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TOWN REMOVES OFFSITE LEVIES TO ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT

Rocky Mountain House, Alta. – The Town of Rocky Mountain House Council is pleased to announce the removal of off-site levies on new development, a bold move aimed at stimulating investment, encouraging growth, and making the community more attractive to developers and businesses.

“This is a clear signal that the Town of Rocky Mountain House is open for business,” said Acting Mayor Len Phillips. “By removing these levies, we are lowering barriers to entry for developers and creating a more competitive environment for growth.”

Effective July 15, the Town of Rocky Mountain House will no longer charge off-site levies on new developments. These fees are traditionally collected from new developments to fund municipal infrastructure upgrades such as roads, water, and wastewater services. This decision was approved by Council following a review of economic conditions, an updated utilities master plan, feedback from the development community and careful deliberation of Council.

Council hopes the removal of off-site levies will encourage new residential, commercial and industrial projects, and help meet its Strategic Plan mission: To support economic growth and strengthen municipal infrastructure in a fiscally and environmentally responsible manner.

The Town of Rocky Mountain House will continue to invest in core infrastructure through other funding mechanisms, such as grants, property taxes, reserves and debentures. In some cases, off-site infrastructure funding arrangements can be negotiated as part of a development agreement.

This is the latest in a suite of incentives Council is offering to spur economic development.

The Town of Rocky Mountain House now has tax incentives for non-residential building and land development, a storefront improvement program that can be applied to all commercial properties, no longer just the Downtown core, and is a designated Rural Renewal Stream community.

These initiatives are working. In 2024, building permits and values were up by \$2.8 million dollars over 2023, and commercial/Industrial and Residential construction values both more than doubled. The more than \$9.5 million dollars of commercial/industrial construction on the books in

2024 was the most in over a decade. So far in 2025 the Town of Rocky Mountain House has issued 68 development permits, 74 building permits, and 42 endorsement letters under the Rural Renewal stream.

Developers and prospective investors are encouraged to contact the Planning and Community Development Department to learn more about current opportunities and available land.

The Town of Rocky Mountain House remains committed to ongoing dialogue with the development community and is actively seeking partnerships that will help cultivate a robust, diverse community where people and businesses flourish.

Related links:

[Town's Role in Economic Development information bulletin](#)

[Development Incentives](#)

[Storefront Improvement Program](#)

[Rural Renewal Stream](#)

[2024-2026 Strategic Plan](#)

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