

**Charity No.** 88633 6411RR0001

Thursday May 12<sup>th,</sup> 2022 **Attention: Mr. Andy Taylor** Chief Administrative Officer City Of Markham

Subject: DC Payment Deferral & Building permit application number 21 131135 000 00 NH

Applicant: Parya Trillium Foundation a federally registered charity since 2002 Location: 344 John Street, Thornhill, ON

Dear Mr. Taylor;

- We have applied for above mentioned permit on March 2, 2021 for construction of 10,000 sq. ft. addition to our existing building .The new building consists of five classrooms for English, Computer and social media classes, it also includes a standard size gymnasium that can accommodate volleyball, basketball and various recreational and social activities.
- Our organization "Parya Trillium Foundation "("Parya") .was founded as Federally registered charity since 2002 to provide free educational classes and social services to residents from Markham, York Region and across the GTA.
- 3) Parya has been active at this location since 2010. We not only remained open during the COVID-19 pandemic but expanded our services by transitioning quickly to virtual and social media platforms. Parya is eager to offer additional programs and services, in person, when its new facility is built.
- 4) Funding for this project is made possible with a grant by the federal government (40%), the Ontario provincial government (33%), and with remainder contributed by the community (27%).
- 5) Since this project started, Parya has worked diligently with City of Markham staff to ensure city requirements are satisfied and has paid almost \$50,000 in fees.
- 6) The development charges now imposed by the City of Markham are unexpected and puts our project in peril. We have also faced rising construction costs along with price increases for materials.
- 7) We are writing to request an exemption to the development charges the City of Markham has invoiced our charity on May 10<sup>th</sup>.,2022 (attached copy). If an exemption cannot be granted immediately we request a 5 year deferral for the DC Charges, so that the building permit can be issued immediately, the construction can proceed and ultimately we can open the new addition with the expanded services to the community. The City of Markham could then evaluate the merits of a complete exemption.
- 8) As charity, such a financial burden at this time would essentially bring the project to a halt after years of hard work and our successful funding agreement with the two levels of senior government would jeopardized.
- We urgently request that Markham Council and your staff grant a 5 year deferral and ultimately grant a total exemption of the DC charges.

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10) We appreciate and thank you for your kind consideration.

11) Sincerely Yours,

12) Ahmad Tabrizi

- 13) Founder & President
- 14) Parya Trillium Foundation

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