

P.O. Box 5035 300 Dufferin Ave London, ON N6A 4L9

Tuesday May 29, 2018

Chair and Members
Community and Protective Services Committee

RE: Feeding of Wildlife in Parks and Other Administrative Revisions

While I believe the new feeding wildlife by law is a good step forward, it does not address people bulk feeding animals on their own property.

Over the years I have had several constituents who misguidedly feel the need to feed wildlife. This attracts skunks, raccoons, and groundhogs to their property and to neighbouring properties. They then proceed to cause property damage as they seek to house themselves close to food sources or become aggressively territorial. This leaves residents unable to use their backyards, fearful for their children and cleaning up constant messes. Our by law enforcement officers do not have the tools to deal with these residents.

Please refer the by law back for additional safeguards and protections for wildlife and residents.

Paul Hubert