

NEWS RELEASE

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City of Cambridge turns to cruel traps

Non-profits outraged over actions that will cause suffering

Cruel traps have been set to catch a coyote family in a Cambridge park, sparking outrage from non-profits and citizens who offered co-existence solutions.

Photos of an adult male were captured Tuesday afternoon, as he struggled against a leg-hold trap attached to a forepaw. Multiple traps are believed to be in the area, targeting the young pups as well as the adults.

A Coyote Watch Canada investigation on location found that copious amounts of food in the area of Churchill Park the coyotes frequented, as well as numerous off-leash dogs.

“We were, and still are, prepared to work with the city to find co-existence solutions,” says Lesley Sampson, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Coyote Watch Canada. “But they must immediately stop this reprehensible act that will accomplish nothing but suffering.”

“We have many questions of Council and staff, including what will happen to these coyotes – will they be immediately killed and skinned, or will they be sold to third parties,” says Michael Howie, spokesperson for The Fur-Bearers. “We also want to know what the city did to actually try and mitigate this and prevent it before allowing the disturbing use of these traps.”

Residents are reminded that tampering with traps is illegal, however, such traps can and do catch off-leash dogs, cats, and other non-target animals.

Those concerned should contact City Council directly, or by using forms available at TheFurBearers.com and CoyoteWatchCanada.com.

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