

CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

By-law No. 2011 -37

A by-law to discourage the feeding of coyotes.

WHEREAS coyotes are wild animals native to the Niagara Region;

AND WHEREAS urban expansion is taking place in the Niagara Region, including the City of Niagara Falls, which is leading to increased interaction between humans, their pets and property, and coyotes;

AND WHEREAS interaction between wild coyotes and humans and their pets and property can lead to undesirable consequences for the humans, their pets, their property and for the coyotes;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of Niagara Falls wants to take steps to provide that interactions between humans, their pets and property, with coyotes are as positive for all concerned as is possible;

AND WHEREAS the Council has been advised by reputable experts on the behaviour of coyotes, that the feeding of wild coyotes is a leading cause of negative interaction between humans, their pets and property, and coyotes;

THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this by-law is to reduce the number of interactions between humans, their pets and property, and coyotes that result in injury or inconvenience to humans, their pets and property.

2. Interpretation

2.1 For the purposes of this by-law:

- (a) “coyote” is an animal that is, or appears to be, of the species *Canis Iatrans* and any animal that is a cross breed of a member of the species *Canis Iatrans* and a domestic dog. The singular of this word shall be deemed to include the plural with all necessary changes in detail;
- (b) “feed” includes any manner of providing or delivering, whether passive or active;
- (c) “food” includes any matter or thing that can be consumed by a coyote for sustenance;
- (d) managing food or an animal feeder in such a way as to attract animals which animals,

in turn, attract a coyote, is deemed to be managing food or an animal feeder in such a manner as to attract a coyote; and

- (e) without limiting the generality of the definition of food set out above in this by-law, managing food shall include the disposal of waste, garbage and refuse.

3. Regulations

- 3.1 No person shall feed a coyote.
- 3.2 No person shall place, expose or allow to be placed or exposed, food that is consumed by a coyote.
- 3.3 No person shall manage food or an animal feeder intended to attract or feed animals other than coyotes, in such a manner that the food or feeder attracts a coyote.

4. Offence and Penalty

- 4.1 Any person who contravenes any regulation of this by-law is guilty of an offence and, upon conviction, is liable to a fine of up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

5. General:

- 5.1 Each provision of this by-law is independent of all other provisions, and if any provision is declared invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions of this by-law remain valid and enforceable.
- 5.2 Nothing in this by-law relieves a person from complying with any provision of any federal or provincial law or regulation, other by-law, or any requirement of any lawful permit, order or license.
- 5.3 The short title of this by-law is the *Coyote Control By-law*.
- 5.4 This by-law shall come into force and effect on the day it is passed.

Passed this fourth day of April, 2011.

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DEAN IORFIDA, CITY CLERK

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JAMES M. DIODATI, MAYOR

First Reading: April 4, 2011.
Second Reading: April 4, 2011.
Third Reading: April 4, 2011.