

General Committee November 29, 2021
Item 7.1 Coyote Response and Co-Existence Strategy

Written Communications to Accompany Deputations:

From: Mr Minh Hang
To: Mr. Mayor, Councillors

Thanks you to city councils for allowing me to voice my concern about potentially dangerous coyotes in the swan lake area.

My name is Minh Hang . I live in the swan lake area.

On June 23 of this year, I saw and took the photos of a coyotes on the play ground of Laura & alf weaver park. I will show u the picture of how close this coyote came to the people there. This situation is scary. I had to yell to warn the parent and children but was ignored. Apparently they though it was a small dog. I shouted louder, the coyote finally walked away . The coyote certainly did not appear to be afraid of people.

A week later, my wife saw a coyote again in the same area while she walked with my 2 young grand children. They ran away.

On Oct.18, my niece saw and took photos of coyote walking along the street in the same area. I sent many of these photos to city hall to voice my concern. However i was told by an animal care official Mr. Freeman that he could not do anything due to Ontario law does not allow to move the coyote more than 1 Km away.

Then i contacted an office of councillor Andrew Keyes. Mr. Keyes 's assistance Ms. Gibbon agreed to put up the warning signs that I had asked for. That all the city could do.

Then I contacted the office of MPP Paul Calandra . I asked if there could be a change to the law to relocate a coyote more than 1 Km or to take precautions and not wait for someone to be bitten , a pet killed or any serious incidents.

Do we have to wait for a serious injuries or a fatality in order to do something ?. Like the Pitbull issue before, Ontario bans Pitbull after it bite many people. The government did after it happened, not before. No prevention measure.

Mr. Calandra 's assistant Mr. Kumar sent me an e mail in September that said the province has authorized the city to take any necessary actions to keep residence safe. However after i contacted the office of mayor Scarpitti about it, all i received back was the guide how to coexist with coyotes . Example like we always walk with friends in the park for safety as in the warning sign at the swan lake area. How practically it is !.

As we all know there were many incidents of coyotes attacking people recently. Last week an police official had to shoot and killed a coyote after it had attacked people.

In my opinion, it is better to prevent this from happening in Markham. I would like to suggest to city councils :

- First : put more warning signs at the swan lake area as there is not at the Laura & alf weaver park yet.
- Second : relocate the coyotes further, far far away from park and residence.
- Third : city councils comes up with the plan to make the area safe.

An education to public is too idea, hoping only some will follow . Put the human 's safety first, not an animal's right first.

Thanks for your consideration

Minh Hang

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