

Revised Tripartite Agreement Signed

Date: May 19, 2021

To: Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo

From: Chief Executive Officer

Wards: All

SUMMARY

This report will provide an update on the status Tripartite Agreement between the Toronto Zoo, Toronto & Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) and the City of Toronto.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chief Executive Officer recommends that:

1. The Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo receive this report for information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact resulting from the adoption of the recommendations in this report.

DECISION HISTORY

In 2013, Toronto City Council requested that the Toronto Zoo complete a new licence agreement between the City of Toronto, the Toronto Zoo and the Toronto & Region Conservation Authority (named the "Tripartite Agreement"). It was recommended at the Board of Management meeting on 2019-06-13 (ZB4.13) that the Toronto Zoo continue to work towards implementation of a new Tripartite Agreement that would redefine the boundaries of the Toronto Zoo. The Board of Management was provided with an update on the status of this agreement at its meeting on 2019-10-24 (ZB7.11).

COMMENTS

We are pleased to share that an updated Tripartite Agreement between the above parties was signed on May 13, 2021. The new agreement excludes lands in the valley area and Parking Lot 4 to enable TRCA to transfer ownership to Parks Canada to manage these natural areas as one continuous block and add their Welcome Centre. An additional benefit is the Zoo will be completely surrounded by our new National Urban Park. We have also secured the right to use 40+ acres on Old Finch Avenue for future endangered species facilities and a 14 acre browse farm north of the Zoo on a long-term lease. A full description of the new Zoo boundaries can be found in the full agreement in Attachment 1.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Licence Agreement - New Tripartite Agreement