

Attachment 7: Summary of roles and responsibilities related to urban wildlife in Toronto

Government Agency/Organization

Roles / Responsibilities

PROVINCIAL	
Province of Ontario: Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR)	License trappers and wildlife and monitor their activities
	Investigate contraventions to the <i>Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act</i> , including inhumane treatment of wildlife, relocation etc.
	Provide advice to municipalities on managing human-wildlife conflict. Does not provide direct assistance in dealing with wildlife on private property.
OSPCA	Investigate inhumane treatment of wildlife, including contraventions of the <i>Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act</i>
Toronto Regional Conservation Authority (TRCA)	Habitat management on TRCA lands
	Offer public education programs on wildlife

MUNICIPAL	
Toronto Animal Services	Respond to Injured, Distressed, Sick and Dead Animals
	Educate public on wildlife conflict prevention
Municipal Licensing and Standards	Enforcement of parks by-law
	Enforcement of property standards by-laws
Parks, Forestry and Recreation (PFR)	Geese management
	Operate community stewardship programs
	Install signage in parks
City Planning: Environmental Planning	Manage ravines, parklands and trails through planning and landscaping
	Raise public awareness about local wildlife
Solid Waste	Mitigate the impact of urban development on natural areas, including wildlife habitats
	Educate on proper garbage disposal
Toronto Public Health	Monitor wildlife-to-human bites
	Responsible for rabies management in Toronto
311	Direct public calls about wildlife to appropriate resources (i.e. website, TAS)

OTHER	
Private Citizens	Maintenance of private property (i.e. proper waste disposal, removal of wildlife attractants)
	Not feeding wildlife
	Reaching out to professional and humane wildlife control operators to respond to wildlife issues on private property
	Comply with rules and regulations concerning the treatment of wildlife
Toronto Wildlife Centre	Assist with the care and release of orphaned and injured wildlife
	Manage telephone help-line on wildlife issues
	Offer educational programming on wildlife
Wildlife Control Operators	Comply with laws, rules and regulations concerning the treatment of wildlife i.e. Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act
	Acquire appropriate licensing and insurance coverage.
	Ensure staff have hands-on training in handling wildlife and are up-to-date on best practices