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Winter Ready, Community Friendly: Your Seasonal Bylaw Guide

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Message from the Bylaw Department

As temperatures drop and winter draws near, the Municipality of Hastings Highlands Bylaw Enforcement Department would like to remind residents, visitors, and property owners of key regulations that help keep our community safe, accessible, and welcoming throughout the fall and winter seasons.

Winter Parking Restrictions: To allow for safe and effective snow removal, **overnight parking is prohibited on all Municipal roads between midnight and 7:00 a.m from October 15th to April 15th of each year.**

Avoid Penalties and Fines: Vehicles interfering with snow clearing operations may be fined or issued a monetary penalty or possibly towed at the owner's expense.

Keep vehicles off the road and shoulders during snow events and clean-up periods.

Snow and Ice – Keep It Off the Roads!

Do not push, plow, or blow snow from private property onto or across municipal roads, sidewalks, or road allowances. Placing snow in these areas creates safety concerns and can:

- Reduce visibility for motorists
- Create hazards for pedestrians
- Interfere with municipal snow-clearing operations

Please do your part to help keep our roads and walkways clear, safe, and accessible this winter.

Open-Air Fire Restrictions: As the seasons change, residents are reminded to follow the Municipality of Hastings Highlands' Open-Air Fire Bylaw (2020-047) when conducting open-air burning. The bylaw is intended to support safe burning practices and help protect our community and natural environment. Seasonal Burning Hours - From November 1 to March 31, open-air burning is permitted during both the day and night.

Burn Safely: Before lighting any fire, please remember to:

- Check for current local fire bans, restrictions, or burning advisories.
- Keep fires attended at all times.
- Ensure the fire is fully extinguished before leaving the site.

Safe, responsible burning helps reduce the risk of fire and protects our residents, properties, and forests.

Property Standards & Waste Management

As we move into winter, property upkeep remains important.

Bylaw Reminders:

- Keep your property clear of excessive debris, waste, and inoperable or abandoned vehicles.
- Store household garbage securely, using bear-resistant containers where appropriate.
- Clear snow and ice from private walkways and entrances regularly to help maintain safe access.

Dog Regulations & Pet Etiquette

Winter Tips:

Pick up after your pets year-round—even in winter. Pet waste does not disappear in the snow and can affect water quality and public health.

Keep pets leashed and under control when in public spaces.

📞 Have a question or concern?

Please use our **Online Customer Service Request (CSR)** platform available on the municipal website at: www.hastingshighlands.ca to submit all inquiries and complaints. If you're unable to complete the form online, you may submit a paper version at the main office in Maynooth.

We handle bylaw complaints fairly, confidentially, and in the order they are received. Thank you for helping us keep our community safe and enjoyable for everyone!



Together, we can keep Hastings Highlands safe, clean, and beautiful through the fall leaves and winter snow. Your cooperation makes a difference!

Stay safe, stay warm, and enjoy the seasons ahead.

🍁 Thank You for Being a Responsible Resident!

— Municipality of Hastings Highlands – Bylaw Enforcement Team

Closing Up the Cottage?

🏠 Vacant Buildings & Cottages – Seasonal Property Reminder

Heading south for the winter or closing up the cottage for the season?
If your home or cottage will be unoccupied for an extended period, take proactive steps to safeguard your property and ensure compliance with municipal bylaws.

🔒 Secure and Winterize

Lock all doors and windows and ensure all points of entry are secure to deter break-ins or unauthorized access.
Shut off water lines or drain pipes to prevent freezing and burst pipes.
Check that your **roof, gutters, and eavestroughs** are in good condition to handle snow load and melting runoff.



Even when unoccupied, your property must still comply with municipal bylaws, including:
Snow and ice removal from sidewalks, driveways and entrances. Unmaintained driveways and entrances can become dangerously inaccessible and may delay emergency response.
Maintaining the exterior (e.g., no broken windows, falling gutters, or visible deterioration).
Keeping the yard tidy, no accumulation of garbage, debris, or overgrown brush.
Neglected properties may be subject to enforcement actions, fines, or orders to comply.
Taking these steps not only protects your property—it also contributes to the safety and appearance of the entire community during the quieter winter months.

Snow & Ice Removal – Do Your Part to Keep Our Roads and Community Safe

Winter property maintenance is a shared responsibility. Heavy snow and ice can create serious safety hazards if left unattended.

You Are Responsible for Snow and Ice Removal
Property owners must clear snow and ice from:

- ❄ Sidewalks adjacent to their property (where applicable),
- ❄ Driveways and private laneways,
- ❄ Entrances and walkways.

Failure to maintain safe access may result in bylaw enforcement action and poses a risk to pedestrians, emergency services, and delivery drivers.

If you only visit your cottage occasionally during the winter, it is your responsibility to arrange snow removal in advance.

Winter Parking:
Parking on municipal roads or shoulders during the winter **is strictly prohibited**.
Even temporary parking:

- ❄ Blocks snowplows,
- ❄ Prevents proper road clearing,
- ❄ Creates hazardous driving conditions.

If your vehicle obstructs snow removal efforts, it may be ticketed or towed without warning.

This is necessary to ensure roads remain safe and passable for all residents, emergency services, and public works crews.

We all have a role to play in keeping North Hastings safe during the winter months.

Please take this responsibility seriously.



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