

One Calgary Civic Partner Presentation

The Calgary Zoological Society (Calgary Zoo)





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The Calgary Zoological Society undertakes its mission to;

"Take and inspire action to sustain wildlife and wild places"

by being a Canadian leader in wildlife conservation, committed to excellence in animal stewardship and stakeholder engagement.



Calgary 🏟 Meeting Current and Future Needs of Calgarians

By the numbers the Calgary Zoo has 1.2M visitors (5 years most visited zoo in Canada) – 97K members – 62K K-12 school visits – 46K event guests

Exit research finds:

- 96% visitors rate overall satisfaction as excellent/good
- 87% visitors find supporting zoo a great way to support wildlife conservation
- 85% members strongly agree "Calgary Zoo important to community quality of life"
- 87% members strongly agree "Important Calgary Zoo contributes to wildlife conservation"
- 79% members strongly agree "animals at the Calgary Zoo are cared for at the highest standard"
- 51% Summer visitors from out of town 43% of these stayed in a local hotel





Current challenges/opportunities underlying our 2019 - 2022 strategies:

- Continue achieving highest quality visitor experience while investing in keeping that experience fresh
- Fully engage and retain record setting 97,000 members in the mission and vision of the Society
- Discover innovative ways to continue growth of real, positive, conservation impacts reintroduction and community based sustainability
- Maintain strong safety and security record for 1.2M visitors
- Constantly uphold the highest animal welfare standards pioneer in international zoo accreditation – decades of qualification
- Continue to address the Society operating footprint maintaining strong environmental, as well as, financial sustainability



Calgary Alignment with Citizen Priorities & Council Directives

2019 - 2022 One Calgary Directives:

- Combining Calgary's most popular visitor attraction with care for and conservation of wildlife and our wild environment – Zoolights Calgary's iconic winter festival (110K attendees)
- Place of choice for Calgary families for four generations accessible to all economically (ZooShare – 18K) and otherwise (self-propelled wheelchairs)
- Over 600 active volunteer ambassadors contributing 32K hours or \$640K of value engaging Calgarians in a love of nature
- Progressive civic partnership spanning 89 years mature well governed and managed charity with rigorous financial and risk management practices – solid stewardship and maintenance of a cherished civic asset – new 10+ year cooperative lease agreement – demo site City driverless shuttle technology





Calgary Alignment with Citizen Priorities & Council Directives

2019-2022 One Calgary Directives (continued):

- Intent to become NetZero facility first-of-a-kind microgrid and alternative district energy showcase – supporting Calgary technical excellence with innovative local collaboration – 4K tonnes GHG reduction – significant reduction potable water from use of flood mitigation dewatering
- Certified arborists and horticulturalists partnered with the City for management of a vital growing urban forest of over 7000 trees with a 40% canopy cover
- Connected beyond our boundaries generating new discoveries thru world leading regional, national and international conservation programs



Calgary 🕸 2019-2022 Business Plan

Strategic Directions:

- Maintain momentum from <u>record setting</u> 2018 for memberships and visitation
- Grow <u>world leading</u> support for species at risk through community base conservation projects – leverage <u>innovative</u> new partnerships
- Examine new programs for <u>enhancing</u> visitor engagement in our Mission





Strategic Directions (continued):

- Boost utilization of <u>iconic</u> Canadian species at risk in the Canadian Wilds

 especially youth engagement conservation links
- Secure funding for <u>unique</u> microgrid/renewable energy project -<u>significantly</u> reduce potable water use
- Plan for re-purposing the Panda Exhibit for 2023 departure Eurasian species

Begin engagement program for 2029 100th Anniversary Centenary Project



We will continue to track:

- Value of our mission to our community
- Year-over-year membership renewals and visitation rates
- Quality of the on-site visitation experience
- Animal welfare standards and perceptions
- Financial/Environmental Sustainability measures
- Capital maintenance and capital investment rates
- Volunteer satisfaction and utilization rate



Calgary 2019-2022 Operating Budget Factors

- Operating net surplus built up thru 2018 beginning planned drawn down post record panda revenues
- Continued growth in conservation program based on non-site revenue expansion
- Innovative sustainability projects result in operating expenditure reductions to offset increasing capital maintenance costs
- Growth in volunteer participation to offset salary increase pressures while maintaining high levels of customer satisfaction thru onsite experience
 - Budget funded amortization of capital costs to support expanding capital base





2019-2022 Major Capital Projects*

- 2019-20 Play in nature in Canadian Wilds est. \$5M
- 2021-22 Significant new anchor carnivore exhibit in Canadian Wilds iconic specimen with strong conservation message – est. max. \$17M
- 2019-20 Secure funding and begin development of NetZero microgrid alternate energy showcase installation - est. \$11.8M
- 2019-20 Invest in new Wildlife Conservation Centre (WCC) development to support endangered species reintroduction programs – total est. \$9M

*Business cases related to these projects are subject to the detailed scrutiny, vetting and approval of the Calgary Zoological Society Board of Trustees before proceeding

