

Lynne appreciates your support! If you care about this issue, please take the time to express your view to the relevant politicians:

Please write:

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Your own MPP: for contact information visit
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Write your own letter or include some of the following statements:

- I am writing in response to the incident on October 11th when staff of the MNR raided the Constance Creek Wildlife Refuge on the property of Lynne Rowe in the Carleton-Mississippi Mills constituency.
- Ms Rowe has spent 2 years of great effort and personal expense to create a new wildlife rehabilitation centre to serve the greater Ottawa region.
- Ottawa needs these services which are offered at no expense to the community
- Ms Rowe is making every effort to fulfill all of the MNR requirements for proper wildlife rehabilitation.
- I am outraged at this abuse of authority and the needless euthanization of two innocent raccoons.
- It is my understanding that the raccoons were in good health, showed a healthy fear of humans, had been vaccinated against rabies, panleukopenia and distemper and were ready for release.

- As a person who pays taxes in Ontario and so contributes to the salaries of MNR staff...
- As a constituent of the Carleton Mississippi Mills riding...
- As a resident of the Ottawa region who will benefit from Ms. Rowe's work...

- I want the MNR to play a much more constructive and cooperative role in terms of wildlife rehabilitation.
- I believe the MNR raid was a waste of public resources and want the MNR to cooperate immediately with Ms. Rowe by granting her a wildlife custodian license.
- I would like your assurance that this matter will be looked into and Ms Rowe will be able to continue her good work.
- It would be a further waste to punish Ms Rowe for creating this incredible resource for the Ottawa region.
- I believe it is in everyone's best interest to have the MNR cooperate Ms. Rowe, support her work and grant the required license.
- There are many people who do rescue wildlife without the proper license. However, since Ms Rowe was trying to build a proper wildlife rehabilitation centre, she was an easy target. By punishing her, the MNR sends a message to the public to keep wildlife rehabilitation underground.
- The MNR needs to reform its policies to create a more cooperative climate for working with wildlife rehabilitators. This includes removing the strict regulations that make good rehabilitation impossible to practice.
- Less than a month ago, in response to several thousand letters from the public, Dalton McGuinty, on behalf of the Liberal Party, sent a letter stating "we will enhance programs that encourage wildlife rehabilitators to seek authorization in Ontario, and promote wildlife rehabilitation as a valuable voluntary resource in the province". (from the Ontario Wildlife Coalition press release: <http://www.wildlifeontario.ca/content/news/pressrelease/2011-10-20-OWC-Raccoons-Euthanized.html>)

The courtesy of a response is requested.