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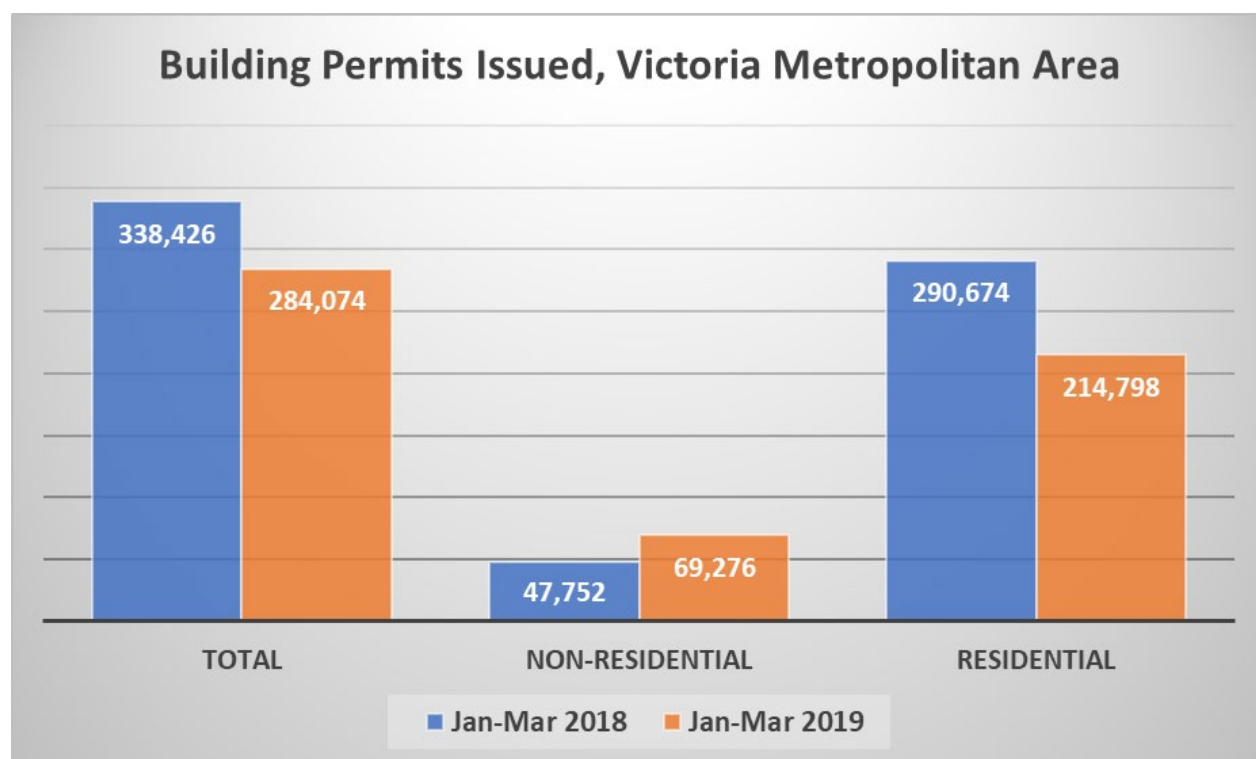
Building permits way up in March in the Victoria CMA

Victoria, BC (May 14, 2019) - Building permits spiked 80 per cent in March 2019 over the previous month on the strength of a seasonal surge in residential permits, reaching \$106.9 million compared to \$59.4 million in February 2019.

Residential permits increased 183 per cent to \$93 million in March, and institutional-government permits jumped to \$4.4 million with educational and government buildings accounting for most of this activity.

“Compared to last year, total building permits issued were 18 per cent higher with non-residential up 122 per cent and residential up 11 per cent,” reported Rory Kulmala, Chief Executive Officer of the Vancouver Island Construction Association (VICA). “We continue to see strong activity across all segments of our construction industry.”

Year-to-date permits issued totaled \$284.1 million, a decrease of 16 per cent from the same period last year. Residential permits were 26 per cent lower than in the first quarter of last year while non-residential permits were 445 per cent higher.



Building Permit data in the Victoria CMA, broken down by permit type, is on the subsequent page. Major projects contributing to the building permit data in the first quarter is also included. VICA will be releasing its detailed analysis of the first quarter of 2019 for Vancouver Island next week.

The Vancouver Island Construction Association is a member-based, industry led association that serves the institutional, commercial, industrial, civil, and multi-family residential construction sectors on Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands, and other coastal areas of British Columbia. www.vicabc.ca

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED – VICTORIA CENSUS METROPOLITAN AREA							
Period	Total Permits	Non-residential Permits				Residential Permits	
		Total	Industrial	Commercial	Inst.-Govt.	Value	Units
<i>(Dollars – Thousands)</i>							
February-19	59,444	26,547	14,861	11,251	435	32,897	103
March-19	106,896	13,894	285	9,170	4,439	93,002	273
% change	80	-48	-98	-18	920	183	165
March-18	90,253	6,265	703	3,275	2,287	83,988	304
March-19	106,896	13,894	285	9,170	4,439	93,002	273
% change	18	122	-59	180	94	11	-10
Jan-Mar-18	338,426	47,752	2,650	29,066	16,036	290,674	1,612
Jan-Mar-19	284,074	69,276	16,446	28,593	24,237	214,798	797
% change	-16	45	521	-2	51	-26	-50

Source: Statistics Canada, VICA.

\$97, 650	Commercial	Mayfair Shopping Centre 3147 Douglas Street	Electrical	January 2019 City of Victoria
\$ 1,365,063	Commercial/ Residential	88 Strata Units (123) Ironworks Living 515 Chatham Street	Electrical	January 2019 City of Victoria
\$639,000	Condominium/ Commercial	Save On Foods in “Pandora Street”: 6-storey, 195-unit mixed use rental/low-rise 1002 Pandora Avenue	Electrical	January 2019 City of Victoria
\$18,000,000	Multi-Family Residential	2763 Spencer Road	New	January 2019 City of Langford
\$16,000,000	Multi-Family Residential	967 Whirlaway Crescent	New	January 2019 City of Langford
\$1,319,100	Tenant Improvements	106 3030 Merchant Way 205 3030 Merchant Way	Alterations and Improvement	January 2019 City of Langford
\$4,066,000	Multi-Family Residential	868 Orono Avenue	New	March 2019 City of Langford

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