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B.C. building permits continue slow, steady rise

(June 7, 2011 - Vancouver) The value of building permits issued in B.C. continued to rise compared to the year before, according to April [building permit numbers](#) released yesterday by Statistics Canada.

Permits issued in April 2011 were worth \$761.7 million – up 14.7% compared to April last year. Both components of the building permit values are up – 10.8% for residential and 24.4% for non-residential. This compares to an overall decline of almost 20% nationwide.

“Slow, steady growth is a good sign for the construction industry and B.C.’s economy,” said Philip Hochstein, President of the Independent Contractors and Businesses Association of B.C. “Both residential and non-residential construction are driven by confidence in the future – and in B.C. the confidence is there.”

Hochstein noted that on a month-to-month basis B.C. still beat the national averages despite a decline in non-residential construction. March 2011 had seen non-residential permits more than double in value, but April is still ahead of February.

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