

African Pavilion Sprinkler Retrofit Project

Date: January 23, 2024

To: Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo

From: Chief Executive Officer

Wards: All

SUMMARY

This report recommends the award of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for African Pavilion Sprinkler Retrofit Project.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Zoo recommends that:

1. The Toronto Zoo Board of Management approve the award of Request for Proposal RFP-33 African Pavilion Sprinkler Retrofit Project to Twin Contracting in the amount of \$1,449,500, subject to approval of the 2024-2033 Toronto Zoo Capital Budget and Plan including 2023 carry forward funding.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The African Pavilion Sprinkler Retrofit Project was included as part of the approved Building and Services Refurbishment program within the approved 2023-2032 Toronto Zoo Capital Budget and Plan and continues to be prioritized within these Plans. Awarding of the African Pavilion Sprinkler Retrofit Project will be subject to approval of the 2024-2033 Toronto Zoo Capital Budget and Plan by city council on February 14, 2024.

DECISION HISTORY

There is no prior decision history available for this item.

COMMENTS

The African Pavilion Sprinkler Retrofit Project was an approved 2023 capital project with construction expected to be completed in 2024. The budget for this project is contained within the Building & Services Refurbishment project.

In 2022 the Toronto Zoo changed its Insurance Company, who then completed a thorough review of the Zoo site. The resulting report recommended an automatic sprinkler system and supporting detection upgrades be installed in the African Rainforest Pavilion. Installation of an automatic sprinkler system will meet the needs of our insurer, provide greater fire protection for the animals in our care, our assets and this Pavilion.

RFP-33 closed in December 2023. In response to the RFP one (1) bid submission was received from Twin Contracting.

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