

**Project: Backyard Chickens Survey**

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1	Overall I love this idea. We could also allow Food Source to have a chicken coop and help our most vulnerable with some protein.	18 Sep 2020, 02:51 PM
2	The COKL does not seem to be able to quickly enforce the various bylaws that are in existence at this point in time. Lack of staffing and no evening hours seem to be quite problematic. If backyard chickens and standards for keeping them are approved, how could you enforce these new bylaws? You would also be opening up a whole new area for possible animal neglect, especially once the "novelty" of backyard chickens wears off for those who do not understand what they are signing up for by installing a coop and chickens in their yard. What happens when the hens stop laying after their few peak years. Will people be happy to keep them on as "pets" or will they want to replace them with new hens? I suspect you would put a limit on the number of chickens permitted per yard. With that in mind, people will need to get rid of the non layers in order to add a new hen. So what happens to the non laying hens at that point? What will you put in place for the likely "disposal" of chickens who stop laying. Leave farming to the farmers and those who know what they are doing and what they are getting into when they keep chickens. If a resident buys a home next to a farm, they should logically know what to expect in terms of country smells and noise. If, however, a resident buys a home in a neighbourhood they should get just that - a residential neighbourhood not a chicken coop next door.	18 Sep 2020, 03:08 PM
3	The preamble makes this is very biased survey. It is clear the city wants this.  How about this question: will the city allow citizen journalists to film backyard slaughter by inexperienced butchers and share it with the world? Including during any H5N1 outbreak, will the city allow citizen journalists to document bylaw officers seizing chickens and killing them?  Hard NO to backyard chickens.	18 Sep 2020, 03:36 PM
4	I don't know why they're already not permitted. People are allowed other animals.	18 Sep 2020, 04:48 PM

- 5 Minimal municipal intervention should occur if this is approved. A bylaw is required to establish and provide guidance on structures and limitations. Careful consideration must be applied as this cannot become a burden on existing staffing levels or budget allowances. Keeping egg producing chickens must not be permitted in subdivisions or highly urbanized locations. 18 Sep 2020, 04:54 PM
- 6 On small lots in subdivisions, a maximum of 2 might be better. But there are many subdivisions that have larger lots, and having 4 or even 6 chickens would not be a nuisance. However, the more chickens, the more odour, and that's where the fine line is. 18 Sep 2020, 05:00 PM
- 7 This subject needs serious consideration here Counsel for persons permitted to self sustain in part with raising chickens for food. 19 Sep 2020, 06:25 PM
- 8 I think having chickens is a good educational experience and a good way to know where your food us coming from. 19 Sep 2020, 08:10 PM
- 9 Odours from coops and chickens free ranging are a concern for me. 20 Sep 2020, 06:11 PM
- 10 Backyard chickens are a nuisance that invites other predators into our urban areas that would also create a risk for other pets, and children. 21 Sep 2020, 06:27 AM
- 11 Please include in the by-law that there should be no 'backyard butchering' and a definition of this to avoid poorly killed/inhumanely butchering birds. 21 Sep 2020, 07:26 AM
- 12 Chickens raised outside are not all ORGANIC as noted in the opening paragraph and some are considered to be non-organic as they have not had the property certified or inspected in order to be classified as ORGANIC products. Please be careful on your wording and how it is used. You have not made any comment or questions about the disposal of the chickens when...they are deadstock? When the public becomes bored of them? When they become a nuisance to the neighbourhood? What happens when the wildlife become a nuisance because they are feeding off the backyard chickens? How are you going to look after that? Who is going to determine if the chickens are suffering and needs to be euthanized or destroyed humanely? Where will you dispose of the chickens when they are no longer wanted and cannot be traced back to an owner? What happens in the winter to the chickens that are raised outside in the warmer months? Where do they go? Is there going to be records kept of backyard chicken owners who abuse their privileges year after year and will you be able to restrict their ability to own chickens in the future? Will their be educational opportunities provided to these "New Backyard chicken owners" to show what they actually need to care for chickens and ensure that they are properly cared for? 21 Sep 2020, 11:35 AM

- 13 This bylaw should not only take into consideration the effects of our neighborhoods, but also the chickens themselves. That's why I believe they should be inspected to ensure humane treatment. 21 Sep 2020, 11:43 AM
- 14 As a resident of a small town in CKL, I do not think that chicken in residential area are a good idea for many reasons and I think it is unnecessary. My main concerns are that odours are difficult to enforce, the H&S of residents in the areas will be impacted if they are not taken care of and that they have the potential to impact other residents drinking water source. If this goes through I really hope that the permitting process captures all the costs for the enforcement and for the administrative extras, as a tax payer I do not want to be paying for someone else's chickens. 21 Sep 2020, 01:27 PM
- 15 Very few people living an urban setting want to deal with roosters crowing at 5 a.m., and they will! 21 Sep 2020, 01:27 PM
- 16 There are a lot of residential lots that are not "in town" These residences should be allowed . There are lots in town that are of a size that a chicken coop would not impact neighbours. There are also lots where neighbours would not be happy. 21 Sep 2020, 01:29 PM
- 17 I think the option to have backyard chickens is great! We have to stop being "NIMBYs" and start finding a way forward - something progressive. The important thing is that we have proper oversight and standards to ensure that neighbours can live side-by-side in a cohesive way, particularly in subdivisions where they may be living closer to each other. 21 Sep 2020, 01:39 PM
- 18 I think for personal family use of eggs/meat and pets chickens should be welcome.

Unless there is reason to believe someone is abusing the situations or the animals there should be a relative hand off policy.

Most people just want to be more self sustaining and efficient. This reduces garbage and recycling that comes with store bought eggs. It's a great lesson in sustainability for the family. Chickens eat lots of bugs/ticks and scraps that help reduce waste! 21 Sep 2020, 01:41 PM

Bottom line not allowing it is against obvious environmental and sustainability rights that individuals should have on their own properties. The world is facing massive issues at the moment. Whether or not someone keeps chickens in their own backyard coop is not an issue - it should be a right they already have.

Focus on the real issues. Let people have chickens!

19 As food becomes more expensive and we learn more about the horrors and inhumanity of factory farming I think residents of Kawartha Lakes should be allowed the opportunity to provide a source of food for their families and become more self sufficient provided their are the education tools in place that the animals are treated humanely. 21 Sep 2020, 01:45 PM

20 If L.A. can do this, COKL can do this. Our number one generating income is farming and the next generation have a right to learn where their food comes from. If that means encouraging folks in town to keep a few backyard chickens, then I think it's an excellent idea. Chickens in Fenelon Falls have become very popular in the past few years and, as a member of the Feather N Fur Club, we have welcomed over 20 children to show poultry at the local fair. Our little town is an Agricultural community and encouraging backyard poultry just makes sense. My 12 year old [REDACTED] wrote [REDACTED] 6th grade speech on the subject and we would love to have [REDACTED] read it to your committee. If there is any interest in hearing it, please contact me at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

21 Just allow it and make us happy again 21 Sep 2020, 01:52 PM

22 If you want to raise chickens, in a town is not the appropriate place. 21 Sep 2020, 01:59 PM

23 I think this is a great idea. There obviously needs to be some regulations around how much square footage needs to be provided per chicken. But with so many laws and restrictions it can deter people from doing this and I think it's great for our community and the families within. It's great learning experience for children and an opportunity to share with the less fortunate. 21 Sep 2020, 02:04 PM

- 24 I live in what could be considered a rural area, with houses on half acre lots, out in the country. I have two neighbors that have chickens. They are on both sides of my house, two houses away on each side. Neighbor #1 allows their chickens to run free, all day long. They don't make any noise, and are generally harmless. BUT....I do not like that they are allowed to run free and ultimately to defecate in my backyard. These are half acre lots... the chickens are coming from over 200 feet away. I am tired of my dog rolling around in chicken poop! 21 Sep 2020, 02:05 PM  
Neighbour #2 does not allow their chickens to run free, which is great. However, they also have two roosters, who make noise ALL DAY LONG! Again, from 200 feet away, you can hear them as clear as can be. It's hard to enjoy quiet time on the deck when the roosters start to go. My opinion... chickens are fine... keep them in a coop or fenced off area, clean up after them to avoid smells, and NO ROOSTERS!  
Lastly, the bylaw should allow a homeowner to capture and/or "dispose" of any chickens found running loose on their property..
- 25 I reside in the Hamlet of Cambray. My neighbour (on a 1/4 acre lot) has hens and a rooster running free in her backyard and waking the neighbourhood up every morning at 5:30 a.m. 21 Sep 2020, 02:06 PM
- 26 We live in town and would love to have chickens for fresh eggs and education for the kiddos. I think as long as they have a coop and fenced in area I don't see the problem. 21 Sep 2020, 02:27 PM
- 27 Backyard chickens are great for families, especially while we are dealing with Covid 19, they provide healthy food, education & responsibility for children, & make good pets. I don't see anything wrong with having a neighbor who has them, or having them myself. I wouldn't want or have a rooster, because they could be noisy. Thanks. 21 Sep 2020, 02:32 PM
- 28 If people are going to have chickens then they should be treated as well as any other pet. They need proper shelter, fencing and cleaning. If there is an issue of abuse then neighbours can still call in a tip. 21 Sep 2020, 02:37 PM
- 29 Allow chickens. 21 Sep 2020, 02:38 PM
- 30 I-think-we-need-to-start-taking-our-personal-freedoms-back-----The-ability-to-grow-food-especially-in-a-time-such-as-these-is-ESSENTIAL!! 21 Sep 2020, 02:40 PM
- 31 I don't know anything about kennel registration but I think perhaps a tag or something like dog tags could be used. Although I'm not sure how you'd get a chicken to wear a dog tag. Something around the leg maybe? I'd love to have a few myself but I think yard size is IMPORTANT. 21 Sep 2020, 02:43 PM

- 32 I don't see the difference between the noise hens will make (roosters are a different story) and dogs barking in neighbour hoods. 21 Sep 2020, 02:44 PM
- 33 As we all know, any and all animals need protection and appropriate care wherever they are kept.  
Who will help prevent neglect ?  
How often will they be checked ?  
I think the SPCA needs support and not more work when new chicken owners give up or lose interest.  
It's work to care for animals... every single day. 21 Sep 2020, 02:50 PM  
We have to be honest about that.  
My suggestion would be a group with shared responsibility.  
Possibly with some experienced participants who are willing to volunteer their time as a learning situation.  
Thank you for asking.
- 34 I agree with not allowing roosters too much noise. I'm not sure enforcement of coop size etc is needed. Its like good dog owners and bad. You'll always have both. 21 Sep 2020, 03:06 PM
- 35 This survey is astonishingly poorly designed. I am NOT IMPRESSED. 21 Sep 2020, 03:07 PM
- 36 Chickens are successfully being raised in major cities at this time. With proper registration and rules, I believe this to be an excellent idea!! 21 Sep 2020, 03:11 PM
- 37 I think there are other communities that have already figured this out and we should look to them for guidelines, boundaries etc. What has been working for them and what has not. 21 Sep 2020, 03:18 PM
- 38 I live on just over an acre of property surrounded by mostly farmland and think allowing people to raise backyard chickens for eggs or meat is a great opportunity for people to stretch their food budgets & learn about where food comes from. I'm hoping others will see the benefits from raising chickens as well and council allows for backyard chickens. 21 Sep 2020, 03:31 PM
- 39 there should also be a regulation on roosters. Thats where your noise comes from. Residential maybe not allowed. Rural only allowed on lot sizes of x. 21 Sep 2020, 03:32 PM

- 40 TORONTO allows chickens, for heaven's sake. I don't personally want to keep chickens - I don't have time! But if someone else wants to, and will take care of them properly, I definitely don't have a problem with it.
- This doesn't need to be over-regulated. Anyone not caring for their hens properly would be subject to the same laws as any pet owner. I live in a rural area; I have a neighbour with chickens, and neighbours with dogs. The dogs bark frequently, and some of them are escape artists who often end up on my property, and leave me unwanted gifts to clean up. I never hear or smell the chickens. 21 Sep 2020, 03:51 PM
- 41 Standards should be set to prevent people from complaining for the sake of complaining 21 Sep 2020, 03:52 PM
- 42 A family should have the right to raise/grow their own food. Obviously while respecting their neighbors too. As long as they are kept in your own property (like any pet) and the area kept reasonably clean, I don't see a problem with chickens. Plus, they're cute. 21 Sep 2020, 03:53 PM
- 43 If the animals are well cared for, and neighborly considerations are taken, everyone should have the opportunity to produce their own food. 21 Sep 2020, 03:56 PM
- 44 They should not be allowed at all in residential areas, such as subdivisions or any place where neighbours are close together. Chickens pass disease and will attract foxes, etc. Rural is okay but not in Residential towns. 21 Sep 2020, 03:59 PM
- 45 I can not even believe that this stupid idea is even being considered. I have picked eggs when I was a kid and 50 years later I can still smell the [REDACTED] and the feathers and dust flying around in the air , this is why farms are in rural areas. A city with chickens in there back yards , really???????? Keep it in LINDSAY TOWN LIMITS!!!!!!!!!! DISGUSTING JOKE 21 Sep 2020, 04:05 PM
- 46 Most people are smart enough to know their limits as well as how to keep their neighbors happy 21 Sep 2020, 04:16 PM
- 47 Sounds like a great licensing opportunity! ;) Will need some sort of registration and minimum standards for removal of manure, setbacks, etc. 21 Sep 2020, 04:19 PM
- 48 I think chickens are great pets and bring opportunity to make money. They can be educational and allow families to be a step closer to self sustainable. 21 Sep 2020, 04:34 PM
- 49 Residential property is not the place for farm animals ...chickens then what's next pigs? geese, ducks. If you want animals move to the country . Me and my family are not in favour! 21 Sep 2020, 04:45 PM

50	I have been wanting a chicken since I moved to the Kawartha Lake area and have been disappointed that it has not been permitted.	21 Sep 2020, 05:00 PM
51	Bad idea	21 Sep 2020, 05:02 PM
52	We recently helped friends through this transition in Saugeen shores and it has been easy and without complaints. Many happy kids get to join their farm friends at the fairs and show their birds! It's bringing agricultural fun back to our local fall fairs and kids are excited for 2021! They have all loved taking care of their chickens and collecting eggs. So many simple recommendations can be made to ensure success for future chicken owners. I 110% think this is a great move.	21 Sep 2020, 05:05 PM
53	Some of us just have a few quiet chickens.. fresh eggs and meat. We dont all them.. you dont need to regulate everything	21 Sep 2020, 05:40 PM
54	Raised a few years ago. Wonderful experience, great benefits (eggs, composted manure, entertaining hobby	21 Sep 2020, 05:49 PM
55	I love and support backyard chickens! I think they're wonderful for families and children to learn many valuable things.	21 Sep 2020, 05:51 PM
56	I don't believe that council would ever hire enough people just to manage chickens coops, without which abuse of permission would certainly be inevitable. Allowing chickens in towns would most certainly be welcomed by some, but is it really worth ruining some people's dream retirement home (as an example) or their very quality of life? I don't think it is. If I wanted chickens in my backyard, I would move to a place where that is allowed, and so should everyone else.	21 Sep 2020, 05:58 PM
57	Allowing backyard chicken keeping in Kawartha Lakes would be highly beneficial for many residents. Keeping our food local has become an urgent priority, more people everyday are looking for ways to lessen their social economic footprint and this would be a huge advance! Not to mention the therapeutic value of adorable chicks. It would be very challenging to regulate over a broad spectrum so perhaps a special consultant to work with individual families and properties would be a great start.	21 Sep 2020, 06:25 PM
58	We need self sustainability. Especially during the pandemic. Chickens are practical pets!	21 Sep 2020, 06:26 PM
59	Could there be coop type pastures for chickens. Or adopt programs by farmers.	21 Sep 2020, 06:27 PM
60	If residential chickens are allowed and my immediate neighbors get chickens I will be calling the city every day to put in a complaint about noise, odour and safety.	21 Sep 2020, 06:38 PM

- 61 I feel up to 10 birds allowed including hens and roosters should be standards and fines if not in accordance. Investigation if neighbours complain. 21 Sep 2020, 06:44 PM  
I don't want chickens but ok if neighbours do. If lot size over 2 acres, more birds should be allowed, up to 24.
- 62 Small backyard Chicken coops are great hobbies similar to gardening, that provide organic food solutions and pose less problems than stray cats and barking dogs. I don't see a problem with this if roosters are prohibited. 21 Sep 2020, 06:49 PM
- 63 Chickens in residential areas should not be allowed unless the noise and smell of the chickens can be contained so as not to bother neighbours 21 Sep 2020, 06:50 PM
- 64 Not everyone can afford to live on 100 acres but would still love the opportunity to raise some of their own food. There is something very fulfilling about owning an animal that can provide you food. Also with everything that has happened with COVID-19 it is beneficial to have a constant source of food. 21 Sep 2020, 06:50 PM  
It's educational for families and provides a learning opportunity for young kids as well as something to be responsible for.
- Please allow us to have backyard chickens, I have always wanted them but don't live on a farm.
- 65 I would also allow ducks, and quail as part of this initiative. 21 Sep 2020, 06:53 PM
- 66 Please, please, please, no backyard chickens 21 Sep 2020, 06:57 PM
- 67 Returning to our roots and controlling where our food comes from is very important. 21 Sep 2020, 07:04 PM
- 68 I am opposed to backyard chickens in residential areas. It would seem that people have enough trouble looking after their domestic pets (dogs, cats, rabbits) and abiding by city by-laws regarding them. I think the municipal by-law enforcement personnel have enough to do without having to deal with complaints about chickens. I understand that response to by-law infractions is complaint driven. I do not want to be contacting the municipal law enforcement office about a neighbour who is not appearing to take care of his/her chickens. Chickens should remain on rural properties. If people want fresh eggs or chickens, they should patronize their local farmers who are trying to make a living selling their produce. This is not difficult to do in our area because the City of Kawartha Lakes is mostly rural and there are numerous farmers selling their produce. 21 Sep 2020, 07:07 PM

- 69 I currently have Hens, and one Rooster, who is a large Bantam. A Hen's egg song can be just as noisy as a Bantam Rooster's crow, but I enjoy the conversations they have. My birds free range the front of my 1.5 acre rural property, and put themselves to bed at night, at which time I close the door and secure it. They do not wander off my property, as they know where their food and shelter are. My Lindsay property is approx 50' x 300' and I hope that I can eventually move my Hens here, when I move here full-time in a few years. 21 Sep 2020, 07:18 PM
- 70 Just like having any pet. Clean up after them and everyone will be happy. 21 Sep 2020, 07:28 PM
- 71 If city people want chickens they should move to the country. In the past I lived beside a house with chickens. The coop smelled and there were always foxes coming around. 21 Sep 2020, 07:33 PM
- 72 Access to fresh eggs especially with Covid would help families. Tending / caring for the birds would benefit children & seniors who are stuck @ home. Chicken poop is good for the garden. Chickens also often become valued pets. Many people could benefit from the companionship, having something to do during Covid, & a feeling of accomplishment when you collect your eggs. "PLEASE" Consider ALL the Positives of the back yard poultry! In these uncertain times, having chickens is harmless & would help people with their loneliness. The entire family & the neighborhood would reap the rewards 21 Sep 2020, 07:34 PM
- 73 I think that chickens are an amazing way for families to produce their own eggs/meat/etc. They are a great way for kids to learn responsibilities and care of animals. As long as they are cared for properly, they do not cause a lot of odour! In town, I agree that roosters can be quite noisy, preventing them would eliminate the sound. In conclusion, I think that people should be allowed 6-10 chickens in town as long as they are compliant with rules (I.e keeping coop clean, no roosters, keeping chickens to their own property!) 21 Sep 2020, 07:37 PM
- 74 i have had horses in my backyard that have gotten loose, from neighbours i think that a few chickens would not be an issue. If i look at the state of disrepair of many of the properties in the village i think that there are many other more pressing issues to be addressed. 21 Sep 2020, 07:42 PM
- 75 this could be a great and joyful experience for many people, but there needs to be education and an approved application before people can have chickens. This will ensure there is a proper coop and adequate, safe space for the chickens to live. 21 Sep 2020, 07:55 PM
- 76 max 10 chickens, no roosters in heavy residential areas, and keep them penned in residential areas. 21 Sep 2020, 07:55 PM

- 77 I do not believe in excess regulations, although, I do believe in respecting the neighbourhood. If, for instance, a rooster was causing undue noise, then, perhaps the owner would be asked to re-home it. If any problems arose due to noise, improper handling of waste, or the welfare of the animals, I am sure that the neighbours would make it known to the authorities, who, hopefully, will make appropriate judgements on the situation. FYI, I have one of "those" neighbours who just likes to make trouble, hence the "appropriate judgement" remark. 21 Sep 2020, 07:55 PM
- 78 Please do not go forward with this. 21 Sep 2020, 08:15 PM
- 79 chickens are amazing animals, great cooping machanizim for children, adults. They provide a consistent source of food! Over all would be great for EVERYONE to experience chickens :) 21 Sep 2020, 08:22 PM
- 80 We are so excited to hopefully be having backyard chickens! This will be wonderful for our children to learn where their food comes from and to help care for them. We have always been extremely respectful of our neighbours and I believe we would be able to have and care for chickens on our property without any impact to our adjacent neighbours. 21 Sep 2020, 08:44 PM
- 81 Bigger city allow chicken in residential area, why not small city in Kawartha allowed? We should be allow if we have the space for them. 21 Sep 2020, 08:56 PM
- 82 I think this is a good idea. Should be allowed. 21 Sep 2020, 09:03 PM
- 83 Backyard chickens are an excellent small supplemental food source and would benefit families with younger children in that they are a good education tool for small basic farming. My only concerns would be people neglecting the chickens or not maintaining their health and well-being. I think 4-6 birds is suitable for residential backyard flocks. Roosters are actually far less loud than barking dogs, fireworks, loud motorcycles and cars with altered exhaust equipment. 21 Sep 2020, 09:10 PM

- 84 Pet chickens are a hobby for most modern day keepers, they provide companionship, stress relief and entertainment. Home raised hens living in clean conditions produce eggs that are fresher, better tasting and more nutritious than their commercially raised counterparts. Raising chickens also promotes the humane treatment of food producing animals and a local, sustainable food system. Chickens do not smell, animal waste smells. When managed properly, no odours emanate from a chicken yard. Roosters are no noisier in volume or frequency than barking dogs: barking dog at 1 metre=70-100 dB, lawnmower at 1 metre=107 dB, rooster at 1 metre=48 dB. Intermittent daytime noises are a normal part of living in any community and regulations should not discriminate against any species or gender within a species. Any concerns about chickens should be addressed in the same manner other noise complaints are addressed including barking dog noise. Chickens are green pets. They eat a variety of weeds and disease-carrying insects. Skunks, raccoons, foxes, rodents will frequent backyards regardless of weather chickens also occupy those yards. Concerns relating to attracting wild animals and rodents should be addressed by restricting wild bird feeders and garbage cans which entice these animals into yards where they can transmit diseases. 21 Sep 2020, 09:15 PM
- 85 Roosters are necessary. While it may not be ideal for every single house in the neighborhood to have a rooster, A few people in the neighborhood should have them and community can book and borrow a rooster for a week at a time. Hens feel more secure having a rooster watching over them and caring for them. Happy & Secure hens are productive laying hens. 21 Sep 2020, 09:16 PM
- 86 Leave chickens where they belong.....on the farm. As for educating your kids....take them on a day trip to a farm/zoo to see all sorts of animals! 21 Sep 2020, 09:52 PM
- 87 Backyard hens (no roosters) in limited numbers with properly cleaned coops can be very un-intrusive. 21 Sep 2020, 10:45 PM
- 88 I've long wanted to have a couple of chickens in our backyard for fresh eggs for my family. Now more than ever families need the ability to be more able to self sustain and control the quality of the food they consume. 22 Sep 2020, 12:10 AM
- 89 I believe chickens in our backyard is a good idea especially in a pandemic that we are in. The ability to raise chicken for eggs and meat will help reduce stress over mass buying and business closing. As well as teach the next generation how to care for chickens. 22 Sep 2020, 04:47 AM
- 90 Some of these questions seem to be very generalized and there is neither a yes or no answer that applies to my opinion. 22 Sep 2020, 05:41 AM

91 It should be a right not a privilege for families to be able to provide fresh food for themselves. Especially during given how food was limited and sparse during the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Backyard chickens give families this capability. 22 Sep 2020, 05:50 AM

92 It's ridiculous that we aren't currently allowed to have chickens. 22 Sep 2020, 05:58 AM

93 This is an example of people thinking based on emotions and not common sense. Sounds like a good idea at first until people actually try to do it and realize how much work it really is. That's when the neglect will start (kind of like the family that gets a new puppy only to stop taking it for walks before it turns 1) and this entire venture will turn into a big mess. 22 Sep 2020, 06:05 AM

94 Just let people have chickens. Food is only getting more expensive and people have a right to feed their families. 22 Sep 2020, 06:07 AM

95 They only be allowed on farms 22 Sep 2020, 07:02 AM

96 Based on the nature of these questions, I think you need to do some more research on backyard chickens. 22 Sep 2020, 07:06 AM

97 As we've all seen, Covid-19 has forced us to reevaluate how we live, how we eat and how we spend our free time. Many people have taken a step back and have realized how dependent we are on instant availability.

As we enter the second wave of Covid, I believe there will be even more pressure put upon us to "survive" like the olden days. We will continue to cook more from scratch, purchase our meat from local farmers or butcher shops and grow our own vegetables, like we've seen happen this year.

These things have all become very important to many and I truly don't feel its just a phase! Backyard chickens falls into this too, living a lifestyle that is more sustainable.

I don't feel like there should be restrictions on selling or giving eggs to neighbors. I believe it fosters friendship as well as opens up an opportunity for the barter system to come back again. Barter some tomatoes or cucumbers for some eggs etc.

Chicken manure can become compost and 4 chickens won't create that much waste. If there is concern about the smell, have someone do an online seminar on raising chickens and using the deep litter method, there is very little odor then.

Plus, a lot of discarded table scraps can go to the chickens, creating less garbage.

Just look at how hard its been to find a bbq, lumber or preserving jars this year, nearly impossible! A few chickens lends to the lifestyle many are now looking for.

Thank you

22 Sep 2020, 07:12 AM

- 98 Welfare of the animals needs to come first, so adequate, safe, and clean housing needs to be established and maintained. If a flock is well cared for, other issues like odour and sanitation, are already addressed. 22 Sep 2020, 07:30 AM
- 99 If you can't control people having children that shouldn't then why control people having a few chickens. Just create a maximum amount per household based on their property size and let's go already. 22 Sep 2020, 07:33 AM
- 100 Chickens are amazing creatures and limiting amounts to manageable levels so people can have access to fresh eggs is very important . It is a great waY to instal work ethic and commitment to young children and old in Careing and raising their own food. To much time is spent indoors on screens and it's a great way to get everyone outdoors ! 22 Sep 2020, 07:35 AM
- 101 Chickens are pets and livestock. They should be allowed. With certain regulations. If you have property you should be allowed especially in the times we are living now. They provide eggs and for children offer a wonderful learning property. 22 Sep 2020, 07:39 AM
- 102 Having backyard hens has been a wonderful experience. They are quiet, easy to care for, and don't smell as long as they have adequate space. People who want to experience knowing where their food comes from should be able to do so. It is no different than being able to grow a garden for your veggies. 22 Sep 2020, 07:52 AM
- 103 say yes to backyard chickens! 22 Sep 2020, 08:12 AM
- 104 I feel lot sizes need to be big enough to do this. 22 Sep 2020, 08:16 AM
- 105 we should be allowed to have options on growing and producing food sources on our property, I believe their should be limits on how many and requirements set in place of course to protect the animals from being mistreated. I think as a mother it would also be an excellent source of education for children that dont have the opportunity to grow up on a farm to get a chance to understand where our food comes from. 22 Sep 2020, 08:27 AM
- 106 obviously, I think that people should be allowed to raise chickens for primarily personal use. I do not think that the regulations or licensing should be so restrictive or just a means of income for the city that it prevents people from doing it. This is not about people living in townhouses or crowded packed in subdivisions that are being built/crammed in on small lots, it should be for people who have the space, have proper facilities and want to provide for their families. 22 Sep 2020, 08:39 AM
- 107 It's a good idea to be self sustainable for people to have chickens. Just limit amounts of chickens, no roosters, and place rules of cleanliness to ensure people are following with safety standards. 22 Sep 2020, 08:45 AM

- 108 With proper husbandry, chickens are no more disruptive than dogs. Frankly dogs can be much more loud, disruptive and potentially dangerous than a chicken.
- I agree there should be a process to complain about someone who does not keep their coop clean, or who fails to keep their chickens on their own property. 22 Sep 2020, 08:49 AM
- As an FYI, chickens should be kept as a minimum of 3 for their own happiness of being part of a flock, so if you are to approve a change to the by-law, please consider this.
- 109 I think with Covid , it's smart to give people other ways to provide for their families during lock downs and quarentines. 22 Sep 2020, 08:59 AM
- 110 Chickens are food and produce food that every Canadian should have access if they so choose. 22 Sep 2020, 08:59 AM
- 111 I believe that many people are having the issue of if they live on a property surrounded by farmland or woodland with little to few neighbours or neighbours who's property you cannot see from your own property are currently unable to have chickens for laying purposes. Most people with smaller properties don't want meat birds, as they are messier than layers. 22 Sep 2020, 09:04 AM
- 112 There is absolutely no strong reason to prohibit people from raising chickens, other poultry, or small livestock to provide for their families. 22 Sep 2020, 09:05 AM
- 113 I think council should make a 1 acre lot the minimum to allow chickens in a urban area. 22 Sep 2020, 09:08 AM
- 114 Are we the CITY of Kawartha Lakes, or are we the County ? Why do a small minority get to bully us into this? Most people will not even know the proper way to do this, and those who do, are likely on farms already. This is regressive. 22 Sep 2020, 09:11 AM
- 115 Let people live the way they would like to. People can be (and ALREADY ARE) responsible chicken owners without any bylaw or government intervention. We do not want anymore invasive rules imposed on us. 22 Sep 2020, 09:11 AM
- 116 The city should have somewhere ONLINE to register your coop and how many chickens you want, the city would come out to inspect if needed, and then you get the chickens. I think if roosters are allowed, you can't have more than 1 to take the neighbours into consideration. Chickens and roosters are quieter than children and everyone has to listen to those. 22 Sep 2020, 09:15 AM
- 117 Frankly I get the concept but do not want to bother my neighbours or be bothered by their chickens. Dogs, loud cars, gatherings are enough already! 22 Sep 2020, 09:17 AM

- 118 Other municipalities have been successful in implementing bylaws regarding backyard chickens. With guidelines and standards in place, chickens can be a very valuable asset to a family and increase food security. Thank you for considering this! 22 Sep 2020, 09:54 AM
- 119 I think permitting chickens in residential areas, even in rural areas where you aren't agriculturally zoned, is a great idea. It gives you the ability to be somewhat self-sustainable because chickens can be used for their eggs, or even their meat. With the world changing, having the ability to put food on your table and learn how to take care of animals at the same time. 22 Sep 2020, 09:55 AM
- 120 The smell of chicken farm on edge of town can smelt through whole town on certain days. It is nasty. 22 Sep 2020, 09:57 AM
- 121 I do believe that the bylaw should have some restrictions, such as making sure Chickens are humanly cared for. Perhaps licensing would be a way to help insure proper education is in place for people raising them.  
Noise is a concern, however, there should be a reasonable allotment of noise.  
People should absolutely be allowed to raise their own food and know exactly how it is raised. This also allows an option for low income families to help curb costs.  
Educational purposes may invoke our youth to get into farming, supporting our local economy.  
WE NEED MORE FARMERS 22 Sep 2020, 09:58 AM
- 122 I think that the town has way to much to say about what we do on our property. Especially people that do not live in town. This can help people with food. Healthy and cheap. 22 Sep 2020, 10:03 AM
- 123 I do NOT want to see chickens permitted in residential areas. We've been battling the city for over a decade regarding our neighbour and their dogs (noise AND smell!) to NO avail! I do not have any faith that any regulations put in place for residential chickens would be enforced either. I think raising chickens is great; I have friends who do this and sell eggs as well: in a RURAL area 22 Sep 2020, 10:04 AM

- 124 People who go to the trouble to have 'backyard chickens' will look after them. They are work and not for the faint at heart. Fresh eggs are no different than having a vegetable garden producing your own food! They are little composters and make great compost for my flower and vegetable gardens. This should be encouraged on all levels. Dogs are far noisier and complaints are far more frequent than any complaints of chickens or how about the cats that poop in my flower beds. Definitely no roosters in residential areas and yes a limit of 4-5 chickens suffice to make it worth while. Chickens are interesting creatures and do make nice pets. They are great for educating if there are children involved. Truly the amount of backyard chickens there will actually be is not worth the time and effort expended by municipal governments. 22 Sep 2020, 10:05 AM
- 125 For me me having chickens could be a huge benefit. I'll know what they're fed as I will be feeding them. (No growth hormones or any unneeded drugs) I know how they'll be treated because I'll be raising them. Yes I've had chickens before and definitely enjoyed having them. Plus they are another activity to do outside. Feeding them, collecting eggs and yes even cleaning them! 22 Sep 2020, 10:12 AM
- 126 Properly cared for chickens do not have odor unless you are in a coop. Noise is minimal, FAR less than a barking dog. Roosters should not be allowed. IF inspections are to be done, such person should have adequate knowledge in regards to chickens, coops, care etc, to make educated recommendations. Backyard chickens are an excellent idea and would make CKL much more attractive for families, especially young families who are focusing on local, home grown food and products. 22 Sep 2020, 10:31 AM
- 127 Think it is absolutely absurd that you are going to allow chickens which cause so much damage and odor but won't let the people of Lindsay have fires or light fireworks. This towns priorities really need to get in check. Maybe Kawartha lakes wouldn't be in a huge amount of debt if the money and meetings were put to real use 22 Sep 2020, 10:33 AM
- 128 I think people who live in the country and have property should be able to have their chickens. This could be a way of life for them and why would you take that away from them. This provides food on their table. Life is already regimented enough by the government, I think the municipality should look into some more pressing matters than chickens on some ones property. 22 Sep 2020, 10:37 AM

- 129 Most people whom have backyard chickens take care of them as their pets. Many forums picture beautiful clean coops and the chickens are named, not just a food source. Chicken care is great for children as is incubating eggs and selling day old chicks. The eggs are for family use when chicken number is limited so the selling of eggs should not be a problem. I do not believe a rooster should be allowed within residential areas as that noise would be annoying for the neighbours. 22 Sep 2020, 10:39 AM
- 130 Many people are trying to be more self sufficient on their own properties. They are creating gardens etc. Chickens when managed well and properly create education for others around and provide food for a family. People who properly care for their chickens, keeping them healthy and clean should be able to have chickens no matter where they are if lot size is ok, as chickens do need room to roam. The lot size is a factor as they need 3-4 square feet per chicken inside a coop and outside 8-10 square feet. So placing a lot size allowance for them is ideal. I fully support the allowance of backyard chickens in the city of kawartha lakes. 22 Sep 2020, 10:43 AM
- 131 Whoever thought this was a good idea should be fired! 22 Sep 2020, 10:44 AM
- 132 i really think if you limit the numbers allowed per square foot, many of the issues won't be an issue. How smelly could 2 chickens be in a subdivision if well maintained? I think noise issues and smell really applies more to big commercial facilities. And if they were given enough space just to make sure they were being humanely housed, not just squeezed in it would make a difference. 22 Sep 2020, 11:03 AM
- 133 In Lindsay we keep trying to come across as the city, not very many cities allowed chickens... So why would Lindsay even entertain the idea. There were a lot more important things than worrying about this... Bringing jobs to the area would be my number one priority 22 Sep 2020, 11:10 AM
- 134 The main purpose of allowing residents to have back yard chickens is to enable them to grow their own food, save money, and become self sustainable. Every effort should be made to not attach municipal fees to those residents that endeavor to have backyard chickens. 22 Sep 2020, 11:17 AM
- 135 Y would the citty need to inspect chicken coops when you dont inspect the ones on farms that is a bit discriminating dont you think 22 Sep 2020, 11:27 AM
- 136 Hens are very quiet and fairly clean. dogs are way Louder than birds and I would choose to listen to my neibours chickens than a huge dog. 22 Sep 2020, 11:51 AM

- 137 I suggest a permit system. Permits can be revoked if reasonable cleanliness and care are not maintained. The less prescriptive the language the better for the community and we can return to only using municipal bylaw enforcement resources in the event of a complaint. 22 Sep 2020, 12:06 PM
- 138 Chickens are amazing animals that give a lot with little input people should have the chance to own them and find out how great it is to rear their own food. 22 Sep 2020, 12:06 PM
- 139 I think generally that chickens in backyards aren't likely to be an issue. And it would be a shame if it was regulated so much that you had to wait months for an inspector to come and decide if your coop was good enough, however, it should be something that the city can look at if someone is not keeping the area clean, they have too many or are being cruel. But I don't have an issue with it. I don't personally want the work but I wouldn't be against a neighbour having them. 22 Sep 2020, 12:31 PM
- 140 this would be a very welcome change 22 Sep 2020, 12:35 PM
- 141 Having lived in many communities where backyard chickens are allowed, they have really only been a great benefit for those communities. Also, given the fact that we are now living in very uncertain times, having a small backyard flock of chickens, as well as vegetable gardens, and other means for citizens to be self-sufficient, is of vital importance. 22 Sep 2020, 12:38 PM
- 142 I would love to have pet chickens I think that would be fantastic. 22 Sep 2020, 12:40 PM
- 143 I feel it would be wise to consider how this will affect renters and landlords. If an application process is implemented it would be wise to have to have a separate application for renters that gets approval from the home owner. 22 Sep 2020, 01:00 PM
- 144 No matter what restrictions you put in place, you can't guarantee everyone will abide by them. Chickens are an all around bad idea. If we want fresh eggs or meat we can go to a farm to buy, and chickens are not pets. 22 Sep 2020, 01:53 PM
- 145 I would really enjoy seeing Kawartha Lakes reconnect with keeping chickens, and learning how to become more self sustaining households. Addressing issues such as odor and noise: Ouder and noise are common factors when living in a more densely populated area (e.i, lawnmowing early in the morning comparable to roosters, music, social gathering, heavy tool operations, city maintenance, garbage, cooking smells, odor from road work, car pollution). 22 Sep 2020, 02:04 PM
- 146 I have an acre with no one near i would think i could have 25 chickens but someone in town may only have 3 or 4 22 Sep 2020, 02:41 PM

- 147 persons with lots over .5 of an acre should be allowed up to 6 chickens and one rooster. this could include a mix of layers and eaters if desired. There should be set standards for coops and up keep, as well as a tracking system for where birds came from. 22 Sep 2020, 02:54 PM
- 148 Allowing chickens in the town especially subdivisions is a BAD idea as our lot sizes are to small and back yards spaces are very limited. With spaces between houses at 3 meters and back yard at 20 meters by 10 meters adding a chicken coop will infringe on 3 neighbours at very close proximity and having grown up on a farm I do not want the smell of a chicken coop wafting in my windows. 22 Sep 2020, 03:01 PM
- 149 I'd like to see hens allowed in town when they are properly cared for as pets and egg supply. Winter conditions should be regulated as well. 22 Sep 2020, 03:04 PM
- 150 Chickens are not the problem, the owners are! so strict by-laws need to be in place. 22 Sep 2020, 03:30 PM
- 151 I very strongly feel that chickens and other forms of livestock should not be permitted within residential areas. 22 Sep 2020, 03:46 PM
- 152 For anyone who doesn't live in a gated community with different rules and standards, what animals are kept on their own property is no ones business but their own. Dogs are loud and they are acceptable anywhere without being inspected or having further check ins for cleanliness etc. The mentality of people who are interested in having backyard chickens are people that usually have hunting or farming experience and have prior knowledge of how to care for chickens, their eggs and the meat they get from them. 22 Sep 2020, 04:19 PM
- 153 There are currently many people within the municipality that keep chicken without any complaints from other or the to knowledge of many people. I'm sure this has been going on under the radar for some time. 22 Sep 2020, 04:39 PM
- 154 Egg sales are already regulated. They must be inspected to be sold in a retail outlet. Driveway sales in a residential area are no different then selling at the end of the farm driveway. Was never a problem before. 22 Sep 2020, 04:43 PM
- 155 Chickens are farm animals 22 Sep 2020, 04:51 PM
- 156 Initially there may be lots of debate but over time, there would be a unspoken standard adopted by those keeping the chickens. 22 Sep 2020, 05:10 PM
- 157 If people want to raise farm animals, I feel that they should live on a farm. Thanks for allowing me to give input. 22 Sep 2020, 06:20 PM
- 158 No no no to residential livestock of any kind!!!! 22 Sep 2020, 06:32 PM
- 159 Why is it so hard to open up our minds to change? 22 Sep 2020, 06:45 PM

- 160 Backyard chickens are a wonderful thing for education and eggs and or meat. Allowing chickens in town ( 4-6/8) would be great for people who want to have them and take care of them. I think its a wonderful idea. 22 Sep 2020, 06:56 PM
- 161 If Toronto can successfully have chickens with next to zero yard space I think we should be able to do the same, we are farming country after all and if you can't afford to live on a farm you should still be able to grow your own families food as much as possible. 22 Sep 2020, 07:31 PM
- 162 Most people can't even control their dogs and cats in my town. I cannot imagine them being able to properly care for chickens. 22 Sep 2020, 07:41 PM
- 163 Our neighbours a few years ago got 3 chickens without permission...they were not contained...always on our property...the neighbour would knock on our door and tell us to keep our dogs in because their chickens were out...it was awful... 22 Sep 2020, 08:09 PM
- 164 I think backyard chickens are a great resource for families for food, learning and fun. 23 Sep 2020, 06:01 AM
- 165 I believe for personal use this is a great idea. Regulating the number of hens and size of the coop is key. As well as the size of your property to allow for room for the coop and distance from fences and neighbours. Also a phone number to be advertised to call to report non compliance would be VERY helpful! 23 Sep 2020, 11:20 AM
- 166 There should be monthly inspections to make sure chicken coops are clean and people are not exceeding maximum number of chickens. I am against roosters in urban settings. They will be loud and we just don't need the breeding problem. 23 Sep 2020, 11:41 AM

- 167 Within vulnerable areas around municipal drinking water systems, activities on the land can have an impact on both the quality and quantity of the water within that system. Under the Clean Water Act, 2006 there are 22 significant drinking water threats that must be managed or prohibited within these vulnerable areas. Many of these threats are related to agriculture, including the presence of livestock (including chickens) and the application or storage of agricultural source material (manure). These activities lead to the potential contamination of local water sources by pathogens, nitrogen and phosphorous. Should the municipality approve the presence of backyard chickens in residential areas, it is highly advisable that they do not allow residents within the most vulnerable areas of municipal drinking water systems (Intake Protection Zone 1 or a Wellhead Protection Area with a vulnerability score of 10) to have any backyard chickens, as stated in the comment above. The Trent Source Protection Committee is discussing this issue at their upcoming meeting in October and the details within this survey are what staff are suggesting be adopted as a policy in the Trent Source Protection Plan. Commenting on this issue at such an early stage is incredibly valuable in the protection of municipal drinking water sources and it may also save the municipality the hassle of passing a second by-law prohibiting backyard chickens in specific areas should this by-law be passed in the immediate future, prior to the policy being approved. For more information on local municipal drinking water protection, please visit <http://trentsourceprotection.on.ca/> or contact the municipal Risk Management Official and Lead of the Kawartha-Haliburton Source Protection Area, Jenna Stephens at [jstephens@kawarthaconservation.com](mailto:jstephens@kawarthaconservation.com). 23 Sep 2020, 11:54 AM
- 168 Home prices are in and around 500,000 you really think people paying and maintaining there property want chicken behind them when their lots are not large...you will get more unkept properties and I think Lindsay has enough of these already 23 Sep 2020, 12:25 PM
- 169 I think the CKL should try a more hands off approach with this. The CKL typically is too involved with things compared to other municipalities, and this causes a lot of head aches. 23 Sep 2020, 01:34 PM

- 170 I'm thinking that, a select few will choose to keep a back yard flock. Those who do, will treat the birds more as pets who provide eggs, vs outlined concerns. Information is widely available on chicken husbandry, to which could be outlined in an informative link to new owners.  
A small flock, should not draw more predators than garbage. In either instance, both need to be well contained & maintained. Having seen setups in areas wherein small flocks are permitted residential-people have gone above and beyond to make their coops comfortable, clean, spacious & an enjoyment and relaxing part of their backyard, i suspect this to be the norm, not the exception! 23 Sep 2020, 05:44 PM
- 171 I think that it could work well for families to have the option of home chickens but there should be some care and guidelines to make sure that the animals are not mistreated and the neighbours are not effected badly 23 Sep 2020, 07:58 PM
- 172 I believe people should have a right to backyard chickens no different than rural areas. The only concern I have is more so for the health and safety of the chickens themselves and that they have enough space to be safe and healthy. Strict regulations would not be fair but I do believe they should fall under the animal welfare act and complaints of neglect or abuse need to be followed up on. Roosters are a tough one. As much as I would like to say yes to them, I can't imagine what it would be like to have them all crowing in a small neighbourhood at once :/ 24 Sep 2020, 06:51 AM
- 173 I feel allowing chickens into people's yard is going to cause more problems than it's worth. More then they should have, people who rent or live in apartments, selling of eggs and raising them for food. Can't teach or fix stupid. People will not listen and why should others have to put up with the odour and noise. 24 Sep 2020, 07:01 AM
- 174 Residential areas are for urban residence. In simple terms, should someone wish to raise chickens, adequately zoned rural areas abound. Possibly, similar to communal Gardens could be employed rather than subject other residents to a neighbour decision 24 Sep 2020, 09:58 AM
- 175 We have lots of cheap fresh eggs available; likewise chicken meat. Support our stores or local farmers! 24 Sep 2020, 11:41 AM
- 176 The smell and cleanness is the factor that i would say but other then that YES 24 Sep 2020, 02:35 PM
- 177 Chicken Therapy  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] 24 Sep 2020, 02:47 PM

- 178 We live in an agricultural area...should they choose, residents should be able to raise chickens.....as with dogs/cats/pigs/pets.....There are already standards of care, food/water/shelter etc....and as with many a law.....should others have concerns/raise them/a complaint based system should be used&respond accordingly 24 Sep 2020, 04:31 PM
- 179 Banning fireworks is also dumb. A few squeaky wheels ruin everything in this city. Its a joke. 24 Sep 2020, 04:40 PM
- 180 If fenced in yard, that contains them and many chickens are very quiet. 24 Sep 2020, 06:08 PM

181 The questionnaire does not match my needs, so I will utilize the comment section.

The best way to regulate something is to allow those passionate about it who do not want to risk losing it, to control it.

Allow a voluntary community of the city of Kawartha Lakes non-commercial chickens to be created to self-regulate the standards behind the quality of life of the chickens and nearby people with approval of the municipality.

This community would be a central location for chicken farmers to have rules, and information on how to care for chickens in the region. Questions by the farmers can be answered by the community. It would also allow for a clear single voice to cooperate with the municipality.

What I personally would like to see:

- Must register with the previously stated chicken community to have chickens in the Kawartha Lakes. Have notices to be in the stores by the chicken feed in the Kawartha Lakes.
- The organization can be the central point of communication between the municipality and residential farmers of chickens.
- Inspections can be done by the farmer by simply taking photos of the chickens, their living conditions and surrounding area and then posting them to the community to be scrutinized and/or praised by the fellow community members. If action is needed, then one of the senior members can officially call upon the municipality.
- Number of chickens based on area. If a 50x60 lot is allowed 4 chickens, then a 100x120 lot should be allowed 6 or 8. Keeping the numbers low enough to not become commercial in a residential area.
- Allow the combining of neighbor chicken limits as long as the coop isn't on the opposite property boundary and the other rules still apply.
- Roosters will not be allowed within X feet of neighbor dwellings.
- Roaming chickens should not be allowed to harass neighbors and their gardens.

24 Sep 2020, 06:27 PM

182 The odour from chicken droppings is detrimental to health.

24 Sep 2020, 06:53 PM

183 There are certainly residential locations where chickens are inappropriate, but under the right conditions there are many properties under 10 acres where chickens could be kept successfully.

24 Sep 2020, 09:03 PM

184	I think it was ridiculous that the option for us to have chickens was even taken away! Bring back backyard chickens!!	24 Sep 2020, 09:19 PM
185	Chickens rock!	25 Sep 2020, 06:15 AM
186	We are going into an incredible economic downturn due to covid. Many people will have to supplement. You will not have enough staff to police or deal with the resulting loss of time. Allow people to have up to 12 chickens. No Roosters in built up areas. Personally I am looking at 12 Brown Rock Cross. A mixed meat/laying hen. Buy them in Spring, Eggs all Summer and 12 Hens for the freezer in the Fall. I think many people will choose an option like this because it is economically viable to feed a family this way. Thanks for the opportunity to speak.	25 Sep 2020, 07:38 AM
187	Councils members problem:. People can/will complain but give em a few eggs an it goes away.	25 Sep 2020, 07:47 AM
188	Educating new chicken owners is the key. Recommendations are helpful aimed towards helping families raise happy and healthy backyard chickens. Owners should understand why recommendations are being made. Recommended coop sizes or grazing areas, etc. How to safely winter the "flock", and what to do when their birds stop laying, etc.	25 Sep 2020, 02:12 PM
189	Coops must be enclosed entirely with an open air mesh door facing the residents home. maximum size 10'x10', maximum 8' roof height. Soffits may be mesh. No outdoor pens. Minimum setback from neighbouring properties of 10-15M. Entire yard must be fenced at least 6' high or higher to help prevent coyote entry.	25 Sep 2020, 03:46 PM
190	Too much control is just great for those who think up reasons for it but just let people do what they want and only get involved if there are serious complaints. There is no need for the municipality to licence back yard chickens.	25 Sep 2020, 04:46 PM
191	In residential areas definite flock size should be enforced, along with chickens or ducks only. Here in Cambray we already have 2 neighbours with flocks. One seems responsible the other not.	25 Sep 2020, 04:55 PM
192	Create standards for coop size, cleanliness and amount of chickens on property.	25 Sep 2020, 05:08 PM
193	I don't want chickens in residential areas	25 Sep 2020, 05:13 PM
194	back yard chickens have a number of benefits. minimal restrictions should be imposed. they should be treated similar to pets.	25 Sep 2020, 09:59 PM
195	Rooster are really less annoying then a barking dog. If the coop is kept clean then it doesn't smell. If people complain about the smell then let the chicken owner know and they have to comply with keeping it clean. It's really easy to do and so many people have backyard chickens and most neighbors don't even know we do lol.	26 Sep 2020, 06:14 AM

196	It seems like the municipality is looking at taking on a lot of new roles. I would be hesitant of anything that seems too much like government overreach. The people still have rights.	26 Sep 2020, 07:26 AM
197	Chickens are great learning. Easy to maintain. If you want them to become pets they can easily be trained. I grew up with lifelong fun raising chickens Only ONE! ROOSTER allowed per Coop! One rooster would be busy all day with 30 hens.	26 Sep 2020, 07:30 AM
198	We have raised chickens in the past at a previous home. Providing numbers are kept small, the benefit of fresh eggs and new pets is great. Our boys were raised showing chickens and ducks in the LEX and other local fairs and it has been a life experience they continue to use in their lives today. It shouldn't matter if you live in a small town or rural, the experience families can have is incredible. I can't imagine now our family not having poultry as a part of our past for so many reasons. Thank you for considering changing the bylaw. We would definately enjoy them as a part of our daily lives again as we now live in a small town and not an area that has been allowed to house them. Fresh eggs! And maybe a fun fancy feather footed friend again like the big guy that was grand champion of the LEX for our young son all those years ago! Bring it on!	26 Sep 2020, 08:28 AM
	<div style="background-color: black; width: 100%; height: 1em; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="background-color: black; width: 100%; height: 1em; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> - both previous and youngest Grand Champions of LEX in the early 2000's! Available for further input if you are interested or have other questions! Thank you :)	
199	Involve the OSPCA and OMFRA comments in report and effect on animal control?	26 Sep 2020, 09:46 AM
200	I believe that people should have the right to raise chickens but be regulated	27 Sep 2020, 06:28 AM
201	During pandemics, this would allow families to help look after themselves.	27 Sep 2020, 09:34 AM
202	I hope that the municipality will see the benefits of having backyard chickens far outway any of the small 'nuisances' as previously stated. Especially now during these pandemic days to it is more important to have something to attend and care for. To show your children or grandchildren how to attend and care for animals as well as seeing the benefit that they provide. Whether the chickens are for eggs, meat or even as pets. Thank you.	27 Sep 2020, 05:41 PM
203	Standards are essential but chickens for personal use are an excellent option	28 Sep 2020, 07:52 AM
204	I'm completely unsure how your allowed to have chickens in the GTA but not in Lindsay. The restrictions of this town have become out of control. It's near impossible to live a simple happy life here. I think we need lift restrictions and go back to a country lifestyle. Focus time on the crime in the town	28 Sep 2020, 12:07 PM
205	If these people that want chickens,move to the country Green Acres	28 Sep 2020, 12:09 PM
206	It should 100% be rural only. People live in town to not be around "Farm" or rural life.	28 Sep 2020, 12:25 PM

207 I love the idea of backyard chickens. It allows for an excellent way to be that much more self sufficient. The health of the animals must be of the utmost importance. Standards for chicken coops, waste removal or waste use must be considered. Stock piling of waste must also be managed. But with a detailed plan I think backyard chickens would make a great addition to any community. Please let this consideration go through!

28 Sep 2020, 02:25 PM

208 Monitoring by city is essential for health and safety. I would really like to have the opportunity to raise chickens. Thank you.

28 Sep 2020, 03:15 PM

209 In a time of a world pandemic do we really want to get involved with yet another species that can transmit diseases such as the avian flu. While they look cute they require a lot of care and attention. How long will it take before the owner discovers chicken feed is approx \$20 per bag. This really is false economy. Please Google "the hazards of raising backyard chickens" before you pass this by-law to allow them. With the construction on Colborne St we now have a rat problem surrounding this disturbance. If you don't believe this fact I can produce the rats I have trapped so far. Chickens do not attract rats but their feed and water certainly do. This is all we need, is a constant supply of food and water to maintain the present rat population.

28 Sep 2020, 10:03 PM

Does the City have the manpower ,knowledge,and equipment to enforce the regulations surrounding this activity. I think we both know these regulations are not even in print. The mayor has stated we can expect lower levels of service during COVID-19. Do we really have the funds and manpower to investigate chicken complaints.

210 I feel that the introduction of chicken regulations should be similar to those imposed on other animals in residential areas i.e. dogs and cats. No one inspects my home to ensure it is large enough, clean, quiet etc for a dog or cat. Bylaw goes out if there is a concern that regulations aren't being followed. Rules should be in place and there should be some body that will enforce regulations, but I don't think that tax money should be spent to inspect ahead of time - just to follow up on complaints. I don't have a problem with residents paying a license fee to have backyard chickens, just like there is to have a dog.

29 Sep 2020, 08:38 AM

I would like to take this opportunity to state that I feel that CATS should be licensed and regulated. I don't understand why I have to keep my dogs contained, walked on a leash etc when my neighbours' cats can prowl around at will defecating wherever it likes and preying on wild birds and small animals. If you are setting up regulations for chickens, it would be a good time to introduce some for cats.

211 People should be allowed to own chickens as long as the chickens are kept safe, healthy and in adequate living conditions where they will flourish not just survive. People should be allowed to breed their own chickens to provide for their family a source of meat, manure, and eggs on a continuous basis. So long as all living conditions are clean and space for the chickens to live healthfully is adequate. 29 Sep 2020, 08:56 AM

212 I think restricting the number of chicken is priority . Fines for those over the limit should be high .  
Great family adventure to build a coop and collect eggs . I think 6 chickens or less are less of a concern than in town homes with any size lot having many dogs , cats as well as other pets ( pigs , snakes etc ) 30 Sep 2020, 05:11 AM

213 Sounds like the municipality would like to find some way of making a buck off of chicken coops instead of respecting the people who have healthier life choices 30 Sep 2020, 07:14 AM

214 I don't know how Kennels are licensed but a "chicken license" should be required (like owing a dog) so that the Municipality is aware of properties with live chickens as well as additional revenue in the event Officers need to investigate complaints against owners. 30 Sep 2020, 02:36 PM

215 City of Kawartha Lakes is an agricultural community and should allow backyard chickens.

They're low maintenance and stay healthy if provided basic shelter, feed, water and some grass to roam and scratch at.

Their coops require no heat in the winter - their feathers do the job.

They provide high quality eggs and meat that you cannot find in the grocery store.

They're great companions, provide excellent entertainment for adults and children. They are perfect for teaching children about where their food comes from and the work/responsibility that goes into it (ie daily food, water, cleaning). 30 Sep 2020, 06:41 PM

Chickens are not stinky and their poop is great for the garden. They cut down on kitchen waste as they love to eat.

COVID has created a huge demand for self sufficient living. People are interested in raising their own meat and collecting their own eggs. It's time for CKL to permit backyard chickens.

- 216 We appreciate the City of Kawartha Lakes opening up this public discussion as we feel that including backyard chickens in our landscape and community would be a positive step. 30 Sep 2020, 07:38 PM
- 217 I do not want to personally raise chickens in my yard, but don't have a problem with others doing so. In fact somewhere in our neighbourhood I hear chickens clucking in the mornings already...a nice sound of nature that helps to counter the noise of traffic and other town noises that are much more invasive. 01 Oct 2020, 09:46 AM
- 218 In the past we had neighbours who had a chicken run of approx 25 chickens. There was always something "going on". Noise ie. panic squawking, odour depending on direction of the wind, and problems of straying birds especially if owners weren't home. Wildlife were attracted - coons, coyotes and foxes presenting a threat to small pets. We would not even consider purchasing a property if a neighbouring property had chickens. 01 Oct 2020, 02:31 PM
- 219 This survey references chickens in residential areas only. We live on a 1 acre lot 15 minutes from Lindsay that I don't believe anyone would consider residential and the current planning bylaw does not allow us to have chickens because our lot is not 1 hectare in size. Our family is hopeful that an amended bylaw will allow us to raise chickens for eggs and permit families in residential areas the same opportunity also. Thank you for the opportunity to participate in providing feedback. 02 Oct 2020, 11:53 AM