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To London City Council:

The London area is a significantly sensitive area for many wildlife species that live along the river Thames and throughout the city. Salthaven Wildlife Rehabilitation And Education Centre Inc. is located in Mt Brydges Ontario. Last year seven hundred and fifty three of the more than one thousand wildlife patients we admitted at Salthaven came from the city of London. It makes sense then that we have a vested interest in and are supportive of the City Of London's Humane Wildlife Conflict Policy.

These simple and practical protocols would be beneficial to local wildlife populations, including but not limited to endangered species and species of special concern:

- Consider sensitive seasonal timing windows for tree removal
- Prior to tree removal, inspections that include examinations for wildlife nests.
- Pre-stressing areas that are about to be cleaned, altered or eradicated to encourage wildlife to vacate on their own.
- Making available a list of wildlife rehabilitators for work crews to contact for help when wildlife
 is injured or displaced. (OMNRF website has a list of wildlife rehabilitators in the London area).
- Stricter enforcement of feral cat laws.

We recognize The City of London's willingness to be an example of environmental responsibility in the way it shows concern for the wildlife that lives in The Forest City. Please consider partnering with Salthaven to help local wildlife. Thank you for making a difference.

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