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Trapping is not a long-term solution

Dear Mayor and Council,

It was with a heavy heart that we read of the trauma a local woman suffered when she found a beaver, caught in a cruel trap at Fish Creek Park. In recent months, we and our supporters have contacted you regarding trapping in your community and the horrific realities they create. You have chosen as of yet to not take any action.

And now, another animal has suffered. Trapping to prevent a beaver from damming at a storm water retention pond is a cruel, ineffective method. Every time a beaver is removed, another will come. Because trapping doesn't end the problem – it simply removes a symptom. That storm water retention pond is ideal habitat for beavers and as long as it stays as is, beavers will return to try and dam it.

There are, however, humane solutions that are also cost-efficient, ecologically responsible and will last for more than a decade: flow devices.

By building a simple exclusion fence at the site of a culvert, beavers will be unable to dam. The Association for the Protection of Fur-Bearing Animals has built and taught municipalities across Canada to build these flow devices – at our own cost.

We are formally offering to come to Calgary and build one of these devices – a cost of about \$400 - \$600, with supplies found at any hardware store – at no charge to show that it will work.

Humane solutions for living with wildlife are available. How many more animals must suffer, and how many more complaints must you receive, before you give an alternative a chance?

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