



To: Board of Management

From: Robin D. Hale
Chief Operating Officer

Subject: **PENGUIN EXHIBIT PROJECT**

Date: 2010-08-09

Summary:

This report recommends approval for the Chief Executive Officer to award a tender for the Penguin Exhibit project.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the CEO be authorized to award the contract for the Penguin Exhibit project within the 2010-2014 Capital Works Program. The budget available for this work is \$875,000.

Financial Impact:

There are no financial implications to this report, as the required funds are within the approved 2010 - 2014 Capital Works Program.

Background:

The existing fur seal exhibit and holding requires extensive modifications to ensure continued reliable and safe operations that would meet current and future standards. As part of the 2010-2014 Capital Works Program, approval was given to convert the existing fur seal exhibit to an African penguin exhibit. The seal exhibit has been closed and the only remaining fur seal moved to a new seal facility in the United States.

Comments/Discussion:

The project involves the provision of a new holding, improvements to the exhibit and pools for temperate climate penguins, and barrier free improvements to the public areas. Modifications to the holding and the exhibit for penguins can be readily undertaken and will create the potential as a special attraction for revenue generation. Once complete, the African Savanna would have an exciting new interactive display for the public to see.

L.E. Glazer Architects are preparing the specifications and drawings for a tender call in September. The tender results will not be available in time for the September Board meeting but will be available for the end of September. With the potential of a change to the timing of the

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September Board meeting, and no further meetings scheduled until after the City elections, it is necessary to ensure a timely award of the tender.

Approval for the CEO to award the tender for the Penguin Exhibit project will allow construction to be undertaken for a Spring 2011 completion.

R. D. Hale
Chief Operating Officer

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