



Municipal Law Enforcement Wildlife Roles and Responsibilities

Wednesday, February 16, 2022



Overview

- Municipal Law Enforcement Responsibilities
- Coyote Response to Date
- Coyote Response Management Plan
- Next Steps



Responsible Pet Owner's By-law

- Enforcement of regulations
 - Prohibited animals
 - Running at large
 - Animal licensing
 - Animal care standards



Found Domestic

- Reported to Service Oshawa
- Scan for microchip and attempt to return to owner
- Transport to Animal Shelter for impound and further investigation



Injured or Sick Wildlife

- Reported to Service Oshawa
- Officers capture if able to
- Assessment by veterinarian or animal shelter staff
- Rehabilitation or Euthanasia



Coyote Response

- Tracking and monitoring of sightings
- Increase in number of sightings
- Increase in safety concerns in the community
- New patterns across the province



Response Strategies To Date

- Collaboration with Coyote Watch Canada
- Real-time monitoring and response
- Increased Signage
- Fencing, garbage cans, brush
- Community education
 - Residents
 - Businesses
 - Schools and School Boards



Response Strategies To Date

- Public Communications
- Consultation with other municipalities
- Research
- Consultation with Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry
- Updates to tracking system
- Consultation with Durham Regional Police



Response Strategies To Date

- Aversion Conditioning
- Nuisance By-law updates to prohibit feeding of wildlife
 - \$250, \$350, \$450
- Creation of a Coyote Response Management Plan



Coyote Response Management Plan

Purpose

- Promote safe co-existence
- Education
- Behaviour modification
- Tiered and escalating response to conflicts



Coyote Response Management Plan

Collaboration

- Coyote Watch Canada
- Wildlife Specialists
- Ministry
- Parks and Operations
- Property Owners/tenants
- Corporate Communications
- Service Oshawa



Coyote Response Management Plan

Investigations

- Evidence of attractants
- Descriptions and photographs of animals
- Speak with witnesses



Coyote Response Management Plan

Determine Appropriate Response

- Based on nature of interaction
- Education and communication
- Changes to physical space
- Aversion conditioning
- Engage community partners
- Humane elimination as a last resort



Next Steps

- Communications
 - January and February
 - mating periods
 - March through June
 - Den selection, pup rearing
 - September and October
 - Dispersal of pack members



Next Steps

- Ministry Collaboration
- Durham College Collaboration
 - Students of Animal Care program
 - Public communication
 - Real-time monitoring
 - Aversion conditioning



Summary

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