

DO NOT FEED the wildlife!



(L-R) Marie O'Hearn and Lyn Elliot from Parks Canada speak with visitor Barb Clayton who attended the recent "Open House" coyote information session in Ingonish, along with Parks Canada personnel Elaine Wallace and H el ene Robichaud.

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when they come into contact with coyotes and other wildlife.

H el ene Robichaud, Superintendent at CBHNP said, "We chose the 'Question and Answer' format rather than a formal lecture on coyotes because people prefer it.

"We invited Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources as it is the agency that deals with wildlife outside the Park. It is the human-wildlife interface where the problems occur. Coyotes do not know or respect man-made boundaries, and we have to be smarter and more knowledgeable to be able to co-exist with them.

"Such things as backyard composts can attract coyotes and other wildlife, drawing them in from their usual habitat," Superintendent Robichaud said.

She added that one should always be careful when hiking and stressed that people should never feed coyotes or any other wildlife.

Mike O'Brien, Manager of Wildlife Resources with Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and Mike Boudreau for DNR had a display which

stressed conservation and sustainable use of wildlife populations, habitats and ecosystems.

Information on the Eastern Coyote explains that while it is closely related to coyotes found in western North America, they are genetically distinct. The significantly larger body size of Eastern Coyotes has been attributed to past interbreeding with wolves.

The literature suggests that to improve personal safety you should not feed coyotes and be sure to properly dispose of garbage and other food sources. Coyotes that have access to human food lose their fear of people. Some safety tips to keep in mind are:

- Hike with friends and a solid walking stick.
- Learn to recognize hazardous behaviours and situations.
- If you see a coyote at a distance stay back and do not approach the animal.
- Watch it carefully to assess its behaviour.
- Look for other animals.
- If the coyote approaches or is close by maintain your distance. Do not turn your back or run away.
- Stay together.
- Try to scare the animal away. Make a big noise and act big.
- Identify and maintain escape routes.
- If a coyote attacks fight back, shout throw stones and use whatever means is available to defend yourself.

CBHNP personnel ask that people who are approached by a coyote in the Park report the incident to (902) 285 2542 (Ingonish) or (902) 224 3798 (Cheticamp).

Honouring a driving force in our health care system



At the presentation of the Dr. M.A. Naqvi Outstanding Health Care Professional of the Year Award to Dr. Carlyle Chow were (l-r) Dr. Rollic Genge, John Malcolm, CEO Cape Breton District Health Authority, Vera Chow, Dr. Chow and Dr. Naqvi.

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Hospital in Baddeck on May 12th.

Dr. Naqvi said, "Carlyle and I go back a long way. Dr. Chow single handedly ran his practice from North of Smokey to Whycocomagh until Dr. Genge joined him. He remained in and sustained the communities under his care. Dr. Chow has received awards from all over Nova Scotia and as been a driving force in the health care system."

Dr. Chow was born in Couva, Trinidad, immigrated to Canada in 1961 and completed his undergraduate degree at St. Mary's College. He was admitted to Dalhousie Medical School where he graduated in 1968. He became a founding member of the Baddeck medical clinic.

Because of the wide geographic area he covered, Dr. Chow became one of the first physicians to offer 'one stop shopping' in the form of regular Well Men's Clinics to communities in Victoria and Inverness counties. For many years, Dr. Chow has also served the First Nations Communities of Waycobah and Wagmatcook.

He would visit the communities and provide health care screening, illness prevention, diabetes care and more in the comfort of his patients' community. For the past 40 years, Dr. Chow

has been the active Chief of Staff at Victoria County Memorial Hospital. Over the years, Dr. Chow also took in many medical students for their residency training giving them guidance and serving as a role model. In 2009, Dr. Chow received the Senior Membership Award from Doctors Nova Scotia.

"Dr. Chow has been the cornerstone of our health care in Victoria County," says Gordon MacIver, former Chair of the Victoria County Community Health Board. "The number of hours that Dr. Chow spends caring for patients in the clinic and in the hospital seems endless, from early morning until evening and through the night when he is on call. Due to his dedication, he has serviced his patients and visiting patients with the best possible medical care."

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