



STAFF REPORT

ZB2.08

To: Board of Management

From: Chief Executive Officer

Subject: **CAPITAL BUDGET REALLOCATION - 2019**

Date: 2019-01-30

SUMMARY

This report requests approval from the Board for reallocation of certain Capital Projects for the Zoo in 2019.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Board approve the reallocation of \$2.195 million in planned spending for 2019 (net zero) from the Canadian Pavilion project to the Front Entrance & Welcome Area.

DECISION HISTORY:

The Board approved the 2019-2028 Capital Budget for the Toronto Zoo at its meeting on 2018-11-29 as per the attached link:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2018.ZB24.3>

COMMENTS:

A review of key priorities by senior management has resulted in a decision to request approval from the Board to reallocate spending between two projects within the 2019-2028 Capital Budget. The projects impacted are the Front Entrance & Welcome Area and the Canadian Pavilion, with the new prioritization resulting in an increased emphasis on advancing the design and construction of the new Front Entrance to better serve Zoo guests. In accordance with Zoo By-law No. 2-2010, the annual Capital Budget is approved by the Board. As such, this implies that any change to the priority and order of spending should be approved by the Board.

The Front Entrance & Welcome Area project is a service improvement and enhancement for our Zoo visitors and visitors to the Rouge National Urban Park. In accordance with the 2016 Master Plan, the Front Entrance & Welcome Area will be the first and last destination for guest engagement while visiting the Zoo. This area will be an ideal location to promote the Zoo's mission and values. The main areas of the welcome area include the parking area, arrival plaza, entry plaza and orientation plaza.

The revised priority for the Front Entrance & Welcome Area will result in a focus on the design for the project in 2019, with construction to commence in 2020. In order to accommodate this change and the City budget process, the Financial Planning Division of the City of Toronto has adjusted the recommended spending plan in order to move this forward in the City's budget deliberations. Accordingly, a total of \$2.195 million in planned spending for 2019 has been moved from the Canadian Pavilion project to the Front Entrance & Welcome Area. The Financial Planning Division of the City of Toronto has advised that any planned and reallocated spending for these projects in the periods commencing in 2020 and beyond, resulting from the reprioritization by senior management, will be adjusted in the 2020 Budget process.

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