



July 11, 2024

**BY EMAIL**

Honourable Doug Ford  
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**Re: Provincial Regulations to Restrict Keeping of Non-native ("exotic") Wild Animal**

At its Regular Council Meeting held on May 6, 2024, Council supported the enclosed correspondence dated April 23, 2024 from the City of St. Catharines regarding provincial regulations needed to restrict keeping of non-native ("exotic") wild animals. Council calls upon the Provincial Government to impose provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of non-native ("exotic") wild animal population.

Council accordingly passed the following resolution:

**R24-05-184**

Moved By Councillor Verbeek  
Seconded By Councillor McGuire-Blais

**That** the correspondence from the City of St. Catharines dated April 23, 2024 regarding provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding and use of non-native (exotic) wild animals be received and supported; and

**That** a letter of support be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General, The Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Anthony Leardi, MPP, Essex Riding, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association of Ontario (MLEAO).



**Carried**

We trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "jmall", written in a cursive style.

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Enclosure

cc: Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General  
Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry  
Anthony Leardi, MPP, Essex Riding  
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