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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the February 10, 2026 City Council meeting on item 2026.MPB38.1, 2026 Operating and Capital Budget

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Once again, the police and the Toronto Zoo get money poured into them, while Toronto Animal Services gets the leftovers under the Municipal License and Standards budget. Toronto Animal Services should be a 24/7 first responder, yet TAS doesn't operate directly, this leaves Animal Services alone. This is not fair. Toronto Zoo is an entertainment facility that exploits animals. The animals there do not do well, and Toronto Zoo needs no money from the city to operate. Toronto Police, while getting the majority of the budget, end up dealing with everything that the city underinvests in; public health, mental health, and animals. Except the police do not manage these in a very nice way. Police do not need horses, dogs trained to attack people, or brand new guns. Yes, in 2026, every police officer is getting a new gun, and they still ride horses like it is the 19th century. (Though even in the 19th century they had cars). Please largely defund the police, and defund the Toronto Zoo entirely.

Turn Toronto Zoo into a nature park. <https://www.speciesunite.com/news-stories/could-this-new-ecopark-proposal-replace-san-francisco-zoo>

Toronto Animal Services should also have its own budget, separate from Municipal Licensing and Standards.

Animal Services does a lot of good. But one big problem is they also “deal with” coyotes and other wildlife. Please do not repeat last year’s decision to hire a hunter trapper to shoot coyotes in the middle of the night. Animal Services euthanizes the majority of wild animal intake. I would suggest developing a policy and contract with Toronto Wildlife Centre to bring every wild animal taken in to the Toronto Wildlife Centre instead. TWC could receive the Toronto Zoo money. Coyote Watch Canada should be contracted out

for coyotes.

<http://www.torontowildlifecentre.com> <http://www.coyotewatchcanada.com>

Pest Control should never be contracted to a poison glue and trap company. Please only contract out humane companies. <http://www.rodenticidefree.ca>

Please invest in Mental Health. Detask the police almost entirely for mental health calls, and invest more in Toronto Community Crisis Services, and housing first instead of shelters.

Please have an Accessibility Budget to make the city 100% accessible.

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