



# PROCLAMATION

## Stop the Illegal and Illicit Trade of Wildlife in York Region

**WHEREAS** the Town of Aurora recognizes that our wildlife has always been and will continue to be a valued and vibrant part of our community; and

**WHEREAS Crimestoppers of York Region** recognizes there is a threat to this vital resource because of the illegal and illicit trade of turtles, bear parts, snakes and other wildlife by criminals; and

**WHEREAS** many of these species are rare and their very survival is threatened; and

**WHEREAS** the illegal trade of wildlife is the 4<sup>th</sup> most lucrative criminal activity worldwide valued of \$30 billion a year only exceeded by the trade of narcotics, counterfeiting and human trafficking; and

**WHEREAS** there are joint efforts by **Crimestoppers of York Region**, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Toronto Zoo, Environment Canada and other organizations to communicate this problem; and

**WHEREAS Crimestoppers of York Region** is holding a symposium with many concerned local, provincial and national organizations to communicate this problem to York Region residents on March 31, 2016 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm in Newmarket at the Newmarket theatre.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** on behalf of the Members of Council for the Corporation of the Town of Aurora, I, Mayor Geoffrey Dawe, do hereby proclaim the weeks of **April 4 – April 17, 2016** as “**Stop the illegal and illicit Trade of Wildlife in York Region**” and encourage all citizens to attend the Symposium on March 31, 2016 and help prevent the trafficking of our wildlife in York Region.

# JOIN CRIME STOPPERS TO HELP STOP ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRADE

The trafficking of wildlife in York Region is part of organized crime. This widespread activity is just as illegal as the weapons and other substances below. Turtles, snakes, bears, moose and other wildlife taken from the wild are part of a global wildlife trade that is estimated to be worth as much as \$30 billion a year.



Image Courtesy of Toronto Zoo and Ontario Association Of Crime Stoppers

## ILLEGAL AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING OF WILDLIFE SYMPOSIUM

**THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2016 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.**

**Newmarket Theatre, 505 Pickering Crescent, Newmarket**

**FREE ADMISSION**

Participants : Crime Stoppers, Environment and Climate Change Canada, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Ontario SPCA , Ontario Nature, Ontario Turtle Trauma Centre, Toronto Zoo, and York Regional Police

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