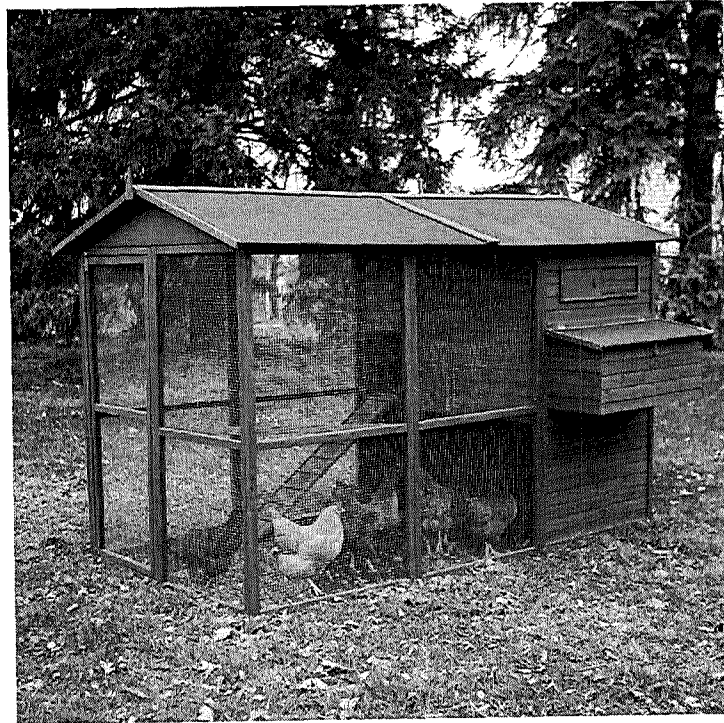


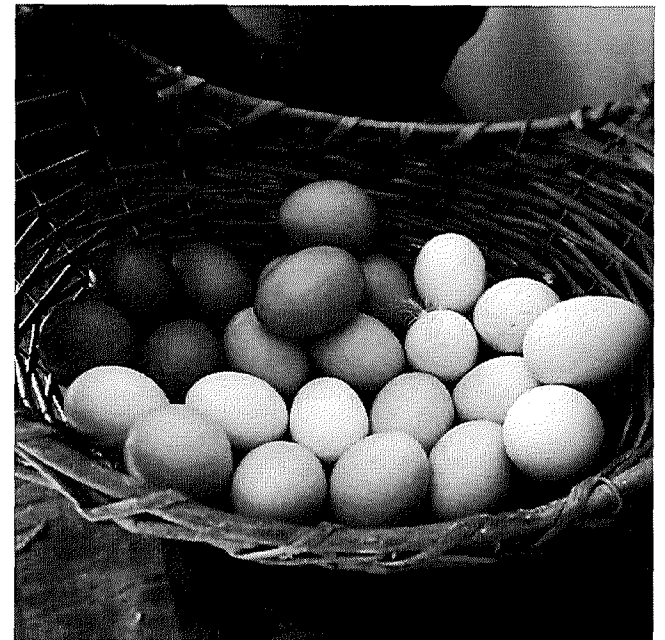
Backyard Hens For Hamilton, Ontario



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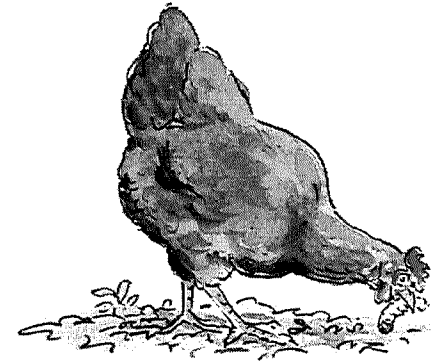
EGGS

- On average, one hen lays one egg per day
- Provide food for low income families
- Teach children where food comes from
- Eggs from hens raised on pasture compared to factory farmed hens contain more of the good stuff and less of the bad stuff
 - 1/4 less saturated fat
 - 2/3 more vitamin A
 - 2 times more omega-3 fatty acids
 - 3 times more vitamin E
 - 7 times more beta carotene
 - 4 times more vitamin D



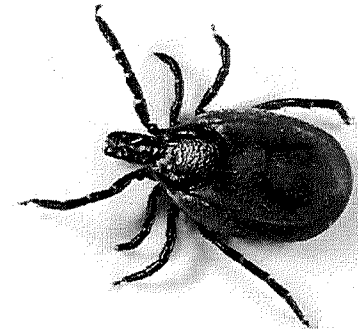
PEST CONTROL

- Chickens love to eat insects
- Serve as an organic pest-cleanup crew in your garden
- Devour ticks on your property
- Eat many weeds
- When you feed your chickens kitchen scraps they poop out a nitrogen-rich fertilizer which you compost with yard waste, creating invaluable organic soil for your garden

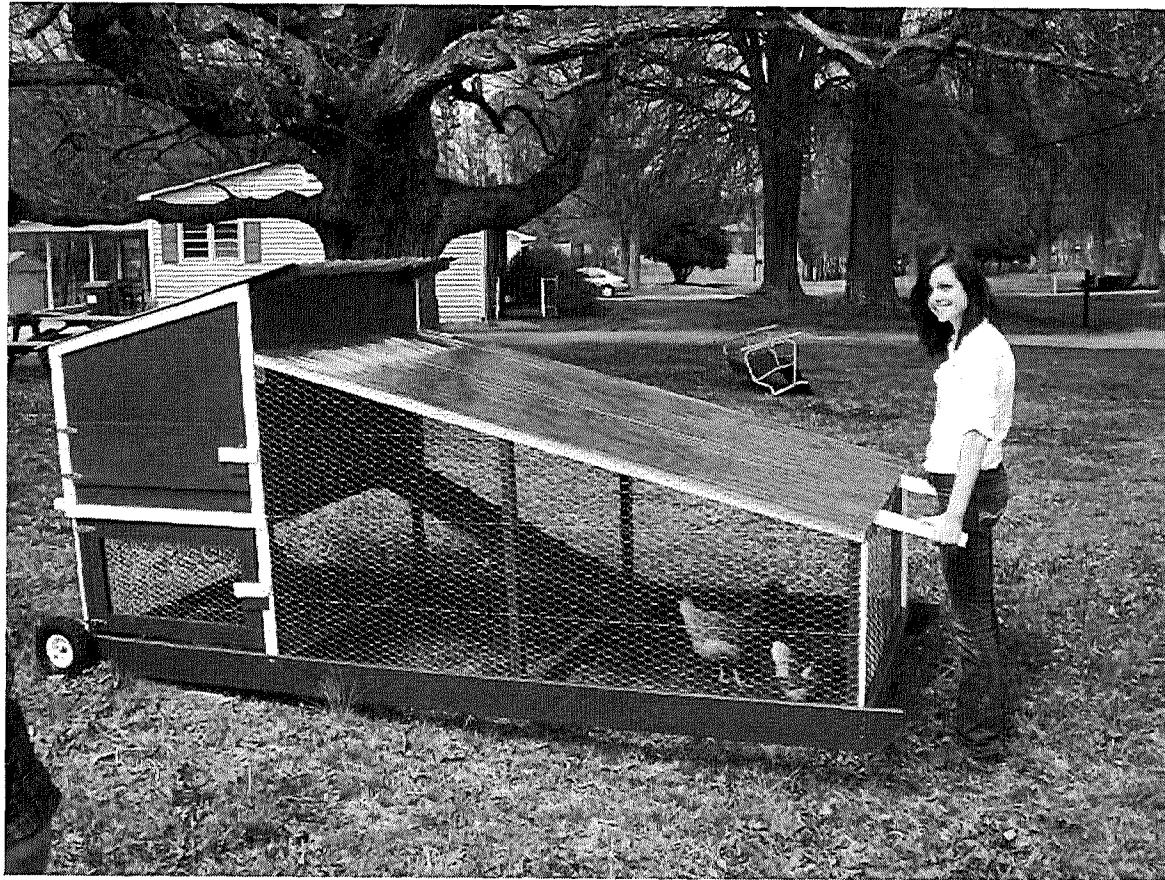


City of Hamilton At Risk Area for Lyme Disease

- The Tick population in Hamilton is exploding
- Ticks = Lyme Disease = Higher Healthcare Costs
- Conservation Hamilton is working with Royal Botanical Gardens to come up with a solution. Chickens eat ticks and are a natural solution.
- A 1991 study showed that chickens who scavenged for 30 minutes among tick-infested cattle in Kenya ate an average of 81 ticks per chicken.



Portable Chicken Coop



KEEP FOOD AND YARD WASTE OUT OF LANDFILLS

- A single chicken can “bio-recycle” about seven pounds of food residuals in a month
- If just 2000 households raise hens, it could divert 252 tons of waste from landfills annually
- In Flanders, Belgium and Paris, France the city actually GIVES laying hens to homes in an effort to reduce landfill costs

CHICKENS MAKE GREAT PETS

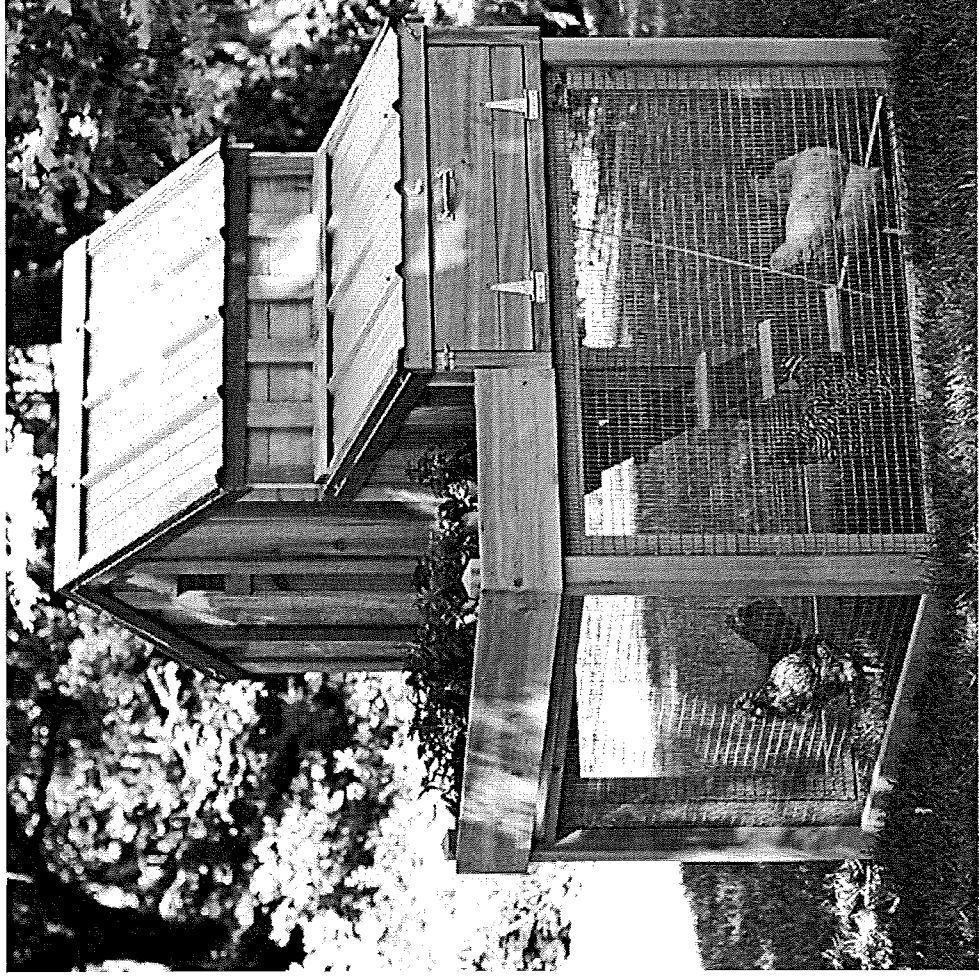
- Chickens are like any other pet
- You need to feed and water them daily, collect the eggs and clean the coop
- They are gentle and great with kids
- They provide great company



IT'S BEEN PROVEN SUCCESSFUL

- All of Hamilton's surrounding municipalities allow for backyard hens and they have had great success!!
- Toronto, Guelph, Caledon, Brampton, Kingston, Niagara Falls, Newmarket etc all allow for backyard hens
- Hamilton can easily use these city's regulations as a template

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Feedback from Surrounding Municipalities that Allow Backyard Hens Regarding Complaints

“We had many people send letters of support of how it teaches their children responsibility.” - David Wiedrick, Manager, Bylaw Compliance, Security and Licensing, Operations Department, City of Guelph in response to the positive feedback the City of Guelph has received since allowing backyard chickens.

“In Niagara Falls, where backyard chickens have been permitted for 20 years, there were 10 complaints to the city about the animals in 2016. In that same time period, there were 500 noise complaints about dogs.” – Source Councillor Justin DiCiano, Toronto

“We received 12 complaints of chickens in 2017 (this included chickens running at large, coops too close to property lines, and ensuring the condition of the coops for hygiene). Zero in 2018. Most people are good and communicate with their neighbours and share the eggs laid from the hens.” – Source David Wiedrick, Manager, Bylaw Compliance, Security and Licensing, Operations Department, City of Guelph – February 14, 2018

“In Guelph, there are about 40 chickens per 40,000 households and a handful of complaints from neighbours per year.” – Source CBC News, December 13, 2012

“The City of Kingston issued 23 backyard hen permits in 2017. The By-Law Enforcement Department has received only a couple of complaints over the past several years since the program was adopted. The City has received feedback from stakeholders which include the following benefits:

- Fosters responsibility within the family dynamics (creates potential growth, responsibility, teamwork and leadership from parents to children)
- Promotes community local food source sharing
- Sustainable initiative
- Health and wellness benefits which include an excellent source of protein and Vitamins A, D, E and Vitamin B12
- Education and awareness”

– Source Kevin Pickell, Licensing Agent, Licensing and Enforcement, Planning, Building, Licensing and Enforcement, Community Services, City of Kingston – February 16, 2018

Surrounding Municipalities Regulations for Backyard Hens

- 1) Brampton's Bylaw regarding backyard hens, no license is required
- 2) Kingston's Regulations on backyard hens and their application form
- 4) Niagara Falls Bylaw regarding backyard hens, no license is required
- 5) Caledon, Committee of the Whole recommendation to allow backyard hens, approved in December 2017, no license is required
- 6) Guelph's Bylaw regarding backyard hens
- 7) Toronto's City Council Decision to allow backyard hens
- 8) Newmarket's Amendment to their bylaw, allowing backyard hens, no license is required

BRAMPTON BYLAW

4.1 (340-2012) In addition to other requirements of this by-law and the Zoning By-law, the following are the rules for persons wishing to own more than two hens or rabbits: (340-2012)

(1) No person shall keep more than two hens or rabbits on a lot unless a licence is obtained from the Licence Issuer.

(2) For the purposes of this section:

a) The licensing period shall be for 12 months commencing on the day the licence is issued.

b) The applicant shall complete a licence application, file any information as may be required by the Licence Issuer and pay the required fee as set out in the User Fee By-law prior to a licence being issued.

c) The applicant shall provide notice to adjoining property owners that a licence for the keeping of hens and rabbits has been applied for. The notice shall include:

- i) information regarding the numbers and types of animals to be kept; and
- ii) information that the application may be objected to by sending an objection in writing to the Licence Issuer within 20 days of delivery of the notice.

d) notice under this section shall be deemed to be delivered: i) in the case of mailed documents, four days following the mailing, as determined from the postmark, ii) in the case of an emailed or faxed document, the day of emailing or faxing, unless the document is emailed or faxed after 4:30 p.m., in which case it will be deemed to have been delivered the following day, iii) in the case of a document that is delivered in person, the date of delivery, provided the document is delivered before 4:30 p.m. If the document is delivered after 4:30 p.m., it will be deemed to have been delivered the following day.
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e) The applicant shall provide the Licence Issuer with proof of delivery of the notice to adjoining property owners, in the form of a copy of the notice and affidavit that the notice has been delivered.

f) A licence shall not be issued for owners to keep more than two hens or rabbits on a lot of less than one acre in size.

g) A licence shall be issued to an owner whose application meets all the requirements of this By-law except if the Licence Issuer is of the opinion that:

i) the issuance or the holding of a licence would be contrary to the public interest in respect of:

- (1) the health and safety of any person or animal; or
- (2) a nuisance affecting any land or person in Brampton;

ii) any application or other document provided to the Licence Issuer by or on behalf of the applicant contains a false statement, or provides false information;

iii) the applicant does not meet all the requirements of this By-law or any other City By-law.

h) In making a decision under subsection 14.1(2)(g)(i)(2), the Licence Issuer shall consider any objection received from an adjoining property owner regarding the proposed issuance of a licence for the keeping of hens and rabbits.

i) Where the Licence Issuer has refused to issue a licence, the applicant may appeal to the Brampton Appeal Tribunal in accordance procedures established by the Licensing By-law 1-2002.

j) When it considers an appeal under this By-law, the Tribunal shall not make any decision or finding that impacts an application for a minor variance.

k) Any person holding a licence under this section shall produce the licence upon the request of the Licence Issuer or animal control officer.

(3) No person shall be licensed to keep more than ten hens or ten rabbits or a total of ten hens and rabbits in any combination.

(4) Notwithstanding Sections 14.1(1) and 14.1(3), a veterinarian who is keeping hens or rabbits for treatment or other purposes directly related to his or her Office Consolidation – Animal Control By-law – Page 8 of 11 practice of veterinary medicine is not subject to licensing requirements or maximum numbers of hens and rabbits.

(5) All hens and rabbits must be kept in an animal quarter located, constructed and maintained in compliance with Section 13 of this by-law, the Zoning Bylaw and any other applicable legislation.

(6) In addition to the requirements in Section 13, animal quarters must be located at least eight (8) metres (25 feet) from the rear lot line and at least eight (8) metres (25 feet) from any side lot line of the lot on which the animal quarter is located.

(7) Every owner of hens and rabbits shall permit entry on the lot for the purpose of enforcing this or any other City by-law and it is an offence to obstruct any City employee in the execution of his or her duties under this by-law.

City of Kingston Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Backyard Hens

Definitions:

"hen" means a domesticated female chicken that is at least four months old."

"hen run" means covered secure enclosure that allows hens' access to outdoors."

"coop" means a fully enclosed weatherproof building where hens are kept and which the interior of includes nest boxes for egg laying, perches for the hens to sleep on and food and water containers."

"owner" includes any person who possesses, harbours or keeps an animal or hen and, where an owner is a minor, includes the person who is responsible for the custody of the minor."

"at large" means, in the case of a dog being in a place other than a property owned or occupied by its owner and not under the control of its owner or another person acting on behalf of the owner and, in the case of a hen, means being outside a coop or run."

Regulations for the keeping of backyard hens and coops:

- The license fee for a hen coop is in accordance with By-Law 2005-10 which is renewable each calendar year (on or before December 31) with the Building and Licensing Department and registered in the identification system.
- A maximum of 6 hens are permitted on any residential property.
- All hens must be at least 4 months old.
- The keeping of roosters is prohibited.
- A tenant must obtain permission from the property owner to keep hens on the owner's property.
- The owner of the hens must reside on the property where the hens are kept.
- Applicants must advise their neighbours of their intention to obtain a hen coop permit prior to submitting application.
- Hens must be kept in their coops from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- Hens must be kept in an enclosed hen run when not in their coop.
- Hen coops and runs shall be a distance of at least 1.2m from the rear lot line and at least 1.2m from any side lot line of the dwelling lot on which the hen coop is located.
- Hen coops and hen runs shall be located at least 15 m from any school.
- Hen coops and hen runs shall be located at least 7.5 metres from any church or business.
- Hen coops and hen runs shall be a minimum distance of 3 m from all windows and doors of dwellings that are located on an abutting property.
- Hen coops are not permitted in any front or side yard.
- Sales of eggs, manure and other products associated with the keeping of hens are prohibited.
- Hen coops and hen runs shall be maintained in a clean condition and the coop shall be kept free of obnoxious odours, substances and vermin.
- Stored manure shall be kept in an enclosed structure such as a compost bin in accordance with compost regulations, and no more than three cubic feet shall be stored at any one time.
- Manure shall be disposed of in accordance with Municipal by-laws. Hen waste must be solid and bagged.
- Home slaughter of hens is prohibited and any deceased hens shall be disposed of at a livestock disposal facility or through the services of a veterinarian.



City of Kingston Application for Hen Coop Permit

Applicant Name: _____
(Please Print Name)

Phone Number: (____) - ____ - _____ Cell Number: (____) - ____ - _____

Permit Address (where backyard hens will be housed): _____
Postal Code: _____

Number of backyard hens to be kept at the permit address _____ (6 maximum):

The total area of all coops and runs are less than 108 square feet (10 square metres):

The hen coop and hen run is one story high and less than 15 feet:

Please include a site plan illustrating where the hen coop, and run will be located on your property.

DECLARATION

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A MUNICIPAL PERMIT

TO WIT:

I, _____ of the _____ of _____
in the _____ do solemnly declare:

1. That I am the applicant for the grant of a permit authorizing me to keep backyard hens pursuant to By-Law 2004-144 within the City of Kingston now and hereafter in force. I undertake to conform to the terms, conditions and regulations set out in By-Law 2004-144 and understand that I must comply with all applicable regulations and requirements of: 1) every by-law of the City of Kingston; and 2) every Provincial and Federal Act and regulation made under such an Act.
2. That I understand that any permit issued pursuant to the said application is subject to revocation.
3. I have served written notice to the abutting property owner(s) that I have made application for a hen coop and a hen run permit. These notices are attached to this application.
4. That the statements contained in this application are true and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of "The Canada Evidence Act".

DECLARED BEFORE ME at the City of Kingston,

this _____ day of _____
Day Month Year Applicant,

A Commissioner, etc _____

(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

PERMIT NO. ISSUED:	PERMIT APPLICATION	ISSUED BY:
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NOTICE OF COLLECTION: Personal Information collected is pursuant to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (and all other applicable privacy provincial and federal legislation). Such legislation is reviewed and applied for the collection, use, disclosure and destruction of the information. The personal information collected as a result of this application may be used to assist in reporting information when requested. Questions regarding this collection should be forwarded to Kim Leonard, Manager of Licensing and Enforcement, 216 Ontario Street, Kingston, Ontario, K7L 2Z3 or by e-mailing kleonard@cityofkingston.ca



City Of Kingston
216 Ontario Street
Kingston, Ontario
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NEIGHBOUR NOTIFICATION Backyard Hen Coop

Applicant Name:

Name of Abutting Neighbour:

Address of Abutting Neighbour:

No permit shall be issued to a person, by the City of Kingston, and no hens shall be allowed to be kept unless the owner(s) of all residentially zoned abutting properties are made aware of the application for the permit in writing.

I, am the abutting property owner of the applicant and I, am aware of the application for a permit to keep backyard hens.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Niagara Falls

**SCHEDULE "C"
CHICKENS**

1. In this Schedule:

"being at large" means to be found in any place other than the property of the owner of the chicken and "be at large" has a corresponding meaning.

2. No owner shall allow or permit his or her chicken to be at large.

3. No person shall keep a rooster are not permitted within the Urban Boundary.

4. The total number of chickens permitted within the Urban Boundary shall be as follows;

(a) On and after July 15, 2002: maximum 20 chickens

(b) On and after July 15, 2005: maximum 10 chickens

5. All chicken coops shall be located only in the rear yard and must fully enclose the chickens and prevent them from escaping.

6. The chicken coop shall be designed and constructed to ensure proper ventilation and sufficient space for the chickens and maintained in accordance with good animal husbandry practices and shall keep all vermin out.

7. All dead chickens must be disposed of immediately and in any event, within 24 hours.

8. There must be hygienic storage of and prompt removal of chicken feces.

9. The chicken's food supply must be protected against vermin.

10. All lots housing chickens must have:

(1) detached dwellings on them;

(2) a frontage of at least 40 feet; and,

(3) a depth of at least 100 feet.

11. (1) The chicken coop shall be located at least 25 feet from the rear lot line of the lot on which the chicken coop is located.

(2) The chicken coop shall be located at least 15 feet from any side lot line of the lot on which the chicken coop is located.

Caledon

**Schedule A to Staff Report 2017-131
Recommended Regulations for Residential Backyard Hens**

- (1) With the exception of multiple-residential properties, hens shall be permitted to be kept on lots which are zoned residential.
- (2) A maximum of four (4) hens shall be permitted to be kept per lot.
- (3) The hen owner shall reside on the property where the hens are kept.
- (4) The keeping of roosters is prohibited.
- (5) All hens shall be a minimum of four (4) months old.
- (6) All hens shall be kept in a coop or run at all times and shall not be free range.
- (7) Hens shall be kept in locked coops from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- (8) When not required to be kept in a coop, hens shall at all times have access to a run.
- (9) Hens shall be provided with access to feed and clean water at all times.
- (10) Hens shall be kept in a clean and healthy condition free from disease.
- (11) Hens must be provided with appropriate space and environmental conditions conducive to good health, the opportunity to socialize and engage in fundamental behaviours such as scratching, roosting and dust bathing and, where necessary, shall be provided with veterinary care.
- (12) Owners shall ensure that hens are kept in a manner in order to not cause a nuisance to any adjacent neighbour.
- (13) The sale of eggs, manure or other products derived from the keeping of hens is prohibited.
- (14) The home slaughter or euthanasia of hens is prohibited and any deceased hens shall be disposed of at a livestock disposal facility or through the services of a veterinarian.
- (15) A maximum of one (1) hen coop and one (1) hen run shall be permitted per lot.
- (16) Coops and hen runs combined shall be less than ten (10) square metres.
- (17) All coops and hen runs shall be constructed to be completely enclosed to ensure that hens are contained within at all times.
- (18) Coops must be constructed and maintained to have adequate ventilation, provide protection from weather, to exclude rodents and include a lock to be secured against the entry of predators.

- (19) Coops must include at least one (1) nest box and one (1) roost providing twenty (20) centimetres of space per hen.
- (20) Food and water containers must be provided, cleaned regularly and disinfected.
- (21) Coops, including perches and nest boxes, shall be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected a minimum of two (2) times annually.
- (22) A minimum of 0.37 square meters per hen is required for the coop floor area, along with a minimum of 0.93 square meters ground area per hen for the outdoor hen run.
- (23) Hen coops and runs shall be a maximum of two (2) metres in height as measured from the highest point of the coop or run and the ground directly below such point.
- (24) Hen coops, runs and any associated feed or manure storage shall only be permitted in rear yards.
- (25) Hen coops, runs and any associated feed and manure storage shall be set back at least two (2) metres from any lot line.
- (26) A hen coop and run shall be required to comply with the provisions for an accessory structure under the Town's Zoning By-law, as amended.
- (27) Hen coops, runs and any associated feed and manure storage shall be at least fifteen (15) meters from any lot on which a church, business or school is located.
- (28) Hen coops, runs and any associated feed and manure storage shall be a minimum distance of three (3) meters from any dwelling on an adjacent property.
- (29) Hen runs must include a floor of any combination of vegetated or bare earth.
- (30) Hen coops and runs shall be maintained in good repair and in a clean and sanitary condition, being kept free of obnoxious odours or substances and vermin.
- (31) Feed must be stored in rodent proof containers and secured at all times to prevent rodents or other animals from accessing it and leftover feed must be removed in a timely manner.
- (32) Manure and droppings shall be removed in a timely manner and stored manure shall be kept in an enclosed structure that prevents any odour and no more than .085 cubic metres shall be stored at any time.

Guelph

4. The City may from time to time establish fees, procedures/timelines and charges in respect of Animal Licences.
5. The City may determine whether, and in what circumstances, Animal Licences will take the form of Animal Tags.
6. Every Animal Licence expires one year after its issuance.
7. No Animal Licence is transferable except with the approval of the City or the Pound Operator.
8. Every Animal Licence expires and becomes void upon the sale, transfer, death or disposal of the Animal in respect of which it was issued unless permitted as in section 7. Above.

Animal Tags in General

9. If an Animal Licence in the form of an Animal Tag has been issued to the Keeper of an Animal, the Keeper of the Animal shall keep that Animal Tag securely affixed on the Animal at all times.
10. No person shall use an Animal Tag upon any Animal other than the Animal for which the Animal Tag was issued. However, should the animal expire before the end of the licensing period, the license may be transferred to a new animal and a new tag issued.
11. If an Animal Tag is lost or destroyed before the expiry of the corresponding Licence, the Pound Operator may issue a replacement Animal Tag.

Animal Registrations

12. Any person who keeps domestic poultry shall register such keeping with the City or Pound Operator. No person shall keep a rooster within the City limits.
13. No person shall keep any domestic poultry unless it is kept at all times in a pen that:
 - (a) Has a solid floor that is kept free from standing water, and is cleaned and disinfected regularly; and
 - (b) Is located at least 15 metres (50 feet) from any school, church or residence building on any land other than the land owned or occupied by the Keeper.
14. Any person keeping reptiles for the purposes of breeding, as permitted under the Prohibited Animals Schedule, shall register such keeping with the City or Pound Operator.
15. The Pound Operator shall maintain a register listing Poultry, Reptiles, Sheep and Goats that have been registered. The register shall list the number of animals, the name and address of the Keeper, the date of registration, the date and result of any inspection completed and the name of the Animal Protection Officer performing the inspection.

Microchips

16. Every Keeper of an Animal that contains a Microchip shall ensure that the Keeper's name and contact information, which is accessible from the code in the Microchip, is kept current.

Dog Licence

17. Every Keeper of a Dog over the age of four months, other than a Police Work Animal, shall register it with, and obtain an Animal Licence from the City or the Pound Operator.
18. Every Keeper of a Dog shall ensure that when applying for an Animal Licence in respect of a Dog, or at any time during the licensed period, the Dog has a current rabies immunization certificate, and upon demand, shall provide it to the City or the Pound Operator.



Tracking Status

- City Council adopted this item on October 2, 2017 with amendments.
- City Council considered this item on July 4, 2017 and postponed its consideration to a later date. Consult the text of the decision for further information on the deferral.
- This item was considered by Licensing and Standards Committee on June 14, 2017 and was adopted with amendments. It will be considered by City Council on July 4, 2017.
- See also By-laws 1048-2017, 1109-2017

City Council consideration on October 2, 2017

LS20.1	ACTION	Amended		Ward:All
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Prohibited Animals Review

City Council Decision

City Council on October 2, 3 and 4, 2017, adopted the following:

1. City Council amend Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 349, Animals, by:
 - a. adding the following birds to the Prohibited Animals list in Schedule A: Gruiformes (cranes, rails), Phoenicopteriformes (flamingos), and Shenisciformes (penguins);
 - b. delaying the come into force date for the deletion of the prohibited animals' exception for educational programs to January 1, 2018;
 - c. permitting Earth Rangers to continue to use their existing skunk, pine martin, armadillo and porcupine for educational purposes in the City of Toronto until January 1, 2021; and
 - d. deleting part D. of Chapter 349-4 Exceptions: "The premises of the Toronto Zoo" and inserting the following new part D:

349-4. D. Toronto Zoo Animals
2. City Council direct the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards to work with relevant City divisions, agencies, boards and external stakeholders to strengthen public educational efforts on animals permitted to be used for mobile live animal programs and best practices for public health and safety and animal care and welfare.
3. City Council direct the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards to follow the criteria listed below prior to reporting on whether an animal should be added or removed from the prohibited animals list and to help evaluate if certain animals should be added or deleted from the list:

- a. determining if animal is on federal or provincial protected, at-risk, endangered or prohibited list;
- b. determining if animal is venomous or poisonous;
- c. determining if animal will present an undue danger to human health or safety;
- d. determining if animal care and welfare needs can be reasonably met by owner;
- e. determining if animal presents an invasive to local animals or the environment;
- f. determining if animal will cause public nuisance problems (such as noise, odour or significant garbage/waste); and
- g. determining if there is substantial independent, impartial, scientific, peer-reviewed evidence showing that the animal is relatively easy and inexpensive to keep and capable of being housed and cared for with respect to its fundamental biological, behavioural, ecological and welfare needs. Each animal's nutritional, thermal, lighting and other environment needs and landscape, furnishing, shelter and privacy requirements must be known and can be comprehensively, inexpensively and easily met.

4. City Council request the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards to examine the advantages and merits of a positive list for the regulation of animals in the City of Toronto and to report back to the Licensing and Standards Committee in the first quarter of 2018.

5. Notwithstanding that chickens are currently on the List of Prohibited Animals in Toronto, City Council authorize the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards to develop and implement a pilot program as soon as possible and at least prior to the end of October, 2017 permitting backyard hens in Wards 5, 13, 21 and 32 for a period of up to three years from the date of implementation, with an interim review after 18 months, such pilot program is to include the following conditions:

- a. participants in the pilot program must register, as directed, with the City and must be the owner or lawful occupant of the property;
- b. only residential properties are permitted to be registered. Neither apartment buildings, condominium buildings, nor properties without sufficient outdoor space to house the hens, as determined by the Executive Director, Municipal, Licensing and Standards will be permitted;
- c. limit of four backyard hens per property;
- d. participants agree to permit City staff to attend and inspect the property as deemed necessary to fulfill the purposes of the pilot program, and compliance with applicable bylaws;
- e. participants shall agree to terms and conditions satisfactory to the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards prior to keeping hens on the owner's property;
- f. no roosters are permitted;

g. participants must comply with Chapter 349, Article III, Care of Animals and all other applicable laws;

h. hens must remain on the owner's property, and further, any hen found off the property of the owner will be considered at large in the City; and

i. the eggs produced are for personal consumption. The sale, or offering for sale, or any other type of distribution is prohibited.

6. City Council direct the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards to develop evaluation metrics to review and measure outcomes of the pilot program permitting backyard hens; such evaluation is to be done in cooperation with Toronto Public Health staff and the Toronto Food Policy Council and to include neighbourhood reaction, health impacts, and animal care.

7. City Council direct the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards to consider, create and require participants in the Backyard Hen Pilot Program to abide by terms and conditions on the following matters in a form and with content satisfactory to the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards:

a. side and rear yard setbacks for the locating of outdoor hen enclosures;

b. prescribed standards/guidelines for the outdoor enclosure structure and operating conditions, as appropriate, to ensure participants are taking appropriate measures to mitigate against attracting pests, vermin, or other wildlife;

c. conditions that participants are required to ensure that appropriate animal care and welfare needs are reasonably met;

d. prescribed standards to ensure that public health and safety concerns are mitigated; and

e. any other criteria as deemed necessary by the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, to ensure community nuisance concerns are minimized.

8. City Council direct that all participants in the Backyard Hen Pilot Program be required to register with the City in a form as set out by the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards and enter into an agreement with the City requiring the participant to abide by the terms and conditions set by the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards in Part 7 above, and City Council authorize the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards to execute any agreement with participants of the Backyard Hen Pilot Program on behalf of the City.

9. City Council authorize the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards to suspend any registered participants from the Backyard Hen Pilot Program, who are believed to be jeopardizing public health, causing community disruption, or who are not adequately caring for the hens.

10. City Council direct the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards to report back to the Licensing and Standards Committee during the Backyard Hen Pilot Program, should significant public health, community nuisance or animal welfare issues arise.

11. City Council direct the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards to include in the report back to the Licensing and Standards Committee at the end of the Backyard Hen Pilot Program, details including:

- a. complaints received;
- b. actions taken;
- c. staffing and/or resource impacts; and
- d. financial impacts.

12. City Council amend Chapter 349, Animals as deemed necessary to give effect to the Backyard Hen Pilot Program.

Public Notice Given

Background Information (Committee)

(May 31, 2017) Report from the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards on Prohibited Animals Review

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2017/ls/bgrd/backgroundfile-104538.pdf>)

Attachment 1 - Schedule A, Chapter 349 - List of Prohibited Animals

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2017/ls/bgrd/backgroundfile-104621.pdf>)

Public Notice - Proposed Amendments to Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 349, Prohibited Animals

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2017/ls/bgrd/backgroundfile-104747.pdf>)

Communications (Committee)

(June 8, 2017) E-mail from Nicole Corrado including a petition containing approximately 705 individuals (petition is on file in the City Clerk's Office) (LS.New.LS20.1.1)

(June 13, 2017) E-mail from Tamie Fulford (LS.New.LS20.1.2)

(June 13, 2017) E-mail from Linda Langero (LS.New.LS20.1.3)

(June 13, 2017) E-mail from Margo MacNaughton (LS.New.LS20.1.4)

(June 13, 2017) E-mail from Carol and Peter Tracey (LS.New.LS20.1.5)

(June 13, 2017) E-mail from Alison Darmon (LS.New.LS20.1.6)

(June 13, 2017) E-mail from Paul MacKenzie (LS.New.LS20.1.7)

(June 13, 2017) E-mail from Denise Abramovitz (LS.New.LS20.1.8)

(June 13, 2017) E-mail from Cindy Wasney (LS.New.LS20.1.9)

(June 13, 2017) E-mail from Roberta Mura (LS.New.LS20.1.10)

(June 13, 2017) E-mail from Rosemarie Morris (LS.New.LS20.1.11)

(June 13, 2017) E-mail from Mano Narayanan (LS.New.LS20.1.12)

(June 13, 2017) E-mail from Kathy Bosci (LS.New.LS20.1.13)

(June 13, 2017) E-mail from Donna Lee Milne (LS.New.LS20.1.14)

(June 13, 2017) E-mail from Jeff Shimizu (LS.New.LS20.1.15)

(June 13, 2017) E-mail from Kathy Boci (LS.New.LS20.1.16)

(June 13, 2017) E-mail from Diane Moore (LS.New.LS20.1.17)

(June 13, 2017) E-mail from Mir Bahmanyar (LS.New.LS20.1.18)



Corporation of the Town of Newmarket

By-law Number 2017-34

A By-law to amend By-law Number 2016-53 being a by-law for the regulation, licensing and control of animals in the Town of Newmarket.

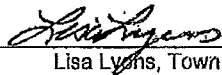
Whereas it is deemed necessary to amend Schedule "A" of By-law 2016-53.

Therefore be it enacted by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Town of Newmarket as follows:

1. That Schedule "A" be replaced with Schedule "A" attached hereto indicating that the Prohibited Galliformes – chickens be removed from the Prohibited Animals.

Enacted this 6th day of June, 2017.

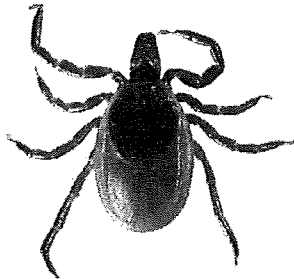

Tony Van Bynen, Mayor


Lisa Lyons, Town Clerk

City of Hamilton at-risk area for Lyme disease

Public health notes the chances of catching Lyme disease from the bacteria-carrying blacklegged ticks remains low

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Hamilton has been deemed an "estimated risk area" for Lyme disease after blacklegged ticks were found at Christie Lake Conservation Area in the spring and fall of 2016.

Hamilton is now on Ontario's Lyme disease map, a development local public health officials say shouldn't come as a surprise given the blacklegged tick's steady migration north.

The city qualifies as a "Lyme disease estimated risk area" after local tick catchers found three blacklegged ticks in the spring and three more in the fall at Christie Lake Conservation Area last year.

This means public health will encourage doctors to be more aware of Lyme disease as the city looks to increase tick warning signs around natural areas.

"Now that we're an estimated risk area we're certainly going to be looking at what extra information needs to be added," Susan Harding-Cruz, manager of the city's vector-borne disease program, told the board of health Monday.

Public health still notes the chances of catching Lyme disease from the bacteria-carrying blacklegged ticks remains low.

That said, the city committee has been meeting for months on a "tick management plan" that explores how urban design in parks and trails can be used to reduce the risk of contracting the disease through bites.

Coun. Brenda Johnson said some Glanbrook residents whose neatly kept yards back onto an overgrown hydro corridor are concerned about blacklegged ticks hitching rides onto their properties.

"That's the part that's frustrating to me," Johnson said. "It's just a matter of hopping onto their family dog and away you go."

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Harding-Cruz suggested the committee could look at the issue, but later noted the urban design strategy aims to strike a balance, noting too much cutting of long grass could invite other pests to invade residential areas.

City staff have been working with the Royal Botanical Gardens and Conservation Hamilton on the tick management plan.

An influx of ticks in Ontario has been expected for some time with the onset of climate change and farmland turning into forested areas. The pests have also hitched rides north on migratory birds and humans.

"We're certainly in the zone of an expected tick abundance and of Lyme disease," Harding-Cruz said.

The disease caused by bacteria in blacklegged ticks can initially cause flu-like symptoms, such as fatigue, fever and headaches, but can progress to nerve damage, heart problems and arthritis.

The nearest estimated risk area to Hamilton is Wainfleet Bog in Niagara Region. Other hot spots are along Lake Erie and in eastern Ontario.

For an area to be labelled a provincial Lyme disease estimated risk area, blacklegged ticks must be found during "dragging" in spring and fall in the same area.

In Hamilton, that happened at Christie Lake Conservation Area, from which a 20-kilometre radius now maps out the estimated risk area. Seven blacklegged ticks were also found at Royal Botanical Gardens paths and Borer's Falls in Dundas, but not during spring and fall.

In 2016, dragging, which basically involves a stick and a net, yielded one blacklegged tick in Cootes Paradise in the fall. It tested negative for the bacteria that causes Lyme disease.

Last year, members of the public submitted 892 ticks to public health in Hamilton. Seventy-eight were blacklegged, of which eight tested positive for Lyme — with one test result pending. In 2016, public health received 297 ticks, 26 of which were blacklegged.

"One of the things that we need to do ... is kind of face the facts that the ticks are here," Harding-Cruz said. "Unfortunately, this disease needs to be prevented through personal measures."

That includes removing ticks from skin as soon as they're noticed, and taking preventative measures, such as wearing long pants and sleeves in shady, long-grass areas, where the critters are most common.

On Monday, the board of health backed Coun. Sam Merulla's suggestion to have staff explore the "pros and cons" of the city using tick pesticides to stamp them out in problematic parts of town.

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Such products are available to individual consumers for private use in Ontario, but can't be used in public areas.

"Under the circumstances and considering the public health issues of Lyme disease, there should be some sort of discussion of can cities be exempt if they're deemed to be in that problematic area," Merulla said after the meeting.