



The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

To: Mayor and Members of Council

Prepared by: Agatha Robertson, Director of Council Services/Clerk

Department: Council Services

Date of Report: January 23, 2020

Report Number: CL-03-2020

Subject: Update on Coyote Public Open House

Recommendation

That the report of the Director of Council Services/Clerk dated January 23, 2020 (CL-03-2020) BE RECEIVED; and that a status quo approach BE MAINTAINED.

Report

Council, at its meeting held August 13, 2019, adopted the following recommendation:

That the report provided from the Chief Administrative Officer dated July 18, 2019 (CAO-07-2019) regarding the activities of coyotes in LaSalle BE RECEIVED and that administration BE DIRECTED to organize a community informational meeting with representatives from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and LaSalle Police and that public notice BE GIVEN.

On October 17, 2019, Administration held a Public Open House. In attendance to answer questions regarding coyote activity in LaSalle were representatives from the LaSalle Police Service, Coyote Watch Canada, the Windsor Essex County Humane Society and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

Public Notice included an ad in the LaSalle Post, and notification to all interested parties who attended the August 13, 2019 meeting of Council. Social media platforms, such as Facebook and Twitter, were used to reach out to as many residents as possible. Twenty-five (25) citizens attended the Public Open House; Twenty-three (23) were residents of LaSalle and two (2) were residents of Harrow. Also in attendance were all Members of Council along with the following members of Administration, the Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Communication and Promotions Officer and Legal Counsel.

Residents who attended the meeting were able to ask their questions to the experts, and were provided literature and tips on how to co-exist with Coyotes. The information

is on the Town of LaSalle's website under 'Wildlife in LaSalle' to assist residents in managing wildlife. Residents also received a link to report Coyote sightings. Coyote Watch Canada tracks the location of coyotes. Our website has added the link, and residents are able to share the information about a coyote that they have encountered to Coyote Watch directly.

All agencies in attendance restated the same message. Residents must continue to be aware of the wildlife in the area and to take all precautions necessary to protect their family, pets, and property. Wild animals, like coyotes, are attracted to places where food sources are available. A common concern is that residents are leaving food outside, which can attract all types of wildlife to their property including coyotes.

Whereas sections 8, 9 and 11 of the *Municipal Act, 2001, c 25* as amended, authorizes the municipality to pass by-laws necessary or desirable for municipal purposes. Where Council has delegated the authority to enforce and review By-laws to the members of the By-law Review Committee, per By-law 7762, Delegation of Authority. Therefore, Council has the following options:

- Council can request that the By-law Committee review and provide possible options and amendments as it relates to the height of Fences, per By-law 5136, and the Discharge of Firearms, per By-law 5304 or;
- A by-law mandating hard-sided containers within the Town of LaSalle can also be prepared for the By-law Committee's consideration and forwarded to Council for final adoption or;
- A by-law mandating no feeding of wildlife in parks or on private property within the Town of LaSalle can also be prepared for the By-law Committee's consideration and forwarded to Council for final adoption.

While amendments to current By-laws or the creation of new By-laws may address this current issue, this may cause more significant issues in other areas.

Consultations

The Essex County Humane Society

Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

LaSalle Police Service

Coyote Watch Canada

Financial Implications

None.

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Director, Council Services/Clerk

Agatha Robertson

Link to Strategic Priorities

	Expanding and diversifying our assessment base
Yes	Effectively communicating the activities and interests of the Town
	Managing our human and financial resources in a responsible manner
	Promoting and marketing LaSalle
	Promote a healthy and environmentally conscious community

Communications

Yes	Not applicable
	Website
	Social Media
	News Release
	Local Newspaper
	Bids & Tenders
	Notification pursuant to the Planning Act

Notifications

Name	Address	Email
Lori Quaggiotto		
Andrea Thielk		
Coyote Watch Canada, Leslie Sampson		
The Fur-Bearers, Michael Howie		
Windsor-Essex Humane Society, Melanie Coulter		
Essex Region Conservation Authority, Richard Wyma		
Ministry of Natural Resources,		

Steven Rowswell Melody Cairns		
Lisa Billette		
Resident		
Greater Essex County District School Board, Stephanie Fathi		
LaSalle Police Service, Cst. Terry Seguin S/Sgt Duncan Davies D/Chief Kevin Beaudoin Chief John Leontowicz		

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Chief Administrative Officer

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