

PARK BOARD BY-LAW UPDATES Feeding Wildlife in Parks

Park Board Committee Meeting Monday, September 27, 2021





- The purpose of this presentation is to offer an update on the response to the evolving coyote situation in Stanley Park, including:
 - Summarize the issue
 - Latest actions
 - Park Board and partner roles

VanPlay – habitat conditions



. 10 Goals to Shape the Next 25 Years VANCOUVER'S PARKS & RECREATION

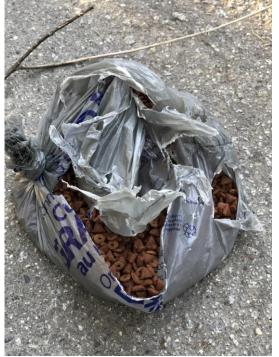
GOAL 7:

RESTORE VANCOUVER'S WILD SPACES and Vital Biodiversity

Although Vancouver is surrounded by wild spaces, the city itself has very few of them. You've told us that you want more access in the city to nature, including the opportunity to watch birds, see salmon spawn or just admire majestic trees. The Park Board is working to restore the city's environmental integrity by reintroducing wild spaces, monitoring the health of ecosystems, rehabilitating our shorelines and re-establishing our tree canopy.

Mammal feeding in parks evidence







Bird feeding in parks evidence







Past signage





SPES program, recent signage



Please do not feed wildlife

Coyotes, raccoons, and other wildlife are not pets and will naturally find their own food. Please respect their wildness.

Feeding wildlife is illegal and has negative impacts on wildlife health and behaviour. It also leads to aggressive wildlife encounters with people.

Scare coyotes to help modify their behaviour: stand your ground, make noise, look big and scary.

In cases of aggressive behaviour towards people, please alert the Ministry of Environment at 1-877-952-7277. Park Rangers 604-829-9840

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tote sighting and learn more:

Co-Existing with Coyotes

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DO NOT FEED WILDLIFE

FED wildlife is DEAD wildlife



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Educational signage elsewhere





Granville Island



Pacific Rim National Park







- 9A. A person must not:
 - (a) feed or attempt to feed wildlife in any park;

(b) provide, leave or place an **attractant** in any park in a manner that attracts or could attract **wildlife**.

"ATTRACTANT" means food or food waste, meat, a carcass or part of a carcass of an animal or fish, compost or any other waste that could attract wildlife.

"WILDLIFE" means all amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals, both native and not native to the Province, excluding any domesticated animal under the control of a human.



- Ongoing issue in Vancouver parks, with significant impacts
- Education alone has not curbed the behavior
- Limited provincial jurisdiction
- Current Park Board by-laws require revision to be more effective



- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed amendments to the Parks Control By-Law regarding feeding wildlife in parks, as set out in Appendix A of this report;
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed amendments to the Park Board Ticket Offences By-law to set fines for contravention of feeding wildlife by-laws, as set out in Appendix B of this report; and
- C. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward bylaws for enactment by the Park Board generally in accordance with Appendix A and Appendix B.

