

# **OFF-SITE LEVY Overview**

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#### **Off-Site vs On-Site Infrastructure**



### What is an Off-Site Levy?

The basic formula for determining levy rates is below:

Infrastructure Costs= Offsite Levy Rate (\$/Ha.)Net Area

The County's off-site levy calculation also takes into consideration:

- Development sequencing
- Infrastructure sequencing
- Off-site levy reserve balances
- Macro-economic factors



#### Why do we have Off-Site Levies?



- To fairly distribute cots of infrastructure amongst areas that benefit
- Guiding principle is "development pays for development"

#### What is our Off-Site Levy Program?



- Applies to Acheson, Big Lake, and Fifth Meridian
- Program accounts for approximately \$628 million in capital projects
- Off-Site Levy Committee

#### What is the Current Update Process?



## What do we Update Annually?

Planning & Development Services

Development staging - Administer update

Off-Site Levy Update

Finance Services

- OSL collections and disbursements

OSL account tracking

Engineering Services

- Project expenditures / cost estimates

Infrastructure staging

#### How do we collect Off-Site Levies?



\*Front Ending: Cost for a developer to build off-site infrastructure identified in the Bylaw. I.e. first developer in an area constructs major road

#### How do we allocate Off-Site Levies?



\*Over Expenditure: When the front-ended infrastructure costs borne by a developer are more than the off-site levies they owe.

## **Off-Site Levy Summary**

- Off-site levies are an effective tool for allocating infrastructure costs fairly among benefitting areas/landowners
- Levies can only be collected once for each type of infrastructure
  - $\circ$  Only for newly constructed or expanded infrastructure
- Funds can only be used for the infrastructure for which the funds were collected
- Aligns with the principle of "development pays for development"
- Off-Site Levy update is carried out on a yearly basis



## Questions

