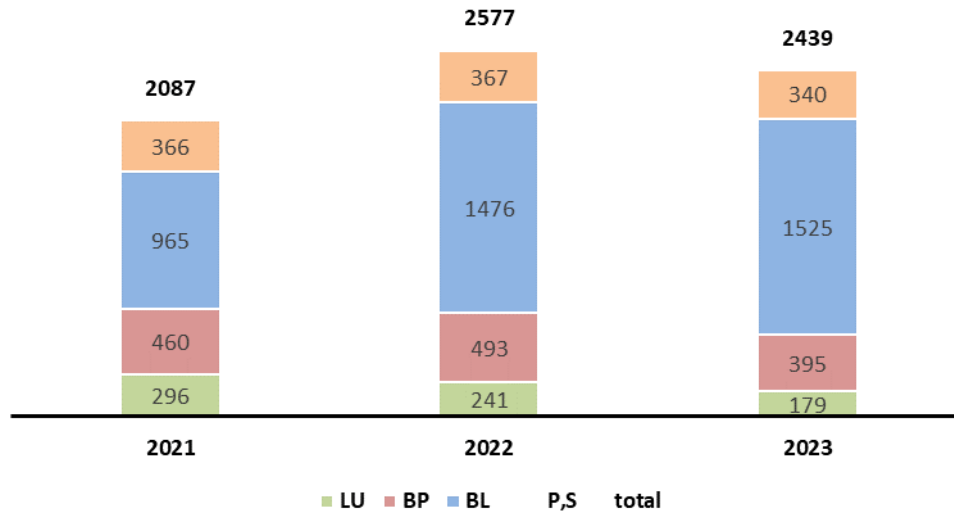


## Development Services Applications

The following information includes all application types processed by Development Services for land use (LU), building permit (BP), business licensing (BL), and demolition, plumbing and sign permits (D,P,S). This information is compared between the years 2021, 2022 and 2023 in Graph 1: Total Development Services Applications.



**Graph 1: Total Development Services Applications**

### Data Summary:

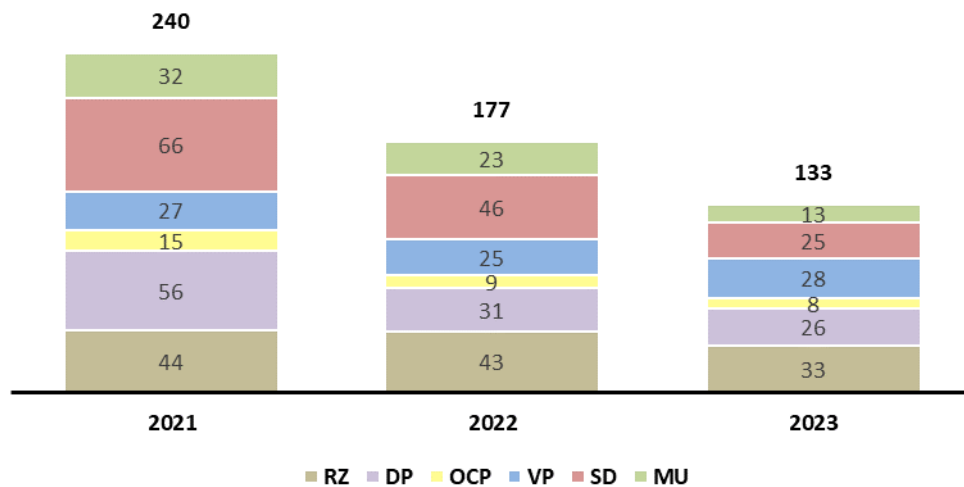
- The division received a total of 2439 applications consisting of land use, business license, building permit, and building-related applications (demolition, plumbing and sign permit applications) for the year 2023.
- The composition of applications received by Development Services, over the past three years, are:
  - 55% for business licensing;
  - 35% building permit and building-related applications; and
  - 10% land use applications.
- Applications received in 2023 had a slight reduction of 138 applications from the previous year (2022).
- The total volume of applications processed by Development Services in 2023 (2439) was slightly higher than 2021 (2087).

## Land Use Applications

Development Services receives a number of land use applications including:

- Rezoning
- Official Community Plan Amendments
- Development Permits
- Development Variance Permits
- Liquor Licenses
- Cannabis Licenses
- Temporary Use Permits
- Agricultural Land Reserve
- Subdivision
- Access Approvals
- Tree Cutting Permits

Graph 2: Significant Land Use Applications compares the application types Development Services most commonly receives which includes rezoning (RZ), development permits (DP), official community plan (OCP), subdivision (SD), access approvals (MU) and variance permits (VP).



**Graph 2: Significant Land Use Applications**

### Data Summary:

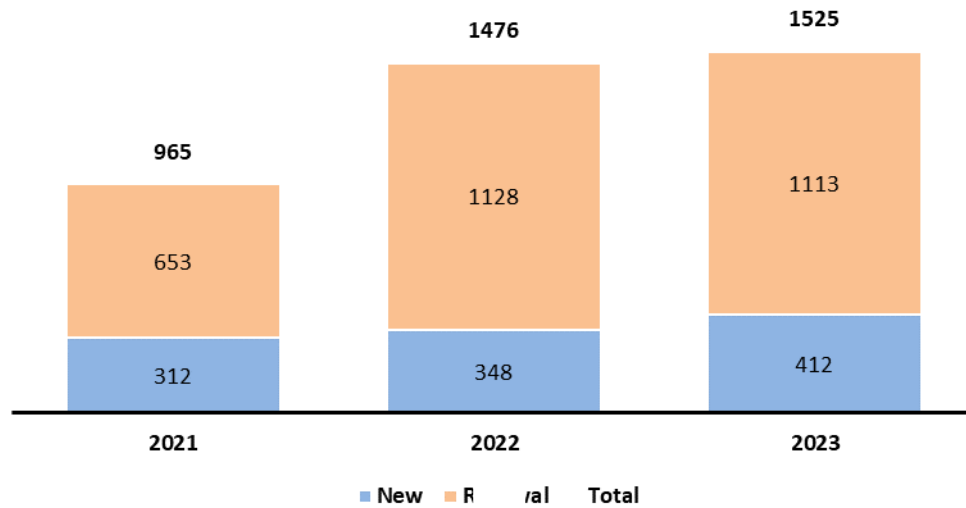
- Rezoning (RZ), development permits (DP), subdivision (SD) and access (MU) approvals had a decreasing trend over the past three years.
- The trend for development variance permit (VP) applications were relatively consistent.
- With respect to subdivision applications, the number of applications received and the number of lots proposed (as a total of the applications received) are detailed in Table 1: Subdivision Information.

Year	Number of Applications	Number of Lots
2021	66	333
2022	46	226
2023	25	84

*Table 1: Subdivision Information*

## Business License Applications

Licenses are required for any activity or enterprise with the purpose of monetary gain or profit. Business ranges from commercial retail, home business, to industrial-related businesses. Development Services processes new business license applications and annually renews business licenses for the business community, Graph 3: Total Business Licenses provides a comparison of new business license applications, and the renewal of existing licenses between the years 2020, 2021 and 2023.



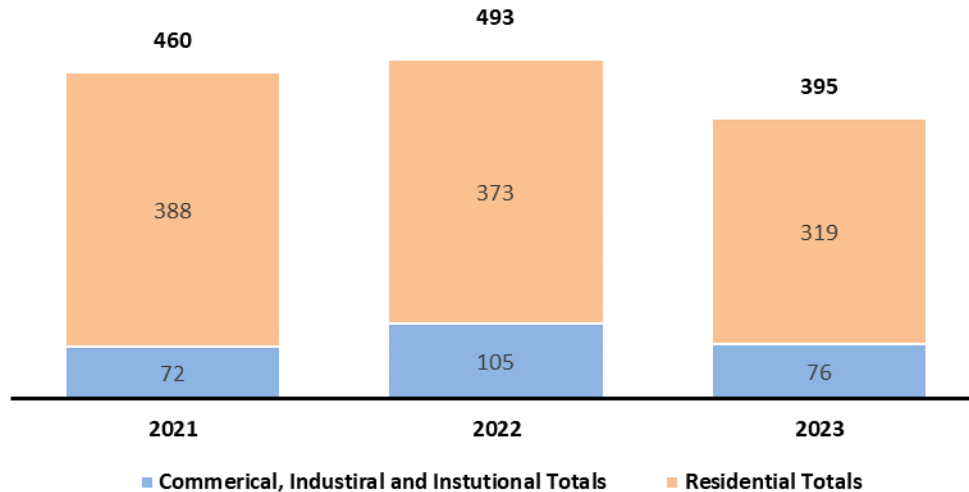
**Graph 3: Total Business Licenses**

### Data Summary:

- A general increasing trend of new applications and renewals each calendar year.
- 2023 indicated the highest volume of business license approvals (1525). This was an increase of 49 licenses from the previous year (2022).
- The most significant increase in business licenses occurred between the years 2021 and 2022. The division processed an additional 511 licenses for 2022 (new applications 348, and 1128 license renewals).
- 2023 indicated an increase in receiving new business license applications. The division received 64 more applications than the previous year (2022).

## **Building Permit Applications**

Building permit applications are separated into various categories depending on the use (i.e. industrial, institutional, commercial and residential), and the nature of the construction (i.e. new build and renovations to the existing building). For the purposes of this report, Administration has broken down, and compared the total building permit applications received based on residential (i.e. multifamily, single-residential, and manufactured) and commercial, industrial and institutional uses. Graph 4: Total Received Building Permits indicates all building applications received by Development Services between the years 2021, 2022 and 2023.



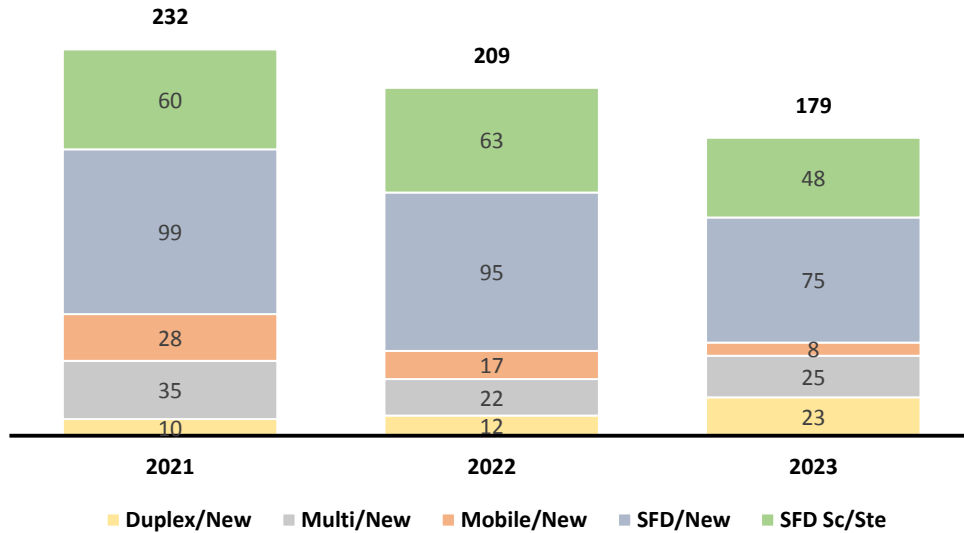
**Graph 4: Total Received Building Permits**

### **Data Summary:**

- The applications received for residential building permits indicate a decreasing trend from 2022 to 2023.
- In total the number of building permit applications indicate a reduction of 98 applications between the years 2022 (493) and 2023 (395).
- Commercial, industrial and institutional applications indicate a reduction in 29 applications from the year 2022 (105 applications) to 2023 (76 applications). This application type is consistent with building permit submissions for 2021 (72 applications).
- Building permit applications had a slight increase between the years 2021 and 2022.
- On average 80% of all received permits are for a residential focus (single-family duplex and multi-family).

*Building Permit Applications cont.*

Administration has further refined the data to indicate the received new residential building permit applications based on the types of housing forms. Specifically, duplex, multi-family (Multi), manufactured homes (Mobile), single family (SFD) and accessory dwellings/secondary suites (SFD Sc/Ste). This information is reviewed between the years 2021 to 2023. This information is provided on Graph 5: New Residential Building Permit Applications by Type.



**Graph 5: New Residential Building Permit Applications by Type**

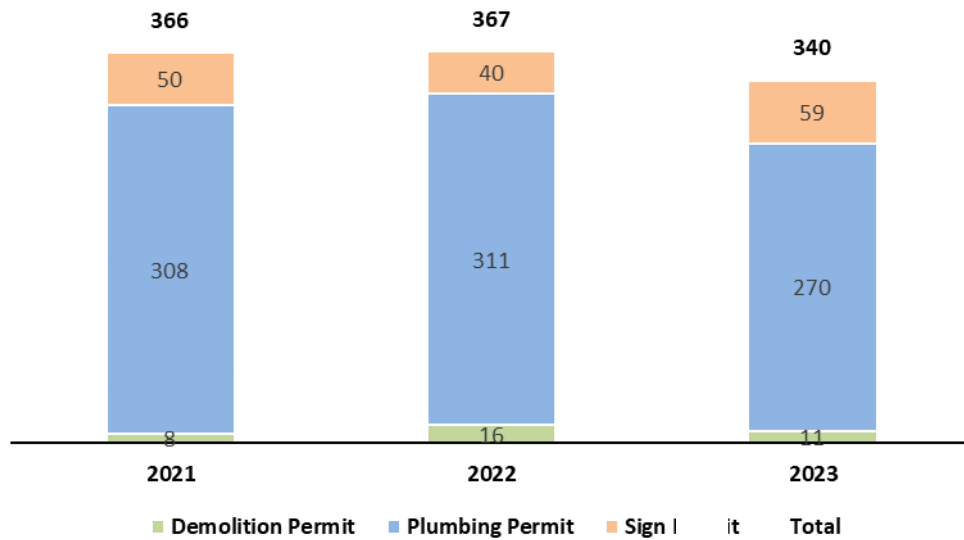
**Data Summary:**

- There is a decreasing trend in applications received between the last three years.
- The number of received residential building permit applications indicate a reduction of 30 applications between the years 2022 and 2023.
- On average 43% of the new residential building permit applications are single-family dwellings.
- On average 28% of the residential building permit applications are for a secondary dwelling or a secondary suite.
- Applications for duplex development have increased significantly from 2021 (10) to 2023 (23). This is close to doubling the applications received by the division for this housing form.

### **Building-Related Applications**

Development Services processes a number of building related applications, as shown on Graph 6: Building-Related Applications. Administration reports on the number of permits issued, and the construction value on a monthly basis for building permit applications. However, there are other building-related applications that the division processes, including:

- sign permits;
- demolition permits; and
- plumbing permits.



***Graph 6: Building-Related Applications***

### **Data Summary:**

- There has been a slight decreasing trend in receiving applications for plumbing permits and demolition permits.
- There has been a slight increasing trend in receiving applications for sign permit applications.
- Plumbing permit applications are typically an application that is concurrent with a building permit application. Although these applications are not significant, these applications are an additional application type that requires review by staff.