

2021 Environmental Initiatives Report

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To: Toronto Zoo Board of Management

From: Director, Facilities & Infrastructure

Wards: All

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to update the Board of Management on environmental priorities and initiatives achieved for the Toronto Zoo in 2021. The Toronto Zoo continues to complete projects to improve energy efficiency, water conservation, waste diversion, and employee and public engagement to reduce its overall carbon footprint.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Facilities & Infrastructure 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 2006, the Toronto Zoo introduced a Greenprint that provided resources and suggestions for the creation of the 2007 Green Plan. The Green Plan addresses the Toronto Zoo's major environmental impacts and provides action steps towards a greener solution by outlining goals, targets, timeframes, and areas of responsibility.

COMMENTS

The Green Eco-Zoo Team (GEZT), a non-technical advisory committee to the CEO, addresses the environmental impacts of Zoo operations, policies, and procedures, and makes recommendations that will lessen our ecological footprint. The organizational structure of GEZT incorporates all divisions and units of the Zoo and meets quarterly. GEZT provides an annual report to the CEO for presentation to the Board of Management on environmental projects, programs and initiatives in progress or completed over the past year. Kyla Greenham, Manager of Conservation Programs & Environment, chairs GEZT.

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ATTACHMENTS

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