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Date: April 2, 2019
To: Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo
Re: Regional Transit to the Toronto Zoo

Recommendations:

The Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo request the Chief Executive Officer of the Toronto Zoo to correspond with the Toronto Transit Commission, Durham Region Transit and York Region Transit for the purposes of discussing direct public transit to the Toronto Zoo, and report back to the Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo at the June 13, 2019 meeting.

- a) Request that the Toronto Zoo together with the Toronto Transit Commission begin discussions with Durham Region Transit and York Region Transit for direct public bus service to the Toronto Zoo.
- b) Including the opportunity for bus service during the weekends for the months of May through to September.

Background

As we strive to improve the visitor experience at the Toronto Zoo, it would be beneficial to expand public transit access from surrounding municipalities, providing for new opportunities to easily plan a visit to the zoo for everyone.

Adding public transit access from the surrounding municipalities will encourage residents to add the Toronto Zoo as a regular destination for multiple visits as well as easy access for tourists with accommodations in Durham Region or York Region.

Providing a more convenient way travel to the Toronto Zoo offers all ages with the opportunity for a wonderful experience to explore the seven zoogeographic regions with over 5,000 animals representing over 450 species, the Wildlife Health Centre, walking trails and much more making it one of the Toronto region's premium nature destination.

All my Best,

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