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### Lynx Sighting in Nipawin

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Residents are being informed that there has been reported sightings of a lynx in the Town of Nipawin. Please remember and follow these guidelines regarding wildlife.

#### **If you encounter a Lynx, Bobcat or Cougar**

- Never approach the animal, especially if it's near a kill or with young.
- Never offer it food.
- Do not run, a cat's instinct is to chase.
- If you're with others, stay together and act as a group.
- Face the animal and talk firmly while slowly backing away.
- Always leave the animal an escape route.
- Do not crouch down or try to hide, instead try to appear larger.
- Do not take your eyes off the animal or turn your back.
- If the animal does not flee, be more assertive by shouting, waving your arms and throwing anything available.

#### **Make Your property uninviting**

- Frequently wash garbage cans, recycling containers and their lids with a strong-smelling disinfectant.
- Secure garbage lids, clean up spilled garbage and do not leave garbage laying around
- Empty the grease trap from barbecues.
- Feed pets indoors.

#### **How to avoid conflicts**

- Consider motion-sensing lights to light all walkways around your home.
- Watch for signs of animal activity such as tracks, claw marks and droppings.
- Make noise as you travel through the woods — talk, sing, carry a radio.
- Travel in groups.
- If hiking alone, tell someone where you plan to go and what time you expect to return.
- Keep dogs leashed so they do not provoke attacks by wild animals.

To report a sighting, please contact The Ministry of Environment -  
Conservation Officer Service – 306.862.3353

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