



May 5, 2025

**BY EMAIL**

TO: Chair and Committee Members, Economic and Community Development Committee

**RE: EC20.4 - Downtown Coyote Action Plan**

Dear Chair and Members, Economic and Community Development Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to offer the Chair and Committee members some advice as to how the address and resolve the human/wildlife conflict between the residents of Liberty Village, their dogs and coyotes.

We commend the City and Toronto Animal Services for the work that has been done thus far. It is clear that a lot of time, energy and resources have put into this issue to resolve it with modern, effective techniques.

The question for the Committee to consider is what kind of city do we want our City to be?

Some residents want the coyotes to be trapped and euthanized. This is a divisive option. Additionally, it will not resolve the problem. If coyotes from Liberty Village were killed, coyotes from other areas would simply move in. The extensive construction and the accompanying disturbance from the Ontario Line and Ontario Place will continue to drive wildlife, including coyotes, to other areas.

We, therefore:

1. Support the Recommendations in the March 2025 "Consolidated Summary Report: Expert Panel on Coyotes in Fort York/Liberty Villate" prepared by LURA Consulting;

2. Support the Panel Recommendations in the April 24, 2025 report, “Update on City Actions Around Coyotes Downtown”; and
3. Encourage the Committee to recommend the formation of a “Wildlife Co-existence Team” to offer aversion training sessions to members of the community in conjunction with Toronto Animal Services and other knowledgeable organizations.

We look forward to working with Toronto Animal Services and the community to humanely resolve human/wildlife conflicts in the City.

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