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Parkland County Council
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Dear Parkland County Council Members,

A visionary idea is about to become an extraordinary reality! At the Aga Khan Garden, we are laying the foundation for economic success, as well as peace and harmony, in our communities.

On April 10, 2018, Dean Stan Blade (Faculty of Agriculture, Life & Environmental Sciences) and Ralph Young (Co-Chair, Aga Khan Garden Pavilion Cabinet) will present to Council outlining the impact of the Aga Khan Garden on Parkland County:

- A projected doubling in attendance at the University of Alberta Botanic Garden from 75,000 to 160,000 annually;
- Increased capacity for school programs; building on the more than 17,000 children that attend Green School each year;
- Expanded public programming, including interpretive lectures, performances, and cultural exhibitions;
- Extended open season for the Garden to make best use of the outdoor and indoor spaces during the non-summer months.

The Aga Khan Garden will benefit Parkland County through increased tourism and quality of life. With a total project cost of \$5.25 million and \$2.4 million raised to date, the Pavilion is a signature facility bringing lasting economic benefit to the region. We welcome your deep involvement in the garden as our success depends on community partnerships, donors and friends. To that end, ***please will Parkland County consider a \$250,000 contribution to support the construction of the Pavilion at the Aga Khan Garden?*** We would be pleased to discuss a multi-year payment schedule, as well as space naming (commensurate contribution level) and engagement opportunities that align with County priorities.

Thank you for your kind consideration. Your leadership will directly support, as well as inspire, our efforts.

Sincerely,

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