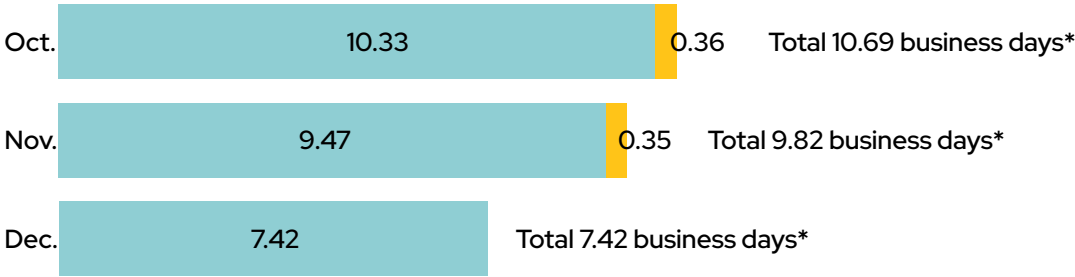# Application Review Times
Q4 2025 (October–December)

Planning and Development Services (PDS)

Medicine Hat

Development Permit applications   Review time goal: 10 / 15† business days, 80% of the time

Oct. | 10.33 | 0.36 | Total 10.69 business days*

Nov. | 9.47 | 0.35 | Total 9.82 business days*
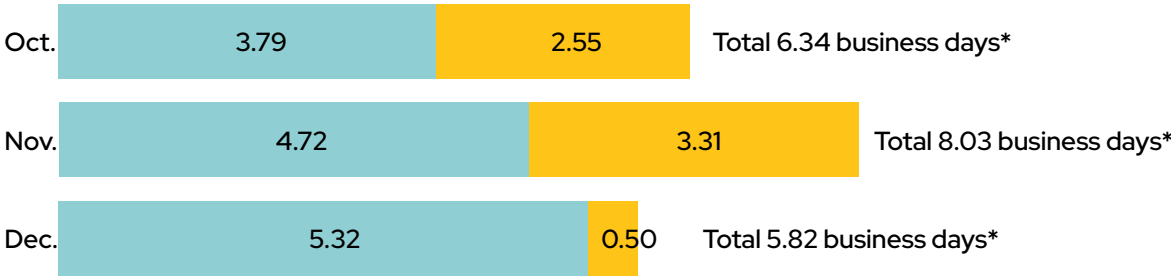
Dec. | 7.42 | Total 7.42 business days*

Goal was met 83% of the time

† Refers to most common Development Permits. New developments such as commercial, industrial, row housing and multi-unit housing have a review time of 60 business days, 80% of the time.

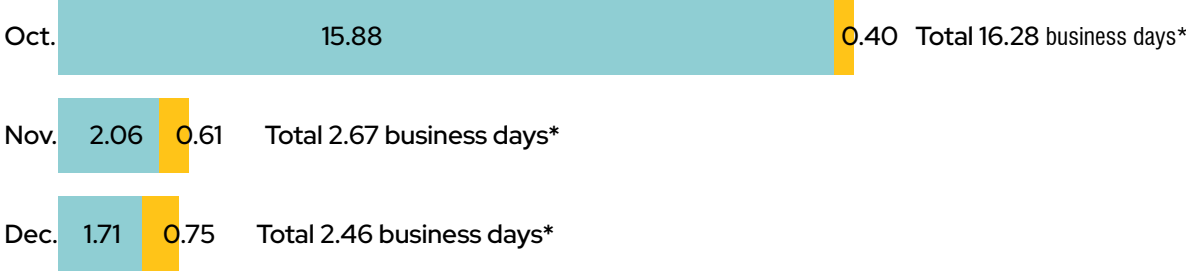## Building Permit applications   Review time goal: 15 business days, 80% of the time

Oct. | 3.79 | 2.55 | Total 6.34 business days*

Nov. | 4.72 | 3.31 | Total 8.03 business days*

Dec. | 5.32 | 0.50 | Total 5.82 business days*

Goal was met 97% of the time

Trade Permit applications   Review time goal: 15 business days, 80% of the time

(electrical, plumbing, HVAC, gas)

Oct. | 15.88 | 0.40 | Total 16.28 business days*

Nov. | 2.06 | 0.61 | Total 2.67 business days*
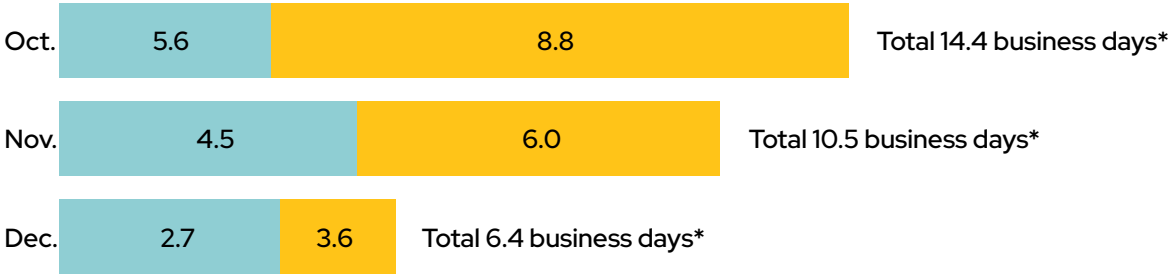
Dec. | 1.71 | 0.75 | Total 2.46 business days*

Goal was met 53%† of the time

† In Oct., a large multi-unit development brought 171 trades permits, resulting in disproportionate staff review time.

Business License applications   Review time goal: 15 business days, 80% of the time

Oct. | 5.6 | 8.8 | Total 14.4 business days*

Nov. | 4.5 | 6.0 | Total 10.5 business days*

Dec. | 2.7 | 3.6 | Total 6.4 business days*

Goal was met 91% of the time

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*Application Review Time is measured in business days, and covers the time between when an application is received and when Planning and Development Services makes a decision to approve or reject the proposal. The graphs outline the average review time for all permit reviews completed in the given time frame.

Staff Time is a count of the days where an application is waiting for intake and to be checked for completeness, as well as the days during which a plans review is being conducted by a Safety Codes Officer or Planner.

Applicant Time is a count of the days where an application has been returned to the applicant, in order to obtain additional information or to submit revised drawings, before a decision can be made.