His Worship Fred Eisenberger  
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Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

In recent years, there has been much interest and concern about the increasing interactions between people and wildlife in both urban and rural areas. This is happening not only in Ontario but in communities right across Canada and North America. Contributing factors to human-wildlife conflicts include changing land use patterns, agricultural practices, transportation corridor planning, human behaviour and the habitat and behaviour of wildlife.

The responsibility for preventing human-wildlife conflicts is shared among all levels of government and the public. After consulting with over 30 stakeholders, the Ministry of Natural Resources, together with other ministries and agencies, released two new strategies.

*Strategy for Preventing and Managing Human-Wildlife Conflicts in Ontario* and *Strategy for Preventing and Managing Human-Deer Conflicts in Southern Ontario* represent the collaborative effort of numerous provincial ministries, partners, stakeholders and individuals. We are currently establishing a stakeholder advisory team to help set priorities for action. During the implementation phase of these strategies, we will continue to involve municipal associations to ensure municipal interests are well represented. We look forward to continued collaboration with our municipal partners to implement these strategies and will keep you informed of our progress.

To view the final strategies, please visit [www.ontario.ca/environmentalregistry](http://www.ontario.ca/environmentalregistry) and access Registry Number PB06E6018 (*Strategy for Preventing and Managing Human-Wildlife Conflicts in Ontario*) and Registry Number PB06E6017 (*Strategy for Preventing and Managing Human-Deer Conflicts in Southern Ontario*).

If you would like to discuss the strategies further, please contact John Dungavell, Wildlife Health Policy Advisor in the ministry’s Fish and Wildlife Branch, at (705) 755-1573 or john.dungavell@ontario.ca.

I would appreciate that you share this information with your council members so they can address any concerns their constituents may have.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Donna Cansfield  
Minister of Natural Resources