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Submitted values are:

I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

I do not want my comments placed on a public agenda. They will be shared with members of Council through their online repository.: No

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

Date: Friday, March 21, 2025

To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Jan

Last Name: Shadick

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Jan Sh-AD-ik

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Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Temperance St

Ward: Ward 6

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Living Sky Wildlife Rehabilitation

What do you wish to do ?: Request to Speak

If speaking will you be attending in person or remotely: In person

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: City council meeting Regular Agenda

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

Comments:

This topic was first introduced in July 2024, and I am sorry I missed it then as I am clearly coming to the table at the end of a process, but the process has been flawed and I am requesting to hit the PAUSE button so that appropriate research can be done before taking inappropriate action.

Attachments:

- [coyote letter.docx](#)16.07 KB

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

To: Saskatoon City Council
Regarding Coyote and Feeding of Wildlife

As a member of the public who works closely with wildlife on a daily basis, I am extremely concerned about the city's rather drastic response regarding coyotes in the city.

Living Sky Wildlife Rehabilitation receives thousands of calls each year, with a handful being about coyotes specifically. 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. Most calls are simply that a coyote was seen, but was healthy and was not disturbing anyone.

By its own admission, the City 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"* (emphasis mine) 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.

Jan Shadick

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