

Appendix A - Coyote Response Strategy

All coyote behaviour identified below should be reported through the town's online [Coyote Reporting Form](#). The Town's response may include one or more of the listed actions.

Coyote behaviour	Classification	Town response (One or more may be applied)
Coyote heard, scat or prints seen	Sighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide information on town website about normal coyote behavior, responsible pet ownership, hazing techniques, yard audit best practices
Coyote seen moving through the area	Sighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide information on town website • Distribute information to immediate neighbourhood on coyote behaviour and methods to deter coyotes • Encourage watching hazing video
Coyote seen resting in the area		
Coyote seen entering a yard (no person or pets present outside)	Coyote seen entering a yard with a person or pets (no incident)	<p>This is a normal coyote habitat, dens will be left in place if pups are present and until pups are ready to leave and the den is abandoned (typical timeframe: mid-summer).</p> <p>Den sightings reported on public property (active parkland):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide information on town website and/or through social media • Investigate area for evidence of coyote attractants (food, shelter, water, unattended pets) and provide information about how to remove them or remove attractants, as appropriate • Temporary signage installed • Secure area with caution tape • Distribute information to immediate neighbourhood on coyote behaviour and methods to deter coyotes • Encourage watching hazing video • Staff or community partner available to demonstrate proper hazing techniques • Engage community partners as appropriate (Oakville Humane Society, Coyote Watch Canada) to provide on-site review of den and public education
Active coyote den is identified	Den sighting	

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		Private property: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property owners are responsible for dens on their property in accordance with all applicable provincial and town regulations and by-laws • The town will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provide information on town website and/or through social media ○ Distribute information to immediate neighbourhood on coyote behaviour and methods to deter coyotes ○ Data may be provided to partner agencies for reference
Coyote following or approaching a person or pet with no incident	Approached or followed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide information on town website and/or through social media • Distribute information to immediate neighbourhood on coyote behaviour and methods to deter coyotes • Encourage watching hazing video • Staff or community partner available to demonstrate proper hazing techniques • Investigate area for evidence of coyote attractants (food, shelter, water, unattended pets) and provide information about how to remove them or remove attractants, as appropriate
Coyote injures or kills pet (unattended, off-leash or an extended leash)	Physical interaction with domestic animal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide information on town website and/or through social media • Gather information on incident: animals involved, circumstances • Coyote Watch Canada may be contacted to assist in investigation
Coyote aggressive toward person, showing teeth, back fur raised, lunging, nipping without contact	Physical interaction with person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate area for evidence of coyote attractants (food, shelter, water, unattended pets) and provide information about how to remove them or remove attractants, as appropriate • Distribute information to immediate neighbourhood on coyote behaviour and methods to deter coyotes • Determine if den/pups are in the area • Encourage watching hazing video • Staff or community partner available to demonstrate proper hazing techniques, provide information on responsible pet ownership • Post sign(s) in open area to alert other residents, where appropriate • Patrol nearby parks and area for violations of dog off-leash

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May issue fines as appropriate (Lot Maintenance, Property Standards, dog off leash) • Investigate presence of den site where, if found on public property, den site will be sectioned off and additional temporary signage installed
Coyote has bitten a person	Physical interaction with person	If a person is bitten by a coyote, they should call 911 for medical support and seek advice from their physician about the administration of a post-exposure rabies vaccination.
Person encouraged coyote to engage (hand feeding, approaching coyote with pups, etc.)	Provoked human attack	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide information on town website and/or through social media • Notify CAO, Halton Region Public Health, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR)
Attack where person did not encourage coyote to engage	Unprovoked human attack	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with partner agencies (Oakville Humane Society, MNR, Coyote Watch Canada, Oakvillegreen) to investigate the attack which will include action of person before/after attack, whether feeding or pets were involved, action of person towards coyote, how incident was resolved) • Determine if den/pups are in the area • On town property, work with partners to attempt to locate and humanely eliminate the responsible coyote, which will be tested for rabies, and also be given a full necropsy to determine general health. Trapping coyotes is a very difficult undertaking and may not be achieved. Trapping is to be carried out by the town (licensed trapper) only • Investigate area for evidence of coyote attractants (food, shelter, water, unattended pets) and provide information about how to remove them or remove attractants, as appropriate • Distribute information to immediate neighbourhood on coyote behaviour and methods to deter coyotes • Encourage watching hazing video • Staff or community partner available to demonstrate proper hazing techniques, provide information on responsible pet ownership • Post sign(s) in open area to alert other residents, where appropriate

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement high-intensity hazing techniques (Municipal Enforcement, Oakville Humane Society, Coyote Watch Canada) • Where a coyote was provoked: may issue fines as appropriate (Lot Maintenance By-law, Property Standards By-law, Animal Control)
Coyote is sick or injured		<p>If anyone from the community sees a sick or injured coyote, they should report it to the Oakville Humane Society 905-845-1551.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide information on town website and/or through social media • Efforts will be undertaken to capture and treat affected animal • Distribute information to immediate neighbourhood on coyote behaviour and methods to deter coyotes • Investigate area for evidence of coyote attractants (food, shelter, water, unattended pets) and provide information about how to remove them or remove attractants, as appropriate • Encourage watching hazing video • Staff or community partner available to demonstrate proper hazing techniques, provide information on responsible pet ownership