

To: Board of Management

From: Chief Executive Officer

Subject: **POTENTIAL ANIMAL ACQUISITION**

Date: 2019-06-12

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**Reason for  
Confidential  
Information:**

The attachment to this report contains information regarding the security of the property of the municipality (or local board)

**SUMMARY:**

The Toronto Zoo has been approached with the unique opportunity to host a new iconic species, which is also a key symbol of the challenges animals are facing due to climate change. The acquisition of this species would be housed in a retrofitted portion of a current habitat and would be on loan to the Zoo for a minimum of three years.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**It is recommended that**

- 1. The Board approve the confidential proposal referred by the Chief Executive Officer in Confidential Attachment I, and**
- 2. The details of the approval be released at an appropriate time at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer.**

**BACKGROUND:**

The species is considered "Vulnerable" on the IUCN Red List with a population of less than 250,000 on the planet. Populations continue to be profoundly impacted by climate change. The opportunity to expand the discussion and education surrounding our changing planet with our guests is a unique proposition which can be well supported with strong visuals and digital storytelling.

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Dolf DeJong  
Chief Executive Officer

**ATTACHMENT:**

Confidential Attachment I