

Toronto City Council
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To Whom It May Concern:

The population of Toronto continues to grow at a considerable rate, almost 1% per year. With this growth comes increased population density, urbanization, and wildlife habitat loss. Inevitably, there is an increase in pressure on the wildlife that is forced to live in this built-up setting, e.g., more animal-vehicle collisions, bird strikes, predation, disease, and trapped individuals.

The Toronto Wildlife Centre has, for over 25 years, provided an essential service to the Greater Toronto Area helping this wildlife. This includes rescuing animals in difficult or dangerous situations, providing a high-quality hospital and rehabilitation service, and educating members of the public. As an organization, they are passionate, highly experienced, and leaders in their field.

The Toronto Zoo supports the Toronto Wildlife Centre and the very important work that it does. It recognizes the need for new Toronto Wildlife Centre facilities to cope with the many thousands of wildlife cases that they help each year. The Zoo wishes them all the very best in their endeavors.

Sincerely,



Dr. Christopher J. Dutton
Head of Veterinary Services