

Firearm Exemption

Gregory Aloia



Coyotes in the Village of Nobleton

As a lifelong resident of Nobleton, I've noticed over the past year more and more coyotes throughout the town during any time of the day which has become very concerning to myself and other community members.

Sighting 1

Date: Jan 22 2025 9:30pm

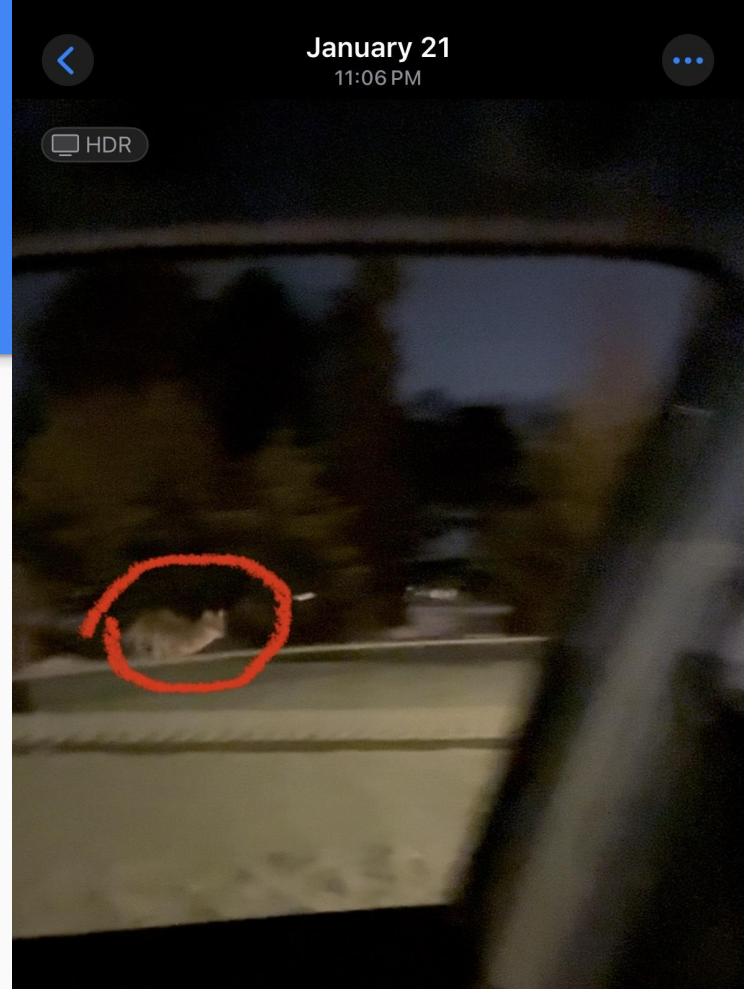
Location: 1 Sunset



Sighting 2

Date: Jan 21 2025 11pm

Location: 70 Russell Snider Dive



Sighting 3

Date: Jan 2 2025 8:45pm

Location: North East Ditch at
Nobleview Drive & King Rd

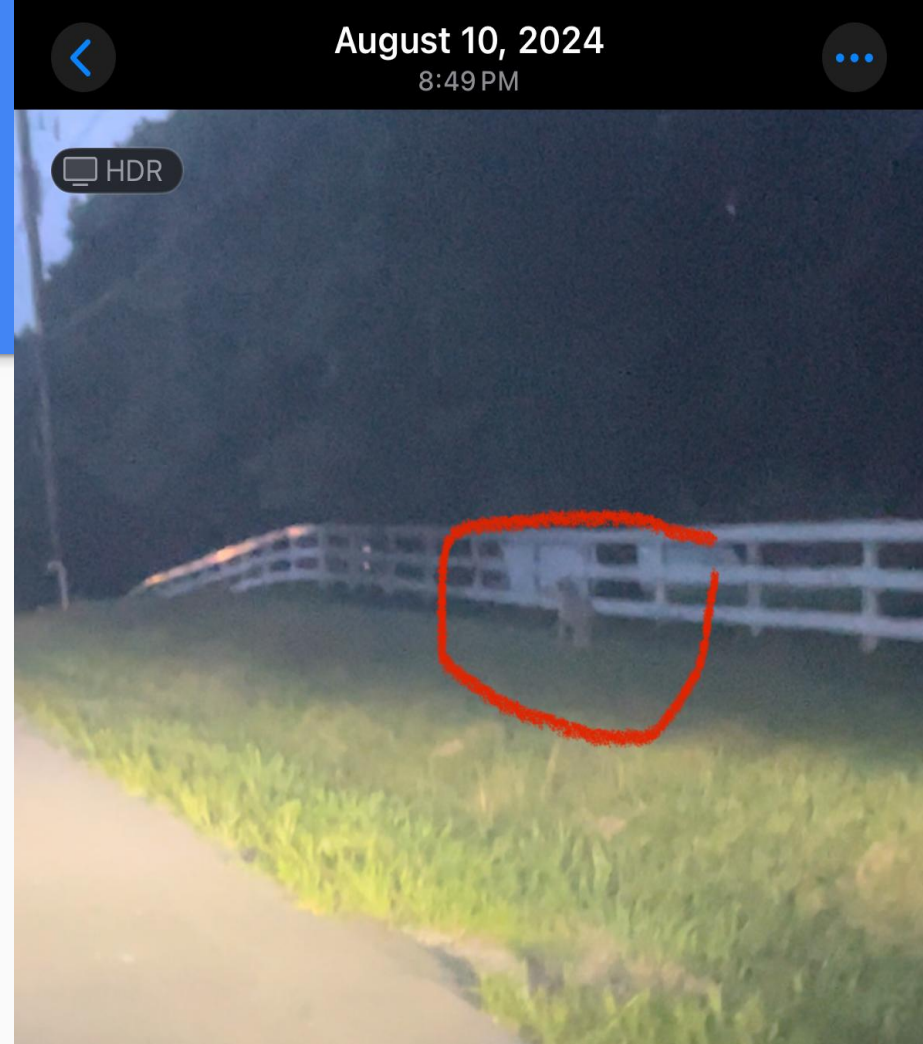
Note: There are a total of 2
coyotes in the full video.



Sighting 4

Date: Aug 10 2024 8:50pm

Location: 6570 King Rd

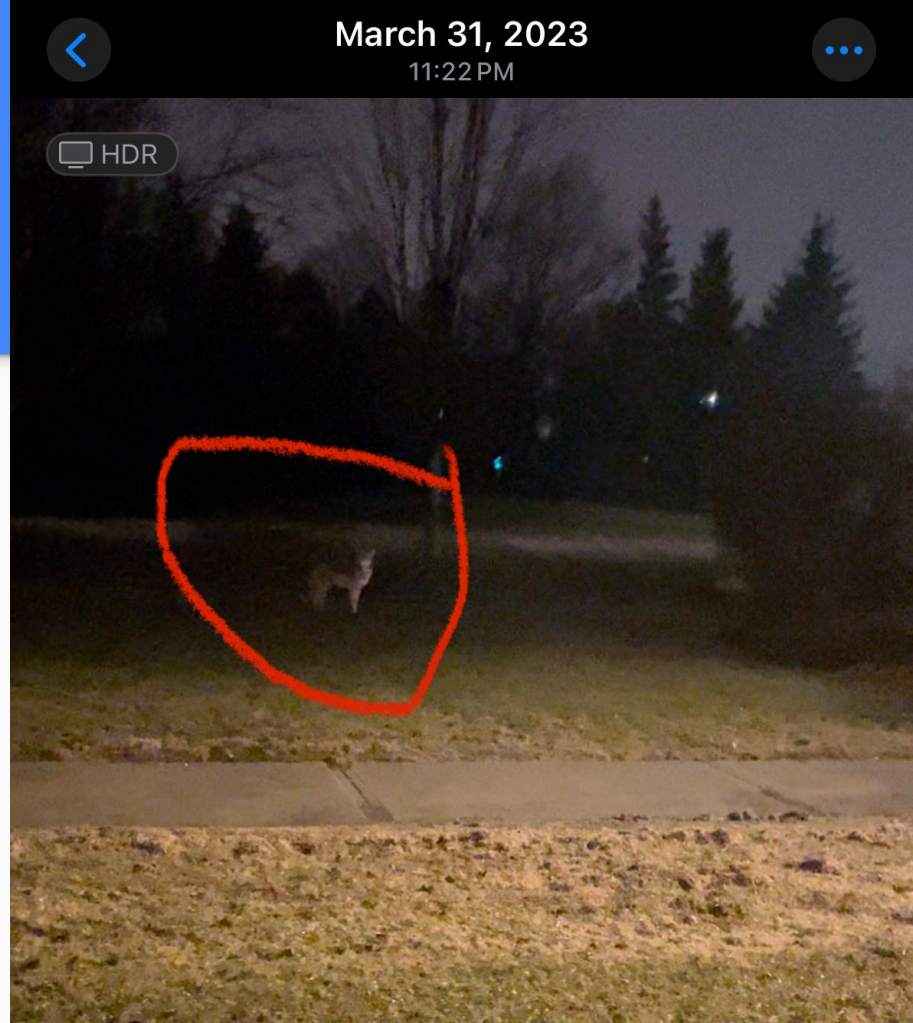


Sighting 5

Date: March 31 2023 11:20pm

Location: Nobleton Public Library

8 Sheardown Drive

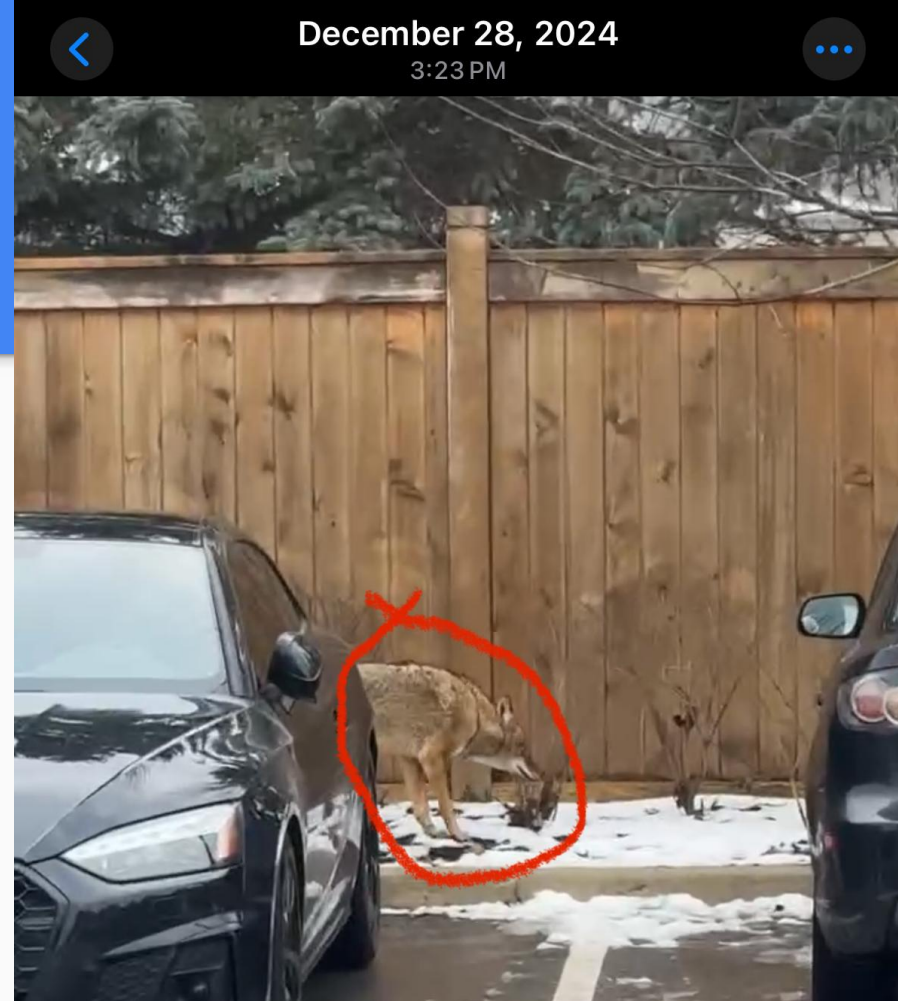


Sighting 6

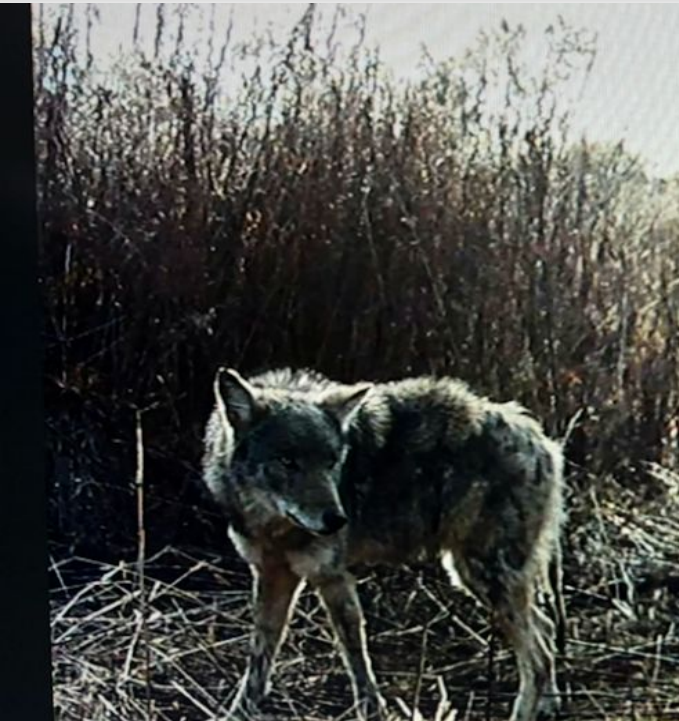
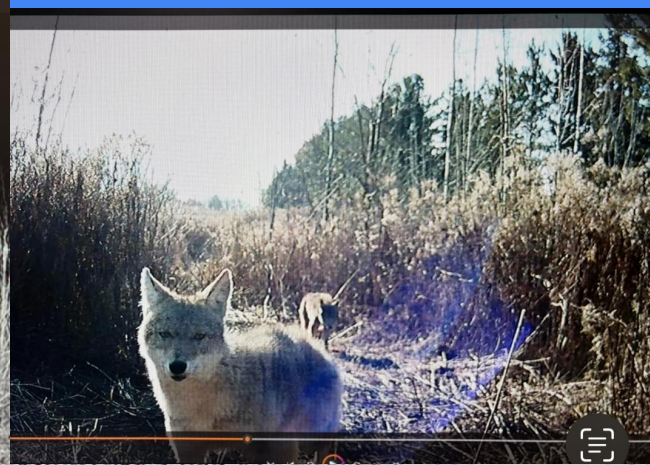
Date: Dec 28 2024 3:30pm

Location: Green Cube Childcare
Centre/St. Phillips parking lot

(191 Mactaggart Drive)



Trail Cam



Here are some examples of the many coyotes I see on my grandfather's property using my trail cam.

Various times of the day

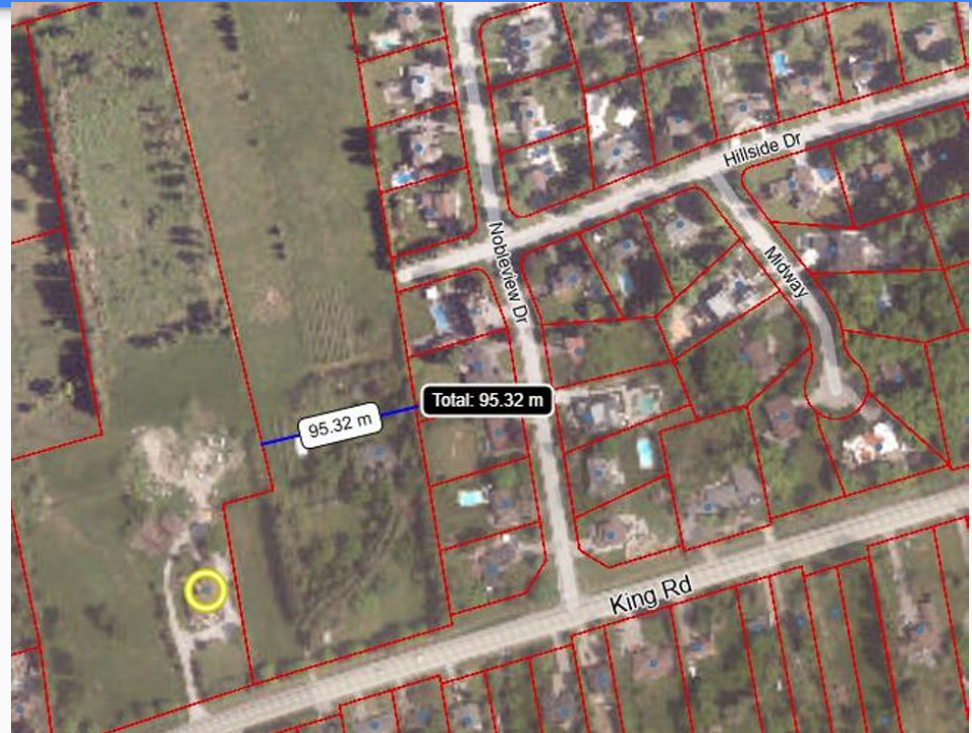


Property

Address:

The property is located at 6610 King Rd.

Size: roughly 10 acres



Requirements

By-law 2014-04 requires the following:

- No person shall discharge a firearm or bow in the Township upon lands within the defined areas (in blue). Only the landowner, tenant, or agent authorized by the land owner or tenant, or a person with the land owner or tenant's permission may discharge a firearm or bow on property in the Township - Permission granted from my grandfather
- The property in use must be 2.02 hectares (5 acres) in size or larger - Total size: 10 acres
- If using a rifle, the firearm cannot have a greater caliber than .275 - Absolutely
- No bullet, shot, bolt, arrow, or quarrel shall pass over the boundary of the property - Absolutely , know your target and beyond
- No person shall discharge any firearm or bow within 100 metres of:
 1. Any dwelling, other than a dwelling located on the property upon which the lawful discharge occur - Confirmed
 2. Any public or private park or a public open space - Confirmed
 3. The premises of an educational property or religious institution, including but not limited to any building, structures or grounds related thereto. - Confirmed

Exemptions

BY-LAW NUMBER 2014-04

Exceptions

Sec

12. This By-law shall not apply to the discharge of a Firearm or Bow:

a) for the Protection of Property from nuisance wildlife that may be killed or harassed in accordance with the Ontario Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, or a permit issued under the Canada Migratory Birds Regulations;

-There are chickens on the property.

Currently



Whitney Hall

2025-02-26

To: Gregory Aloia >



Hello,

I hope you are well.

We have determined that you would not need to go through the exemption request if you intent to discharge firearms for the Protection of Property from nuisance wildlife that may be killed or harassed in accordance with the Ontario Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, or a permit issued under the Canada Migratory Birds Regulations. This would allow you to kill nuisance coyotes without an exemption.

However, this exemption does not permit recreational hunting of deer, turkey or other animals, and you will need to go through the exemption process on March 17th for this.

Regards,



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Concerns

In the Bylaws report to council, they mentioned a fear/safety risk: “Stray bullets or misfires could potentially result in tragic consequences, putting the lives and well-being of the community at significant risk.”

I would like to mention that I’m experienced hunter and only fire a projectile knowing my target and beyond.

The Importance of Sec.12

My grandfather's property he has chickens that are let out to allow them to be free ranged. During this time, I have witnessed on a few occasions coyotes coming and taking a chicken while running away with it. These chickens provide us their eggs and meat daily so losing one is something we take close to heart. Having bylaws that support the livestock allows my family to consume fresh, farm-raised poultry all while on our own property. Giving the chickens the ability to free range is important to our family.

Why the Exemption Should Not be Removed

While it's only chickens in my case that are being taken and consumed by these nuisance coyotes, with all the sighting I have seen within the Nobleton community (i.e the previous sighting slides) it poses a risk. As the weather begins to warm up and people start to take evening walks with their children and/or pets, these coyotes pose an even larger threat to the people of Nobleton

Why I Should Harvest Deer & Turkey

This property has been in my family for over 40 years. Throughout those years they have lived off of this land in the sense that they harvest from their garden, their chickens and the many apple & fruit trees on the property. With that being said it would make sense to also harvest the wild life on the property as well.



