

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 communi-

ty, 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 monitor-

ing 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 aggressive 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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Stand still, never run from or turn your back on a coyote.

Make yourself big, wave your arms above your head. Be loud and assertive.

Slowly back away, keeping an eye on the animal.

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 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.

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



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