



REPORT FOR ACTION WITH CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT

Red Panda Climate Controlled Viewing - Construction Tender Award

Date: July 16, 2025

To: Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo

From: Director, Capital Program & Sustainability

Wards: All

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

The attachment to this report contains *financial information*, supplied in confidence to the Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization.

SUMMARY

This report recommends entering into negotiations for the award of the Red Panda Climate Controlled Viewing Construction Agreement.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Capital Program & Sustainability recommends that:

1. The Toronto Zoo Board of Management authorize the Director, Capital Program & Sustainability, or her designate, to negotiate the award and enter into a Construction Agreement with a qualified construction firm for the Red Panda Climate Controlled Viewing project at a purchase price as outlined in Confidential Attachment 1.
2. The Toronto Zoo Board of Management authorize the public release of Confidential Attachment 1 following the closing of any purchase transaction.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact resulting from the adoption of the recommendations in this report.

DECISION HISTORY

On February 7, 2024, Toronto Zoo issued a Consulting Agreement for PO0100644, Design Consulting and Construction Contract Administration for Red Panda Habitat Project to Coolearth Architecture Inc. in the amount of \$311,252.50, excluding applicable taxes.

On February 28, 2025, the Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo adopted Item ZB14.5 - Project Alignment with the Approved 2025 - 2034 Capital Plan and Budget which included amending Consulting Agreement for RFP38 Design Consulting and Construction Contract Administration for Red Panda Habitat Exhibit Refurbishment Project. The revised design value of \$585,000 is due to increased project scope requested by Toronto Zoo.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2025.ZB14.5>

COMMENTS

The Red Panda Climate Controlled Viewing is an approved 2025 Capital Project that is currently out for construction tender. The next scheduled Board meeting is not until October 15, 2025. To maintain the Project's current schedule of an anticipated July 2026 Grand Opening, the Toronto Zoo is seeking approval from the Toronto Zoo Board of Management now to negotiate and enter into a Construction Agreement upon tender closing and review of qualified bids.

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ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 - Red Panda Climate Controlled Viewing - Construction
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