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April 10th, 2012

Re: Wildlife crisis in the City of Vaughan

Dear Mayor and members of council,

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In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Regards,

Nathalie Karvonen
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Toronto Wildlife Centre:
Building a healthy community
for people and wildlife

From: Abrams, Jeffrey
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2012 1:07 PM
To: Bellisario, Adelina
Subject: Fw: Toronto Wildlife Centre deputation
Attachments: Letter to Vaughan - April 10 2012.pdf

From: Scott Wight [<mailto:scottw@torontowildlifecentre.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2012 11:54 AM
To: Abrams, Jeffrey
Subject: Toronto Wildlife Centre deputation

Hello Mr. Abrams,

Please find attached a letter from Nathalie Karvonen, Executive Director, in regards to this deputation request for the Committee of the Whole meeting on April 24th, 2012. If you have any questions, etc. please do not hesitate to contact myself or Ms. Karvonen. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Scott Wight
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April 18, 2012

Our File No.: 00-1475

City of Vaughan
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2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
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Attention: Mr. Jeffrey A. Abrams, City Clerk

Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

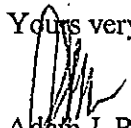
Re: Withdrawal of Appeal pending Council's Approval – Conditions of Site Plan Approval for the properties municipally known as 7584 to 7616 YONGE STREET and 14 ARNOLD AVENUE in the City of Vaughan

**City of Vaughan File No. DA.08.24
OMB File No. PL080739**

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Yours very truly,


Adam J. Brown

cc: Mr. John MacKenzie (Commissioner of Planning)
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Subject: FW: change date for committee of the whole for A

From: Rocco Cerone [mailto:roccocerone@trebnet.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2012 3:53 PM
To: Abrams, Jeffrey
Subject: Re: change date for committee of the whole for April 24 ,2012

The matter that I wish to defer is: Sign Variance, File No. SV.11-045, Marketlane Holdings Inc., 140 Woodbridge Ave.

Yours truly,

Rocco Cerone
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Date: Wed, 18 Apr 2012 15:45:16 -0400
To: Rocco <roccocerone@trebnet.com>
Cc: "Studdy, John" <JOHN.STUDDY@vaughan.ca>
Subject: RE: change date for committee of the whole for April 24 ,2012

Mr. Cerone,

Kindly specify the matter you wish to have deferred and I will forward your request to the Committee.

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Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2012 3:19 PM
To: Abrams, Jeffrey
Cc: Studdy, John
Subject: change date for committee of the whole for April 24 ,2012

Jeffrey ,I am not able to attend the meeting on April 24,2012 I will be out of the country ,can you please re-schedule.
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ITEM - 32

DATE: April 19, 2012
 TO: HONOURABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL
 FROM: JOHN MACKENZIE, COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING
 RE: COMMUNICATION
 Item #32 - Committee of the Whole - April 24, 2012

Site Development File DA.08.024
 Minto Yonge and Arnold Inc.
 Ward 5 – Vicinity of Yonge Street and Arnold Avenue

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Planning recommends:

1. THAT the first paragraph in Recommendation #1 be replaced with the following:

"THAT Site Development File DA.08.024 (Minto Yonge and Arnold Inc.) BE APPROVED, to permit the development of the subject lands shown on Attachments #1 and #2 with a 5-storey mixed use (condominium) building having a step-up to 6-storeys along Yonge Street, consisting of 218 residential apartment-type units, 725 m2 of at-grade commercial uses, and the integration and reuse of the existing heritage Robert Cox House (227 m2) for commercial uses only as shown on Attachments #3 to #6, subject to the following conditions:"

Background

The applicant's solicitor has submitted the attached letter to the City to withdraw their client's appeal of the application. Accordingly, it will be necessary to amend a portion of Recommendation #1 by removing reference to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) and by replacing with wording for Council to approve the site plan application rather than the OMB.

Wording to the above effect is included in the recommendation of this Communication.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MACKENZIE
 Commissioner of Planning

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Attachment: Letter dated April 18, 2012 (Sherman Brown Dryer Karol)

Copy To: Clayton Harris, City Manager
 Jeffrey A. Abrams, City Clerk
 Grant Uyeyama, Director of Development Planning

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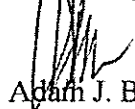
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DATE: April 19, 2012
TO: HONOURABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL
FROM: JOHN MACKENZIE, COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING
RE: COMMUNICATION
Item #26 - Committee of the Whole - April 24, 2012

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**Accessibility Advisory Committee – Review of
Commercial, Retail and Live / Work Site Plans**

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Planning in consultation with the Commissioner of Community Services recommends:

1. THAT this matter be referred to staff for a report to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

Background

The Accessibility Advisory Committee provides valuable benefits to the City of Vaughan and an important role in implementing accessibility requirements in the City. The Accessibility Advisory Committee has requested to review site plans and has passed a resolution that will have impacts to the existing process that must be assessed to ensure their important mandate is fulfilled.

In response to the recommendation of the Vaughan Accessibility Advisory Committee at its' meeting on March 27, 2012, specifically:

- "1) That Council direct staff to seek comments from the Vaughan Accessibility Advisory Committee on site plans relating to commercial, retail and live/work units as part of the development application process;"

the Development Planning Department would like to inform Council of matters pertaining to this request as it relates to authority under the Planning Act and Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), and recommend alternative options to ensure any proposed changes to the site plan review process are done in a way that maintains our current level of service.

1. Act Authority

a) Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005

Sections 29(4b) and 29(6) of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, applies to municipalities as it relates to the review of site plans. The sections entitle the accessibility advisory committee established by Council to:

- "4(b) review in a timely manner the site plans and drawings described in section 41 of the Planning Act that the committee selects."
- "6. When the committee selects site plans and drawings described in section 41 of the Planning Act to review, the council shall supply them to the committee in a timely manner for the purpose of the review."

b) Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13

Section 41(4) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, indicates that the approval of site plans or drawings by a municipality or the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) must include "facilities designed to have regard for accessibility for persons with disabilities".

2. Timely Site Plan Review and Workload

The Planning Act requires the City to have regard for accessibility for persons with disabilities when it reviews each development application. The Planners and Urban Designers in the Development Planning Department proactively review site plans to ensure development proposals are accessible for persons with disabilities, including but not limited to ensuring appropriate grades, and the provision of handrails and ramps, in accordance with the Building Code Act. Similarly, the Building Standards Department's Code Section provides input into all site plan applications and reviews Building Permit applications with regard to accessibility under the Building Code Act. Future changes to the Building Code Act are anticipated to enhance accessibility requirements. Also, development that is located in Heritage Conservation Districts are reviewed by the Cultural Services Division and Heritage Vaughan with regard to accessibility. In addition, streetscape and urban design studies provide detailed designs that are accessible for persons of all ages and abilities in accordance with the emerging Ontario Accessible Built Environment Standards, such as tactile warning strips denoting zone changes, depressed curbs, and grooved directional pavers at intersections. Although these standards are not yet in place, City staff are looking at the recommendations of this document.

The City's new Official Plan 2010 (not yet in effect) addresses accessibility throughout the document. Accessibility is integrated into several policies in Chapter 9, "Building a Great City", including Section 9.1.1.11, as follows:

"To design for universal physical access throughout the public realm through the creation of an integrated network of public spaces that are universally accessible, including sidewalks and walkways with unobstructed pathways, curb cuts at corners of all public streets, and infrastructure that supports people with visual and hearing impairments, such as textured paving and audible crosswalks."

To date, Vaughan's Accessibility Advisory Committee has not made a request through Council for site plans or certain types of site plans to be supplied to them for their review. On March 27, 2012, the Accessibility Advisory Committee made a request to Council for all commercial, retail and live/work site plans to be forwarded to them for their review. Although it is important for staff to obtain feedback from others on accessibility matters through the review of site plans, there are issues that the Accessibility Advisory Committee must be aware of in terms of facilitating timely site plan review as stipulated in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee currently meets only 5 times a year, however, there are on average 120 site plans filed each year of which approximately 2 per year are live/work and a significant portion allocated to retail and commercial proposals. To maintain our current level of service, the Accessibility Advisory Committee would need to meet 1 to 2 times a month throughout the year to ensure it has reviewed all requested site plans in order for the Development Planning Department to prepare a site plan report for timely consideration by the Committee of the Whole and Council, which on average meets once a month, respectively. Any delay in obtaining Council approval, will impact upon the applicant's construction and occupancy schedules.

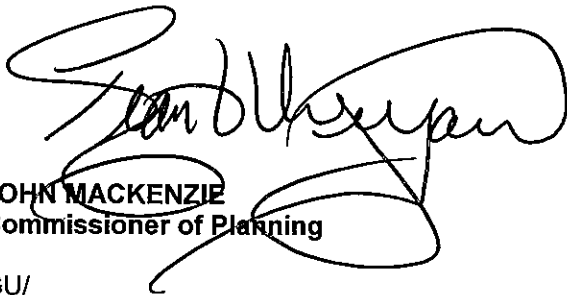
As an alternative for consideration, the Accessibility Advisory Committee may create a checklist of items it deems important to be included on site plan drawings, which staff in the Development Planning/Urban Design and Building Standards Departments, and the Cultural Services Division, would take into consideration when evaluating site plan proposals. A checklist would also be helpful to external professionals such as architects and planners when designing a site or building.

The Development Planning Department is currently preparing a report to a future Committee of the Whole Working Session on the update of the 2008 implementation changes respecting the Site Plan Process Review. It may be appropriate for Development Planning staff to address accessibility and the site plan process through that report, or alternatively, in a separate report to a future Committee of the Whole meeting. Staff will consult with the Accessibility Advisory Committee in formulating this report.

Conclusion

In light of the issues identified in this Communication, it is recommended that this matter be referred to staff in the Development Planning and Recreation & Culture Department's for a report to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

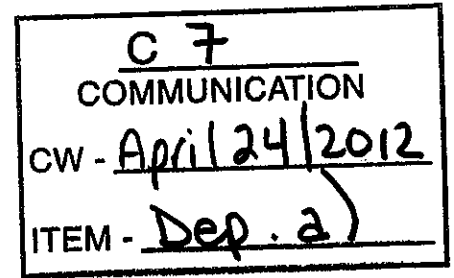

for **JOHN MACKENZIE**
Commissioner of Planning

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Mary Reali, Director of Recreation and Culture
Heather Wilson, Director of Legal Services

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DATE: April 24th 2012
TO: Mayor and Members of Council
FROM: Tony Thompson
Director, Enforcement Services
RE: Toronto Wildlife Deputation – April 24, 2012



This memo is to provide information relating to the deputation of a representative of the Toronto Wildlife Centre.

On February 2, 2010, a representative of the Toronto Wildlife Centre made a deputation to the Committee of the Whole regarding their business and efforts to rescue wildlife. At that time the representative indicated that they had been contacted by Richmond Hill and were finalizing details with the Town of Markham to provide response to wildlife issues within the Town.

Staff were advised at that time by the Town of Markham that they do not have a contract with Toronto Wildlife and are not pursuing a contract. There had been some discussions regarding funding a program or donating money to Toronto Wildlife but would not be providing any funding in 2010.

The Town of Richmond Hill advised that they did have a contract with Toronto Wildlife in the years 2006 to 2009 but that contract was not renewed.

Both those municipalities now utilize the OSPCA for animal services.

The deputation outlined the Toronto Wildlife Centre's work with the public. The majority of calls to the Toronto Wildlife pertain to issues on private property.

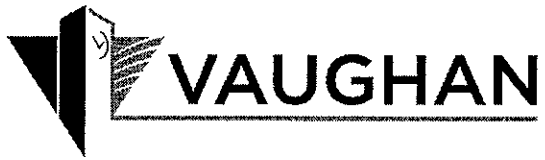
Staff reported back to Council on May 11, 2010 providing information related to wildlife. At that time staff did not recommend establishing a municipal service for wildlife in Vaughan.

It has been the long established practice in Vaughan to refer any Vaughan residents with wildlife issues to a private service provider. The City does not currently provide services regarding wildlife matters.

The addition of a wildlife response service level would necessitate additional budget which has not been considered.

There are several companies that provide wildlife services to the residents of Vaughan. These companies charge a fee for service, as would the Toronto Wildlife Centre.

The Deputant did not provide a cost for service projection during her presentation in 2010. The estimates she provided in the past ranged from \$20,000. to \$30,000.



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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Thompson', written over a horizontal line.

Tony Thompson
Director, Enforcement Services

cc: C. Harris, City Manager
J. Atwood-Petkovski, Commissioner Legal and Administrative Services & City Solicitor

From: pascal seni <pascaloliver1@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2012 1:00 PM
To: Hassakourians, Armine; Napoli, Christina; Peverini,
Subject: Re: Minto Yonge and Arnold Inc. DA.08.024
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Sir, Madam,

Thank you for your email,

I am writing to you, regarding the "Water Garden" project from MINTO on Yonge St. I am the Landlord (19 Thornridge Dr) of the property located behind the location of the MINTO project. Last month, as part of the pre-construction preparations, I watched the workers remove all of the tall beautiful trees that were on the property, behind my fence. This was particularly painful to watch, not only for me, but also for my wife and children. These huge trees had been growing for nearly a century. Yet it took one day to destroy all of them.

Why everything was done to protect the "Robert Cox House" but unfortunately nothing about these historical trees...

As Landlord at 19 Thornridge, I am deeply concerned about the effect this will have on my property and on my family, mainly:

- 1) (1) Complete loss of privacy and enjoyment of land. My family can no longer use the garden and pool for its intended purpose. Once the buildings are erected, there will be hundreds of people constantly following our every actions in our swimming pool, on our deck when we enjoy a bbq, in our garden when we have guests or when the children play, even in our living-room, kitchen and bedrooms when we leave our windows uncovered or open.
- 2) (2) Destruction of environmental and ornamental value of trees. We left the urban lifestyle that we had in Paris (France) and purchased this property in Thornhill because we fell in love with the green garden and the beautiful scenery. These trees were so majestic and pleasing to the eye. I asked over and over again that these trees not be removed as part of the project, yet they were destroyed shamelessly, every single one of them. A whole ecosystem was destroyed, all the wildlife that was present in my garden will likely disappear, including countless birds, rabbits, squirrels, chipmunks, foxes.
- 3) (3) Substantial diminution of the financial value of my property. As a result of our complete loss of privacy and enjoyment of land, the financial value of our property has no doubt substantially decreased, and will undoubtedly continue to decrease once your buildings will be erected.
- (4) And now, a surplus of 96 parking spaces(312-216) is requested, will result of more cars, more sound more traffic more pollution so and so... just behind my fence this is a big concern for me and my family...

We wish to resolve this problem in the most efficient and neighborly manner possible, but unfortunately, "MINTO" don't want to listen...

I really hope something will be done to protect our historical village and beauty of our nature.

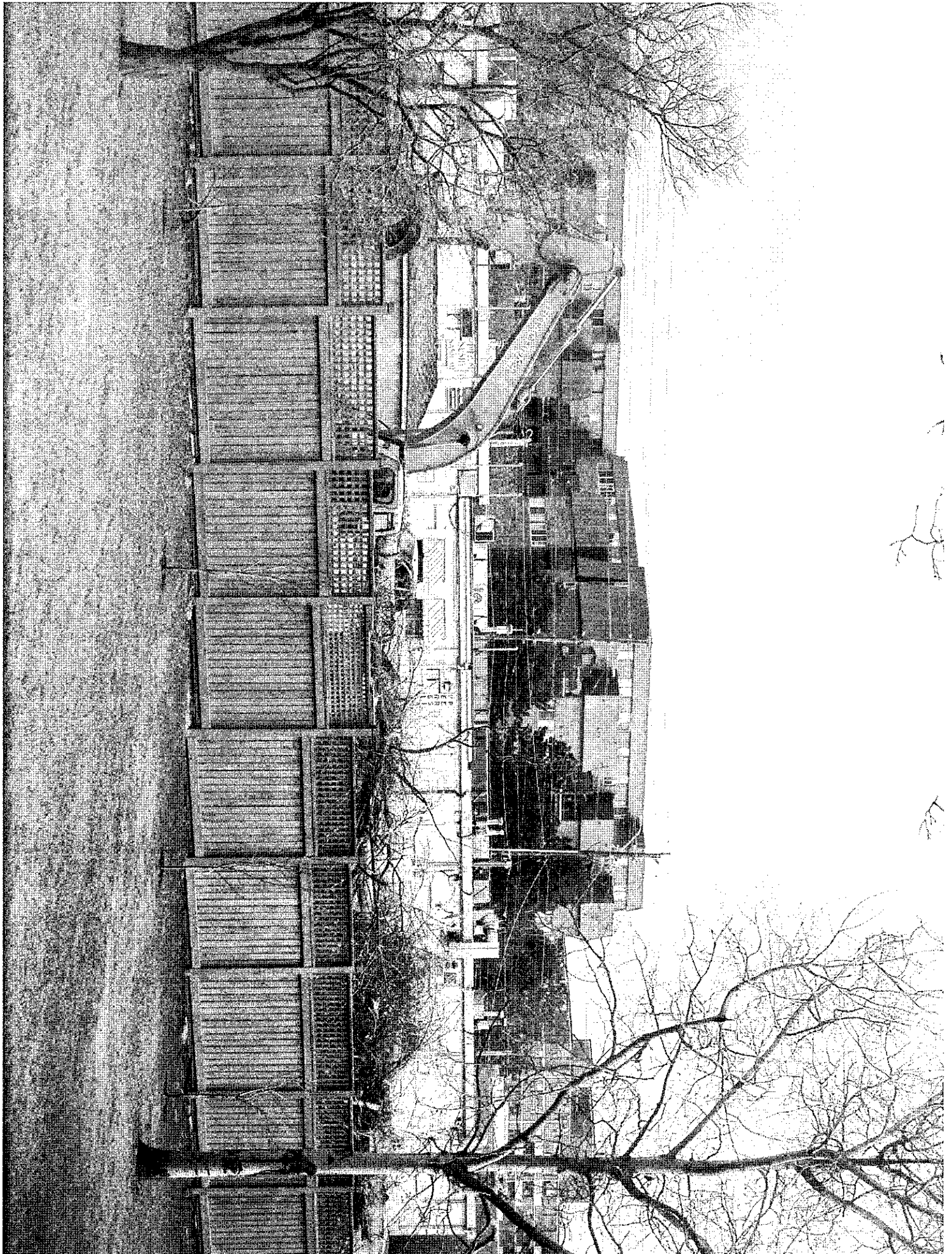
Best regards.

Pascal Seni

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Before the construction (2011)









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Item 34
Submitted by
Mr. Sidi Catalano.

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To Whom it May Concern:

The average cost to install and remove a standard ground sign back to back, 10' x 20' ad panels with an overall height of 24 ft, in the GTA is as follows :

- **Install** - between \$7500 to \$9000
 - This price includes:
 - Excavation
 - Foundation
 - Rebar cage
 - Installation of structure

(This does not include cost of the structure or plywood panels for the ad faces, and varies depending on soil conditions and access issues.)

- **Removal** - \$1000 to \$1300 (approx.).

(Excluding foundation removal)

(This includes removal of structure, dismantling of structure and delivery to storage (in the GTA))

(Price varies depending on access issues.)

- **Storage** - \$80/month - per structure

Paul Courneya
Project Manager

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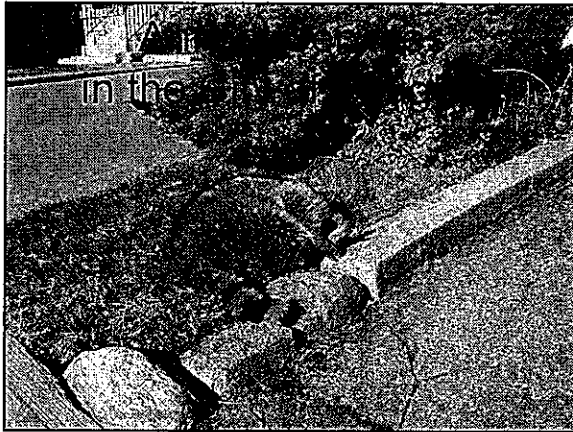
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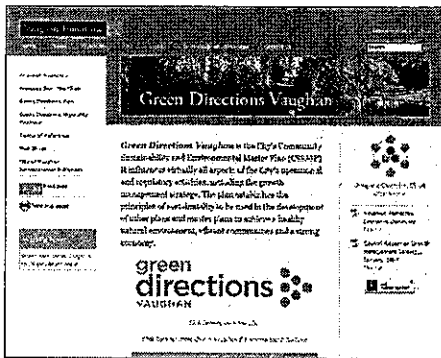
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Toronto Wildlife Centre:
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for people and wildlife



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- Toronto Wildlife Centre is a busy wildlife centre located in Toronto
- We are a registered charity, and run on entirely donations
- We have been approaching you since 2005 to highlight the need for some kind of wildlife response in your city

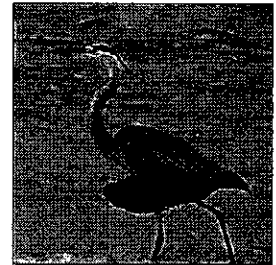


"In Vaughan, we lead by example as responsible stewards of our community."

Why respond to wildlife issues in Vaughan?

Public Health & Safety

- Without any wildlife services response, members of the public can be at risk of injury from wildlife, even if they are trying to help them – obvious examples include being bitten or scratched
- People can also be at risk from zoonotic diseases
- Even some birds can be quite dangerous...



Why respond to wildlife issues in Vaughan?

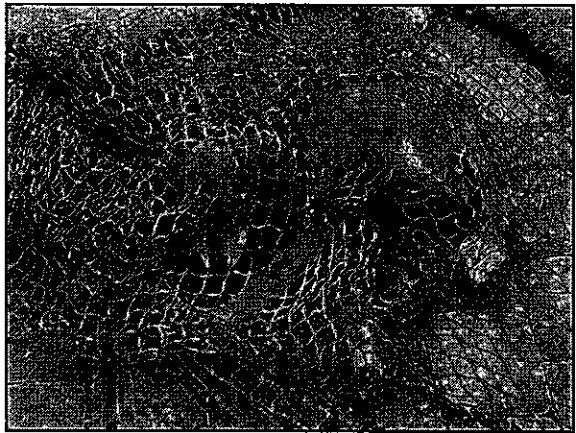
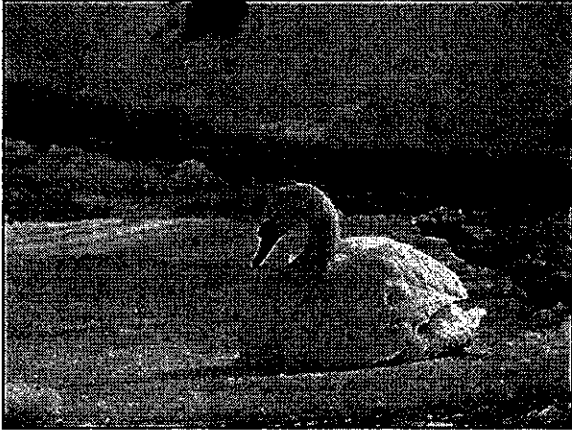
To assist suffering wildlife for humane reasons

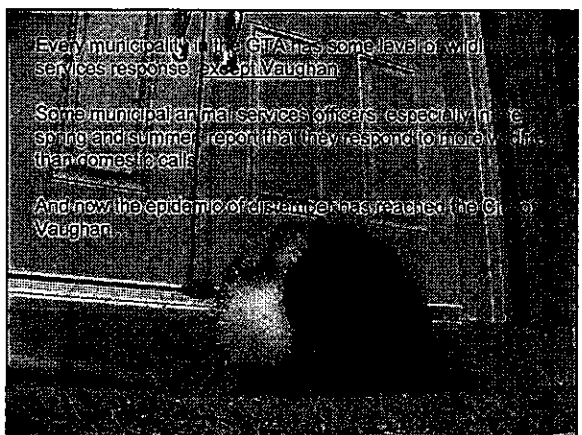
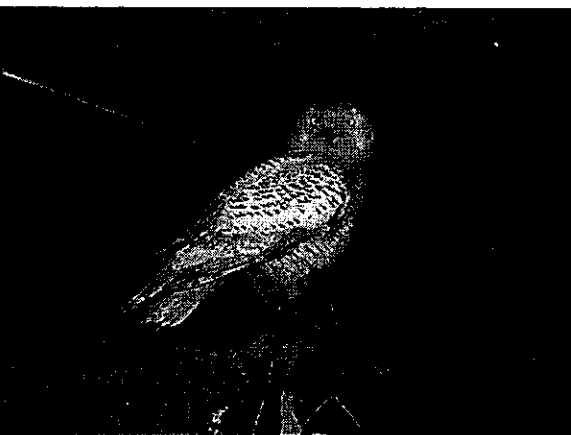
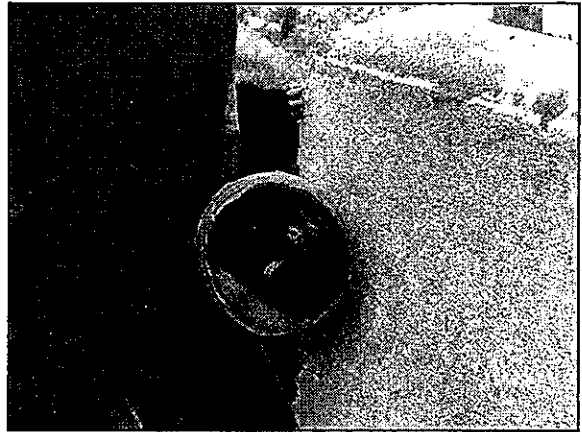
- The public can become very upset when they see animals suffering, and expect their city to provide some basic help
- Anyone can encounter wildlife at any time, anywhere – these situations happen a lot!



SOME OF THE WILDLIFE THAT LIVE IN VAUGHAN

Big Brown Bat, Little Brown Bat, Red Bat, Silver-haired Bat, Small-footed Bat, Beaver, American Bittern, Red-winged Blackbird, Bufflehead, Northern Cardinal, Gray Catbird, Black-capped Chickadee, Eastern Chipmunk, Double-crested Cormorant, Eastern Cottontail, Brown-headed Cowbird, Coyote, Brown Creeper, American Crow, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, White-tailed Deer, Mourning Dove, American Black Duck, Long-tailed Duck, Wood Duck, Peregrine Falcon, House Finch, Purple Finch, Northern Flicker, Alder's Flycatcher, Least Flycatcher, Trail's Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Red Fox, Common Goldeneye, American Goldfinch, Canada Goose, Northern Goshawk, Common Grackle, Eared Grebe, Horned Grebe, Pied-billed Grebe, Red-necked Grebe, Evening Grosbeak, Pine Grosbeak, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Groundhog, Ruffed Grouse, Herring Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Broad-winged Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Northern Harrier Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Black-crowned Night Heron, Great Blue Heron, Green Heron, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Blue Jay, Dark-eyed Junco, American Kestrel, Kidder, Belted Kingfisher, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Common Loon, Mallard, Red-breasted Merganser, Merin, Mink, Common Moorhen, Deer Mouse, House Mouse, White-footed Mouse, Muskrat, Common Nighthawk, Red-breasted Nuthatch, White-breasted Nuthatch, Virginia Opossum, Baltimore Oriole, Osprey, Ovenbird, Barred Owl, Eastern Screech Owl, Great Horned Owl, Long-eared Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Short-tailed Owl, Snowy Owl, Rock Pigeon, Porcupine, Raccoon, Virginia Rat, Norway Rat, Common Redpoll, American Redstart, American Robin, Yellow-billed Sapsucker, Lesser Scaup, Striped Skunk, Brown Snake, Garter Snake, Milk Snake, Red-bellied Snake, Common Snipe, American Tree Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, Field Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, House Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Eastern Gray Squirrel, Red Squirrel, Southern Flying Squirrel, European Starling, Barn Swallow, Mute Swan, Trumpeter Swan, Chimney Swift, Scarlet Tanager, Caspian Tern, Common Tern, Brown Thrasher, Gray-cheeked Thrush, Hermit Thrush, Northern Water Thrush, Swainson's Thrush, Wood Thrush, American Toad, Gray Treefrog, Blanding's Turtle, Painted Turtle, Snapping Turtle, Veery, Philadelphia Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Meadow Vole, Turkey Vulture, Black-and-white Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Canada Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Common Yellowthroat Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Mourning Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Northern Parula Warbler, Palm Warbler, Pine Warbler, Tennessee Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Cedar Waxwing, Short-tailed Weasel, Whip-poor-will, American Woodcock, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Pileated Woodpecker, House Wren, Winter Wren

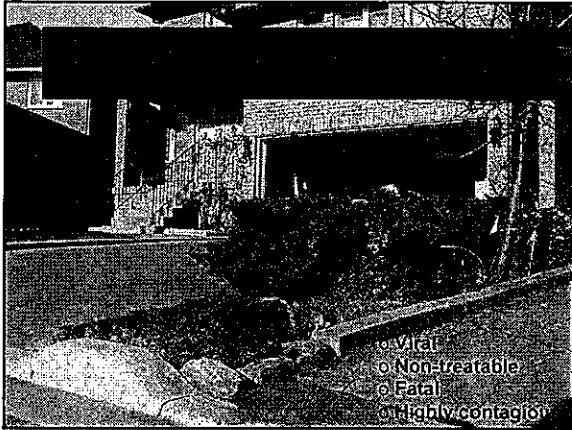




Every municipality in the GTA has some level of wild services response, except Vaughan.

Some municipal animal services officers, especially in the spring and summer, report that they respond to more than domestic calls.

And now the epidemic of disease has reached the City of Vaughan.



• Viral
 • Non-treatable
 • Fatal
 • Highly contagious

Other reasons why wild animals may need to be humanely euthanized by animal control

- Broken backs
- Blindness
- Open and / or old fractures
- Other fatal, non-treatable diseases
- Sick, injured or orphaned wildlife when no rehabilitators are available



Your residents are calling us every day, desperate for help



45 calls transferred directly from your switchboard since the beginning of March...

Our phone # has been given out by the City of Vaughan switchboard, your police, your public works dept., your animal control, even your own council offices!

Or you tell them to call the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, who can only refer them back to us...

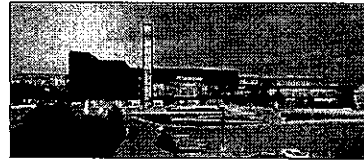
Or you tell them to call a pest control company, even though it is not legal for them to rehabilitate or euthanize wildlife. And it is a very expensive

Even you call us...



*March 16, 2012 - York Regional Police
 I'm calling about a rabid animal we have in our area, in the Vaughan area.
 Please call back**

*Feb 9, 2012 - City of Vaughan Dispatch
 I'm calling from the city of Vaughan. We got a call about an injured skunk, it looks like it got sideswiped by a car, it possibly has some broken legs it's still alive, and it's in front of 155 Boon Road, near Jane and Tustin**



*May 24, 2011 - City of Vaughan Animal Services
 Hi, my name is Steve Moreland. I am calling from the City of Vaughan Animal Services. On the roof of our city hall we have a family goose with 3 freshly hatched goslings. I think they are in imminent danger because there is no water up there, but might be some food but, as I say, there is no water. So we would like to get them down a.s.a.p. Please give us a call. Thank you.**

We are doing the best we can, as resources permit, to help your residents with wildlife questions and with wild animals that have some hope of rehabilitation and release.



But we can not do your animal control work for you; provide the type of response that every other municipality in the GTA has i.e. use our hard-earned donation dollars to pick up wild animals that have no hope of rehabilitation and release, and euthanize them for you.



~ GTA Municipalities ~

City of Toronto

Toronto

Halton Region

Burlington
Oakville
Milton
Halton Hills

Peel Region

Brampton
Mississauga
Caledon

Durham Region

Pickering
Ajax
Whitby
Oshawa
Clarington
Uxbridge
Seabrook

York Region

Vaughan
Markham
Richmond Hill
Aurora
East Gwillimbury
Georgina
Whitchurch-Stouffville
Newmarket
King (contract with Vaughan)



In no other GTA municipality do they charge their residents to respond to calls about suffering wild animals.

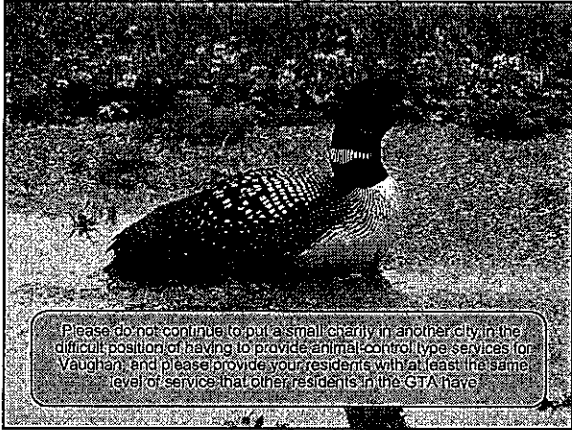
Two common models:

A) Pick up / capture of sick, injured or orphaned wild animals, transport to a shelter, and euthanasia

A) Co-operative relationship of some kind with a specialized wildlife services provider, usually a licensed wildlife rehabilitator, who can provide enhanced services e.g. public education and specialized wildlife rescues

~Our recommendations~

- That Vaughan immediately put into place at least a minimal wildlife response i.e. pick up animals who can't be helped and relieve their suffering by providing humane euthanasia
- That Vaughan immediately seek out the appropriate training for your animal control staff, and purchase / gather the equipment and supplies to handle wild animals
- That Vaughan consider an enhanced wildlife services response, which many municipalities have, to better serve the needs of your residents and demonstrate your environmental leadership
- We further recommend that there be an opportunity for public consultation on the issue of enhanced wildlife services



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