



December 20, 2021

Hon. Greg Rickford

Minister

Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry

Whitney Block, 99 Wellesley St W, Toronto, ON M7A 1W3

RE: [COYOTE RESPONSE AND CO-EXISTENCE STRATEGY \(2.8\)](#)

Dear Minister Rickford;

This will confirm that the members of Markham City Council approved the following resolution at the December 14, 2021 Council Meeting:

1. That the report entitled Proposed City of Markham *Coyote Response and Co-existence Strategy* be received; and,
2. That Markham City Council approve the proposed *Coyote Response and Co-existence Strategy* outlined in Attachment "F"; and,
3. That the *Coyote Response and Co-existence Strategy* be amended to remind residents of the importance of not leaving young children unattended in yards, playgrounds, naturalized areas, etc.; and,
4. That the *Coyote Response and Co-existence Strategy* be further amended to reflect that staff have the discretion to use lethal intervention at any stage of the proposed *Incident Escalation Framework* should circumstances warrant it; and,
5. That the City host a Public Information Meeting in the first quarter of 2022 to obtain public input into the proposed *Coyote Response and Co-existence Strategy*; and,
6. That Council request the Minister of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry to formally review the complex issue of human/coyote conflict in Ontario and to develop a comprehensive, Province-wide solution and public relations campaign, complete with marketing materials to address same; and,

7. That Council direct staff to investigate the feasibility of partnering with a post-secondary institution in Ontario to conduct research on the effects of urbanization on coyotes, human/coyote conflicts in an urban setting and best practices and evidence based approaches to address related issues; and,
8. That Staff review the *Coyote Response and Co-existence Strategy* on a regular basis to ensure the information included is relevant and in compliance with evolving research and legislation; and,
9. That staff be directed to increase the fine for people feeding wildlife in Markham to the legislated maximum of \$500.00; and,
10. That a copy of this resolution be sent to all municipalities in the Greater Toronto Hamilton Area (GTHA) and in York Region, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO); the Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), Rouge National Urban Park , and local MPPs; and further,
11. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Should you have any questions, please contact Christy Lehman, Supervisor, Animal Care at CLehman@markham.ca

Yours sincerely,



Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS:

- [Attachment "A" – Presentation/Minute excerpt - May 31, 2021 General Committee meeting](#)
- [Attachment "B" – Feedback from Coyote Watch on Markham Site Visits](#)
- [Attachment "C" – Excerpt from Markham's Discharge of Firearms By-law](#)
- [Attachment "D" - Excerpt from Markham's Animal Protection and Services By-law](#)
- [Attachment "E" – Municipal Survey Results](#)
- [Attachment "F" – Proposed City of Markham Coyote Response and Co-existence Strategy](#)
- [Attachment "G" – Animal Care Committee feedback on proposed Strategy](#)

Cc: Municipalities in Greater Toronto Hamilton Area (GTHA) and in York Region
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