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# **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **Hastings Highlands Exotic Animal Bylaw Update**

**Hastings Highlands, ON** – The Municipality wishes to advise the community as follows:

At the April 21, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council, Council directed staff to prepare a Draft Exotic Animal Bylaw and present it for a first reading to Council.

The first reading of the Hastings Highlands Draft Exotic Animal Bylaw is scheduled for **June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021**.

“We want to ensure that stakeholders have the opportunity to provide input, to ensure that decisions made at the municipal level are sustainable and consider feedback from residents. It’s important that stakeholders appreciate the scope of municipal decisions and the importance of public participation prior to passing a bylaw,” stated Mayor Hagar.

A Community Engagement Strategy will be considered by Council on June 16<sup>th</sup> in addition to the Hastings Highlands Draft Exotic Animal Bylaw. This strategy will contain information on when the bylaw readings are scheduled to appear before Council and how and when the public can provide input.

- Tracy Hagar, Mayor of Hastings Highlands

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