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## Elephant experts support Toronto City Council's decision regarding Zoo's elephants!

### CYNTHIA MOSS

More than 40 years ago, Cynthia Moss found ideal conditions for studying elephants in Amboseli National Park, a protected area of 150 square miles in southern Kenya, and began what was to become the longest running African elephant field research project in the world. [The Amboseli Elephant Research Project's](#) studies, of more than 2,000 elephants (1,400 still living) in their natural habitat, are the most comprehensive ever undertaken. [Click here to read more about Cynthia Moss.](#)

**Read Cynthia's letter to the Toronto City Council. Click [here](#).**

### JOYCE POOLE

Joyce Poole has studied African elephants since 1975, beginning her career working with Cynthia Moss in Amboseli national park. Her honors thesis at Smith College in 1979 and her PhD thesis from Cambridge University in 1982 both focused on the sexual and aggressive phenomenon of musth in male elephants. She went on to study elephant vocal communication and in 1985 with Katy Payne discovered that African elephants communicate using sounds below the level of human hearing. Through the 1980s, she continued work on aspects of musth and elephant communication while was a research fellow of Princeton University. [Click here to read more about Joyce Poole.](#)

**Read Joyce's letter to the Toronto City Council. Click [here](#).**

### KEITH LINDSAY

Keith Lindsay is a conservation biologist and project manager with the Environment & Development Group (EDG) in Oxford, with over 30 years' professional experience. His involvement with elephants dates back to 1977, when he joined AERP. Beginning his studies by building second-hand radio-collars and monitoring vegetation plots, his work led to MSc and PhD research projects on feeding ecology, habitat interactions and population demography, and more recently the analysis of ecosystem change with Geographic Information Systems. A past member of the African Elephant Specialist Group, he maintains his research interests in the conservation of African elephants, with particular reference to population management, ivory trade and welfare issues. Recently, he has worked on elephant conservation in relation to CITES – including the links between culling and financial aspects of the ivory trade, consultations by the South African government on culling policy in Kruger National Park and helping Kenya Wildlife Service develop its national elephant strategy.

**Read Keith's letter to the Toronto City Council. Click [here](#).**

### WINNIE KIIRU

Winnie Kiiru is a Kenyan-born wildlife ecologist, and research associate with the Amboseli Trust for Elephants. She has worked in conservation for the last 15 years and her passion is elephant conservation.

Earlier this year, Winnie was the keynote speaker at the Oakland Zoo's "Celebrating Elephants" event. Winnie is currently involved in developing conflict mitigation strategies with particular focus on human-elephant conflict around Amboseli National Park in South West Kenya. She is the director and co-founder of [EPIKenya](#) (Environment and People In Kenya). This work involves working with communities to develop innovative and sustainable methods of alleviating human elephant conflict.

**Read Winnie's email to the Toronto City Council. Click [here](#).**

### **PETER STROUD**

Since 2003 Mr. Stroud has owned and operated an independent consultancy business based in Melbourne, Australia. Clients include zoos in Australia and overseas, zoo design and development companies and government agencies.

For 23 years he was employed directly by zoos in Australia. He is the former Director of the Werribee Open Range Zoo and former Senior Curator at the Royal Melbourne Zoological Gardens.

**Read Peter's letter to the Toronto City Council. Click [here](#).**

### **JANE GOODALL**

**Supports Toronto City Council Decision!**

**Read Dr. Goodall's letter to the Toronto City Council. Click [here](#).**