

**1. Motion - Councillor L. Dudas - Ottawa's Animal Care and Control By-law
as Concerns the Feeding of Wildlife**

**Motion - L. Dudas, Conseillère - Règlement en matière de contrôle et de
soin des animaux d'Ottawa en ce qui concerne le fait de nourrir la faune**

Committee Recommendation(s)

**That Council direct staff to include a wildlife feeding by-law, or amendments to
the Animal Care and Control By-law concerning the feeding of wildlife, as an
item for consideration as part of the development of next Term of Council's
By-law Review Work Plan to be approved by Council, and that other
jurisdictions be considered as models as part of this work.**

Recommandation(s) du Comité

**Que le Conseil demande au personnel de soumettre à l'approbation du Conseil
un règlement municipal régissant l'offre de nourriture aux animaux sauvages,
ou des modifications en ce sens du Règlement en matière de contrôle et de
soin des animaux, dans le cadre du prochain Plan de travail de l'examen des
règlements municipaux durant le mandat du Conseil, et que ce travail s'inspire
de ce qui se fait dans d'autres municipalités.**

Documentation/Documentation

1. Extract of Draft Minutes, Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee, February 19, 2026

Extrait de l'ébauche du procès-verbal, Comité des services de protection et de préparation aux situations d'urgence, le 19 février 2026

2. Members' Motion submitted to Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee, dated October 16, 2025 (ACS2025-OCC-CCS-0134)

Motion d'un membre soumise au Comité des services de protection et de préparation aux situations d'urgence daté le 16 octobre 2025 (ACS2025-OCC-CCS-0134)

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Councillor Dudas presented her motion to the committee. General Manager Ryan Perrault and Mr. Jake Gravelle, Associate Director, By-law and Regulatory Services, Emergency and Protective Services Department (EPSD) responded to members' questions. Following discussion, the motion was put before Committee and was 'Carried', as presented.

Motion

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa's By-law Review Work Plan identifies regulatory by-laws for review or development each Term of Council; and

WHEREAS the feeding of wildlife, particularly mammalian wildlife, can result in:

- **Animals becoming dependent on humans for food, disrupting their natural foraging behaviour**
- **Increased risk of disease transmission among animals and between animals and humans**
- **Wildlife becoming more aggressive or losing their natural fear of people, leading to safety concerns**
- **Unintended attraction of rodents such as rats and mice; and**

WHEREAS Ottawa's Animal Care and Control By-law currently addresses domestic animals but does not specifically regulate the feeding of wildlife; and

WHEREAS other Ontario municipalities, including Toronto, have recently introduced 2 bans on wildlife feeding, with regulated exceptions for birds, fishing, research, animal control, and cultural practices;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff include a wildlife feeding by-law, or amendments to the Animal Care and Control By-law concerning the feeding of wildlife, as an item for consideration as part of the development of next Term of Council's By-law Review Work Plan to be approved by Council, and that other jurisdictions be considered as models as part of this work.

Carried