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Councillor Ed Gibbons
2nd Floor, City Hall
1 Sir Winston Churchill Square
Edmonton, AB T5J 2R7

Dear Councillor Gibbons,

Since 2009 Our Lady Queen of Peace Ranch (Northern Alberta) Ltd. has been pleased to offer non-denominational, programming experiences to youth & families who face physical, mental or financial challenges. This has included a week-long summer camp for kids ages 7-16, weekend family camps, day group visits, off season camping and our Annual Children's Christmas Party with no costs to our participants. Through these programs we touch the lives of 25,000 people each year, up until now. This year we have had to reduce our summer camp significantly and limit the number of day groups. All other programs have been suspended until further notice.

In the past, you offered your assistance to us should we ever find ourselves in a situation where we needed your help. With the economy still struggling as it is, many of us in the non-profit sector have seen donations essentially dry up completely which is why we have reached the point we need to ask for help, by reaching out to you as our Ward 4 representative. We hope it might help us get back to where we would like to be; helping those that need us more than ever right now in Alberta's financial crisis.

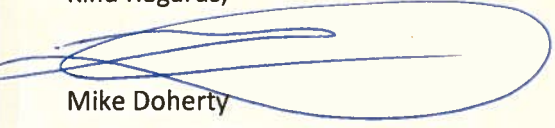
For the past 8 years the Foundation has been making monthly payments to the City of Edmonton for Local Improvement Charges which include Sanitary Sewer Construction & Watermain Construction in the combined monthly amount of \$13,980.47. This has always been a large monthly cost to the Ranch however back in 2006 when this was agreed to with the City of Edmonton, Alberta was booming and the prospect of new developments around us was very realistic. The original idea was that other developments or land owners would tie into those services to lessen the burden. As of today, development has basically halted and still there has been no one "tie in" to share the cost of these services with.

We are asking for debt forgiveness of the remaining amount of these Local Improvement Charges. We're hoping the City of Edmonton reviews our request and recognizes the valuable services we offer to the people of Edmonton and surrounding areas. Not only would this forgiveness allow us to increase the number of children and families we help, it would also allow us to hire more staff which directly benefits the countless members of our community that have been laid off during this recession.

I would like to meet with you as soon as possible to discuss the situation details further and get some advice from you on the best way to approach the City with regards to this. Please contact me directly at 403-612-1690 to set up a time that works the best for you.

We are honoured to be Ward 4 residents. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards,



Mike Doherty
President/CEO