

To: Board of Management

From: Director, Facilities and Infrastructure

Subject: **ORANGUTAN OUTDOOR EXHIBIT TENDER**

Date: 2020-02-06

**Reason for
Confidential
Information:**

This report includes information concerning a tender award and affects security of property and solicitor client privilege.

SUMMARY:

This report discusses the award of the tender for the Orangutan Outdoor Exhibit project. The Orangutan Outdoor Exhibit Project is an animal improvement project to upgrade the living conditions, animal behaviour enrichment, animal space and management of the orangutans.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Board approve Confidential Attachment 1 attached to this report.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The financial impact is dependent on the actions of the Board in respect to Confidential Attachment 1.

BACKGROUND:

Since orangutans were introduced to the Toronto Zoo in 1974, their home and exhibit have been in the Indo Malaya Pavilion. They have never been outside as there were no facilities to house them. In 1994 the orangutan holding capital project was completed. The design included provision for connection to a new outdoor exhibit at the south side of the Indo Malaya Pavilion however this connection was never completed.

With better understanding of great ape wellbeing, an outdoor habitat will greatly improve their quality of life. This project will provide modern adequate exhibit space, quality of life and enrichment for the orangutans as well as interactive and educational opportunities for our guests. The new exhibit will provide more space and flexibility for the animals to stay on the ground or to reflect their natural behaviours by climbing cables suspended from poles high above the captive audience below.

In 2016-2018 the creation of an outdoor exhibit for orangutans was an approved project.

COMMENTS / DISCUSSION:

The Request for Tender, TZC T-57-2019-12, was issued on 2019-12-19, with a due date of 2020-01-24. Sixteen contractors attended the site meeting, and four bids were received. All the initial lump sum bids were higher than the approved budget amount.

Once a decision has been made by the Board we will have clarity on how to proceed with the tender.

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