



## STAFF REPORT INFORMATION ONLY

### Coyote Response Strategy – Additional Consultation

<b>Date:</b>	October 1, 2013
<b>To:</b>	City Council
<b>From:</b>	Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards
<b>Wards:</b>	All
<b>Reference Number:</b>	P:\2013\Cluster B\MLS\CC13017

#### SUMMARY

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At its meeting of September 19, 2013, the Licensing and Standards Committee recommended that City Council adopt the Coyote Response Strategy and referred all submissions filed to staff for a report directly to City Council.

The submissions included a number of recommendations to improve the content of the Strategy and its implementation. After consulting with stakeholders, staff will be incorporating the recommendations into the Division's standard operating procedures and in its educational materials. No changes to the Coyote Response Strategy are required. Toronto Animal Services will continue building partnerships with community organizations and other stakeholders to monitor and address issues with coyotes before conflict situations arise.

The Coyote Response Strategy aims to reduce negative interactions between humans, their pets and property, and coyotes. The Strategy focuses on preventive measures such as public education and prohibiting the feeding of coyotes. In specific situations, the Strategy allows for the removal of the coyote(s).

#### Financial Impact

There is no financial impact expected from this report beyond what has already been approved in this year's budget.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

At its meeting of September 19, 2013, Licensing and Standards Committee referred the letters (September 18, 2013) from the Animal Alliance of Canada, Born Free USA and Coyote Watch Canada to the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, for a report to City Council if necessary.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2013.LS23.3>

## **COMMENTS**

In their letters to the Licensing and Standards Committee, the Animal Alliance of Canada, Born Free USA and Coyote Watch Canada expressed their support for the Coyote Response Strategy. The groups also made a number of recommendations to help improve the Strategy including changes in terminology, operational practices and monitoring strategies such as an on-line sighting report system.

Staff contacted all three organizations to discuss their submissions and recommendations. The recommendations included in the letters complement the Coyote Response Strategy and offer valuable input for the implementation of the policy. As a result, they will be incorporated into the Division's standard operating procedures on the Coyote Response Strategy and used to inform future educational material on coyotes.

Toronto Animal Services will continue building partnerships with the above mentioned organizations and other stakeholders, such as the Toronto Wildlife Centre, in order to share resources and explore new tools for managing the coyote population in Toronto.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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