



MEMO / NOTE DE SERVICE

To / Destinataire Mayor Sutcliffe and Members of Council

From / Expéditeur Don Herweyer, Interim General
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Economic Development

Subject / Objet Wildlife Strategy Review: Timeline Update Date: July 13, 2023

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memo is to update Committee and Council on the Wildlife Strategy Review currently being conducted by staff.

BACKGROUND

In the memo to Council dated March 17, 2023, City Staff advised of the launch of a full review of the 2013 Wildlife Strategy. This was in response to the Council approved Motion 2022-83-6 directing staff to undertake a review of options to better manage human-coyote interactions, in consultation with experts and other municipalities, and to report back in 2023 with options, recommendations and resourcing implications for implementing a proactive strategy. City Staff were working towards bringing a report with recommendations to the Environment Committee in September 2023.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

In March, City Staff launched a public engagement campaign for the Wildlife Strategy Review. This included an Engage Ottawa project page, a public survey, and two public information sessions held on May 31st and June 7th. City Staff in Natural Systems also began targeted consultation with other subject matter experts and municipalities.

Throughout the consultation, staff have received hundreds of comments and questions. As a result, staff have agreed to launch a second survey to seek further feedback on specific elements of the wildlife strategy. This survey is anticipated to launch in July and remain open until the fall.

Staff are also working on an As We Heard It Report to be included as part of the final report to Committee and Council.

NEXT STEPS

As a result of the expansion to a full strategy review and the commitment to a second survey, City Staff will bring a report to Environment Committee and Council in Q4, 2023. This will provide staff the necessary time to review the feedback received, meet with other experts, and prepare their recommendations.

Thank you,

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