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Councilor's Office
City of Calgary
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Dear Council Members,

We have recently applied for and have been successful for the Inspiring Neighborhood Grant through the City of Calgary. We have planned to install a permanent acrylic roof over our deck (that faces south) as well install 4 lovely log benches in our beautiful garden that has matured over the past 10 years. We have decided our facility would greatly improve having outside space that can be used by community members and for events. We decided even though the cost was high (even with the grant) it would be worth it.

During our monthly meeting we learned we needed a development permit to add a permanent roof over our deck as well for the sea can we purchased to store all our bike park equipment. A few volunteers took on the task to fill out all the paperwork which required a great deal of information. This was not an easy task for first time permit volunteers. After many many hours of phone calls, emails, measuring, drawing and so forth we have been advised it will cost our community association over $2000.00 just for the permit application. Now during normal (pre-covid) times this would not be such a big expense. We have not had any revenue for 18 months. We thought we could better the facility and grounds with these improvements but feel defeated. We are non-for-profit organization run by volunteers on City Land trying to make our community a wonderful place. We feel we are being

penalized because we are considered commercial and not a business that qualifies for the exemption for

permit fees due to the pandemic.

We are writing you today to ask for an exemption or a reduction in the permit fees due to our

circumstances due to the pandemic.

We do want to thank you for reading this letter and maybe considering our situation.

Sincerely,

Banff Trail Community Association