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Subject: FW: Email - Communication - David Forbes - Coyote and Feeding of Wildlife Update - CK 151-14

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I only want my comments shared with the Mayor or my Ward Councillor.: No

Date: Monday, March 24, 2025

To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: David

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Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Dav-id Forbes

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I live outside of Saskatoon: No

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Ward: Not Sure

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Saskatoon Nature Society

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Wednesday March 26

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 8.3.2

Comments:

To: Saskatoon City Council
Regarding Item 8.3.2 Coyote and Feeding of Wildlife Update

As President of the Saskatoon Nature Society, I want my grave concerns noted about the direction City Council may take on the Coyote & Feeding of Wildlife issue based on the administration update, Item 8.3.2. I understand this report will provide direction for further decisions. It appears that the update may in fact lead City Council to take a rather drastic and alarming response regarding coyotes in the city without consulting local groups who have expertise and experience in this area. This will result in a missed opportunity to develop a holistic healthy policy of people and nature co-existing in our city.

I would urge City Council to direct city administration to actively and fully engage local expertise on wildlife in the city including Living Sky Wildlife Rehabilitation which receives thousands of calls each year, with a handful being about coyotes specifically. As Jan Shadick, director notes, "We provide education about wildlife, noting natural behaviours, and offering suggestions for reducing the potential for conflict to enable peaceful co-existence with our wild neighbours."

I would also urge City Council to engage with Wild about Saskatoon and specifically Saskatoon UWIN, a local wildlife monitoring group who has spent many years monitoring wildlife in Saskatoon through remote cameras. Based on a successful North American model, its local website writes "The Urban Wildlife Information Network, or UWIN, is an international research alliance created by the Urban Wildlife Institute at Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago, with the aim of "making cities better for humans and wildlife." UWIN exists "to conduct the science needed to ensure that humans and wildlife can co-exist in urban areas, and that cities can contribute to biodiversity conservation around the world."

I can add that the Saskatoon Nature Society would be more than happy to help out moving this discussion from fearmongering which is destructive and unhelpful towards being more proactive and positive as we live in this beautiful city with our wild animal neighbours! We see that offering education and providing the public with the tools to handle situations empowers them and builds resiliency in the community.

We believe Saskatoon currently has a very good educational approach in dealing with wildlife, knowing they are part of the larger ecosystem in which we live. Let's build on that!

David Forbes

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