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Dear A/P Community,

Since our facility closed on March 17, Alberta Printmakers' team of staff, Board members and volunteers have been working to quickly and effectively respond to the covid-19 pandemic. Among the many organizations and business dedicated to Calgary's thriving cultural sector, we have seen tremendous support and strength in our community, providing optimism and reassurance during this uncertain time.

During the past eight weeks, A/P has been working behind the scenes to promote our resilience, and to support ongoing studio developments and upcoming project opportunities for when we are able to safely reopen. Eager to continue serving our community and anticipating the prolonged effects of covid-19 measures, we have also been working to develop online educational and engagement programming - stay tuned for upcoming announcements about these new ways to connect with the A/P community and learn about printmaking techniques!

And of course, we've been very eager to see you all in person again. With the welcome announcement of the staged reopening of the Alberta economy, which includes galleries in Phase 1, A/P has been closely monitoring all public health recommendations and workplace guidelines to assess what this means for A/P. The health and safety of our community is our top priority.

A/P is approaching plans to reopen with due diligence, and will not be opening immediately as Phase 1 begins. We are taking this time to fully assess all of the ways that visitors engage with our multifaceted space so that we can provide safe and adaptable ways for you to visit with us, to learn in our space, and to use A/P's shared equipment to grow your artistic practice. As we make progress on new safety measures, we will share any information about when/how A/P will reopen as soon as these decisions are made.

On behalf of A/P, thank you for your ongoing support. In the past eight weeks, we have seen your continued engagement with A/P and the larger artistic community in all forms. We value all of the ways that you are keeping in touch with us and with each other at this time, and we look forward to gathering with you all again.

Sincerely,

Tracy Wormsbecker
Executive Director