

Orangutan Outdoor Habitat Project

Date: March 14, 2024

To: Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo

From: Director, Facilities & Infrastructure

Wards: All

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

This report is about litigation or potential litigation that affects the Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo.

SUMMARY

This report seeks a budget increase to support the additional costs incurred to complete the Orangutan Outdoor Habitat project.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Facilities & Infrastructure recommends that:

1. The Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo approve an increase in the Outdoor Orangutan Habitat project budget from \$11,200,000 to \$11,700,000.
2. The Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo direct that the confidential information contained in Confidential Attachment 1 remain confidential in its entirety, as it contains information about litigation or potential litigation that affects the Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact resulting from this report as the additional budget will be fully supported by previous year funding and financial contribution from the Toronto Zoo Wildlife Conservancy.

DECISION HISTORY

In April 2022, the Board approved a budget increase for the orangutan project from \$10,500,000 to \$11,200,000.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2022.ZB21.15>

In February 2020, the Board approved a budget of \$10,500,000 for the orangutan project and gave the Chief Executive Officer authorization to award the construction tender to a contractor within the approved budget.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2020.ZB8.5>

COMMENTS

The Orangutan Outdoor Habitat reached substantial completion in June 2023 and was opened to our guests in July. In October 2023, the Toronto Zoo received an EWO (Extra Work Order) from the contractor for costs associated to complete the project. Upon receipt, Toronto Zoo staff reviewed the EWO submission for accuracy and legitimacy. From October to February, the Toronto Zoo worked with the Contractor to reduce the cost to an amount that was reasonable for the work that was completed.

The requested budget increase is based on the information the Toronto Zoo has available at this time due to the recent cyber incident and loss of critical information. Although the precise final project cost cannot be determined due to lack of available information, we are confident that this budget will cover all additional costs.

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ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1