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**Subject:** FW: Have a heart

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**To:** Office of the City Manager <[CityManager@hamilton.ca](mailto:CityManager@hamilton.ca)>

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Good day,

On my drive into work this morning I heard on the radio that a Hamilton woman has to find a new home for her two beloved ducks (and chickens?) The city of Hamilton has turned down her appeal for a "special permit" to keep her beloved fowl of 9 years, this is a sad story.

Aside from the fact that these 'fowl' are now a *part of her family*, there are many environmental/horticultural benefits to keeping ducks, chickens and geese. They do a great job of taking care of slugs and other "pests" in the garden, chemical free. They also provide one of the best organic fertilizers.

There are many municipalities in Ontario as well as other provinces in Canada along with Europe, that allow people to keep fowl on private properties, meeting the regulated requirements, and obtaining permits when deemed necessary.

We have ducks and geese in our community parks, can't we allow people to share their private property with these animals (on an appropriate scale)? Allow people to have them in their yards when the proper requirements, regulations, permits are met?

Below I've shared a link of just one example demonstrating some of the benefits of sharing our gardens and yards with fowl. I pulled this up after a quick search. There are many other sources of information available.

<https://pcei.org/living/living-com-resources/permaculture/chickens-in-permaculture/>

I hope you reconsider the decision to enforce this woman to re-home her birds.

Kind regards,

Chantal 