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Building permits at lowest in five years

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A sign that construction has slowed dramatically in Sylvan Lake was the building permits issued in April.

A single permit, for tenant improvements for Royal Lepage in Ryders Square, accounted for more than half of the total value of construction permitted during the month. Estimated value for the work was \$264,000 while the April total was just \$473,310. This is the lowest monthly report since February 2004.

Of the nine permits issued in April, just one was for a single family home — valued at \$146,250 on Regatta Way. So far this year, permits have been issued for nine new homes while the total for the first four months of 2008 was 12 new homes.

Two permits were issued for detached garages, two for decks, one for a basement development, and one for a shed with no foundation.

The other permit was for demolition of the former motel on Lakeshore Drive.

