



Toronto Zoo Appoints Acting CEO

For Immediate Release

May 21, 2009 (TORONTO) Today, the Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo announced the appointment of Peter Evans as Acting Chief Executive Officer effective July 1, 2009.

Mr. Evans is the retired Senior Vice President, Corporate Treasury from BankOne where he was responsible for all treasury functions including funding, asset and liability management, capital and liquidity requirements and regulatory compliance. In addition, Mr. Evans has been an active volunteer and fundraiser with the Toronto Zoo for over 20 years and has served in the following roles:

- i) Member, Board of Management from 1996 to 2008
- ii) Vice Chair, Board of Management and Chair, Management Committee 1999 to 2008
- iii) Learning Centre Steering Committee Chair 2004 to 2006
- iv) Member, ZooTech 2.0 Committee 2008

“We are pleased that Mr. Evans has accepted the position of Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Zoo through this period of change” said Councillor Raymond Cho. “Mr. Evans is a respected senior corporate leader with over 20 years of volunteer service to the Zoo.”

Recently after 23 years of leading the Toronto Zoo to award winning status and 35 years of distinguished service to the City of Toronto, CEO Calvin White announced his retirement and the Board of Management subsequently approved a transition plan. Mr. White will continue to provide the Toronto Zoo with support through to June 30th, 2009. Recruitment for a permanent CEO will begin shortly.

About The Toronto Zoo

The Toronto Zoo is Canada's premier Zoo, known for its interactive education and conservation activities. With over 5,000 animals representing more than 500 species, The Toronto Zoo attracts over 1.3 million visitors each year. The Toronto Zoo is one of the largest zoos in the world with more than 10 km of walking trails, covering 287 hectares in Toronto's beautiful Rouge Valley. For more information visit www.torontozoo.com .

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