

Topic: Chickens on Smaller Residential Parcels

**Introduction:**

The Animal Control Bylaw No. 2015-09 does not set specific requirements for chickens on residential parcels less than two (2) acres. Administration would like to initiate a one (1) year Pilot Project to address this.

**Facts (Background Information):**

Enforcement Services would like to initiate a one (1) year Pilot Project, allowing chickens on smaller properties. The term of the Pilot Project will run from June of 2015 through to July of 2016. The Pilot Project will extend to all residential properties less than two (2) acres, excluding Parkland Village. Initiated in response to public consultation held in 2014 and input from Council, this Pilot Project will be monitored and evaluated over the term of the Project. The results of the Project will be communicated to Council with Administrations recommendations.

**Analysis:**

Residents have been unable to have chickens on residential parcels less than two (2) acres under the current Animal Control Bylaw. The Pilot Project, which will allow a maximum of six (6) chickens on these smaller parcels, will be monitored by Enforcement Services to determine if there are any perceived issues or risks with including the allowance in the Animal Control Bylaw. Based on the evaluation of the Pilot Project, a recommendation may be submitted to Administration to amend the existing Animal Control Bylaw to allow chickens on smaller properties. This Pilot Project will not extend to roosters.

**Alternatives:**

1. Depending on the results of the Pilot Project, chickens on smaller properties may prove problematic to residents and no amendment to the Animal Control Bylaw will be required
2. Maintain terms of current Animal Control Bylaw, and not allow chickens on properties less than two (2) acres

**Conclusion/Summary:**

Administration supports the initiation of a Pilot Project allowing chickens on smaller residential parcels less than two (2) acres from June 2015 to July 2016.

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