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Wildlife Centre, Westdale Aviary, and Flamborough Downs holds within the City of Hamilton.

- We recognize the City is concerned that allowing for such an amendment would open flood gates for other applicants to do the same. However, since the City of Ottawa By-Law was put in place we are the only application for a zoo license that the City of Ottawa has received.

Our Organization

- Our facility in Ottawa has obtained accredited by CAZA/AZAC, Canada's Accredited Zoos and Aquariums.
- The CAZA/AZAC accreditation requires strict and thorough inspections of your facilities and programs.
- We are meeting the highest standards set for zoo animal health and welfare and public safety set in Canada and are a professional organization as reflected in the letters submitted by the **Ministry of Natural Resources, the OSPCA, the City of Ottawa, and numerous other professionals.**
- Our Hamilton zoo is applying for accreditation this year and the facility was built with the same policies, programs, and standards in place. Our inspection will be the summer of 2014.

Asset to the City

- We want to be an asset to the City of Hamilton as we are in Ottawa
- We employed over 45 employees in Ottawa this past summer.



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Key Points

Complying

- We are **complying** with the current By-Law and have a plan in place to remove all prohibited animals by December 17th of this year.
- We have already relocated 11 animals, including 2 marmosets, 5 Burmese pythons, 1 water monitor, and 3 reticulated pythons

Business History in Ottawa

- In business in Ottawa since 1995, zoo opened in 2000
- We have an exemption with the City of Ottawa that requires an annual zoo license. As part of the conditions, we must have an inspection by the OSPCA and the Health Department prior to renewing our license.

Request

- We are requesting the City of Hamilton to amend the By-Law to include Little Ray's Reptile Zoo (Hamilton) as an exempted facility such as African Lion Safari, Mountsberg

- We already employ over 15 staff in Hamilton and have a youth volunteer program accessible to all in our community.
- Over half of our visitors are coming from outside the City of Hamilton including London, Kitchener/Waterloo, St Catharines, Niagara, and the GTA driving tourism dollars to the Stadium District.
- We do not sell animals and have no intention to do so and we heavily advocate for responsible pet ownership cautioning individuals about the challenges of keeping many species of reptiles and amphibians.
- At the Planning Committee meeting Councillor Clark expressed great concern about people releasing exotic animals into local ecosystems. Please consider. Since the inception of the current Hamilton By-Law City of Hamilton Animal Control staff and the SPCA confirmed they have received 16 reptiles since January of 2012. In the past 3 months we have received 45 of which 21 are prohibited under the current By-Law. This begs the question. If we have received 41 in the past 3 months but the City only received 16 in almost 2 years. If this is a major concern please consider what were people doing with their unwanted reptiles and amphibians prior to our opening in Hamilton.

Thank you for your time,

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Prohibited Animal Action Plan- Little Rays Reptile Zoo in Hamilton

Primates:

Common Marmosets (*Callithrix jacchus*)

Quantity	Action Plan
(1.1 Adults)	Moved Already- Ottawa

Arachnids:

Animals	Action Plan
Goliath Bird Eater Desert Hairy Scorpion Tailless Whip Scorpion Red Rump Tarantula Indian Ornamental Tarantula Brazilian Black Tarantula Zebra Leg Tarantula	Scheduled to move- November 29 th

Snakes:

Burmese Python (*Python bivittatus*)

Quantity	Action Plan
5 Adults	5 Moved Already- Ottawa
(1 adult)	Scheduled to move- November 29th
(4 Sub Adults)	Scheduled to move- November 29th
(1 Albino x 3ft)	Scheduled to move- November 29th

Green Anaconda (*Eunectes murinus*)

Quantity	Action Plan
(1.1 Adults)	Request to keep 1, or if possible both on display based on history.
(0.0.1 @ 1ft)	Scheduled to move- November 29th

Reticulated Python (*Python reticulatus*)

Quantity	Action Plan
3 Adults	3 Moved Already- Ottawa
(0.2 Adults @14ft)	Scheduled to move- November 29th
(0.0.2 Super Dwarf Retics)	Request to keep since adult size they will not grow over the 3m rule

Lizards:

Asian Water Monitor (*Varanus salvator*)

Quantity	Action Plan
(0.1 @4ft)	Scheduled to move- December 6 th

Crocodylians:American Alligator (*Alligator mississippiensis*)

Quantity	Action Plan
(0.1 Adult)	Request to keep on display if possible based on history.
(0.0.1 @ 1ft)	Scheduled to move- December 13 th

Spectacled Caimans (*Caiman crocodilus*)

Quantity	Action Plan
(3.2 Adults)	Scheduled to move- December 13 th
(1.0 @1ft)	Scheduled to move- December 13 th

Schneider's Dwarf Caimans (*Paleosuchus trigonatus*)

Quantity	Action Plan
(1.1 Adults)	Scheduled to move- December 13 th
(0.0.1 @8")	Scheduled to move- December 13 th

Cuviers Dwarf Caiman (*Paleosuchus palpebrosus*)

Quantity	Action Plan
(0.0.2 @8")	Scheduled to move- December 13 th

Yacare Caiman (*Caiman yacare*)

Quantity	Action Plan
(0.0.1 @3ft)	Scheduled to move- December 13 th

African Dwarf Crocodile (*Osteolaemus tetraspis*)

Quantity	Action Plan
(0.1 Adult)	Request to leave on display in Hamilton and move in May to a CAZA accredited facility- Letters of recommendation