Public Service Announcement

Update: polar bear sighting in Iqaluit

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The Department of Environment is advising residents that conservation officers have completed their investigation into a reported polar bear sighting in the Plateau area of Iqaluit.

Following a public report of a polar bear sighting, officers immediately raised public awareness for safety purposes and conducted a thorough search of the area.

Officers did not locate a polar bear or polar bear tracks.

Operations have now returned to regular status.

Residents are reminded that polar bears can be encountered at any time. Please remain mindful of your surroundings when outdoors. If you see a bear or signs of a bear, report it immediately to the wildlife office at 975-7780 or 222-1555.

The Department of Environment appreciates the public's assistance in this matter and encourages continued reporting of any wildlife sightings to help ensure community safety.

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