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Sudbury City Council
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Dear Sirs:

Re: Request for deferral of Development charges for Building permit

We are a charitable organization that is dedicated to providing financial, emotional and spiritual support to the vulnerable members of our community. We achieve this by operating a second hand thrift store that is totally reliant upon donations from the public. This reduces the impact on the city's landfill site and also provides goods to the public at very affordable prices. The surplus from our sales is used to fund our food bank, soup kitchen, Christmas hampers and assist our friends with their financial needs, whatever they may be. We have assisted by paying arrears for water, gas, hydro, rent, moving expenses and tuition.

We have donation bins along the side of our building. This area has been a long standing health and safety issue for our staff as access to the bins is open to the elements. In addition, these bins are often overflowing. The majority of these donations are open to the elements and are often damaged by the weather. This results in items ending up in the landfill instead of our store for resale.

To address this problem we elected to build an awning (66 feet long and 10 feet wide). The estimated cost is \$10,000.00.

We were shocked to learn that in order to obtain the building permit, we would have to pay an additional charge of \$5,494.00 for development fees. We feel that this is excessive given that the cost is more than half of the project. Our awning will have no impact on the city's infrastructure. We are not receiving any benefit from the charge.

The development charges will significantly reduce our ability to assist our friends in need.

Since there is no provision in the bylaw to exempt a charitable organization from the fee, we request that this amount be deferred until such time as we sell the building.

Respectfully

Erv Mantler, President