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**Subject:** FW: Urban Chickens

Chair and Members of Planning Committee,

I would like to make a delegation request for the City of Hamilton to change the current bylaw which currently bans backyard hens.

*I have a petition still ongoing currently set at 1,132 citizens upon which have signed and Im still getting more support since my story was written in the Hamilton Spectator proving that they support this change of proposal along with myself included.*

I am made aware of the 2018 presentation that was brought before you by Mrs Sousa, which the motion was defeated, I feel since then COVID-19 has greatly impacted our society and its citizens feel they want to be more self sufficient with all the panic shopping that has occurred, and the many risks of no supply of essential needs in our stores or the control of big chain grocery stores limiting the amount of supply in which we are allowed to purchase, e. g. one carton of eggs per family.

I currently suffer from Chronic Lyme Disease which is caused by the exploding population and dramatic increase of ticks currently in this City and other areas.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity of writing to you, also anticipating bringing my matters forward to be heard, I eagerly await the opportunity to bring forward any and all of my support, documentation, proposals I have acquired during this time. I look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully yours,  
Heather Bond  
Hamilton, Ontario

# Its Been Proven Successful!!

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- Now, almost halfway through the experiment in Toronto that ends in March 2021, city staff say that none of the predicted blights have materialized. The predicted chorus of neighbour complaints? Not a peep.
- “There aren’t any complaints about noise or unsanitary conditions in any of these locations,” with registered hens, says Carl Bandow, who oversees the pilot project for Toronto animal services.
- Toronto, Guelph, Caledon, Brampton, Kingston, Niagara Falls, Newmarket, Simcoe, Georgina, Kitchener, ect. All allow backyard hens.
- Hamilton could easily use these city’s regulations as a template, I have included 2018 Urban Hens Pilot Registration for City of Toronto as an example.

# PROPOSAL

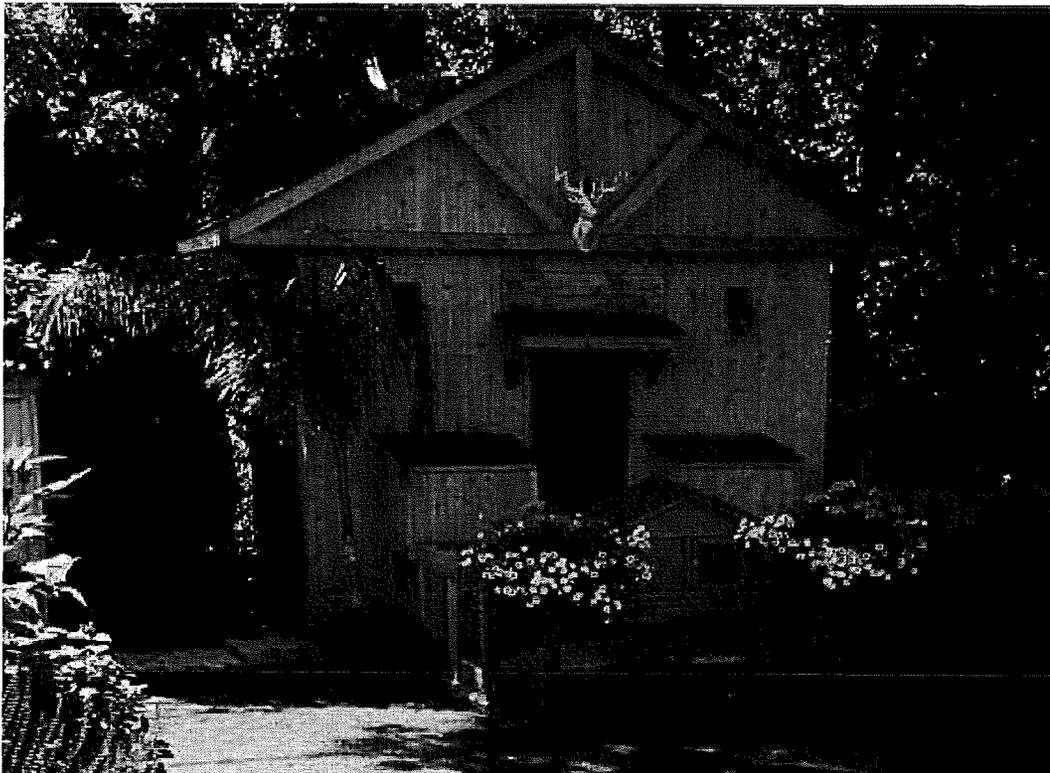
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- That the City of Hamilton allow residents to have a maximum of 4 hens in their backyard if they have a sufficient amount of outdoor space, and pass all inspections to satisfaction according to other Municipalities Urban hen pilot program by-laws which are already placed in order.
  - Roosters are strictly prohibited.
  - Only residential properties are permitted to be registered.
  - Hens would not be permitted in apartment dwellings, condominium buildings, nor properties without the sufficient outdoor space to house the hens, as determined by the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards will be permitted.
  - Under the program, NO Owner shall allow or permit any of his or her hens at large at anytime beyond property line, also eggs produced are for personal consumption can not be sold for profit.
  - The Owner agrees to permit the City staff to attend and inspect their property as deemed necessary by the Executive Director to assess and ensure compliance with the terms and conditions, any applicable by-laws, statutes or regulations if pilot project approved .
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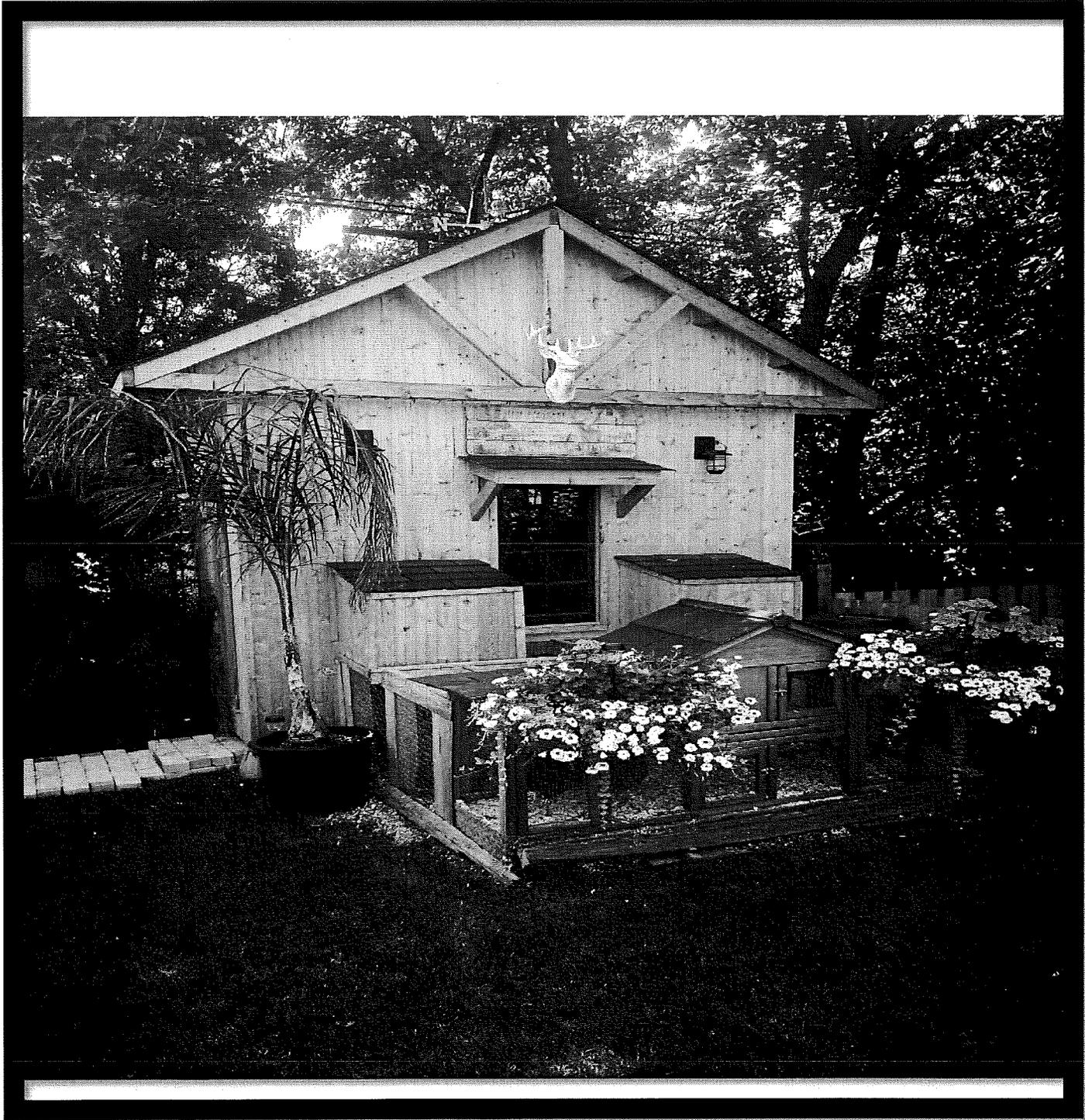
# Portable Chicken Coops or Structures.

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# Hamilton's Urban Hen Pilot Project.

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# Hamilton Is At Risk Area for Lyme Disease

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- Tick population in Hamilton is exploding more so every year.
- Public health statistics report, Hamilton is considered a risk area for Lyme disease. This risk area covers a 20 kilometre radius that includes all parts of the city except eastern parts of Stoney Creek and Glanbrook. While Hamilton is now identified as a risk area.
- Conservation Hamilton is working with Royal Botanical Gardens to come up with a solution regarding the tick population where chickens are a natural solution
- NO TICK IS A GOOD TICK, Hamilton's Public Health site states that deer ticks can transmit Lyme Disease. All species of ticks that will attach to humans and pets can carry various diseases including Borrelia Burgdorferi.
- Ontario is still behind in properly testing and diagnosing Lyme Disease unless the patient shows signs of the bulls eye rash, which in my personal case I did not, in time to treat this debilitating and often painful disease.
- I live with Chronic Lyme Disease I had been misdiagnosed for a few years with Lupus, Multiple Sclerosis, Fibromyalgia and had been told by some medical professionals that it was "all in my head", that only dogs can contract Lyme Disease not humans ( Infectious Disease Specialists @ Jurinviski Hospital 2015) up until 2017. This has proven most Ontario citizens suffer the consequences of poor medical education, being misdiagnosed due to poor tests being conducted and inappropriate guidelines and protocols .
- Lyme Disease is now endemic throughout all of Canada according to February 2020 Canlyme website.

# Keep Food & Yard Waste Out of Landfills.

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- Unwanted food in landfills creates methane, a potent greenhouse gas. Unwanted food fed to backyard chickens creates fresh eggs, a potent source of protein.
- A backyard chicken consumes approximately 1.6 pounds of household food scraps per week, or approximately 83.2 pounds of household food scraps per year. A flock of four backyard chickens would be expected to consume



approximately 332.8 pounds of household food scraps per year,

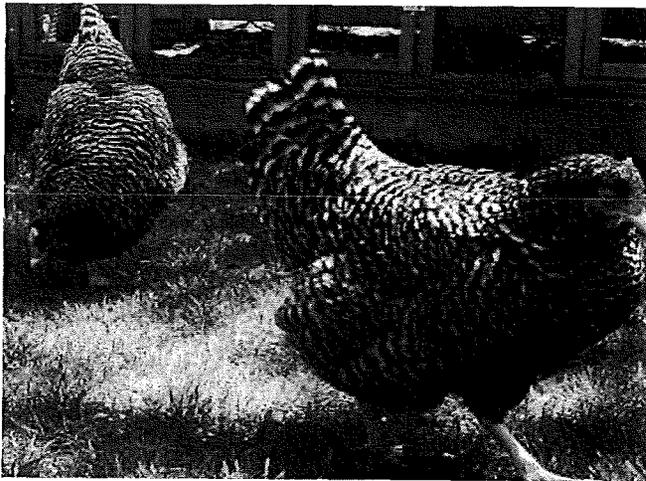
## Free Range Organic Eggs

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- Provide Superior and healthier organic quality eggs at no more than roughly \$18.00 per month.
- Have more than 7 times Vitamin A and beta carotene and almost double the Vitamin E that are found in naturally free range eggs.
- Are Cruelty free.
- Eggshells can be reused in gardens to deter slugs and snails.
- Eggshells are also used to provide calcium for my vegetables and plants.
- Commercially marketed free range eggs, don't have the "happy" origins the industry wants us to believe, there is actually no definite description of what "free range " is.
- Chickens in industrial farming are exposed to a wide list of chemicals and hormones, that make them efficient egg laying meat producing machines.
- This takes away most nutritional value and can expose you to some harmful hormones that have been pumped into the hens.

# PEST CONTROL

- Chickens love to eat insects
- They serve as an organic pest-cleanup crew in our gardens
- Devour the ticks on our property
- Eat many unwanted weeds
- When you feed your chicken kitchen scraps they produce a nitrogen – rich fertilizer which is composted with the yard waste, creating invaluable organic soil.



# Chicken's Make Great Pet's.

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## Benefits For Us Having Our Hens.

- Chickens have given my Son Austin a sense of compassion, responsibility, and has built up his self esteem. Hos added responsibilities have been to feed, water and collect the fresh eggs daily from our girls.
- Chickens are not mindless creatures, they are actually a highly intelligent animal that can differentiate between over 100 human and animal faces.
- Our hens know the difference and can distinguish between other neighborhood children and my own. When the neighbour came over with his dog the hens knew the difference between their dog and our Doberman Remi.
- Chicken manure is cleared as being one of the most desirable manures due to high nutrient levels.
- Utilizing this waste is an important part of sustainable and organic agriculture.

