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Council Members,

The Corporate & Community Services Standing Committee vote and decision to address the coyote concerns in Collingwood which has created danger and an immediate threat to residents; to which the Town will take action to trap and/or remove coyotes from East Collingwood, has significant impact on the Staff report C#2018-10 tabled at the Committee meeting of 04-09-2018.

The Staff report C#2018-10 was passed only to provide something for Council to vote on with the amendment to deal with and remove the coyotes in East Collingwood – immediately.

There was support for education which was the extent of the support for the staff report. The acknowledgement of the danger of urban coyotes and the need to remove them by the Town of Collingwood defeats the coexistence position by staff to date– the whole basis of the staff report.

Council needs to understand that the coexistence plan proposed by staff was in effect defeated based on the horror coyotes were causing Collingwood residents and the loss of enjoyment of the Collingwood community – specifically in attendance were people from Georgian Manor Drive and Blue Shores but staff realizes this is also an issue in other parts of Collingwood – pets have been killed in other areas and residents are becoming aware and concerned in this area. This was based on information shared by residents at [www.coyteconcerncollingwood.com](http://www.coyteconcerncollingwood.com) and a FaceBook Group as Staff failed to provide this information to residents on the Town website.

The education needs have now changed dramatically and contradict the position Staff is recommending and the policy to date. The education now needs to be focused on the danger of urban coyotes and the need for the residents to be aware of this danger and threat. Staff need to be trained and accept the facts on the danger and threat of coyotes and how to service this issue in Collingwood. The solution is not educating residents to change the way residents live in Collingwood – build fences, motion detection lighting, walk in groups, carry whistles etc. as recommended by Staff in this recent report.

If residents within Collingwood (streets, parks, trails, private properties) encounter a coyote; they are dangerous and a threat to your safety. Try and scare them away by shouting at them and throwing things, do not run from them but move away backwards, and take steps to not attract them with food sources but notify the Town of Collingwood to have them removed immediately as the Town will deal with coyotes. The issue now becomes who residents should call (911) and what actions will be taken. The OPP will need to be trained on the fact that coyotes on the streets, trails and parks of Collingwood are an immediate threat to safety.

It would be irresponsible and contradictory to the findings and decisions of this meeting to proceed with bringing in Coyote Watch Canada to teach residents to live with coyotes as this would dismiss the danger and threat we have endured to date. Staff need to regroup on the education strategy.

To limit the action to East Collingwood while awaiting for residents to mount a deputation and/or testimonials of tragedy and fear to inform staff and Council of the facts about the impact of coyotes in other areas needs to be avoided. The deputation topic of coyote concerns was intended for all areas of Collingwood.

To try and limit this issue as one problem area in Collingwood and continue to proceed with coexistence resident education will be the staff preference. This will expose the Town and should be defeated again. To defer action any longer will also expose the Town.

Thank you for taking the coyote issue seriously and more importantly to take action to remove coyotes from Collingwood.

As my presentation was cut off and longer then allowed the remaining portions of this difficult but important message are available at; <https://www.coyoteconcernscollingwood.com/2018/04/09/speech-04-09-2018-town-of-collingwood/>  
The scripts from the residents who addressed this committee need to be provided to Council as they were very compelling evidence of failed coexistence policy followed by the Town of Collingwood to date.

Thank you,  
Jeff Brown