

Backyard Chickens

Committee of the Whole
September 1, 2020



Deputation to Council

- November 2019 – deputation CW2019-200 was received, requesting By-law revisions to allow for backyard chickens
- A petition was also submitted with over 400 signatures
- Council requested staff to bring forward options to allow backyard chickens Q3 2020

Rationale

- Staff research regarding backyard chickens with consideration to the following:
 - By-law amendments to the Animal Control By-Law,
 - Zoning By-laws – potential impacts and amendments (interim by-law)
 - Should backyard chickens be permitted in residential areas?
 - Licensing
 - Building permits
 - Requirements for lot size, coop size and location in a yard (setbacks)
 - Health and Safety (Chicken health, manure management, predators etc.)
 - Number of chickens
 - Prohibition of Roosters

Next Steps

- Staff is working with Communications to conduct a 2 week survey to gather public input and information for the future Council report (Late August or September)
- Consultations:
 - Internally: Planning, Building, Economic Development, Environmental Services
 - Externally: Health Unit (HKPR), Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF); and
 - Other Municipalities

Direction and Conclusion

- That the presentation be received; and
- That a report be provided to Council with the results from the public survey, descriptive information, internal and external consultation and provides Council with recommendations Q4 2020.

Questions

