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**TOWN OF REDCLIFF STAFF OR COUNCIL  
APPEALING DEVELOPMENT DECISIONS**

**BACKGROUND**

On occasion a member of Council or Administration observes that a decision concerning a development may not be in the best interests of the Town of Redcliff and it may be best to have such a decision appealed for reconsideration.

The Municipal Government Act provides to municipalities what is considered to be natural person powers which is deemed to include the right as a municipality to appeal development decisions since most applications involve some type of servicing and the Town may be an affected party because the Town provides the services.

If an individual made the appeal the person would be responsible for payment of any necessary appeal fees and this is deemed to place onerous commitment on an individual acting in the best interests and on behalf of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Redcliff.

**POLICY**

1. When a member of Council or Administration feels a development decision may not be in the best interests of the Town of Redcliff the person shall discuss the matter with the Municipal Manager who:
  - i) may include the potential appeal as a topic for discussion at the next regularly scheduled meeting of Council providing such meeting falls prior to the final date for appeal of said development. Council may by motion authorize Administration to appeal the development on behalf of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Redcliff;
  - ii) may authorize an appeal of the development decision on behalf of the Town of Redcliff if the next regularly scheduled meeting of Council falls after the final date for appeal of said development and in his opinion it would be in the best interest of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Redcliff to appeal the decision. The Municipal Manager would then inform Council of the appeal at the next scheduled meeting at which time Council may discuss the matter and choose to continue or withdraw the appeal if time permits.
2. The Municipal Manger or his designate shall sign the appeal on behalf of the Town of Redcliff.
3. All fees for appeals filed on behalf of the Town of Redcliff shall be paid by the Town of Redcliff.