

Welcome: Hastings Highlands Municipal Bylaws Newsletter!

As Hastings Highlands grows, so do the municipal bylaws that support its development, safety, and quality of life. This newsletter highlights key updates, common regulations, and how they help our rural community thrive.

Hastings Highlands Parking Bylaw

The Municipality's Traffic, Parking, and Stopping Bylaw prohibits parking in these areas:

- On sidewalks, crosswalks, or pedestrian crossovers.
- Within intersections or fire routes.
- On bridges or their approaches.
- Within 3 metres of a fire hydrant or intersection.
- In a way that obstructs traffic or blocks other vehicles.
- That interferes with civic services like snow removal or road repairs.
- In front of driveways or blocking entrances.

<https://www.hastingshighlands.ca/living-here/bylaw-enforcement/parking/>

🔥 **Open-Air Fire Bylaw:** As we head into warmer months, remember these fire regulations: 🔥 Night Burning Only: April 1-October 31, from 7:00 PM to 7:00 AM.

Small campfires, no larger than 2 ft by 2 ft in diameter are allowed during the day unless a total fire ban is in effect.

Always check our website for fire bans.

Burn responsibly! 🔥

🌿 🌿 Beautiful By Nature 🌿 🌿

Spring Check-In: Post-Winter Property Standards Reminder

Spring's here—check your property! Keeping up with standards keeps our community safe and clean.

Here are a few key things to check:

Exterior Maintenance: Repair any damaged siding, steps, or railings.

Yard Cleanup: Remove leftover debris, fallen branches, and any litter.

Eavestroughs & Roofs: Clear out gutters and inspect for damage.

Fences & Sheds: Make sure they're stable and in good condition.

A little maintenance now prevents bigger issues later and keeps our neighborhood looking great!

<https://www.hastingshighlands.ca/living-here/bylaw-enforcement/property-standards/>

Keeping Our Community Clean & Safe

Our municipality is beautiful—let's keep it that way! Following bylaws protects its charm, safety, and even our furry friends.

Fun Fact: Following property standards means less stress for you 🧑 and a ❤️ happier, healthier community for all 🌍!



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Peaceful Living: Noise Bylaw

Hastings Highlands regulates noise to help keep our community quiet and tranquil and serene.

All unnecessary noise is prohibited between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. daily, including:

- Persistent animal noises (barking or whining).
- Loud shouting or yelling.
- Vehicle noises (e.g., banging or squealing).
- Unmuffled construction equipment operation.

Building in Hastings Highlands

As of January 1, 2025, the Municipality of Hastings Highlands started using the Cloud Permit online system for all building permit applications.

To get started, visit

<https://ca.cloudpermit.com>, create an account, and submit your application entirely online. This new system streamlines the permitting process, making it faster and more convenient.

Ontario Builds Forward: 2024 Code Now in Effect

The 2024 Ontario Building Code is now in effect, with updated standards for safer, smarter, and more sustainable building.



How to be a Good Neighbour

🚗 Drive slowly in residential areas and watch for kids near roads.

🌳 Keep shared spaces clean and welcoming.

🔊 Keep music volume low, especially at night or early mornings.

🌸 Take pride in your lawn or garden—it enhances the whole street.

♻️ Sort recycling properly to prevent litter and pests.

🐾 Train your pets for friendly, stress-free interactions.

💡 Be mindful of exterior lighting—keep it low to avoid disturbing neighbors.

🏠 Maintain your home to preserve neighborhood value.

🧹 Clean up after events and parties.

🤝 Be patient and understanding—embrace your neighbors' differences!

Fun Fact: A tidy yard isn't just pleasing to the eye 🌿 ✨—it helps keep your property safe 🏠, your neighbors happy 😊, and your community thriving! ☀️



Be a Responsible Dog Owner:

Sun's Out, Leash Up! ☀️

Time for a tail-wagging adventure with your fur baby! 🐾

🐕 *Keep your pet on a leash*

🗑️ *Clean up after them*

👂 *Be a courteous walker*

Let's keep our parks and sidewalks safe and clean for all!

Dog Bites: Prevention & Responsibility in Our Community 🦴 🦴 🦴

Dog bites can happen, even with friendly pets—responsible ownership helps prevent incidents before they start. Watch for warning signs like growling, stiff posture, or avoidance.

In the event of a dog attack, call police immediately.

Once the situation is safe, contact Hastings Prince Edward Public Health at [hpeph.ca](https://www.hpeph.ca).

Prompt reporting helps keep everyone safe.

What the Bylaw Says

In Hastings Highlands, dog owners must keep pets under control. If a dog bites or attacks, the owner may face:

- Fines or charges under local or provincial legislation.
- Orders to muzzle or restrain the dog.
- Possible removal or further action if the dog is deemed dangerous.

Let's keep our community safe and dog-friendly! 🐾

🐾 Always ask before petting a dog.

🐕 Avoid startling or running at dogs.

🦴 Teach kids to interact safely with pets.

🐾 Step away calmly if a dog seems nervous or aggressive.



🐾 Exotic Animal Bylaw 🐾

Hastings Highlands has a bylaw to help keep the community safe by regulating exotic animal ownership.

This bylaw prohibits the possession, harbouring, or keeping of certain animals considered dangerous or unsuitable for residential areas, including:

🐒 Non-human primates (e.g., lemurs, monkeys, apes).

🐊 Crocodilians (e.g., crocodiles, alligators).

🐍 Certain reptiles (e.g., reticulated pythons, boa constrictors, venomous snakes).

🐾 And other specifically listed species.

This bylaw helps protect the community and supports animal welfare.

<https://www.hastingshighlands.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Bylaw-2021-037-Exotic-Animal.pdf>

Fireworks Regulations: A Guide to Safe Celebrations

Hastings Highlands has a Fireworks Bylaw to ensure safe and considerate displays, minimizing disturbances and risks to residents and wildlife.

Permitted Days/Hours:

Fridays and Saturdays, 6 PM - 11 PM, from June 20th to Thanksgiving Monday, plus Victoria Day, Canada Day, Labour Day, and New Year's Eve.

Fire Ban Restrictions:

No fireworks during a total fire ban. Check the municipality's website for current ratings. [hastingshighlands.ca](https://www.hastingshighlands.ca)

Prohibited Devices:

Flying lanterns are prohibited at all times.

Exemptions: Submit written requests to the Municipal Clerk for Council review.

