

Mayor's Office



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FROM: The Office of the Mayor
City of Niagara Falls

Residents are being asked to report coyote sightings on city's website

Niagara Falls residents are being asked to be a part of the effort to deter coyotes from public places, by logging on to report coyote sightings in their area. Sighting details can be submitted by clicking on to the link on the city's website: www.niagarafalls.ca. Getting residents involved in the process will assist wildlife experts in their ongoing investigation of coyotes in the urban areas of Niagara Falls.

Mayor Jim Diodati credits the efforts of local organizations who have come together to take action to ensure the safety of residents. "The response from local agencies has been outstanding. They are working vigilantly to help deter coyotes from residential areas. Coyote Watch Canada immediately conducted a thorough investigation and continues to work vigilantly on the effort."

The aim of the investigation by Coyote Watch Canada was to determine the reason for the number of coyote sightings in the area surrounding Father Hennepin School. Their report has determined some important information, including the confirmation of only 1-2 different coyotes in this vicinity. Their report also indicates that a coyote is coming into the surrounding residential area for the purpose of feeding and then returning to its natural habitat.

Coyote Watch Canada recommends the following measures to help alleviate the occurrences of coyotes in the populated residential and school area, and to ensure optimal safety:

- Pets to be kept on-leash, subject to City of Niagara Falls by-laws
- Keep compost, garbage and potential food sources contained
- Report all coyote sightings online, or to Coyote Watch Canada at **(905) 931.2610**

As part of ongoing efforts, city staff will continue to communicate with affected residents and to take whatever action is deemed necessary under the City's authority to deter feeding in populated areas. With the cooperation of residents, coyotes can be deterred from entering neighbourhoods and residential areas.

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