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Subject: Coyote Tragedy Story in Collingwood

Council Members,

A resident of Collingwood asked me to share this tragic story to help stop this in Collingwood. The reality is this information had to be shared with a resident who cared and would try and take action to avoid this in the future – I sad state of or community – Staff and Council of Collingwood dismissing residents concerns forcing residents to petition and mount pressure on the Town of Collingwood to protect us from this type of tragedy. Upsetting.

This is from Facebook messenger sent to me from a Collingwood resident at Hume and Peel St. – I shared this on Facebook to bring awareness to many people who recognize the danger we are facing. Sadly I did not present this to you sooner and it did not make the media – which may be case more then we know – stats that have not been available but should now change policy. This is another consequence of failed coexistence with wild urban coyotes and in addition to the many stories the committee were told 04-09-2018 and the many comments from the 379 who signed the Coyote Concerns Collingwood petition, that is growing as Collingwood becomes aware of coyote concerns.

Please be responsible and respect the loss of this family and defeat the Staff recommend C#2018-10 Report and stop this coexistence campaign. Honor the many families who have lost their loved pets to this failed policy. Educate staff and residents on the danger of urban coyotes and the need to work together to identify their presence, steps to take to protect us when they are present and steps to take to immediately remove this threat from our community as needed and when needed.

Hello Jeff, I'm contacting you because I know you are an active member within the coyote Facebook group and are acting as a voice for the residents of Collingwood during the city council meeting on Monday. I thought it may be beneficial if I shared my story with you. On Tuesday morning my dog was let out as per our usual morning routine. A routine that she has been doing for the last 15 years of her life safely. In just seconds she disappeared from our view from our kitchen window. My family was desperately searching for her, and instead of finding our beloved dog my mother found blood. This has left my family absolutely heartbroken, we have just lost a member of our family. There isn't anything more heart shattering than losing someone you love, especially in such a vicious way. However, I want to put all my pain and energy into ensuring that this will not happen to other families. I want to ensure no other families have to endure the pain mine has been going through since Tuesday. This is a problem that can be solved. Collingwood citizens should not have to fear for their safety and the safety of those who they love. The coyotes are terrorizing our city. I never knew how bad the situation was until this tragedy happened, but this is why it's important to bring it to light. Not only are the coyotes killing the deer and rabbit population, but our beloved pets as well. I hope my story has helped with your speech for the council. Sorry this was not included in the Coyote Concerns Collingwood "Resident Report" 04-12-2018. Thank you for taking the time to read it.

Please vote to defeat Staff Report C#2018-10 and remove urban/habituated coyotes which are roaming at large in Collingwood frequently, killing our pets and effecting our quality of life. Please vote to educate Staff and residents on the danger of urban coyotes, how to deal with their sudden presence and how to contact the Town of Collingwood to act immediately to deal with the threat. Please do not participate in the Coyote Watch Canada coyote coexistence advocate campaign but develop an appropriate education plan to protect residents and pets over coyotes. Vote for residents and not urban coyotes. Protect enjoyable wildlife in Collingwood.

