

CHILD INJURED BY COYOTE



Durham police is reminding the public to be vigilant and proactive when encountering coyotes after several incidents have been reported.

A young child was recently injured by a coyote in Whitby, according to Mayor Elizabeth Roy. "Like many in our community, I was concerned to hear about a young child who was recently injured by a coyote in Whitby. My thoughts are with the child and their family, and I'm wishing them a full and quick recovery."

Mayor Roy reminded residents that Whitby already has strong coyote monitoring mechanisms and a public coyote sightings dashboard.

Be Safe: Durham Police
Durham police said community members, including pedestrians and pet owners, are urged to exercise caution when using public spaces, particularly when accompanied by small children or pets. Coyotes are most active during the early morning and evening hours and may become aggressive if they feel threatened.

If a coyote exhibits aggres-

sive or unusual behaviour, please report it to your local authorities. If there is an immediate threat to public safety, call 9-1-1, police advised.
Pup Rearing Season

People may notice increased coyote activity at this time of year as coyotes raise their pups and become more active across neighbourhoods, said an Oshawa statement.

To minimize encounters, residents and property owners are encouraged to wildlife-proof their property and eliminate potential denning areas and attractants, it said.

If you suspect a coyote den is nearby, the city advised reporting it and avoiding the area.

Below are some safety tips from Oshawa.

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door cooking area.

Secure buildings: seal gaps under decks, porches, sheds, and your home.

Protect pets: leash dogs, supervise them outside, and bring pets in at night.

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Seasonal reminders: coyotes during pup-rearing season

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Additionally, below are tips for wildlife proofing your property and more information on how to report coyote sightings.

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If you see it, report it!

The City uses coyote sighting reports to monitor common locations and determine if neighbourhood specific communications should be sent or signage posted.

Community members are urged to report coyote sightings to Service Oshawa online at service.oshawa.ca, by email to service@oshawa.ca or by telephone at 905-436-3311.

Learn more about Oshawa's Council-approved Coyote Response Management Plan on the City's Coyotes webpage, including tips to reduce coyote encounters, so that residents, pets and wildlife can co-exist safely.

Community members are invited to take the free e-learning course Coyotes in the Urban Landscape online at CoyoteWatchCanada.com.



MPP Coe announces Seniors Community Grants in Whitby

WHITBY — MPP Coe announced that the Abilities Centre and the Regional Municipality of Durham have received a \$25,000 Seniors Community Grant, bringing seniors together in the Falls Prevention Exercise and Education Program, and the Seniors Empowerment and Connections Project. The Abilities Centre will use their grant to provide education and exercise training to decrease fall risk and hospitalization. Abilities Centre's Fall Prevention program is an 8- to 12-week exercise and education program for seniors at risk of falls, delivered twice weekly in hour-long small-group training sessions, supported by education sessions.

Falls affect up to 30% of the population each year, placing a large burden on the Canadian healthcare system. With 85% of injury-related hospitalization and 95% of hip fractures due to falls, reducing fall risk is critical to support an aging population and the Canadian healthcare system. The Regional Municipality of Durham will use their grant for the Seniors Empowerment and Connections Project; which is seeking to engage and empower older adults including veterans and persons from equity-deserving groups across Durham Region, by offering culturally responsive social programming to strengthen relationships and foster new connections. The project will also

promote safety and strengthen financial, health and mental well-being, and will offer trauma-informed workshops on elder abuse awareness and online/cyber safety. "Seniors have made lasting contributions to our community, and they deserve opportunities to stay engaged, active and connected," said Lorne Coe, MPP Whitby, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, and to the Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence, and Security. "These investments in the Abilities Centre and the Regional Municipality of Durham will help reduce social isolation, promote healthy living and ensure

more seniors can participate fully in community life." "Abilities Centre has become a hub for health and wellness within the aging community of Durham Region," said Michael Cvitkovic, President and Chief Executive Officer, Abilities Centre. "This grant, through the Government of Ontario, will continue our important work and shows the commitment by the Province of improving the lives of a growing population." "We appreciate the Province's support for this important initiative, which will help more older adults across Durham Region stay connected, informed and engaged," said John Henry, Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer,

Region of Durham. "The Seniors Empowerment and Connections Project will create meaningful opportunities for social connection, learning and community participation, helping seniors remain active and engaged in community life." The Ontario government is investing up to \$7 million for more than 320 Seniors Community Grants helping seniors and stay fit, active, healthy and socially connected, close to home and in their communities. "The Seniors Community Grants Program is a great example of how our government is working for local communities," said Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility. "We are pleased

to provide investments for so many services and activities that bring seniors together, learn new skills, get fit, and stay connected to their neighbours and friends." Up to \$25,000 per project is invested in local services, activities and events to provide seniors with opportunities for greater social inclusion, volunteerism and community engagement. The Seniors Community Grants is a unique Ontario government grant designed to reduce social isolation, fight ageism and create positive connections. Since 2018, Ontario has invested more than \$40 million dollars in over 2,100 Seniors Community Grants