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Green Party upset with Saskatchewan's coyote bounty program

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The \$360,000 of public money spent so far on Saskatchewan's coyote bounty could be put to better use, says the leader of the provincial Green Party.

Larissa Shasko criticized the \$20-per-animal bounty as ineffective, saying coyotes adapt to reduced numbers by having larger litters of pups.

The government could instead put more money into prevention measures, such as programs that subsidize the cost of farm fencing or guard dogs, or more targeted programs, said Shasko.

"I think what's really important at this point is to call for alternative solutions," Shasko said Friday, the same day the provincial government issued a news release saying the coyote bounty is helping to address livestock predation.

"It's a lot of money and I'm wondering if this money could be spent in a better way. I think it can," Shasko said.

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