



BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE TORONTO ZOO

AGENDA

Date of Meeting:	Friday, October 2, 2009	Enquiry:	Ms. Rosalind Dyers
Time:	10:00 a.m.		Committee Administrator
Location:	Committee Room 4		416-392-8018
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If the Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo wishes to meet in closed session (privately), a motion must be made to do so, and the reason given (*City of Toronto Act, 2006*).

Declarations of Interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*

Confirmation of Minutes – July 16, 2009

Presentation:

I. FOR APPROVAL:

1. Renewal of Pearse House Lease

Report (July 30, 2009) from the Chief Operating Officer requesting approval for the renewal of the leasing agreement for Pearse House to the Rouge Valley Foundation.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Management renew the tripartite Agreement with the Rouge Valley Foundation (RVF) and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) for the use of the Pearse House by RVF for the period December 18, 2009 to December 19, 2014.

2. Endangered Species Carousel Ride

Report (September 10, 2009) from the Chief Operating Officer respecting the installation of an Endangered Species Carousel Ride for the 2010-2014 season.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board approve the Zoo entering into an agreement with Entertainment Financial Group (TZ Entertainment) to operate an Endangered Species Carousel Ride for the period of May 1, 2010 through December 31, 2014.

3. 2010-2014 Capital Works Program

Report (September 15, 2009) from the Acting Chief Executive Officer providing an analysis of the implications of the revisions recommended by the Management Committee to the original staff report on the 2010-2014 Capital Works Program, along with revised staff recommendations for consideration by the Board of Management.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Board approve the recommended 2010-2014 Capital Works Program, subject to the following:

1. a. The Giant Panda Exhibit be incorporated into the North Zoo Site Redevelopment Project (Phase 2) and the budget be increased by \$15.0 million to accommodate the increased scope of work.
- b. The Schofield Memorial Garden Project be re-prioritized as Priority #1, but remain without City funding, consistent with the Schofield Memorandum of Agreement.
- c. The Penguin Exhibit be approved for implementation in 2010-2011, as it will provide significant benefits to the Zoo.
2. A Request for Proposals be issued that would include a front entrance and parking renovation that is revenue neutral or positive to the Zoo.
3. The potential for the incorporation of sustainable options be further investigated in the design of the Elephant Winter holding facility, and noted in the Capital submission.

4. Giant Panda Acquisition

Report (September 18, 2009) from the Acting Chief Executive Officer advising that the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee on August 18, 2009, raised the need to move forward on the Giant Panda acquisition; that the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee recommended to the Board of Management that:

- a. Toronto Zoo staff organize a delegation of a maximum of nine people, including the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Management and the Chair of the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee, to visit China to reaffirm China's commitment to provide the Toronto Zoo with a pair of giant pandas and to visit the Chongqing Zoo which is twinned with the Toronto Zoo;
- b. the Acting Chief Executive Officer be authorized to hire a consultant to help achieve Federal, Provincial and Municipal Government participation at a cost not to exceed \$20,000; and
- c. in the event that sufficient government support at all levels and committed funding cannot be secured, the Giant Panda initiative be abandoned;

and further requested that staff prepare a report for the September Board of Management meeting including a business case consisting of current capital and operating budgets, and, in relation to Recommendation a. above, an accurate costing of the proposed travel; and that this report be considered as background information for the above recommendations of the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee.

5. Appointment of Zoo Representative to the Canadian National Exhibition Association

Communication (August 31, 2009) from the Corporate Secretary, the Canadian National Exhibition Association, requesting the appointment of the Zoo Board's representative to the CNEA for the term commencing October 15, 2009, until the date of the Annual Meeting in the fall of 2010 (October) or until such time that a successor is appointed.

III. FOR INFORMATION:

6. Operating Budget Variance to the End of June 2009

Report (September 15, 2009) from the Chief Operating Officer outlining the Zoo's operating variance for the period ending June 30, 2009, and providing a year-end projection.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

7. Preliminary Operating Results

Report (September 15, 2009) from the Chief Operating Officer submitting the 2009 preliminary operating results for the period ending August 31, 2009.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board receive this report for information.

8. Visitor Statistics

Report (September 10, 2009) from the Executive Director, Marketing and Communications, submitting the visitor statistics for the period ending August 31, 2009.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

9. Committee Minutes

Report (September 14, 2009) from the Acting Chief Executive Officer providing an update to the Board on Committee activities.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the May 7, 2009, Minutes of the Management Committee be received for information.