

WELLAND LEADING THE WAY



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POSITIVE TREND IN WELLAND'S BUILDING PERMITS

Welland, ON – The City of Welland was a headliner in the news more than a few times in 2015 as the Welland International Flatwater Centre hosted with the 2015 Toronto Pan American Games. Not only did the world have a glimpse of what the city has to offer with a state-of-the-art sporting venue, but PROFITguide.com also put Welland on the map as one of Canada's top 10 Business Friendly Places.

Welland flourished last year as the City's Planning Division worked with the Economic and Development Commission to offer a list of appealing business incentive programs. The Building Division administered 641 building permits in 2015, which assisted in creating a broader construction landscape across Welland's development horizon.

Mayor Frank Campion is optimistic that the building permit trend is a good indicator of a successful 2016 for Welland's economy. "Welland is growing and we're anticipating more residential growth given current development and building permit applications in the cue and inquiries staff have received," said Mayor Frank Campion. "This growth is positive for our economy and it's an indication that Welland is a great community in which to live and invest."

Mike Mantesso, the City's Chief Building Official, claims construction activity in Welland is healthy according to the latest building permit statistics. "Construction activity has increased in a number of areas which are used as indicators to gauge growth," said Mantesso. The total number of building permits issued increased in 2015 by 18.7% over the previous five-year average. These statistics have the Chief Building Official believing that the net outlook from 2015 is a good indicator for positive growth in 2016.

Welland was not only the place to play and do business in 2015; it was also the place to live according to building permit statistics. The City's Building Division administered more permits last year for all types of new homes by 27.7% over the past five years. When comparing building permit data from 2015 to the previous five-year-average, construction activity increased in a number of areas; therefore, making Welland a place where people want to live, work, play, and invest in. For more information visit the City of Welland website at www.welland.ca or www.madeinwelland.ca.

ANNUAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY COMPARED TO PREDEEDING 5 YEAR AVERAGE

YEAR	TOTAL NO. PERMITS	TOTAL VALUE PERMITS \$MILLION	NO. DWELLING UNITS	NO. HOUSES	NO. SINGLE DET HOUSES
2010	457	\$95.6	157	132	96
2011	439	\$53.9	110	109	74
2012	514	\$83.4	185	118	93
2013	654	\$61.7	134	127	105
2014	636	\$80.1	183	168	94
5 YR AVE	540	\$74.9	154	131	92
2015	641	\$70.3	173	167	103
2015/5YR⁴	18.7%	-6.2%	12.5%	27.7%	11.5%

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