

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Construction in Nanaimo remains strong through first six months of 2016

#### Summary

The construction value in Nanaimo for the first half of 2016 totalled \$99,594,688. This amount represents an increase of 12% over this time last year. In addition, commercial building permit values increased from \$34,828,764 to \$40,865,328 while residential values for new single family dwellings increased from \$46,159,189 to \$52,467,871.

The number of single family dwellings this year to date is 156 vs. 161 in 2015. However, the percentage of new homes with secondary suites has increased to 63% (97 installed suites) as opposed to last year's 53% (86 installed suites).

Construction values of notable developments to date include:

- Malaspina Care Residence on 12th Street - \$12,050,000
- Lowes at North Town Centre Mall - \$3,000,000
- Royal Oak Place residential development - \$1,900,000
- Vancouver Avenue residential development - \$1,800,000
- Dublin Way residential development - \$1,600,000
- Commercial development on Northfield Road - \$1,500,000
- BCAA building on Aulds Road - \$1,500,000
- Western Forest Products storage building - \$1,300,000
- Audi addition on Kenworth Road - \$1,200,000
- Timberwood Drive residential development - \$1,200,000
- Woodgrove Mall exterior entrance renovations - \$1,100,000

*Strategic Link: N/A*

#### Key Points

- Last year's strong construction trend has continued into 2016.
- Both commercial and residential sectors are showing no signs of weakness.

#### Quotes

"This is turning out to be another robust year for the construction industry in Nanaimo."

Tom Weinreich  
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