

**Municipality of Hastings Highlands**  
Regular Meeting of Council, Operations Minutes

**April 21, 2021 - Regular Meeting of Council, Operations at the Hastings Highlands  
Council Chambers**

<b>Council</b>	Tracy Hagar Tammy Davis Tony Fitzgerald Dorothy Gerrow Nancy Matheson Alex Walder	<b>Staff:</b>	David Stewart Suzanne Huschilt Adrian Tomasini Jason Post Martin Cox Tanya Dickinson Dawn Bowers
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**Others:** Joanna Reading, Sarah Caldwell, Stanley Ford Ralph, John Davies,  
Susan Latremoille.

**Call to order:**

The Acting Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The recording of the meeting can be found on our YouTube channel at:

Part 1: <https://youtu.be/3xISQsYgGWA>

Part 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6P-MKuAU9UQ>

**Opening Ceremonies:**

We acknowledge that we are gathered on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg, which is known by Indigenous peoples, who have been stewards of the land since time immemorial and as such we treat the land, its plants, animals, stories and people with honour and respect.

**National Anthem**

**Roll Call:**

There was a quorum of Council in attendance.

**Clerk's Comments:**

The rules for voting are as follows:

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Councillor Walder: For  
Acting Mayor Hagar: For  
Carried

**Declaration of Vacant Seat**

**Fitzgerald (144-2021)**

That Council accepts this report "Declaration of Vacant Seat" as submitted by the Clerk for information; and

That Council accepts the resignation of Mayor Vic A. Bodnar; and

Furthermore That in accordance with Section 262(1) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, Council declares the Council seat occupied by Mayor Bodnar as vacant effective April 21, 2021.

Recorded Vote:

Councillor Davis: For  
Councillor Fitzgerald: For  
Councillor Gerrow: For  
Councillor Matheson: For  
Councillor Walder: For  
Acting Mayor Hagar: For  
Carried

**The Acting Mayor called for a recess at 11:24 a.m. and reconvened at 11:58 a.m.  
A roll call was completed and a quorum of Council was in attendance.**

**Closed Session:**

**Closed Session - Council Rises to go into Closed Session 12:02 p.m.**

**Gerrow (145-2021)**

That Council rises from the open session to go into Closed Session as permitted by the *Municipal Act* for the purpose of:

Section 239 (2)(e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;  
Section 239 (2)(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;  
-Legal Correspondence

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-Customer Service Request(s) - Zoning Bylaw Infraction

Section 239 (2)(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

-Hastings County Exotic Animal Bylaw Template Legal Opinion

Recorded Vote:

Councillor Davis: For

Councillor Fitzgerald: For

Councillor Gerrow: For

Councillor Matheson: For

Councillor Walder: For

Acting Mayor Hagar: For

Carried

**Council Rises from Closed Session:**

**Closed Session - Council Rises and Reports from Closed Session at 2:07 p.m.  
A roll call was completed and there was a quorum of Council in attendance.**

**Walder (146-2021)**

That Council rises from the closed session and directs staff and officials to carry out all actions as approved in the April 21, 2021 Closed Session of Council and report.

Recorded Vote:

Councillor Davis: For

Councillor Fitzgerald: For

Councillor Gerrow: For

Councillor Matheson: For

Councillor Walder: For

Acting Mayor Hagar: For

Carried

**The Acting Mayor reported that there were 3 items to discuss today.**

**The first item was a review of some legal correspondence.**

**The second item was in regards to a municipal zoning bylaw infraction.**

**The third item was discussion on the legal opinion regarding the Exotic Animal Bylaw Template that we have received from Hastings County.**

**There is a motion resulting from the Closed Session.**

**New Motion - Draft Exotic Animal Bylaw**

**Walder (147-2021)**

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That Council directs staff to produce a Draft Exotic Animal Bylaw and present it for a first reading to Council.

Recorded Vote:

Councillor Davis: For  
Councillor Fitzgerald: For  
Councillor Gerrow: For  
Councillor Matheson: For  
Councillor Walder: For  
Acting Mayor Hagar: For  
Carried

**Clerk's Department (cont.):**

**Bylaw 2021-029 Council Vacancy Policy**

**Fitzgerald (148-2021)**

That Council accepts this report "Bylaw 2021-029 Council Vacancy Policy" as submitted by the Clerk; and

That Council reviews the Council Vacancy Policy that has been updated to reflect the current at-large composition of Council; and

Furthermore That the Clerk be directed to bring the updated Bylaw to the May 5, 2021 meeting of Council for second reading and passage.

Recorded Vote:

Councillor Davis: For  
Councillor Fitzgerald: For  
Councillor Gerrow: For  
Councillor Matheson: For  
Councillor Walder: For  
Acting Mayor Hagar: For  
Carried

**The Acting Mayor called for a recess at 2:15 p.m. and reconvened at 2:25 p.m.  
A roll call was completed and a quorum of Council was in attendance.**

**Administration:**

None.

**Mayor's Report:**