



ANIMAL ACQUISITION COMMITTEE

2010-05-06
12:30 p.m. Boardroom
Toronto Zoo
361A Old Finch Avenue
Toronto, ON

MINUTES

Attendance: Dr. D. Williams (Chair), Councillor R. Cho, Councillor M. Grimes
Regrets: Councillor G. Mammoliti

1. Bird Acquisitions – New Species

The Committee had before it a report dated 2010-02-18 recommending the approval to acquire the following new species be added to the collection:

1. (4) Red-capped cardinals (*Paroaria gularis*)
2. (4) Peter's twinspots (*Hypargos niveoguttatus*)
3. (2) Green aracari (*Pteroglossus viridis*)

The total cost of the acquisition for the cardinals and twinspots is \$813.00 and is in the Animal Acquisition Budget. The Green aracari are being donated by the Biodome.

On a motion by Councillor Grimes, seconded by Councillor Cho, the Committee approved the aforementioned recommendation.

2. Acquisition of Black Duiker

The Committee had before it a report dated 2010-04-22 recommending approval to acquire up to 3.1 black duiker (*Cephalophus niger*) on breeding loan from Los Angeles Zoo.

There is no financial impact on the Zoo as they will be on loan from the Los Angeles Zoo.

On a motion by Councillor Grimes, seconded by Councillor Cho, the Committee approved the aforementioned recommendation.

3. Turtle Acquisitions

The Committee had before it a report dated 2010-04-22 recommending approval for the acquisition of the following:

1. (12) Eastern box turtles (*Terrapene Carolina*) be added to the collection for display in the Kids Zoo;
2. (50) Wood turtle hatchlings (*Clemmys insculptaca*) be added to the collection for the purpose of headstarting and recovery; and

The report also requested approval for the Toronto Zoo to partner with the Ministry of Natural Resources to rear wood turtles respectively as part of a head starting and release conservation programme.

Minor modifications to the exhibit in the amount of \$1,000.00 is contained in the 2010 Operating Budget. The Ministry of Natural Resources is providing funding for the care of the turtles until they are released.

On a motion by Councillor Grimes, seconded by Councillor Cho, the Committee approved the aforementioned recommendation.

4. African Crested Porcupine

The Committee had before it a report recommending approval be given to acquire 2.2 or 0.2 African crested porcupine to be exhibited in the existing caracal exhibit in African Savanna.

The amount of \$1,500.00 is for shipment only as the animals would be on exhibit loan or provided gratis.

On a motion by Councillor Grimes, seconded by Councillor Cho, the Committee approved the aforementioned recommendation.

Chair

Adjourned: 12:35
C. Baker
Secretary