

**Notice of this motion is provided in accordance with the notice and submission deadline requirements of section 11.1 of the City of Thorold's Procedural By-law. Councillor O'Hare seeks to bring forward a motion respecting the feeding of wildlife.**

WHEREAS, as human development continues to encroach upon natural wildlife habitats, the likelihood increases that animals will venture into residential areas in search of food and shelter;

WHEREAS, the act of feeding wildlife in residential areas encourages animals to become more habituated to human presence, potentially leading to increased risks of aggression and dangerous interactions with people;

WHEREAS, the feeding of wildlife can contribute to the growth of rodent populations, creating further health and safety concerns within communities;

WHEREAS, providing food to wildlife often results in improper diets, leading to malnutrition, illness, and the spread of diseases among animals that may subsequently affect local ecosystems;

AND WHEREAS, wildlife that frequent residential areas in search of food can cause significant damage to homes, gardens, and property, creating costly repairs and safety hazards for residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the City of Thorold enacts as follows:

1. That Staff **BE DIRECTED** report back to Council respecting options to prohibit the feeding of wildlife within the City of Thorold, through the passage of a by-law, or amendment to a pre-existing by-law.