

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

Date: March 18, 2024

To: Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo

From: Director, Project Management

Wards: All

SUMMARY

This report recommends amending the Construction Agreement for RFQ 43 - Tiger Boardwalk and Habitat Project to complete additional work.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Project Management, Toronto Zoo recommends that:

1. The Toronto Zoo Board of Management authorize The Director, Project Management, or designate, to negotiate and amend the Construction Agreement for RFQ 43 - Tiger Boardwalk and Habitat Project up to the amount of \$5,521,708.18, excluding applicable taxes.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact resulting from the adoption of the recommendations in this report. The contract adjustments recommended in this report will be accommodated by reallocating funds within the 2025 approved Grounds and Visitor Improvement budget.

DECISION HISTORY

On March 14, 2024, the Toronto Zoo Board of Management authorized the Director, Facilities & Infrastructure, to negotiate and amend the Construction Agreement for RFQ 43 - Tiger Boardwalk and Habitat Project up to the amount of \$4,800,000.00, excluding applicable taxes. The report can be viewed here: [Agenda Item History - 2024.ZB9.4](#)

On October 23, 2023, the Toronto Zoo Board of Management authorized the Director, Facilities & Infrastructure, to enter into a construction agreement for the Winter Accessibility - Tiger Boardwalk & Habitat Expansion Project with TDI International Ag. Inc. in the amount of \$2,853,861.36, excluding applicable taxes. The report can be viewed here: [Agenda Item History - 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's expanded boardwalk system as outlined in report ZB9.4. They have completed the construction of the Tiger Boardwalk which opened in July of 2024 and have recently completed the accessible boardwalks at the Africa Rainforest Pavilion washrooms and Africa Picnic site. Construction of the boardwalk which will connect the Tiger Boardwalk, and the David C. Onley Trail is well underway and is anticipated to be complete in May of this year.

Since the contract was amended in March of 2024 and construction progressed, unforeseen circumstances such as underground utilities, ground conditions for pile installation and additional tree impacts caused the Zoo to utilize the projects contingency funds. In addition to this, the Zoo has requested an increase to the original scope of work for the Sumatran Tiger North Habitat to ensure accreditation standards for Tigers are being met. This includes increasing the height of the primary barrier fence by three metres to slightly exceed the Association of Zoos & Aquariums standards.

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