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Subject: Request for Reimbursement of Wildlife Removal Costs — Lot 9, Blk 8, PL 101426824

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Lot 9, Blk 8, PL 101426824 Buena Vista

Tuesday, July 28th

Buena Vista Village Council

1050 Grand Avenue, Buena Vista

Dear Members of the Council,

We're writing to share our perspective on a recent situation involving a coyote family (an adult pair and ten pups) that dened beneath our cottage at Lot 9, Blk 8, PL 101426824, and to ask that the Village consider reimbursing us for the costs we incurred as a result.

What happened:

[REDACTED] was contacted by the Village and told that she was responsible for hiring a professional to capture and relocate the coyotes, or that the Village would arrange this and bill her for it. Wanting to do the right thing, she reached out right away to Perry Reavley of The Critter Gitter, a licensed wildlife control professional. Perry let us know early on that capturing adult coyotes, which is what the Village had asked for, would be next to impossible, but he still put in 11 hours of work. He's since invoiced us \$840, which he discounted from his usual rate.

We wanted to walk through why we don't feel this cost should fall on our family, and why we hope the Village will see it the same way:

1. This feels like a public wildlife issue rather than a private one. Coyotes choose

denning sites based on habitat, not because of anything a property owner did. We don't think it's realistic to expect any homeowner to control where wild animals settle, which is part of why wildlife management is usually handled at the municipal or provincial level rather than left to individual residents.

2. We're only at the cottage a few weeks a year. Our family uses this property in the summer. The coyotes moved in while no one was there, so there was nothing we did, or could have done, to invite or prevent this.

3. This seems bigger than just our property. A den of this size suggests an established coyote population in the area, which we'd guess affects more than just our address — it seems like a community-wide question rather than one specific to us.

What we're asking for:

1. Reimbursement of the \$840 paid to The Critter Gitter;
2. Confirmation of any existing bylaw or policy that addresses homeowner responsibility for wildlife removal costs.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

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