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RE: EC26.10 - REQUEST TO DEFER CONSIDERATION OF REPTILIA APPLICATION AT HARBOURFRONT CENTRE

December 14, 2021

Dear Mayor John Tory & Members of Toronto City Council,

On behalf the Board of Directors and team at Reptilia, I want to convey our appreciation for the work that Dr. Attard and her staff have provided to date relating to Reptilia's proposed location at Harbourfront Centre. The discussions that they have recently held with our representatives, have highlighted areas where further clarity would be beneficial to all involved.

Further, Reptilia is currently engaged with the federal and provincial governments, as well as awaiting the results from our regular review with CAZA that is currently underway. These assessments, along with an internal review lead by renowned herpetologist Dr. Robert Murphy will provide further clarity for our team on any potential operational enhancements across our organization.

While we had originally believed that these reviews would be finalized by now; however, that is not the case. City Council, the City of Toronto staff, and Torontonians would benefit from the outcomes of these discussions prior to any final decision making.

Outside of these reviews, Reptilia remain steadfast in our intention to enter into formal knowledge sharing agreements with the City of Toronto, emergency services personnel, and local hospitals. We believe that it is prudent given that throughout the City of Toronto, there are unquestionably several individuals that have prohibited, unregulated animals in their care today.

As such, knowledge sharing with Municipal Licensing & Standards, emergency services, and local hospitals are critical. The Reptilia team would appreciate the opportunity to information share and collaborate on these important issues.

We hope that the City and City Council will accept our request to defer consideration of this matter at this time, and we look forward to discussing the outcomes of our reviews upon completion.

Yours truly

Brian Child

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