumbing	36		\$239,057	\$4,435	47		\$657,490	\$8,308
Industrial	7		\$3,856,622	\$33,328	9		\$4,689,550	\$39,797
New	0		\$0	\$0	0		\$0	\$0
Addition	2		\$1,622	\$100	1		\$4,200,000	\$35,700
Alteration	5		\$3,855,000	\$33,228	5		\$156,850	\$1,512
Plumbing	0		\$0	\$0	3		\$332,700	\$2,585
Institutional	28		\$3,195,213	\$28,679	33		\$7,624,533	\$66,955
New	0		\$0	\$0	8		\$28,900	\$1,000
Addition	11		\$1,707,495	\$15,638	7		\$2,986,050	\$25,922
Alteration	10		\$1,342,118	\$11,651	10		\$4,473,183	\$38,531
Plumbing	7		\$145,600	\$1,390	8		\$136,400	\$1,503
Demolition	5		\$0	\$3,500	15		\$0	\$5,175
Sign	76		\$227,050	\$4,811	76		\$405,600	\$5,962
Total	411	50	\$19,792,989	\$181,711	460	58	\$27,929,898	\$255,029

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BUILDING STATISTICS: November 2009 compared to November 2008

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	Permits	Units	Value	Fees	Permits	Units	Value	Fees
New Residential	2	0	\$24,000	\$320	0	0	\$0	\$0
Single	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	0	\$0	\$0
Row/Semi	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	0	\$0	\$0
Apt/Condo	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	0	\$0	\$0
Plumbing	2		\$24,000	\$320	0		\$0	\$0
Residential	19		\$140,740	\$2,089	10		\$190,800	\$2,028
Addition	3		\$80,500	\$684	0		\$0	\$0
Alteration	7		\$30,820	\$600	2		\$101,000	\$933
Swimming Pool	1		\$10,000	\$100	0		\$0	\$0
Decks/Porches	1		\$1,000	\$100	3		\$16,000	\$400
Carport/Garage	2		\$3,500	\$200	3		\$19,800	\$236
Accessory Bldg	1		\$4,000	\$100	0		\$0	\$0
Plumbing	4		\$10,920	\$305	2		\$54,000	\$459
Commercial	7		\$1,543,000	\$13,655	10		\$137,490	\$1,668
New	0		\$0	\$0	0		\$0	\$0
Addition	0		\$0	\$0	2		\$98,900	\$1,033
Alteration	5		\$1,488,000	\$12,980	0		\$0	\$0
Plumbing	2		\$55,000	\$675	8		\$38,590	\$635
Industrial	1		\$9,000	\$200	0		\$0	\$0
New	0		\$0	\$0	0		\$0	\$0
Addition	0		\$0	\$0	0		\$0	\$0
Alteration	1		\$9,000	\$200	0		\$0	\$0
Plumbing	0		\$0	\$0	0		\$0	\$0
Institutional	2		\$1,760,000	\$14,753	1		\$25,000	\$515
New	0		\$0	\$0	0		\$0	\$0
Addition	1		\$1,675,000	\$14,238	0		\$0	\$0
Alteration	0		\$0	\$0	0		\$0	\$0
Plumbing	1		\$85,000	\$515	1		\$25,000	\$515
Demolition	0		\$0	\$0	1		\$0	\$500
Sign	9		\$19,100	\$582	9		\$90,950	\$830
Total	40	0	\$3,495,840	\$31,599	31	0	\$444,240	\$5,541

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MAJOR 2009 BUILDING PROJECTS

January:

- interior alterations to the Children's Section of the Public Library, valued at \$192,000

February:

- office alterations, 957 4th Ave East, valued at \$104,850
- interior alterations to the Victorious Living shelter, 748 2nd Ave East, valued at \$294,118

March:

- alterations to the Wastewater Treatment Plant, 2050 3rd Ave East, valued at \$3,815,000
- interior alterations to Shopper's Drug Mart, 1183 16th St East, valued at \$400,000
- exterior alterations to Owen Sound Professional Centre, 945 3rd Ave East, valued at \$200,000

April:

- A new roof for the Grey Bruce Health Services Detox Centre, 495 9th Ave East, valued at \$176,000

May:

- Interior alterations for the MOE office at the Health Unit, 101 17th St East, valued at \$300,000

June:

- interior alterations to the sanctuary of Division Street United Church, 997 4th Ave East, valued at \$108,000
- HVAC system upgrade at West Hill Secondary School, 750 9th St West, valued at \$100,000

July:

- exterior alterations to the tower of St. George's Anglican Church, 1049 4th Ave East, valued at \$130,000

September:

- interior alterations to the new Bonnie Togs store at the Smart Centre, 1989 16th St East, valued at \$100,000

November:

- an addition to Sydenham School, 1130 8th St East, valued at \$1,760,000
- interior alterations to the Wal-Mart store, 1555 18th Ave East, valued at \$1,250,000
- demolition of a section and alterations to the J.D. McArthur building, 1370 2nd Ave East, valued at \$200,000

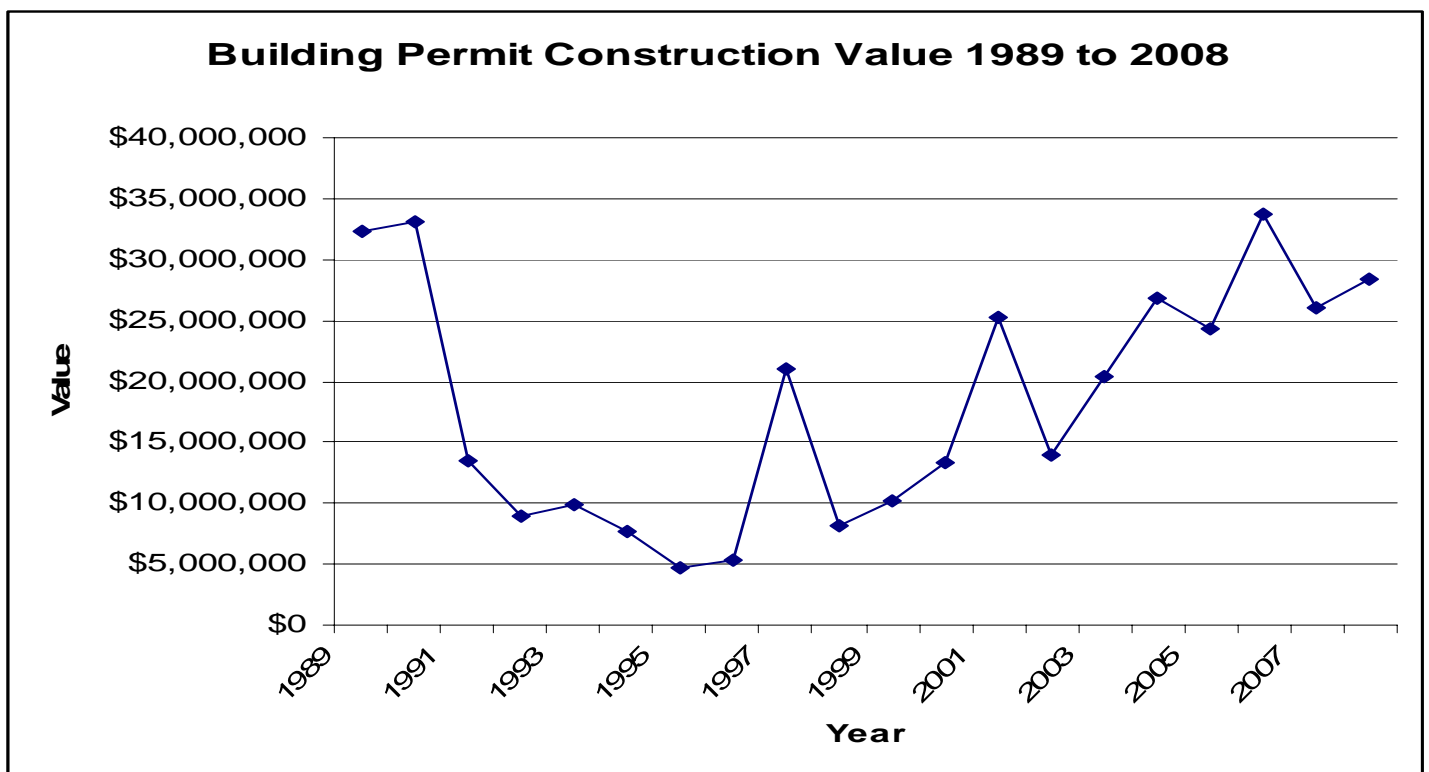
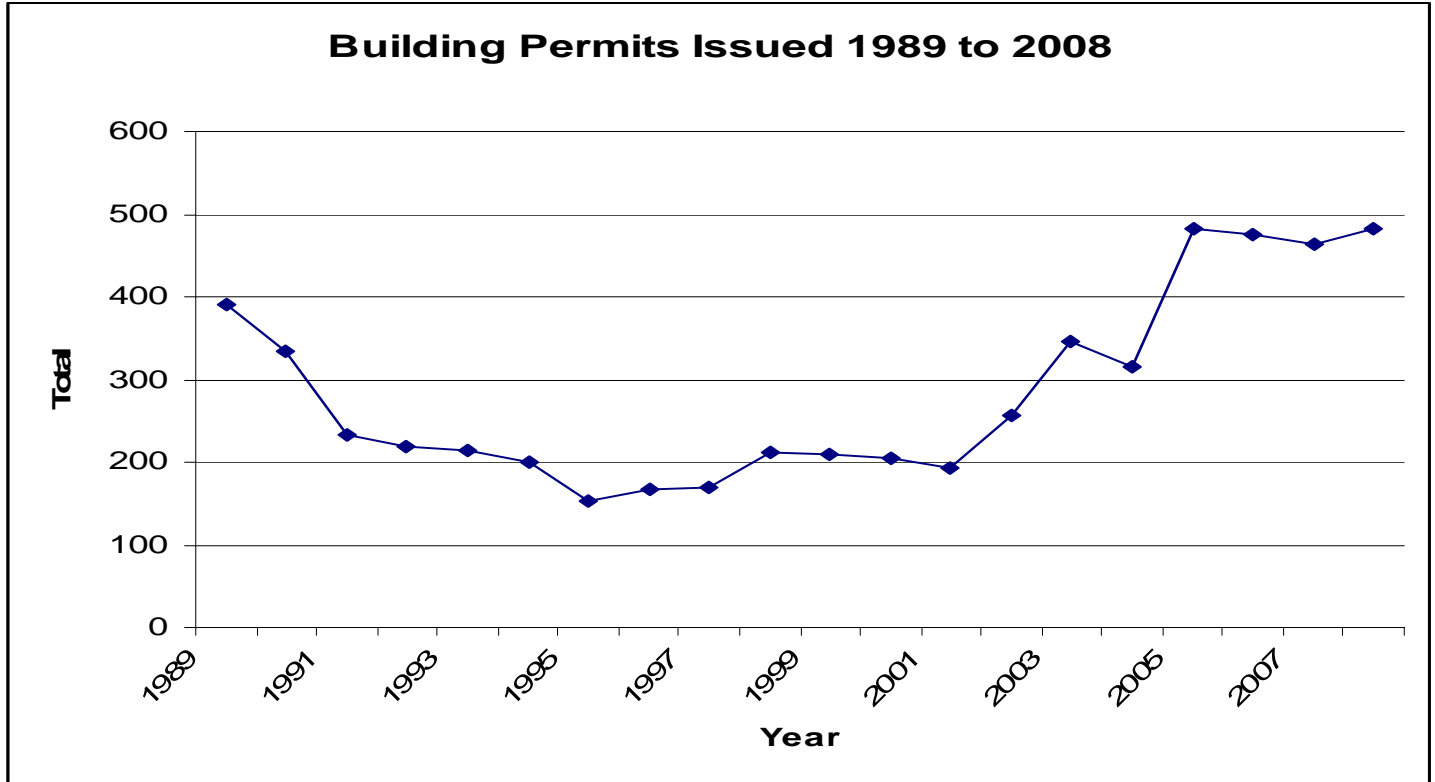
Residential:

- eight new single detached dwellings, valued at \$1,572,780
- 16 new townhouse dwellings, valued at \$2,274,430
- 26-unit apartment complex for Owen Sound Municipal Non-Profit Housing, 2120 6th Ave East, valued at \$3,600,000



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BUILDING STATISTICS: 1989 to 2008 – Trends





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BUILDING STATISTICS: 1989 to 2008 – Actuals

Year	# Permits	Residential		Value	Fees
		Total # Units	Single Detached		
1989	390	273	110	\$32,368,785.00	\$160,675.00
1990	335	255	58	\$33,097,973.00	\$166,745.00
1991	232	73	35	\$13,444,636.00	\$67,008.00
1992	218	72	22	\$8,966,782.00	\$46,668.00
1993	213	26	26	\$9,837,097.00	\$49,485.00
1994	201	28	20	\$7,709,811.00	\$42,452.00
1995	153	16	16	\$4,649,745.00	\$29,066.00
1996	167	14	14	\$5,295,959.00	\$37,216.00
1997	170	17	17	\$21,065,400.00	\$165,855.00
1998	212	23	15	\$8,083,984.00	\$66,414.90
1999	210	33	20	\$10,119,574.00	\$88,256.50
2000	204	90	22	\$13,269,148.00	\$108,478.28
2001	194	17	9	\$25,288,664.00	\$189,632.25
2002	256	50	29	\$13,935,251.00	\$136,868.00
2003	346	47	32	\$20,351,408.00	\$163,738.62
2004	315	24	24	\$26,829,663.00	\$205,131.25
2005	482	72	37	\$24,389,683.78	\$168,871.76
2006	476	34	23	\$33,768,577.00	\$256,768.46
2007	464	19	13	\$26,112,837.90	\$219,202.41
2008	482	58	20	\$28,435,047.05	\$260,344.55