

To: Animal Acquisition Committee

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Subject: **DISPOSITION OF AFRICAN ELEPHANTS**

Date: 2011-12-16

Summary:

Toronto City Council and the Toronto Zoo Board have made recommendations to send 0.3 Africa elephants (*Loxodonta africana*) to Performing Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) in California and relinquish ownership.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Animal Acquisition Committee receive this report for information. Once the elephants are moved to PAWS, the Toronto Zoo will no longer have African elephants in the collection.

Financial Impact:

There is no financial impact to Toronto Zoo. Financial costs associated with the logistics and shipping 0.3 elephants will be covered by PAWS.

Comments/Discussion:

On October 25th, 2011, Toronto City Council voted to transfer the Toronto Zoo's three elephants, Toka, Thika and Iringa, to PAWS. On November 24th, 2011, The Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo affirmed, reviewed, assessed and corroborated City Council's decision to move the Toronto Zoo's three elephants to PAWS Sanctuary.

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