

# 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

