Agenda Addendum

Council - Public Meeting

Wednesday, September 30, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

(Mayor and Clerk at Town Hall - 87 Broadway)

Electronic Participation

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Pages

1. Call To Order
2. Approval of Agenda
   That the agenda for the September 30, 2020 Council - Public Meeting, be approved.
3. Disclosure of (Direct and Indirect) Pecuniary Interest
4. Singing of National Anthem
5. Land Acknowledgement
   We would like to acknowledge the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe people including the Ojibway, Potawatomi and Odawa of the Three Fires Confederacy.
6. Announcements by Chair
   This meeting is being aired on public television and/or streamed live and may be taped for later public broadcast or webcast.
   Your name is part of the public record and will be included in the minutes of this meeting.
7. Public Meetings

7.1 Presentation, Carrie Cunningham, By-law and Property Standards Officer, Hen Registration Trial Program 3 - 20

*7.2 Delegation, Tricia Hebert, Backyard Chickens

*7.3 Correspondence, Max Waters , September 28, 2020, Hen Trial Program *21 - 21*

7.4 Questions/Comments from the Public

8. Adjournment

That the meeting be adjourned.

Hen Registration Trial Program

Public Meeting

September 30, 2020

Electronic Participation

7:00 pm

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Orangeville is considering backyard hens

Council directed staff to investigate the potential for residents to keep backyard chickens in November 2019

Council received staff's Hen Registration Trial Program Report at their meeting in June 2020

Staff are soliciting feedback at this public meeting and through an on-line survey during September 2020

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Municipalities that permit hens:

Municipality	# of hens	Registration and Fee	Miscellaneous Requirements	Size of hen coop	Height of hen coop
Brampton	-Up to 2 hens _____ -More than 2 to a maximum 10 hens (property has to be more than 1 acre)	No licence required _____ -If more than 2 hens: - licence required - inspection required - $50.00 fee - Renewal every 12 months	_____ -More than 2 hens, requires applicant to send notice to adjoining property owners -Roosters prohibited	Compliance with Zoning By-law regulations for accessory structures	Compliance with Zoning By-law regulations for accessory structures
Guelph	-Maximum 10 hens	-One time registration -No fee at this time	-Roosters prohibited	Compliance with Zoning By-law regulations for accessory structures	Compliance with Zoning By-law regulations for accessory structures
Kitchener	-Maximum 4 hens	-One time registration fee of $50 -Inspection required	-if can't meet set back requirements to a neighbouring property line, then written consent is required from all owner(s) and all adult occupant(s) of that abutting property -all owner(s) and all adult occupant(s) of the property keeping the hens are required to consent in writing to the application for hens -Roosters prohibited	Maximum 10 sq m (both coop and run)	-Maximum one storey -Maximum 3.05m
Newmarket (Pilot 2016) (Town wide Pilot 2017)	-Maximum 3 hens	-Registration required -Neighbour authorization required	-Tenant must obtain permission from property owner -Permission must be obtained from all abutting property owners -Owner of hens must reside on property where hens are kept -Roosters prohibited	Minimum 0.93 sq m per hen	Maximum 2.4 m
Orillia Pilot to 2023	-Maximum 4 hens	-Registration required -$100 fee for term of pilot project -Site plan required -Inspection required -Maximum 12 properties permitted during pilot	-One coop and one run permitted -Owner of hens must reside on property where hens are kept -Roosters prohibited	Hen Coop: -Maximum 9 sq m (must have at least 0.37 sq m for each hen) Hen Run: -Maximum 9 sq m (must have at least 0.92 sq m for each hen)	Maximum 5 m

Municipalities that permit hens:

Municipality	Property Size	Permitted Property Type	Other Property Restrictions	Permitted Location	Set back requirements
Brampton	More than 2 to a maximum of 10 hens, property has to be more than 1 acre	Residential Zones	n/a	Compliance with Zoning By-law regulations for accessory structures	-8m from any dwelling, school, store or shop - 2m from each boundary of the property on which it is located _____ If more than 2 and max 10, in addition to above, have to be: -8m from rear lot line -8m from any side lot line
Guelph	n/a	Residential Zones	n/a	Compliance with Zoning By-law regulations for accessory structures	-15m from any school, church or residence building on any land other than the land owned or occupied by the keeper
Kitchener (2016)	n/a	Residential Zones with a single detached, semi-detached or townhouse	n/a	Rear yard, exterior side yard or interior side yard	-1.2m from rear lot line -2.5m from interior or exterior side lot line -if above setbacks are not in place, consent in writing to the City's satisfaction from abutting owner(s)/adult occupant(s) is required. Consent by abutting owner(s)/adult occupant(s) can be withdrawn at any time.
Newmarket (Pilot 2016) (2017 Town wide Pilot)	n/a	Residential Zones (excludes Multi-residential)	n/a	Rear yard or side yard	-1.2 m from any rear or side lot line -3m from all windows and doors of dwelling on abutting properties
Orillia Pilot to 2023	500 sq m or greater	Rural Zone (RU) Residential (R1, R2, R3, R4) Parkland and Open Spaces (OS1, OS2) Institutional (I1)	-Not permitted on property within Source Water Protection Area	Rear yard	-8m from any dwelling -3m from any lot line -3m from any structure -3m from any sewage works -15m from any lot line of a school

Hen Registration – Where are hens permitted?

Permitted only on properties <u>containing:</u>

Single Family Dwellings

- **6,500**

Semi-Detached Dwellings

- **1,223**

Properties above are excluded if <u>they are located within:</u>

Well Head Protection Area

- **82**

15 m of a School (Education Facility)

- **190**

15 m of a Church (Place of Worship)

- **56**

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Hen Registration – Trial Program

Summary

- 3 year trial program
- Maximum 2 hens that are at least 4 months old
- Maximum 30 permits issued on first come first served basis
- The trial program ends December 31, 2023, therefore the issuing of a permit beyond this date is subject to the evaluation of the program by Council and passing an amending by-law to continue the program

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Hen Registration – Trial Program

Administration – Application, Fee and Inspection

- Application and renewal fee – $110.00
- The applicant must reside on the property where the hens are kept
- If the applicant is not the property owner, authorization must be obtained from the property owner

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Hen Registration – Trial Program

Hen Coop Location

- Rear yard only
- One hen coop permitted per residential lot
- 3 m from lot line
- 5 m from any catch basin

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Hen Registration – Trial Program

Hen Coop Size Requirements

- Maximum size of 9 m^2
- Maximum height of 2.1 m
- Minimum floor area of 0.37 m^2 for each hen
- Minimum outdoor enclosure area of 0.92 m^2 for each hen

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Hen Registration – Trial Program

Hen Coop Construction

- Hen coops shall be constructed to:
  - prevent the entry of rodents and predators;
  - contain lockable roofs and doors;
  - provide flooring that is resistant to moisture and mold, is lined with shavings, straw, or other appropriate materials to absorb manure and facilitate cleaning;
  - provide a perch area sufficient to accommodate all hens;
  - provide a nest box and an accessible dust bath area

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Hen Registration – Trial Program

Hen Coop General Requirements

- Maintain hen coop in a clean condition at all times, to prevent obnoxious odours and vermin
- Remove feces daily from hen coop and deposit in a secured waste receptacle or composter
- Waste receptacles or composters shall be stored in the rear yard at least 3m from any lot line and emptied regularly
- Hens shall be kept in a fully enclosed hen coop at all times
- Hen coop roof and door is to be locked between 9 pm and 6 am

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Hen Registration – Trial Program

General Requirements

- Hens shall be fed in a manner to minimize the attraction of rodents and other animals
- Feed shall be kept in rodent proof containers and secured at all times to prevent entry of rodents and other animals
- Sale of eggs, manure, meat or other products associated with the keeping of hens is prohibited
- Home slaughter is prohibited
- Roosters are prohibited
- Deceased hens shall be disposed of at a livestock facility, through a veterinarian or facility approved by the applicable Ministry

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Hen Registration – Survey (submit by September 30, 2020)

1. Are you a resident of the Town of Orangeville?

   ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Do you think Orangeville residents should be allowed to keep hens in the rear yard of residential lots?

   ☐ Yes ☐ No

   If no, please check all reasons that apply:

   ☐ Noise
   ☐ Odour
   ☐ Appearance
   ☐ Unsanitary (illness/disease)
   ☐ Other

   Please specify....

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Hen Registration – Survey (submit by September 30, 2020)

3. If hens are permitted, do you agree they should only be kept on residential lots containing either a single detached dwelling or a semi-detached dwelling?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, please explain why:

Please specify....

4. If hens are permitted, do you agree with limiting the number to a maximum of two (2) hens on a residential lot during the trial period?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, please specify the maximum number of hens you feel should be permitted and why :

Please specify.....

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Hen Registration – Survey (submit by September 30, 2020)

5. If hens are permitted, what restrictions / guidelines do you feel should be considered in the by-law? Please check all that apply:

- ☐ Hens only – no roosters
- ☐ Limit on number of hens permitted
- ☐ Limit hens to residential lots with specific dwelling types (i.e. single family dwellings and semi detached dwellings only)
- ☐ Limit location of hens to rear yard only
- ☐ Prohibit hens from being at large at any time in the rear yard
- ☐ Locate hen coop a minimum distance from all lot lines
- ☐ Minimum and maximum size for hen coops including run areas
- ☐ Cleanliness standards
- ☐ Requirements for storage, location and disposal of feces
- ☐ Prohibition on sale of eggs
- ☐ Prohibition on slaughtering

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Hen Registration – Survey (submit by September 30, 2020)

- ☐ Prohibit hens on properties in source water protection areas
- ☐ Prohibit hens on properties located within a minimum distance from schools and churches
- ☐ Other Please specify.....

6. Are there any other comments you wish to provide?

Please specify....

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Next steps:

Feedback received from public meeting and on-line survey by September 30, 2020

Report to Council summarizing feedback and staff's recommendations on proposed regulations October 19, 2020

Council's Decision

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Questions?

September 28, 2020

Mayor Brown, members of Council, Fellow Citizens, good evening!

Regarding the Hen Trial Program, and by-law amendment, which Orangeville staff have carefully crafted, I applaud the effort by all to ensure a fair shake at the egg.

I believe that the pilot covers all of the bases needed to assess the best practices required from our town and residents to see Backyard Hen Keeping become a successful long term initiative for food security and social well-being.

The concerns I perceived from fellow citizens were the keeping of roosters and the slaughtering of hens, which the pilot program and by-law prohibit. As outlined in the by-law, coop and cleanliness requirements define the standard of animal welfare required of those residents interested in participating in the trial.

Further, for those residents interested in exploring keeping hens, a three-year pilot term to keep two hens per household on lots outside the Wellhead Protection Area is a welcome and fair approach. This pilot allows neighbours and residents to keenly observe that hens can happily live inside our town limits.

I know many people in Orangeville who would like to see lawful hen keeping come to fruition, and I am thankful - and want to acknowledge, the fine work by staff on the strong outline for the pilot program.

I am excited to have the council ratify the proposed amendment to the hen by-law so that residents such as myself can legally engage in a shortened, meaningful food system.

Keeping backyard hens is an invaluable opportunity for our children to connect to their food sources and learn that reducing the miles we put on our plate dramatically impacts the world.

Kind regards,

Max Waters