



Councillor Virginia Ridley, Ward 10

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Chair and Members  
Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

**Re: Skunk Population around the City**

It has been brought to my attention that there has been an increase in the number of skunks in the Westmount area, and also around the entire City.

I have reached out to the London Animal Care Centre for some thoughts on what could be done about this and been informed that they are not tasked with response or authorized to interfere with healthy wildlife and their involvement is very minimal. I have also been informed that healthy wildlife concerns from a home owner or property owner should be directed to a private contracted wildlife removal company vs London Animal Care Centre.

The concern from residents are around the following areas: domestic pet/skunk or people/skunk interaction, property damages, appropriate and safe removal options.

As the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, I am writing to you to see if you have likewise noticed, or heard about an increase, and what you might recommend as possible resolutions.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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