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City of Toronto Agenda Item

2019.ZB7.5 - Endangered Species Reserve Fund - 2020 Budget
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Dear Toronto Zoo Board,

Funding for projects that involve humane education, poverty reduction, habitat protection, anti poaching/animal cruelty investigation, and humane, no kill human wildlife conflict prevention and management are essential. This is what the Toronto Zoo should be funding.

I am concerned about some research projects. It seems Project #20 (Oregon Spotted Frogs) does not harm the frogs to collect gametes. There is no problem with this research, as long as the frogs and tadpoles are either bred again and eventually released into the wild.

Aqua-Links and Great Lakes Outreach Program seems fun, and does teach children about fish, but the problem is, salmon gametes are collected by MNRF lethally. I would prefer the Zoo engage in a project that does not harm animals.

I hope the capture surveys of bats (reproduction, health, etc) is live capture and release.

The IVF program in wood bison involves collecting oviducts from farmed wood bison in slaughterhouses. I hope these animals are being killed for food anyway, and are not being taken from the wild, or killed for research purposes.

I hope that all projects take animals into consideration. Please add this communication to the agenda item.

Sincerely,

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