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Meeting: Priorities & Finance Committee

Meeting Date: 2021 September 07

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: Banff Trail Community Association Fee Relief

Sponsoring Councillor(s): Councillor Druh Farrell

WHEREAS the City of Calgary charges fees for development applications to assist in covering the City's costs as the regulator of development within its boundaries;

AND WHEREAS, while City Administration cannot generally waive these fees, Council may provide proactive and reactive fee relief to encourage application uptake, to provide business relief, or for other reasons that support Calgary communities;

AND WHEREAS, while Council has supported significant fee relief for businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic, the same relief has not extended to non-profit community organizations such as community associations;

AND WHEREAS, much like Calgary businesses, community associations have experienced significant financial pressures during the COVID-19 pandemic, with many community associations' revenue dropping to zero as facilities were closed and events cancelled for months on end;

AND WHEREAS the Banff Trail Community Association (BTCA) places a high priority on providing a beautiful and inclusive community association facility, on a City of Calgary owned site, to support the evolving needs of the community;

AND WHEREAS the BTCA has proposed relatively small-scale improvements to the site through DP2021-4749 in order to add a roof awning over the building's existing deck and to erect a container structure for storage;

AND WHEREAS the BTCA received an Inspiring Neighbourhood Grant to cover some of the costs of this improvement project;

AND WHEREAS, while \$2,068 in permit fees would not normally be an issue for the BTCA, the association has requested fee relief in order to still deliver this improvement project despite having no revenue for over 18 months;

AND WHEREAS City Council refunding these fees would enable the BTCA to deliver on this improvement project for the benefit of Banff Trail and surrounding residents at a cost that recognizes the association's strained financial position due to the COVID-19 pandemic;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council directs City Administration to refund the fees associated with DP2021-4749.