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**Human Wildlife Conflict Report #15-17701**

**Area:** VANCOUVER - NORTH VANCOUVER - SOUTH COAST REGION      **Call Received:** 2015-10-06 12:04  
**Received By:** JAMIE (Operations 5 ECC)

COM Details

**Caller Name (COM):** s.22      **Contact Number(s):** [-]  
**Street Address:** N/A      Cellular s.22  
 VANCOUVER, BC

Occurrence Information

**Incident Date/Time:** 2015-10-06 12:04      **Occurrence Location:** [-]  
**Species Involved:** COYOTE      SEE BELOW DESCRIPTION  
**Nature of Complaint:** SCHOOL/PARK/PLAYGROUND - PRESENT/RECENT      Gaston Park at Euclid and Tyne  
**Attractants Noted:** NOT APPLICABLE  
**Action Taken:** PHONED CO

**Details:**

News crew is at the park, someone just came over and advised of an injured coyote lying there. Apparently it is not scared of people and doesn't appear like it can walk.

Actions Taken

Date	Time	Narrative
2015-10-06	12:10:31	briefed CO Cody Ambrose

Notification History

2015-10-06 12:13 Email to: Metro Vancouver [MAPLE RIDGE, NORTH VANCOUVER] [COS.MetroVancouverZone@gov.bc.ca]  
 Sent from SGPEP.ECC1@gov.bc.ca



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Outcome Report

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Status: Concluded [ Concluded on: 2015-Oct-08 ]

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COM Details

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Outcome Report

Action Required: Yes

Ref. Report #:

Sergeant Reviewed: No

Concluded On: 2015-10-08

Narrative:

2015-10-06 12:10:31 ECC briefed CO Cody Ambrose regarding the details of the complaint.

2015-10-06 12:12hrs, Sgt. HUNTER is contacted by CO AMBROSE. The details of the file were discussed. Sgt. HUNTER was in Burnaby at the time and would be closest to respond.

Sgt. HUNTER examined the details of the complaint:

"News crew is at the park, someone just came over and advised of an injured coyote lying there. Apparently it is not scared of people and doesn't appear like it can walk".

At approximately 13:00hrs, Sgt. HUNTER attended the Location of the Complaint (LOC). Sgt. HUNTER noted the following on arrival: The Park was situated in a populated urban area with a lot of people in and around the park. Sgt. HUNTER also noted an overflowing garbage can with contents spilling out on the ground. Sgt. HUNTER met with the complainant and an individual who indicated that his dog had found the coyote lying under some ornamental shrubbery at the North end of the park, that person indicated he believed it was hit by a car because it did not respond to the barking dog and or get up. Sgt. HUNTER was shown the location of the coyote by the complainants and the individual at the North end of the Park.

Sgt. HUNTER and the group was able to walk up to the coyote within less than 1 M. The Coyote did not lift its head up or get up and flee. Sgt. HUNTER noted the coyote was alert but was straining itself to look up. Sgt. HUNTER noted that one of the coyotes eyes had a problem and appeared to be infected. Sgt. HUNTER noted the coyote did strain himself to get up when he approached even closer. The Coyote did not flee but rose slowly and then begun scratching itself profusely. The Coyote was thin and its hair was matted. The Coyote appeared lethargic and sick. The Coyote did walk slowly outside of the shrubbery for approximately only approx. 3 M total. In that time Sgt. HUNTER noted the Coyote pick up something in its mouth off the ground and spit it back out immediately. The Coyote retreated slowly to the location under a shrub it was found. The Coyote stopped several times scratching it self profusely. Sgt. HUNTER concluded the Coyote was suffering the affects of Mange. Sgt. HUNTER reported the assessment.

Based on the assessment of the Coyotes condition with its eye, the Mange and the Public Safety factors of the leaving the Coyote within the Park. The Park was no place for a wild predatory animal to remain at large in that

condition. With an unknown chance of conflict to occur Sgt. HUNTER decided to euthanize the Coyote.

Sgt. HUNTER radioed ECOM dispatch and advised them of his intent of to euthanize the Coyote with firearm and requested an officer to attend to assist in scene safety.

Sgt. HUNTER utilized the complainants, Vancouver City Police to assist in removing all patrons from the Park and cleared an appropriate shot angle with a concrete wall as a back drop.

When all the safety considerations met Sgt. HUNTER euthanized the Coyote with one (1) shot gun buck shot round to the head and body at a downward angle within 1 M of the Coyote. The coyote died to the instantly.

At approximately 13:25hrs, the Coyote was removed from the Scene by the Sgt. HUNTER in a large plastic industrial garbage bag. Sgt. HUNTER double bagged carcass and placed it in his patrol truck.

Concluded response after conducting media interview.

Provided reason for Coyote attracted to Park natural and unnatural;

Provided reason for destroying coyote and safety risk they have been known to pose in urban areas of Vancouver citing that they are considered as Predators and known to attack people. Coyotes with mange pose a higher safety risk.

Between October 6th and 8th, 2015, Sgt. HUNTER contacted the Simon Fraser University if they would like to utilize the carcass for bone collection via e-mail.

Sgt. HUNTER was extremely busy and could not get the carcass to a freezer to meet the conditions of the Simon Fraser university. Given the time delay and the expiry of the condition and expiry of the carcass, the carcass was discarded to Landfill via industrial garbage container in North Vancouver Parks/COS compound on October 8th, 2015.

## Workflow History

2015-10-10 10:53 - 2coseyes - New Document: Status: Concluded (Date concluded 2015-10-08 00:00)

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-TOL update 8hr X 2.  
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~~15-10-06~~ New Shift X

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- R 126914
- P Budef 35
- V EVO
- C Port Coquitlam/Hable
- W Overcast
- S 0880-

08:30 start 15-10-06 -

09:00-10:00 office  
11:00-12:00 Burnaby SFU Respal  
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## Van Schalkwyk, Charlotte MTIC:EX

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**From:** Hunter, Todd J ENV:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 14, 2015 12:52 PM  
**To:** 'Tiia Haapalainen'  
**Subject:** RE: specimen wish list

Hi Tiia. I could not salvage this coyote specimen. I will try to get a different one.

Regards.

-----Original Message-----

From: Tiia Haapalainen [<mailto:thaapala@sfu.ca>]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2015 8:31 AM  
To: Hunter, Todd J ENV:EX  
Subject: Re: specimen wish list

Hi Todd,

The skull should be in fine condition despite the mange. I would be happy to have it and maybe we can arrange it so that we are picking up the cougar specimen you mentioned yesterday as well. I'll email Brent about the cougar to get the details and we can go from there. We'd be happy to come to where you are and pick up the specimens as well, whichever is most convenient for all those involved.

Thanks again and I'll be in touch soon!

Tiia

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----- Original Message -----

From: "Todd J ENV Hunter:EX" <[Todd.Hunter@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Todd.Hunter@gov.bc.ca)>  
To: "Tiia Haapalainen" <[thaapala@sfu.ca](mailto:thaapala@sfu.ca)>  
Cc: "Brent FLNR Gurd:EX" <[Brent.Gurd@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brent.Gurd@gov.bc.ca)>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 6, 2015 5:00:23 PM  
Subject: Re: specimen wish list

Hi Tiia. shortly after departing our meeting today, I responded to a coyote complaint in Vancouver.

I destroyed the Coyote and have it in our possession.

It was manged though and really scratching

I can't say for sure how well the condition of the Skull will be though. I will hold it for your consideration.

Sergeant Todd Hunter  
Conservation Officer Service  
| Metro Vancouver Zone |

> On Oct 6, 2015, at 4:38 PM, Gurd, Brent FLNR:EX <[Brent.Gurd@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brent.Gurd@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

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> Hi Tiia,

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> I've put in a request for a wolverine and coyote to our small carnivore biologist in Victoria. He's a SFU grad, so hopefully he will come through. He has some carcasses, but I don't know if any have intact skulls.

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> I can get you a beaver locally without any problem.

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> I'll put out a request for the other species.

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> Brent

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Tiia Haapalainen [<mailto:thaapala@sfu.ca>]

> Sent: Tuesday, October 6, 2015 2:31 PM

> To: Gurd, Brent FLNR:EX; Hunter, Todd J ENV:EX

> Subject: specimen wish list

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> Hello,

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> Thank you so much for the bobcat and baby bear specimens you have kindly donated to the teaching collection at SFU.

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> I thought I would pass along our "wish list" of specimens we are keen to get:

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> A wolverine skull is top of the list, another wolf (one of anything is a bit worrisome), a good grizzly bear (there are two I believe, and lots of bear skulls, but not many with a full set of teeth), a porcupine skull, beaver skulls to replace the old ones (the teeth always get smashed), and a couple good coyote skulls are all that come to mind right now.

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> We are also on the hunt for some marine mammals. They fall under the care of Fisheries and Oceans but if either of you know someone there to contact -- a seal, sea lion, dolphin, etc. would be an amazing addition.

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> Thanks again,

> Tiia

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