

Coyote Incident Management Update

as of October 4, 2022

Special Council Meeting
October 4, 2022

Situational Update

Coyote Attacks/Incidents

- No new coyote incidents – reported sightings are being investigated according to established protocol.
- Certified Wildlife Professional continues to be engaged to assist in tracking and eliminating aggressive coyotes.
 - 4th coyote eliminated due to aggressive confrontational behaviour

Trapping and Relocating

- With respect to trapping and relocating of coyotes to wildlife reserves, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry have indicated this is not a feasible option.
 - While trapping and relocation is permitted under legislation, it is with the following restrictions for wildlife:
 - Must be released within 24 hours of capture and
 - Must be released within 1 km of the capture location
- MNRF provides the following to further clarify the need for these restrictions:
 - Prevent the spread of diseases and parasites,
 - Give the animal its best chance of survival by ensuring that it is released close to its home range,
 - Reduce potential for problem activity elsewhere
 - Ensure carrying capacity not surpassed in an area
 - Prevent exchange of genetic materials among different populations

Situational Update (continued)

Communication and Engagement

- Community engagement is key in two areas:
 - in assisting the Animal Control Team in addressing any illegal feeding contributing to this issue. If you have any information, please connect with the Animal Control Team at animalshelter@burlington.ca or 905-335-3030
 - in reporting sightings of coyotes so the City can continue to monitor the whereabouts and potentially learn of patterns.
- City-wide mail drop to all residents informing of updates to fines for feeding wildlife; scheduled for week of October 10
 - Ticket = fine of \$250
 - Court summons = fine ranging from \$500 to \$100,000 as determined by justice of peace/judge during court appearance
- City is initiating discussions with Town of Oakville on opportunities to join forces for coyote management including education and awareness tactics.