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Date: Friday, March 21, 2025

To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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First Name: Diane

Last Name: Cross

Phone Number : [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:
Address: [REDACTED] McNaughton Ave
Ward: Ward 2

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Euthanisation of Coyotes

Comments:

See attached letter

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Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting?: No

Regarding Coyote and Feeding of Wildlife Update

I am extremely concerned about the city's rather drastic response regarding coyotes in the city.

I live on the west edge of Saskatoon with a field behind me. I have deer and rabbits that visit my yard and spaces close to me but I have never seen a coyote or their tracks. I am concerned that the city has decided that they should euthanize coyotes based on the small number of calls they have received.

By its own admission, the City of Saskatoon states "Since 2014, UBS has received five calls classified as "conflicts" based on the incident description given in the call. Out of these five, four are classified as an "Incident" where no human contact occurred but the behavior was concerning to the resident."

Furthermore, a coyote was euthanized in 2024 without confirmation that it was even a problem: *In the fall of 2024, Administration was made aware of one interaction where the Saskatoon Police Service was engaged to euthanize a coyote, **believed** to be the one related to the pet attack".* It is later described as "behaving erratically" and likely suffered from distemper. This neurologic disease does not generally increase aggression, rather it just makes them very confused.

If there have been all of 5 actual conflict calls in 10 years, why is the city taking such a hard line on these animals? They have lived alongside us for over 100 years. The increase in sightings is more likely due to the increase in home security cameras than an increase in actual numbers. Has the city contacted the researchers who have the data from cameras across the city to confirm the supposed population increase? Ryan Brook at the University of Saskatchewan would be happy to provide the hard evidence.

Fear-mongering is destructive and unhelpful. Offering education and providing the public with the tools to handle situations empowers them and builds resiliency in the community. The city currently has a very good educational approach to dealing with wildlife, knowing they are part of the larger ecosystem in which we live.

I fail to see a need to escalate our current response to the wildlife in the city and certainly do not want my tax dollars to go toward hazing and euthanasia of coyotes. When will we learn that killing things does not fix the problem? I also worry that if it is coyotes today, it could be some other animal tomorrow just because a few people are intolerant and unwilling to accommodate others in our city.

Let's NOT fall into the vortex of hate that is threatening us and the planet. Let's find a way to live with each other and co-exist.