

Toronto Zoo Community Conservation Centre - AV Equipment Supply & Installation - Award

Date: February 9, 2026

To: Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo

From: Director, Capital Program & Sustainability

Wards: All

SUMMARY

This report recommends the award of audio-visual (AV) equipment supply and installation for the Community Conservation Centre to a vendor.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Capital Program & Sustainability, Toronto Zoo recommends that:

1. The Toronto Zoo Board of Management authorize the Director, Capital Program & Sustainability, or her designate, to award and enter into an Agreement with Solotech for the supply and installation of Audio Visual (AV) equipment within the Toronto Zoo Community Conservation Centre in the amount of \$950,000.00 excluding HST.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

The funding for supply and installation of AV equipment for the Community Conservation Centre is already approved within the Welcome Area budget for 2026.

DECISION HISTORY

On October 15, 2025, the Board approved the Toronto Zoo's 2026-2035 Capital Budget which included the Community Conservation Centre gross project budget of \$86.7 million.

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On April 4, 2025, the Board approved in principle the terms and conditions of a lease agreement with the Governing Council of the University of Toronto in respect of the Toronto Zoo Community Conservation Centre.

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On October 2, 2024, the Board approved the Toronto Zoo's 2025-2034 Capital Budget for the Community Conservation Centre gross project budget at \$79.0 million to reflect detailed construction estimates.

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COMMENTS

The Community Conservation Centre is an approved capital project and the budget for this project is contained within the approved Capital Works Program from 2025 to 2034.

AV supply and installation is not included within the general contractor's scope of work since the Toronto Zoo uses Solotech as their approved Vendor Of Record (VOR) for all AV work as per the City of Toronto's VOR list. This ensures consistency and compatibility of products across the Zoo as well as a common source for maintenance and service.

The AV supply and installation scope includes outfitting four (4) classrooms and four (4) labs with projectors & projector screens, TV screens, cameras, speakers, and microphones. It also includes a PA system throughout the two buildings, digital displays in the gift shop, for animal interpretive stations, above the entry and exit gates, and the supporting computers, racks, hardware, and software required for AV system operation.

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