

To: Board of Management

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Chief Operating Officer

Subject: **PROJECT UPDATE AND CAPITAL VARIANCE REPORT**

Date: 2010-04-23

Summary

This report provides an update to the Board on the status of the Capital and Operating projects at the Zoo.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

Background:

Each year construction and renovation projects are submitted, revised and approved as part of the Operating and Capital Budget process. The Project Update Report is submitted to the Board of Management twice annually to provide information on the progress of the projects through the planning, design and construction/implementation stages.

Comments/Discussion:

The Project Status list is attached for your review (Schedule I). Some of the highlights are as follows:

- The African Rainforest Pavilion South Exhibit Refurbishment Project is currently in construction with a fall 2010 opening.
- The consultant for the Penguin Exhibit Project has been hired. Design work to be completed late summer 2010. Project completion is scheduled for late spring 2011.
- The request for proposals for consulting services for the design of the Animal Health Centre to be issued the last week of April with a recommendation to be brought to the June 2010 Board meeting for approval.
- Detailed design of the North Zoo Site Redevelopment Project – Phase 2 Eurasia/Canadian Wilderness is underway. Design work will continue throughout 2010 with a design completion scheduled for early in 2011.

Capital Budget Variance Report:

The Capital Budget Variance report for the three months ending March 2010 is attached (Schedule II). At the time of submission for the March variance report, project spending is at 6.6%. Actual cash flow is anticipated to be at 77% at year end.

Project planning and construction at the Zoo is proceeding and is planned to be consistent with the 2010 Operating Budget and the 2010-2014 Capital Works Program.

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List of Attachments:

Schedule I - Capital and Operating Project Status Report

Schedule II – Capital Budget Variance Report for the Four Month Ended 2010-03-31