

Toronto Zoo Indigenous Advisory Circle

Date: May 10, 2024

To: Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo

From: Director, Indigenous Relations

Wards: All

SUMMARY

An Indigenous Advisory Circle has been established to advise and guide the strategic framework for Indigenous Relations at your Toronto Zoo.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Indigenous Relations 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

On October 23, 2023, the Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo adopted a Strategic Framework for Indigenous Relations at your Toronto Zoo.

[Agenda Item History - 2023.ZB6.8 \(toronto.ca\)](#)

On October 23, 2023, the Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo adopted Values & Principles to guide Indigenous Relations at your Toronto Zoo.

[Agenda Item History - 2023.ZB6.3 \(toronto.ca\)](#)

COMMENTS

In October 2023, the Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo adopted a Strategic Framework, values and principles to guide the work of Indigenous Relations at the Zoo. In order to ensure that these initiatives centre and honour Indigenous perspectives, an Indigenous Advisory Circle has been established.

The Toronto Zoo Indigenous Advisory Circle (TZIAC) was established as an action of reconciliation, to ensure Indigenous People - who have always cared for the lands in which our Toronto Zoo now sits, are provided a voice and have a say in the work that the Zoo undertakes, both in partnership with First Nations in their communities, and on-site with our animal relatives. The TZIAC is comprised of nine First Nation community members, ranging from youth to elders.

The Terms of Reference for the TZIAC is currently being finalized.

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