



TOWN OF HIGH RIVER POLICY

Policy Number:	POL-22-106-00
Policy Name:	Waiving of Development Permit Fees for Businesses Affected by the June 2013 Flood
Related Procedure Number:	N/A
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Policy Category:	Development Services
Responsible Department:	Engineering, Planning, and Operations

1. Policy Statement

All development permit applications with respect to businesses which meet the conditions as described below will be deemed to be exempt from payment of the development permit application fees as prescribed in the Town of High River's Rate Schedule.

In order to be eligible for exemption from fee payment, businesses applying for development permits must satisfy the following conditions:

i) It must be demonstrated that the development permit is required as a direct result of flood related damage to the business premises;

This policy will be implemented and administered by the Planning and Development Services department.

Upon approval of this policy, its provisions will be deemed to be retroactive to June 21, 2013, and will continue in force indefinitely for those businesses which continue to meet conditions established herein, or until otherwise specifically directed by Council resolution.

2. Reason for Policy

The Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, Chapter M-26 as amended, Part 2, Division 1, Section 8 (c) gives Council the authority to pass a bylaw which provides for a system of licenses, permits or approvals, including the establishment of fees for licenses, permits and approvals. Further, Part 17, Section 630.1 specifically provides that a Council may establish and charge fees for matters under Part 17, Planning and Development.


Through this authority, Council has established through its municipal Rate Schedule bylaw, fees for a variety of goods and services provided by the Town, including those goods and services provided by Planning and Development Services. While Council has the authority to establish particular fees for goods and services, it also has the authority to give consideration to waiving certain fees when it is deemed to be warranted.

With the objective of encouraging and supporting the re-building and re-establishment of commercial enterprises subsequent to the flood event of June 2013, Council deems it to be in the interests of the community at large to establish a policy to assist businesses by waiving the development permit costs associated with that process, subject to the above-noted conditions.


Approval

This policy shall come into force and effect upon adoption by Council at a Regular or Special Meeting.

Meeting Date: January 27, 2014
RESOLUTION #062/2014



MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
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DATE