



REPORT FOR ACTION WITH CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT

Potential Development Opportunity

Date: June 4, 2025

To: Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo

From: Chief Executive Officer

Wards: All

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

This report provides information on a negotiation with a community partner regarding a potential development opportunity at the Toronto Zoo. Release of the terms and any direction from the Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo related to the terms may affect ongoing negotiations to finalize the arrangement and any required agreement(s).

SUMMARY

This report seeks authorization from the Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo to collaborate with the City of Toronto and a community partner for the purposes of pursuing a potential development opportunity at the Toronto Zoo.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chief Executive Officer recommends that:

1. The Board of Management endorse in principle the repurposing of the southeast portion of Parking Lot 1 for a potential development opportunity as described in Confidential Attachment 1, subject to completion of relevant planning reviews, impact studies, and engagement with the City of Toronto as outlined in Recommendation 2;
2. The Board of Management direct Toronto Zoo staff to work through City of Toronto Corporate Real Estate Management, and in collaboration with CreateTO, and other relevant parties, to advance discussions and negotiations with a community partner on a potential development opportunity as described in Confidential Attachment 1;

3. The Board of Management direct Zoo staff to report back to the Board on the status of discussions prior to the execution of any agreement(s) related to the development opportunity described in Confidential Attachment 1.
4. The Toronto Zoo Board of Management approve the recommendation contained in Confidential Attachment 1.
5. The Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo direct that the confidential information contained in Confidential Attachment 1 remain confidential in its entirety, as it contains information about an ongoing negotiation that affects the Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report and the recommendations contained in Confidential Attachment 1. Staff will report back to the Board prior to the execution of any agreements that have financial implications for the Zoo.

DECISION HISTORY

The Board previously approved confidential instructions to staff in a report to the Board at its meetings on October 15, 2025 and April 4, 2025 regarding engagement with a community partner on a potential development opportunity at the Toronto Zoo.

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COMMENTS

Comments are provided in Confidential Attachment 1.

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ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1