

Multiple communications received from various individuals requesting that the elephants be moved to the PAWS Sanctuary - (EX.24.30.81)

Move Iringa, Toka & Thika to the PAWS Sanctuary

On October 25th 2011 the Toronto City Council voted 31 to 4 in favour of sending Iringa, Toka & Thika, the three remaining elephants at the Toronto Zoo, to the PAWS Sanctuary in California.

Since that time, many attempts have been made by zoo people and others to delay or stop the transfer of the elephants to the Sanctuary.

PAWS has been ready to receive the elephants for months. Yet, the elephants remain in Toronto with no date to move them in sight.

I endorse the decision by Toronto City Council (a decision affirmed by the Toronto Zoo Board of Management) to send Iringa, Toka & Thika to the PAWS Sanctuary and urge Toronto City Council to:

1. set a deadline for the elephant transfer that ensures the elephants are shipped to California, and,
2. ensure there are no further obstructions and delays by taking whatever actions are necessary to expedite the elephant move.

Please do not let a “global good news story” for Toronto become a global embarrassment. Toronto’s elephants deserve the best.

Sincerely,