

Winter Accessibility - Tiger Boardwalk & Habitat Expansion Project - Additional Work

Date: March 14, 2024

To: Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo

From: Director, Facilities & Infrastructure

Wards: All

SUMMARY

This report recommends amending the Construction Agreement for PO0100379 - Tiger Boardwalk and Habitat Project in order to complete additional work.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Facilities & Infrastructure, Toronto Zoo recommends that:

1. The Toronto Zoo Board of Management authorize The Director, Facilities & Infrastructure, or her designate, to negotiate and amend the Construction Agreement for PO0100379 - Tiger Boardwalk and Habitat Project up to the amount of \$4,800,000.00, excluding applicable taxes.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact resulting from the adoption of the recommendations in this report. The Zoo is requesting that the City reallocate funding from other cost centres to support this additional work. Reallocations will be from projects that are either under budget or have scope revisions resulting in budget variances. Portions of some currently approved projects will be delayed and the accompanying 2024 budgets for those projects would be available for reallocation.

DECISION HISTORY

On October 23, 2023, the Toronto Zoo Board of Management authorized the Director, Facilities & Infrastructure, to enter into a construction agreement for the Tiger

Boardwalk and Habitat Project with TDI International Ag. Inc. in the amount of \$2,853,861.36, excluding applicable taxes. The report can be viewed here: <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.ZB6.10>

COMMENTS

The Zoo is seeking authorization from the Toronto Zoo Board of Management as this amendment exceeds the financial authority of the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Zoo.

TDI International Ag. Inc. is currently constructing the Toronto Zoo Tiger boardwalk and has also recently completed the construction of the Toronto Zoo Core Woods Hill Boardwalk in May of 2023.

There is an opportunity to expand on the Zoo's boardwalk system which would connect both the Core Woods Hill Boardwalk and the Tiger Boardwalk. This connection would improve guest flow and alleviate heavily congested areas during peak season. This connection is recommended to be completed in conjunction with the already underway Tiger Boardwalk, as construction access already exists and creates the least amount of tree impacts. This iconic addition to the site will provide all our guests a unique canopy walk experience with a design that protects the environmentally sensitive area found at the core of our site.

Additionally, the Africa Village project is an approved 2024 capital project which includes correcting the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) issues in front of the Africa Rainforest Pavilion washrooms. Due to the extreme difference in ground elevation in this area, the proposed solution is to install the same elevated boardwalk system from the washrooms, over to the Africa Picnic site, connecting to the Tiger Boardwalk. This would not only create an accessible, consistent look and feel for our guests but would allow for the Africa Picnic site to be utilized as a private, revenue generating event space for our upcoming 2024 peak season.

This amendment would allow us to address accessibility issues on site while providing an incredible experience for our guests in advance of this years 50th anniversary of the Toronto Zoo.

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