



Public Engagement

Chickens on parcels of land less than two (2) acres

What We Heard Report

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Introduction

This "What we heard report" has been prepared to summarize the public engagement process, stakeholders involved, and feedback obtained related to Bylaw 2015-09 Animal Control and a potential amendment to allow chickens on parcels of land less than two acres in size.

Public Engagement Objectives

1. To educate targeted residents about urban chickens.
2. To seek feedback from targeted residents on whether they would or would not support an amendment allowing this activity on smaller parcels.
3. To seek feedback from those supporting the amendment what level of oversight and management they would prefer.

Identified Stakeholders

- Residents that own parcels of land less than two acres in size

Methods of Engagement

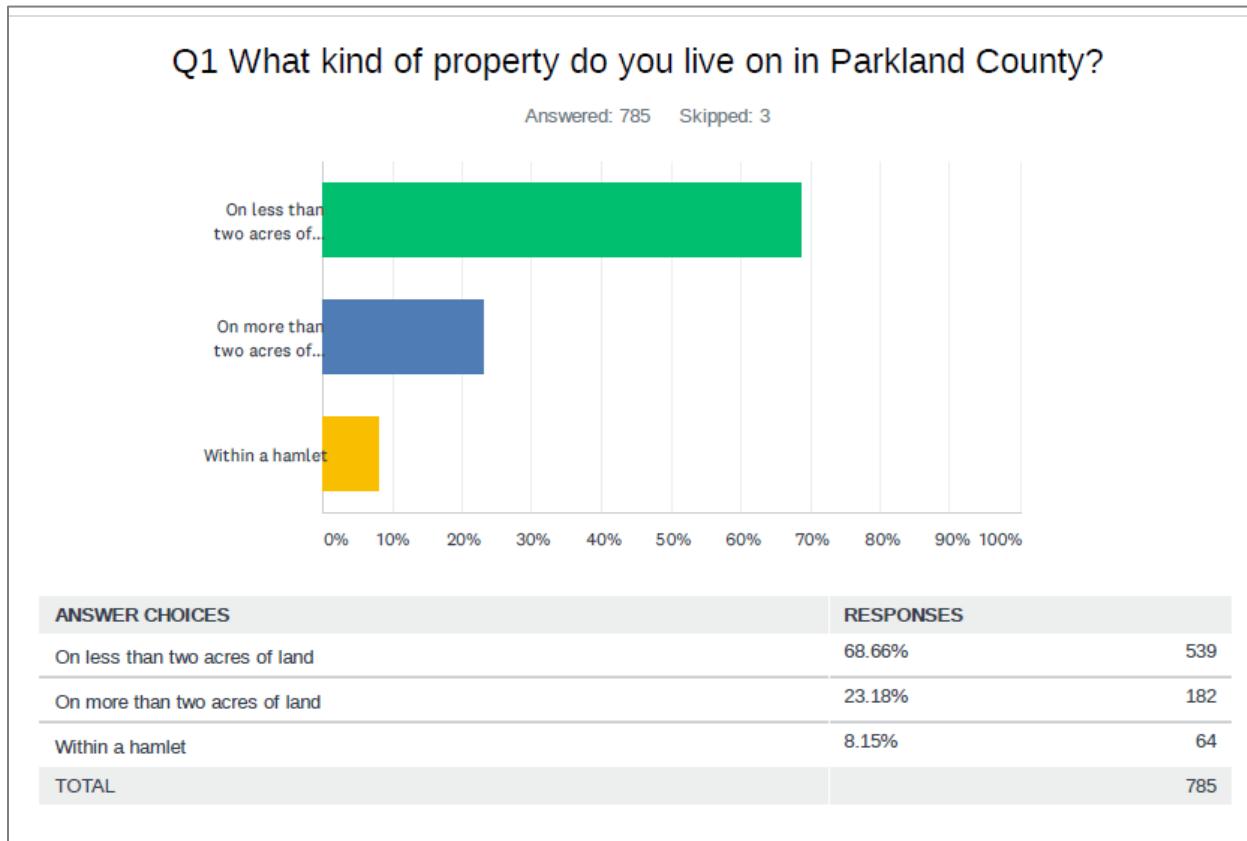
See below for a brief description of each method:

- Webpage
 - A project webpage was set up at www.parklandcounty.com/chickens in early May 2020 to introduce residents to the project and provide educational information and resources on the subject (Appendix A)
- Survey Advertisement
 - Advertisements promoting the survey opportunity and our webpage with further information were published in the Spruce Grove Examiner/Stony Plain Reporter (Appendix B)
- Social Media
 - Advertisements placed on our social media promoting the survey opportunity and our webpage with further information.
- Direct Mailout
 - All property owners of parcels of land less than two acres in size (except for strata type developments ex. Trestle Creek/Pineridge/Parkland Village) were sent postcard invitations to complete survey. Total postcards mailed out – 3,917. (Appendix C)

What We Heard

Administration collected feedback in a variety of ways including verbal feedback, written correspondence, and formal submissions. The key themes shared by stakeholders are summarized below. In addition, Administration has described any action taken as a result of the comments.

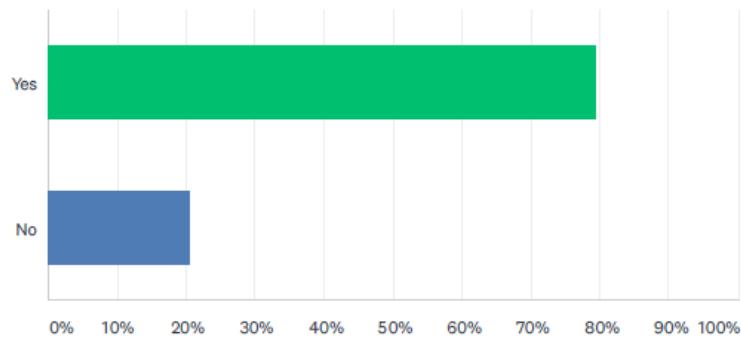
QUESTIONS



- We targeted property owners of land parcels less than two acres in size with our mail outs and advertising
- 77% of respondents own parcels of land less than two acres in size
- For the purposes of the report, we are including all summary data, which includes those respondents who own parcels of land larger than two acres as well
- We have broken out responses by those who own property in Hamlets and those who own property outside of hamlets on parcels of land less than two acres in size
- When comparing responses across all questions the responses are generally the same, any differences are noted

Q2 Do you think chickens should be allowed on parcels of land less than two acres in size in Parkland County (including in Hamlets and multi-parcel subdivisions)?

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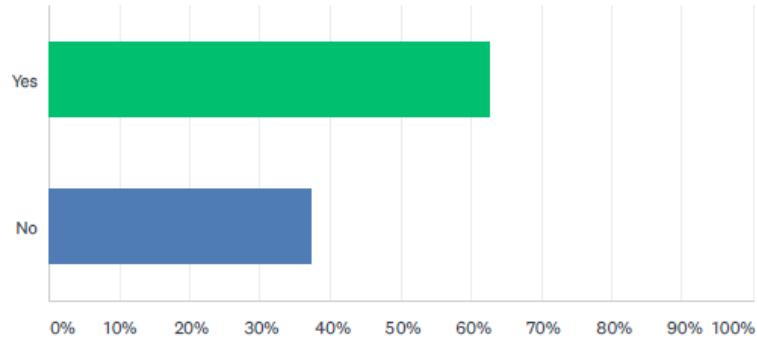


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	79.52%
No	20.48%
TOTAL	786

- Overall 79.5% of respondents support allowing chickens on parcels of land less than two acres in size
- 84% support it in Hamlets, 76% outside of Hamlets on parcels of land less than two acres in size

Q3 If allowed, would you keep chickens on your property?

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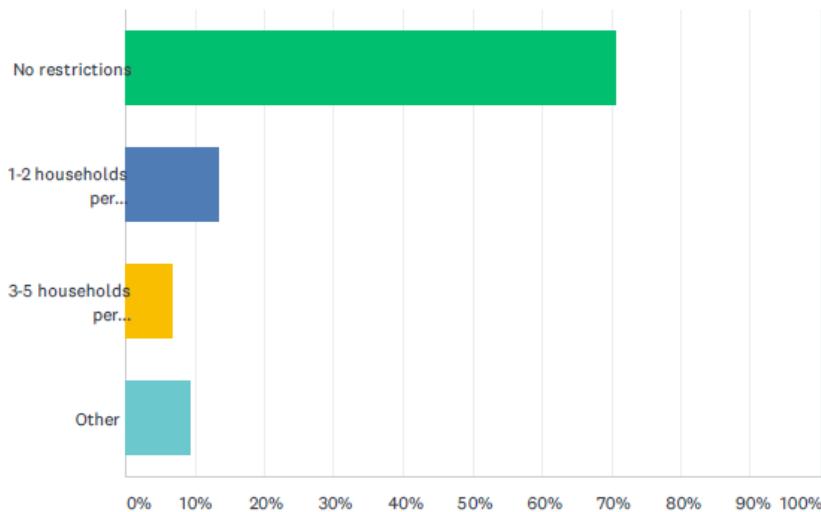


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	62.77% 494
No	37.23% 293
TOTAL	787

- If allowed 62% overall indicated they would keep chickens
- 67% in Hamlets, 58% outside of Hamlets
- Indicates the potential for a strong uptake on this opportunity if allowed

Q4 If allowed, should the County limit the number of households of less than two acres who are allowed to have chickens?

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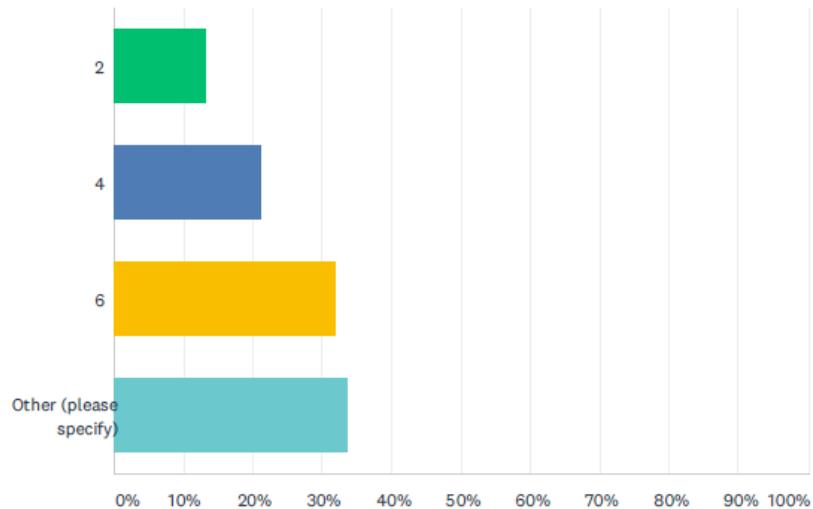


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
No restrictions	555
1-2 households per subdivision/hamlet	105
3-5 households per subdivision/hamlet	52
Other	74
TOTAL	786

- If allowed 70.6% overall indicated there should be no restrictions on the number of property owners allowed to take advantage of this opportunity
- 75% in Hamlets support no restrictions, 67% outside of Hamlets

Q5 If allowed, how many chickens should people be allowed to keep on parcels of land less than two acres in size?

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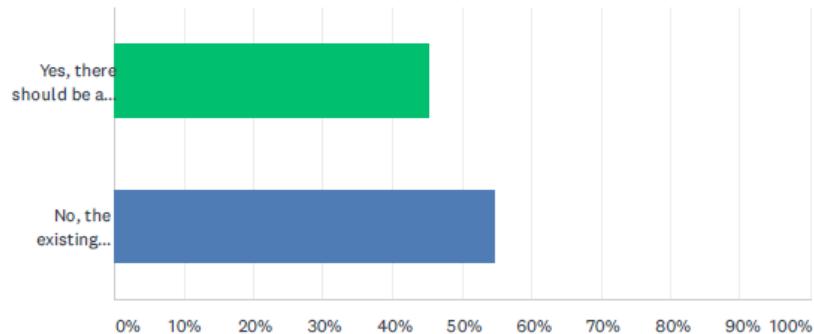


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
2	103	13.15%
4	165	21.07%
6	251	32.06%
Other (please specify)	264	33.72%
TOTAL	783	

- In terms of the number of chickens allowed 6 was the more popular choice; however the other category response was slightly higher overall with respondents indicating a range from 0 – 50 with the most referencing 8-12 range
- There was a more pronounced separation with Hamlet respondents with 6 being the most selected, but the other category was notably lower indicating that Hamlet respondents may prefer fewer chickens

Q6 If allowed, should there be an associated permitting, monitoring, and enforcement process for keeping backyard chickens?

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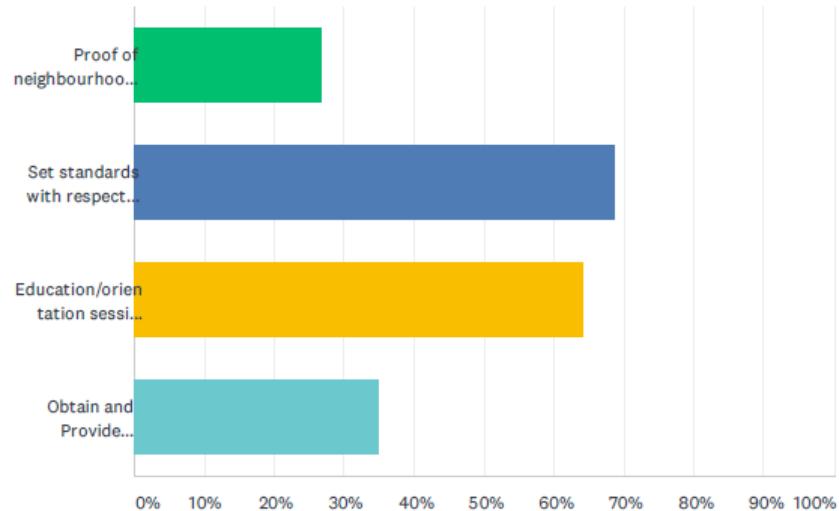


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes, there should be a permitting process where people must apply to keep chickens on parcels of land less than two acres.	45.10% 354
No, the existing process for parcels of land where enforcement is done on a complaint basis only is sufficient.	54.90% 431
TOTAL	785

- If allowed respondents, overall, indicated a slight preference for no formalized permitting, monitoring and enforcement process outside of responding on a complaint basis
- The slight preference disappears, and is evenly split 50/50 amongst Hamlet respondents and respondents outside of Hamlets on less than two acres preferring a formalized permitting process vs no formalized process

Q7 If allowed, and a permitting process is implemented, what conditions should be considered as part of the application and eligibility process?

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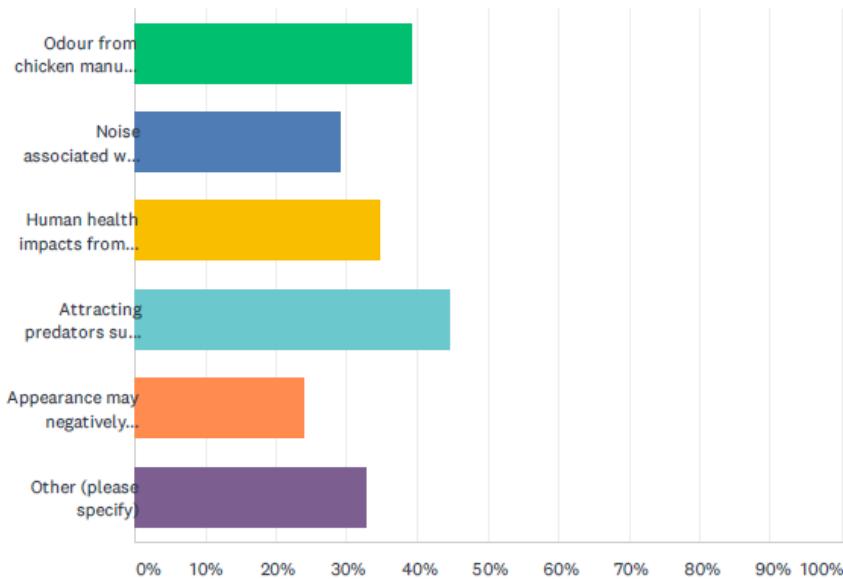


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Proof of neighbourhood support	26.82% 203
Set standards with respect to chicken housing/coop design/location	68.56% 519
Education/orientation session regarding raising and housing chickens	64.20% 486
Obtain and Provide Provincial Premises Identification Number (PID) prior to approval	35.01% 265
Total Respondents: 757	

- If a permitting process is put in place respondents indicated standards with respect to the chicken coop design and location, along with education and orientation on raising and caring for chickens as most important

Q8 What are your main concerns about allowing chickens on parcels of land less than two acres in size?

Answered: 724 Skipped: 64

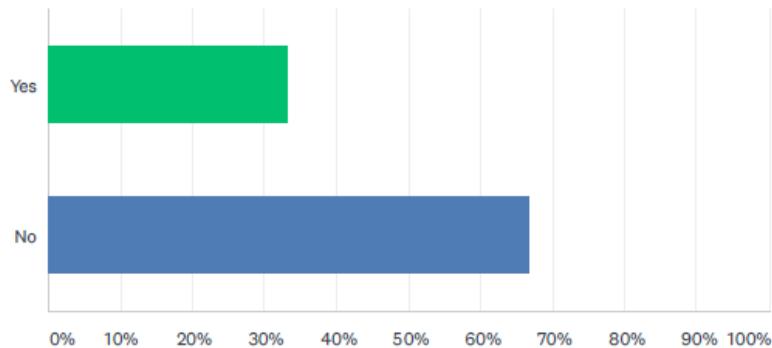


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Odour from chicken manure and bedding	39.36%	285
Noise associated with chickens	29.14%	211
Human health impacts from improper storage and use of manure, or disease transmission from the birds	34.81%	252
Attracting predators such as coyotes, weasels and foxes who attack chickens or domestic pets in the area	44.48%	322
Appearance may negatively affect the aesthetics of our community	24.03%	174
Other (please specify)	32.87%	238
Total Respondents: 724		

- Odour, Noise, Predators and health impacts were the most common responses when asked what concerns respondents had
- In Hamlets respondents concerns around odour were slightly higher than others, on properties outside of Hamlets under two acres in size predator attraction was slightly higher
- “other” comments included concerns about chicken owners not properly looking after chickens, property value impacts and having no concerns

Q9 Should hamlets be treated differently than subdivisions?

Answered: 340 Skipped: 448

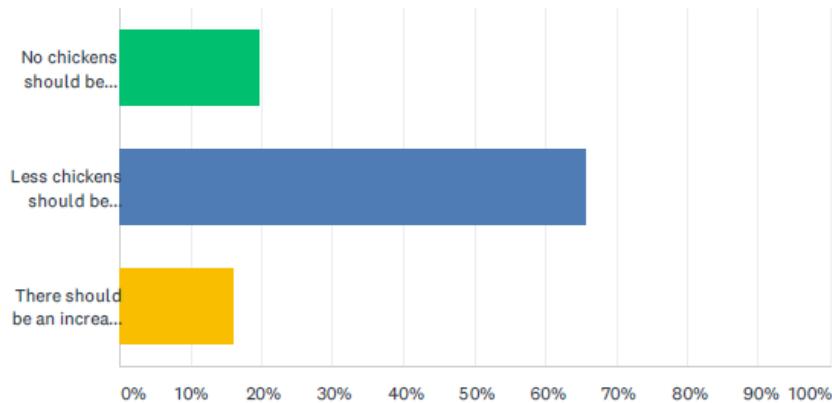


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	33.24%	113
No	66.76%	227
TOTAL		340

- Overall, just under 67% of respondents indicated that hamlets should be treated the same way as properties outside of Hamlets
- Hamlet respondents were a little lower with 60% of respondents indicated that they should be treated the same way as any other property

Q10 What adjustments should be made for allowing chickens in hamlets?

Answered: 279 Skipped: 509



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No chickens should be allowed at all in hamlets	19.71%	55
Less chickens should be allowed on individual parcels within a hamlet	65.59%	183
There should be an increase in restrictions (please indicate what other restrictions)	16.13%	45
Total Respondents: 279		

- If this opportunity is supported and we did decide to treat Hamlets different than other properties outside of Hamlets respondents indicated that fewer chickens should be allowed

Q11 Please provide any additional comments you may have on allowing backyard chickens on parcels less than two acres in size.

Answered: 311 Skipped: 477

- There were close to 250 additional comments provided by respondents, that are included as part of this report
- Comments were varied in support of and not in support of this opportunity

Engagement Summary

- **Purpose**
 - To gather public feedback on a proposed Animal Control Bylaw 2015-09 allowing chickens on parcels of land under two acres in size.
- **Method**
 - A project webpage was set up at www.parklandcounty.com/chickens in early May 2020 to introduce residents to the project and provide educational information and resources on the subject
 - Advertisements promoting the survey opportunity and our webpage with further information were published in the Spruce Grove Examiner/Stony Plain Reporter
 - Advertisements placed on our social media promoting the survey opportunity and our webpage with further information.
 - All property owners of parcels of land less than two acres in size (except for strata type developments ex. Trestle Creek/Pineridge/Parkland Village) were sent postcard invitations to complete survey.
- **Response**
 - 785 completed surveys received
 - 64 from Hamlets
 - 539 from parcels of land less than two acres
 - 182 from parcels of land two acres or larger
- **Next Steps**
 - Project Team will be reviewing all the feedback gathered and developing options for Committee and Council to consider
 - Report to be brought forth December 2021

Appendix A: Parkland County Webpage print



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Backyard Chickens

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The County is revisiting our Animal Control Bylaw in relation to the keeping of backyard chickens to ensure it reflects both current realities along with community values and priorities. We have heard formally and informally from residents who both support and oppose the keeping of chickens.

What is a backyard chicken?

"Backyard chickens" will refer to chickens being kept on smaller parcels of land, less than two acres in size. These are typically within subdivisions and hamlets. In our rural settings, acreages tend to have large, spacious backyards, but the sentiment still applies.

Considerations

If Parkland County were to allow backyard chickens, there are several things to consider, including but not limited to:

- What are the maximum number of chickens and other conditions that we need to consider?
 - Only hens, no roosters
 - Coop/housing standards or requirements
 - Education component requirements
- Should there be adjacent neighbour support before allowance is made?
- Should the County limit the number of properties less than 2 acres in size allowed to keep chickens?
- What might the impacts be of this potential allowance to residents and the Municipality?

Pros

- Therapeutic benefits of having a pet
- Food source
- Can reduce food waste as table scraps can be fed to chickens
- Waste could be used as fertilizer
- Educational opportunity on agriculture and sustainability

Cons

- Noise
- Smell, animal waste
- Increased predation

- Disease concerns
- Disposal of animals when they become sick or no longer produce eggs
- Associated municipal costs

Where are we at in the process?

We are seeking input from the public on their opinion on keeping backyard chickens. Upon receiving feedback, Administration will present the information to Council, who will decide whether or not changes are required to the bylaw.



We want to hear from you!

We're looking to hear from residents who live on less than two acres on their thoughts on being allowed to keep chickens on these smaller parcels of land..

[Take the survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SD917PS) (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SD917PS>).

Resources

[Raising chickens in Alberta](https://www.alberta.ca/about-us-mail-flock-quality.aspx) (<https://www.alberta.ca/about-us-mail-flock-quality.aspx>).

[Egg Farmers of Alberta](http://www.egg-ab.ca) (www.egg-ab.ca).

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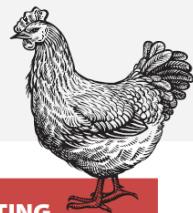
Appendix B: Newspaper Advertisement

Appendix C: Postcard Mailout



Have your say!

The County is revisiting the Animal Control Bylaw to ensure it reflects both current realities along with community values and priorities.



CURRENTLY

Parkland County's Animal Control Bylaw does not allow for the keeping of chickens on parcels of land less than two acres in size (including hamlets).

CONSIDERING

Female chickens or hens allowed on smaller parcels of land less than two acres in size in Parkland County.

COLLECTING

Feedback from residents who live on parcels of land less than two acres in size on allowing backyard chickens.

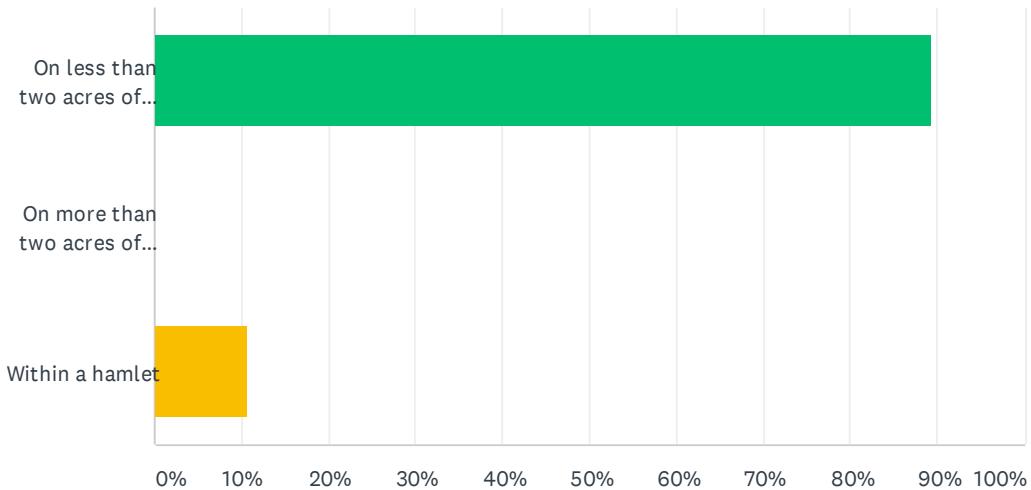
For more information, including some pros and cons, what it might look like and next steps, be sure to visit the website below.



Appendix D: Summary Data-Less Than 2 Acres

Q1 What kind of property do you live on in Parkland County?

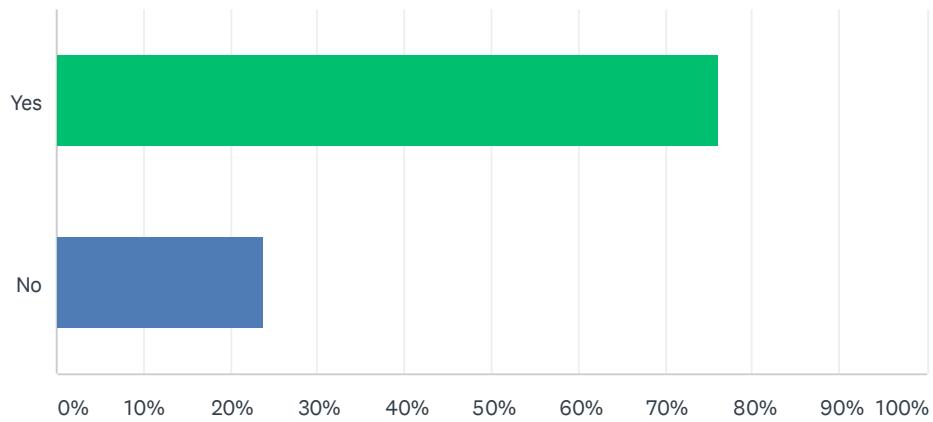
Answered: 603 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
On less than two acres of land	89.39% 539
On more than two acres of land	0.00% 0
Within a hamlet	10.61% 64
TOTAL	603

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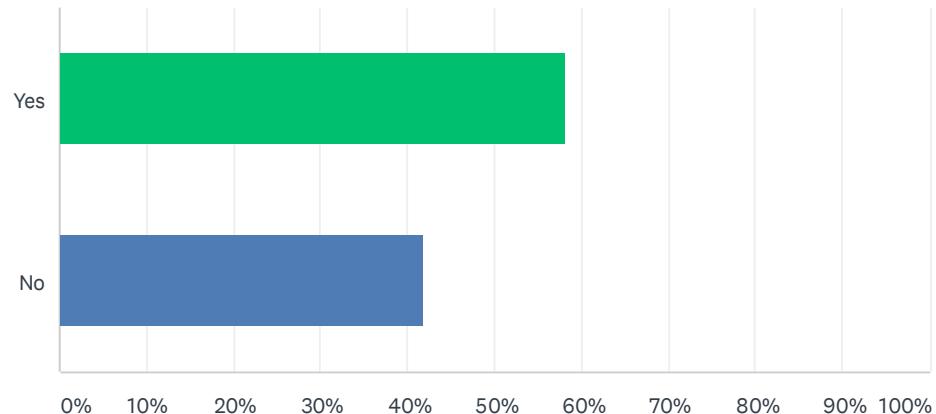
Answered: 601 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	76.21%	458
No	23.79%	143
TOTAL		601

Q3 If allowed, would you keep chickens on your property?

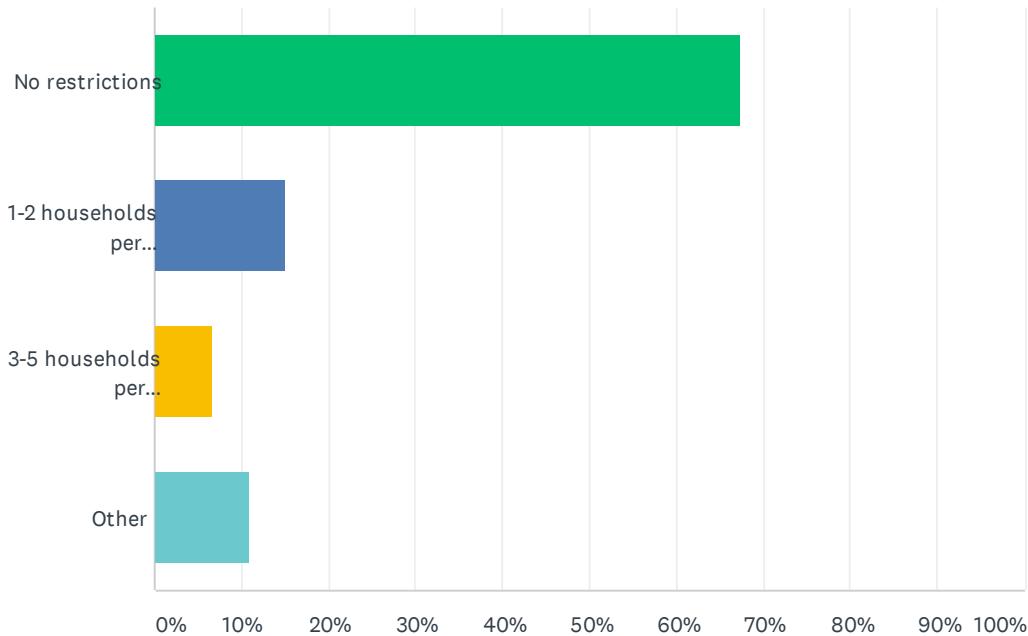
Answered: 602 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	58.14%	350
No	41.86%	252
TOTAL		602

Q4 If allowed, should the County limit the number of households of less than two acres who are allowed to have chickens?

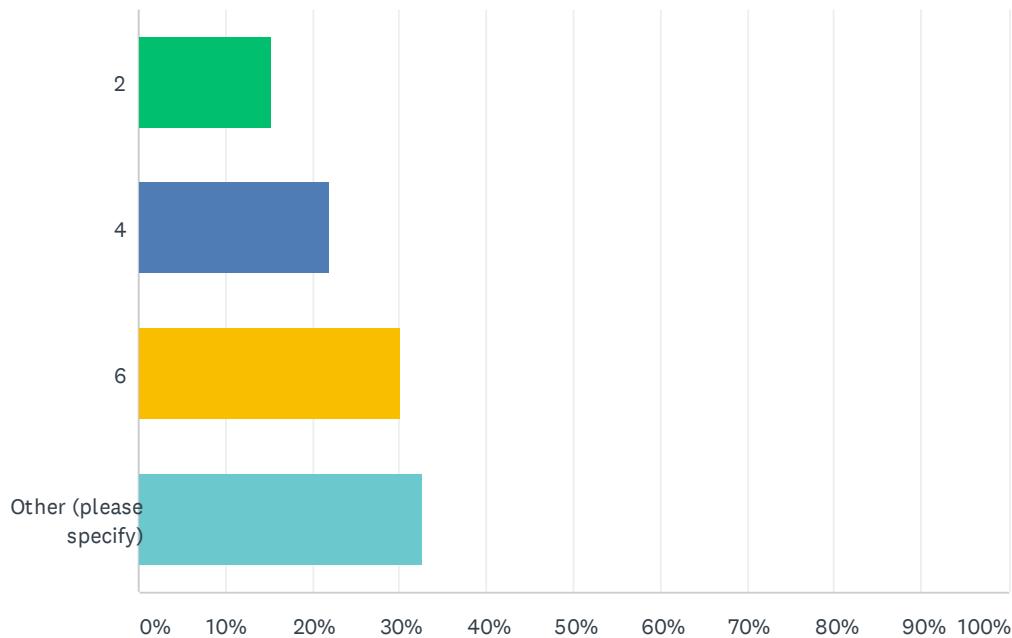
Answered: 602 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
No restrictions	67.28%
1-2 households per subdivision/hamlet	15.12%
3-5 households per subdivision/hamlet	6.64%
Other	10.96%
TOTAL	602

Q5 If allowed, how many chickens should people be allowed to keep on parcels of land less than two acres in size?

Answered: 599 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES
2		15.19% 91
4		22.04% 132
6		30.22% 181
Other (please specify)		32.55% 195
TOTAL		599

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	None!!!!!!	6/11/2021 8:59 PM
2	I don't know	6/11/2021 7:33 PM
3	10 or less	6/11/2021 6:22 PM
4	10	6/11/2021 5:20 PM
5	10	6/11/2021 5:19 PM
6	Only as many as they can properly tend to	6/11/2021 4:40 PM
7	0	6/10/2021 2:01 PM
8	8 - 12 chickens	6/10/2021 1:49 PM
9	obviously, only as many as would provide for your family	6/10/2021 12:33 PM
10	as many as they are able to take care of. As long as the owners are responsible in regards to keeping the birds healthy and their living areas clean	6/10/2021 10:41 AM

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11	20	6/10/2021 10:26 AM
12	None	6/9/2021 10:15 PM
13	10	6/9/2021 7:50 PM
14	50	6/9/2021 2:34 PM
15	do not have enough knowledge to give an opinion	6/9/2021 1:07 PM
16	I'm not sure, a healthy size. Nothing crazy.	6/9/2021 11:56 AM
17	0	6/9/2021 10:05 AM
18	10	6/9/2021 8:52 AM
19	zero	6/9/2021 8:50 AM
20	this may get complicated... 6 chickens max on 1-2 acres. 4 chickens max on 0-1 acre	6/8/2021 11:15 PM
21	2-5	6/8/2021 8:21 PM
22	an appropriate amount (not sure what that is!)	6/8/2021 3:26 PM
23	I'm against this idea	6/8/2021 9:08 AM
24	10-12 max	6/8/2021 9:05 AM
25	50	6/8/2021 9:00 AM
26	12	6/8/2021 7:58 AM
27	Being on an acreage and living in a hamet are 2 very different parcels of land. These should NOT be considered together when keeping of farm animals. Having a pet in town is different from livestock on an acreage!	6/8/2021 12:29 AM
28	10	6/8/2021 12:14 AM
29	12	6/7/2021 8:36 PM
30	10	6/7/2021 7:56 PM
31	the sale of eggs should not be allowed, chickens for resident household only	6/7/2021 7:25 PM
32	20	6/7/2021 7:24 PM
33	zero	6/7/2021 5:25 PM
34	10	6/7/2021 4:52 PM
35	10 same as most surrounding counties	6/7/2021 2:24 PM
36	10-12	6/7/2021 2:22 PM
37	ZERO	6/7/2021 1:32 PM
38	20	6/7/2021 1:32 PM
39	None	6/7/2021 10:35 AM
40	10	6/7/2021 10:17 AM
41	I do not know what would be considered best for all	6/7/2021 10:00 AM
42	Any number they want	6/6/2021 10:23 PM
43	None	6/6/2021 5:32 PM
44	12	6/6/2021 4:16 PM
45	10	6/6/2021 2:00 PM
46	15	6/6/2021 10:55 AM
47	8	6/6/2021 8:44 AM

48	As many as they are capable of housing under the provincial guidelines for chicken keeping. Under 300 laying hens or 1000 broilers.	6/6/2021 6:32 AM
49	12	6/5/2021 11:46 PM
50	1	6/5/2021 9:32 PM
51	8-12	6/5/2021 9:04 PM
52	An amount under 20 birds that homeowner is providing adequate housing and run space	6/5/2021 8:45 PM
53	Less than 10	6/5/2021 5:19 PM
54	12	6/5/2021 3:59 PM
55	No Chickens	6/5/2021 3:36 PM
56	8-10	6/5/2021 2:50 PM
57	12	6/5/2021 2:40 PM
58	as many as their coop can fit	6/5/2021 2:06 PM
59	None	6/5/2021 12:06 PM
60	8	6/5/2021 9:58 AM
61	5	6/5/2021 9:55 AM
62	One per person living in the home	6/5/2021 3:10 AM
63	10	6/4/2021 9:20 PM
64	12	6/4/2021 7:09 PM
65	Allow 15 chickens on 1-2 acres	6/4/2021 6:16 PM
66	10	6/4/2021 5:40 PM
67	1	6/4/2021 4:05 PM
68	0	6/4/2021 3:38 PM
69	0	6/4/2021 2:47 PM
70	15	6/4/2021 2:32 PM
71	Please, no chickens in towns or cities	6/4/2021 2:27 PM
72	If people are responsible and respectable, up to a dozen should be allowed.	6/4/2021 12:55 PM
73	15	6/4/2021 12:27 PM
74	12	6/4/2021 12:23 PM
75	12	6/4/2021 11:33 AM
76	0	6/4/2021 11:29 AM
77	1	6/4/2021 7:30 AM
78	6-12	6/4/2021 7:06 AM
79	Up to 10	6/4/2021 6:00 AM
80	12	6/4/2021 12:11 AM
81	Whatever gives them enough room, maybe Limit in City limits 20	6/3/2021 9:55 PM
82	20	6/3/2021 9:22 PM
83	12	6/3/2021 9:00 PM
84	1	6/3/2021 7:52 PM
85	None	6/3/2021 6:56 PM

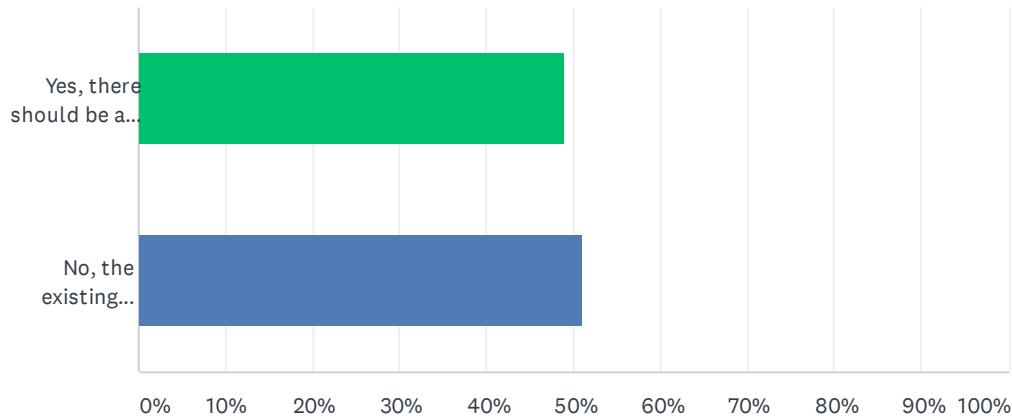
86	None	6/3/2021 5:07 PM
87	Zero	6/3/2021 5:01 PM
88	No more than 10	6/3/2021 4:23 PM
89	15	6/3/2021 3:52 PM
90	20	6/3/2021 3:25 PM
91	12	6/3/2021 3:22 PM
92	Maybe it could be so many chickens per square foot?	6/3/2021 1:51 PM
93	10	6/3/2021 1:30 PM
94	1	6/3/2021 1:19 PM
95	none	6/3/2021 1:03 PM
96	8-10	6/3/2021 12:40 PM
97	None	6/3/2021 11:43 AM
98	6 but no roosters	6/3/2021 11:15 AM
99	At least 50 including broilers	6/3/2021 10:25 AM
100	I feel "0" chickens should be allowed on properties less than 2 acre parcels	6/3/2021 10:20 AM
101	I would need to research how much space each chicken requires and then follow that guideline	6/3/2021 10:00 AM
102	None I feel that chickens need to be on a farm larger than 2 acre parcel.	6/3/2021 9:50 AM
103	Up to 10	6/3/2021 9:45 AM
104	10	6/3/2021 9:37 AM
105	I'm not too knowledgeable about the space chickens need to roam; I'll leave that up to you guys. I'm pro-chicken, though.	6/3/2021 9:36 AM
106	45	6/3/2021 9:30 AM
107	8-10	6/3/2021 9:07 AM
108	Zero	6/3/2021 8:41 AM
109	20	6/3/2021 8:09 AM
110	15	6/3/2021 8:04 AM
111	Any number they want	6/3/2021 7:59 AM
112	12 or less	6/3/2021 7:45 AM
113	10	6/3/2021 7:37 AM
114	12 to 15	6/3/2021 7:31 AM
115	1 no roosters	6/3/2021 7:26 AM
116	3	6/3/2021 7:13 AM
117	15	6/3/2021 7:03 AM
118	10	6/3/2021 7:02 AM
119	10	6/3/2021 6:56 AM
120	No restrictions	6/3/2021 6:47 AM
121	12	6/3/2021 6:46 AM
122	1	6/3/2021 6:00 AM
123	4-6	6/3/2021 5:50 AM

124	Up to 12, a family of 4 or more could greatly benefit from this as a food source. Chickens only lay 1 egg a day for a short time so allowing up to a Dozen would guarantee they can have a consistent food source as they start to decrease.	6/3/2021 5:46 AM
125	10	6/3/2021 5:45 AM
126	What ever they may appropriately house	6/3/2021 1:01 AM
127	8 to 10	6/2/2021 11:28 PM
128	12	6/2/2021 10:59 PM
129	0	6/2/2021 10:41 PM
130	6-10	6/2/2021 10:39 PM
131	None	6/2/2021 10:22 PM
132	12	6/2/2021 9:51 PM
133	None	6/2/2021 9:26 PM
134	20	6/2/2021 9:25 PM
135	4 or less	6/2/2021 9:19 PM
136	25	6/2/2021 9:17 PM
137	As many as they want	6/2/2021 9:14 PM
138	20	6/2/2021 9:03 PM
139	0	6/2/2021 8:56 PM
140	Up to 15 hens	6/2/2021 8:51 PM
141	30	6/2/2021 8:47 PM
142	15	6/2/2021 8:25 PM
143	1	6/2/2021 8:16 PM
144	10	6/2/2021 7:29 PM
145	10	6/2/2021 7:10 PM
146	12	6/2/2021 6:54 PM
147	Up to 40 chickens need very little space	6/2/2021 6:19 PM
148	10-12	6/2/2021 5:40 PM
149	50	6/2/2021 5:32 PM
150	20	6/2/2021 5:25 PM
151	0	6/2/2021 4:02 PM
152	15	6/2/2021 3:55 PM
153	15	6/2/2021 3:05 PM
154	no chickens allowed, why ask me a number?	6/2/2021 2:07 PM
155	Animal bylaws are NOT checked and when chickens are seen animal control or bylaw TURN their heads.	6/2/2021 2:00 PM
156	0 to both question 4 and 5	6/2/2021 1:48 PM
157	As many as is humane for the chickens	6/2/2021 11:26 AM
158	6 or less	6/2/2021 7:50 AM
159	as many as afforded by the size of the coop	6/2/2021 7:49 AM

160	0	6/2/2021 7:27 AM
161	20	6/1/2021 11:20 PM
162	none	6/1/2021 10:28 PM
163	30	6/1/2021 10:18 PM
164	10	6/1/2021 8:52 PM
165	8	6/1/2021 8:23 PM
166	15	6/1/2021 8:08 PM
167	No more than 50	6/1/2021 8:05 PM
168	20	6/1/2021 8:01 PM
169	20	6/1/2021 7:57 PM
170	As many as they like, its our land not yours, im tired of uneducated bafoons telling me what i can and cant do on my own property what	6/1/2021 7:51 PM
171	30	6/1/2021 7:07 PM
172	10	6/1/2021 6:39 PM
173	10	6/1/2021 3:09 PM
174	A dozen chickens/hens would not bother nobdoy. They don't need a lot of room. The city allows 4 or 6 hens on a parcel of land 1/5 the size and there is no complaints.	6/1/2021 2:37 PM
175	no opinion	6/1/2021 2:19 PM
176	0	6/1/2021 12:31 PM
177	0	6/1/2021 11:39 AM
178	doesn't matter. they'll be in a caged area	6/1/2021 11:18 AM
179	12	6/1/2021 8:59 AM
180	None	6/1/2021 8:41 AM
181	10	6/1/2021 8:40 AM
182	20	6/1/2021 12:05 AM
183	Zero chickens! They are noisy and smelly. I grew up on a farm and if I wanted to listen to crowing (hens do it too, not just roosters) and smell chicken manure, I would live on a farm. If my neighbours in the subdivision have chickens, I will sell my property.	5/31/2021 9:29 PM
184	6-10 max	5/31/2021 7:59 PM
185	0	5/31/2021 6:55 PM
186	0	5/31/2021 6:11 PM
187	at least 8	5/31/2021 5:46 PM
188	0	5/31/2021 4:17 PM
189	4-6	5/31/2021 1:07 PM
190	1	5/31/2021 12:48 PM
191	none	5/29/2021 1:19 PM
192	10 if you are overwintering them	5/29/2021 10:42 AM
193	12	5/29/2021 8:30 AM
194	1	5/28/2021 10:08 PM
195	10	5/28/2021 7:59 PM

Q6 If allowed, should there be an associated permitting, monitoring, and enforcement process for keeping backyard chickens?

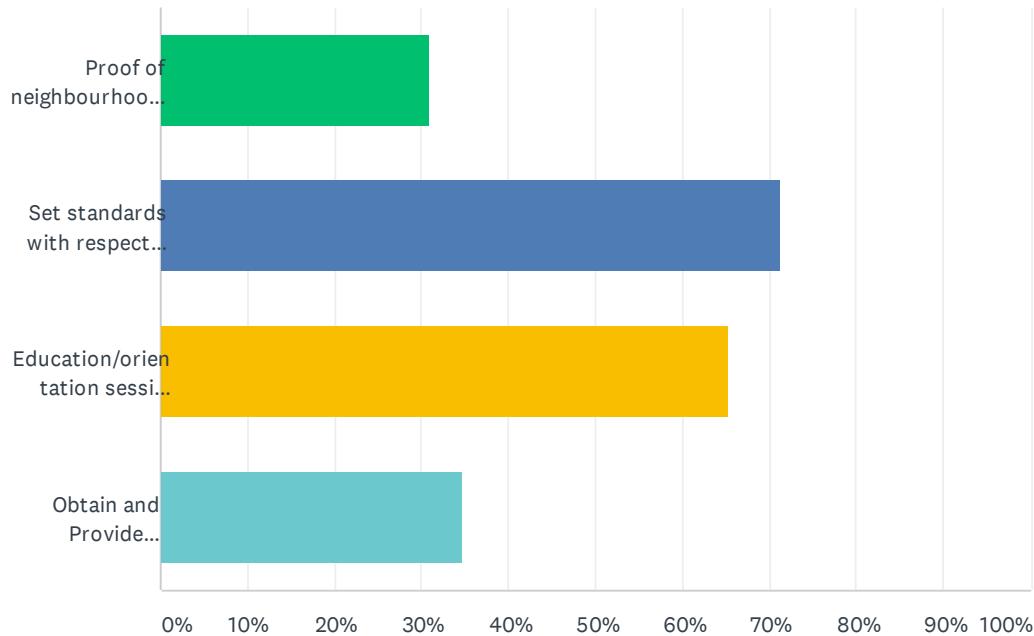
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes, there should be a permitting process where people must apply to keep chickens on parcels of land less than two acres.	48.92% 294
No, the existing process for parcels of land where enforcement is done on a complaint basis only is sufficient.	51.08% 307
TOTAL	601

Q7 If allowed, and a permitting process is implemented, what conditions should be considered as part of the application and eligibility process?

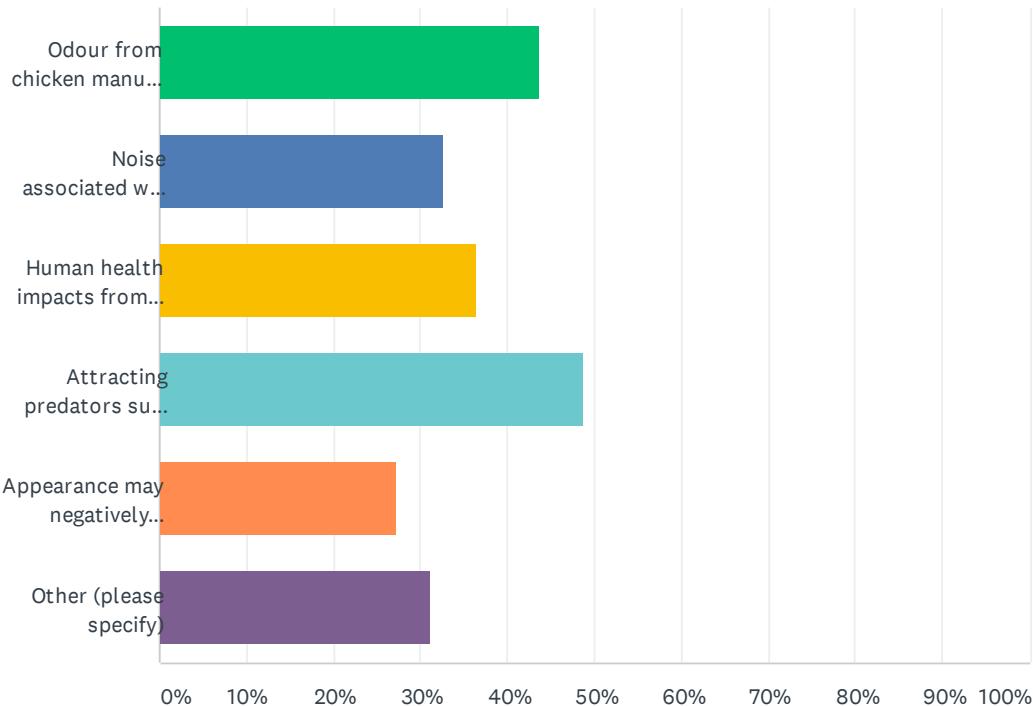
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Proof of neighbourhood support	31.05%	181
Set standards with respect to chicken housing/coop design/location	71.36%	416
Education/orientation session regarding raising and housing chickens	65.35%	381
Obtain and Provide Provincial Premises Identification Number (PID) prior to approval	34.82%	203
Total Respondents: 583		

Q8 What are your main concerns about allowing chickens on parcels of land less than two acres in size?

Answered: 559 Skipped: 44



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Odour from chicken manure and bedding		43.83%	245
Noise associated with chickens		32.74%	183
Human health impacts from improper storage and use of manure, or disease transmission from the birds		36.31%	203
Attracting predators such as coyotes, weasels and foxes who attack chickens or domestic pets in the area		48.84%	273
Appearance may negatively affect the aesthetics of our community		27.19%	152
Other (please specify)		31.13%	174
Total Respondents: 559			

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Are you kidding me???	6/11/2021 8:59 PM
2	People that would not keep them clean and cared for properly	6/11/2021 4:40 PM
3	Disposal of dead chickens	6/10/2021 7:11 PM
4	no other concerns	6/10/2021 10:26 AM
5	no real concerns as long as people use common sense and respect to their neighbors who have chickens and keep their animals (dogs) on their own property. Chickens are harmless! Dogs (especially big ones) are roaming around barking and pooping on others property.	6/10/2021 9:55 AM
6	Chickens coming onto my property, which has happened in the past.	6/10/2021 8:17 AM

7	as long as the chickens have appropriate housing, there shouldn't be too many other concerns. I don't see how its any worse than the neighbours dog being out all day and constantly barking . Chickens are quiet and do a lot more for the environment than a barking dog. The waste is wonderful for the garden, dog waste not so much!!	6/10/2021 7:49 AM
8	Same rules as a farmer with livestock	6/9/2021 11:19 PM
9	Safety of the animals	6/9/2021 8:45 PM
10	my main concern is the chickens be taken care of properly	6/9/2021 8:23 PM
11	No issues	6/9/2021 7:50 PM
12	Lack of bylaw enforcement	6/9/2021 5:54 PM
13	It is a fact that people allow chickens to go free and then there is a large feral chicken situation as in Florida and New Mexico	6/9/2021 4:47 PM
14	No concerns, if people get chickens they obviously would have the knowledge of raising them	6/9/2021 2:34 PM
15	People abusing their chickens. Also complaints from other neighbors about how I'm raising my chickens	6/9/2021 12:38 PM
16	I have no concerns whatsoever	6/9/2021 11:56 AM
17	Location of chicken coop close to my boundaries would be a concern. Some neighbors are not respective of other people's property.	6/9/2021 11:55 AM
18	Not suitable	6/9/2021 10:05 AM
19	everyone stays mentally & physically healthy	6/9/2021 8:52 AM
20	concerned that people may not be properly educated and not care for chickens properly.	6/8/2021 11:15 PM
21	Added traffic from people coming into subdivisions to purchase eggs or birds, also concerned with how byproducts such as offal would be disposed of on such a small land base.	6/8/2021 9:39 PM
22	Improper care of animals and disposal of manure	6/8/2021 8:21 PM
23	None	6/8/2021 4:44 PM
24	None	6/8/2021 3:46 PM
25	I have concerns with all of the above	6/8/2021 9:08 AM
26	Noise from roosters	6/8/2021 9:05 AM
27	none	6/8/2021 9:00 AM
28	None	6/8/2021 7:33 AM
29	Improper disposal of bedding and bodies in Parkland Reserve areas.	6/8/2021 4:19 AM
30	All of the above as well as bird of prey will also be a factor. Also how will manure be disposed of. I grew up raising chickens and I cleaned out their shit and is not pleasant! If I want to smell and hear chickens everyday I will move to the farm. There is a place for everything and a town is not a place for chickens.	6/8/2021 12:29 AM
31	Care and space for chickens	6/8/2021 12:14 AM
32	That they are cared for properly	6/7/2021 7:58 PM
33	No chickens on lakefront properties, no roosters because of noise	6/7/2021 7:25 PM
34	This is ridiculous! I have raised chickens! Buy a farm if you need chickens!	6/7/2021 5:25 PM
35	no concerns	6/7/2021 4:52 PM
36	No Concerns	6/7/2021 2:24 PM
37	No concerns	6/7/2021 2:22 PM
38	None	6/7/2021 1:32 PM

39	Uninformed people getting in on a "trend" without proper responsibility for animal welfare.	6/7/2021 10:00 AM
40	I don't have any issues with allowing chickens on parcels of land smaller than 2 acres	6/6/2021 5:57 PM
41	None,	6/6/2021 2:35 PM
42	I have no concerns	6/6/2021 2:00 PM
43	No concerns.	6/6/2021 1:45 PM
44	All the above	6/6/2021 11:38 AM
45	None	6/6/2021 10:55 AM
46	No concerns	6/6/2021 6:32 AM
47	None	6/5/2021 9:51 PM
48	Improper care of the chickens	6/5/2021 8:12 PM
49	No concerns	6/5/2021 7:45 PM
50	None	6/5/2021 5:44 PM
51	People not keeping proper care of chickens	6/5/2021 2:25 PM
52	I have absolutely no concerns! As long as people know how to care for them :)	6/5/2021 2:06 PM
53	No concerns. I have chickens and no one notices	6/5/2021 11:35 AM
54	None	6/4/2021 10:16 PM
55	No concerns! I want chickens	6/4/2021 9:20 PM
56	Potential lack of knowledge in how to properly care for/raise chickens	6/4/2021 8:00 PM
57	Inhumane treatment of chickens	6/4/2021 6:52 PM
58	Negligent and irresponsible owners	6/4/2021 3:41 PM
59	Humane treatment of sick, injured, or 'unproductive' chickens or when people get tired of the cost, care and maintenance of live animals, and it's not a sweet cottage-y scene with fluffy birds gently cooing around their designer coop off Piny	6/4/2021 2:37 PM
60	Insufficient regular animal (chicken) wellness checks	6/4/2021 2:28 PM
61	I'm afraid people will push the rules, maybe sneak in a rooster. People have dogs. responsible owners look at their dogs droppings and those of the people that don't. And there are a number of people here that aren't responsible. I find County representatives are very wishy washy and don't support and enforce the rules that they make.	6/4/2021 12:55 PM
62	None	6/4/2021 12:27 PM
63	None	6/4/2021 12:23 PM
64	None	6/4/2021 11:33 AM
65	I have no concerns. The benefits outweigh the risks	6/4/2021 11:24 AM
66	Nothing	6/4/2021 6:34 AM
67	Chickens must be kept safe in large coop enclosure from predators	6/4/2021 6:00 AM
68	That some people may not talk with their neighbors to make sure the birds are not disruptive and won't take care of the birds. Most people will be good with no county interference.	6/4/2021 5:33 AM
69	No concerns	6/3/2021 10:08 PM
70	Only that people might not be educated enough, Courses like River Chicken 101 eg should be mandatory (would be an idea for other pets, too	6/3/2021 9:55 PM
71	Care of the chickens	6/3/2021 9:17 PM
72	No concerns	6/3/2021 9:00 PM

73	I pay high taxes to be in a subdivision, not farmland.	6/3/2021 6:56 PM
74	No concerns	6/3/2021 6:30 PM
75	increased traffic for egg and chicken selling	6/3/2021 5:26 PM
76	Getting Free - As people cant control there dogs & cats	6/3/2021 5:07 PM
77	Chickens who are not cared for properly	6/3/2021 3:58 PM
78	None	6/3/2021 3:52 PM
79	negative real estate value - impact due to livestock	6/3/2021 3:50 PM
80	none, if it is just hens there will be no noise	6/3/2021 3:22 PM
81	No concerns, chickens aren't loud. Roosters are. Roosters shouldn't be allowed. Just laying hens	6/3/2021 2:14 PM
82	No concerns	6/3/2021 1:30 PM
83	Negatively affect property values and consequently taxes	6/3/2021 12:15 PM
84	I really don't think it's going to be a large issue.	6/3/2021 11:15 AM
85	No concerns	6/3/2021 10:25 AM
86	Chickens are very dirty, smelly and lound animals. Also the amount of money the County of Parkland will have to pay to monitor these chickens in the communities as most people will not abide by the rules set out by the county and it will cause lots of grief with neighbours, complaints and strain to Parkland county bylaw. Chickens are farms animals not domestic pets.	6/3/2021 10:20 AM
87	I'm not concerned	6/3/2021 10:00 AM
88	Chickens roaming free in yards during the day for "Free Range"	6/3/2021 9:50 AM
89	People not treating the chickens humanely; thinking it's low maintenance to raise chickens and then neglecting them.	6/3/2021 9:37 AM
90	I don't have any concerns	6/3/2021 9:30 AM
91	None	6/3/2021 8:58 AM
92	None	6/3/2021 8:55 AM
93	Negatively impacting the sell-ability of homes in our community	6/3/2021 8:16 AM
94	Nothing	6/3/2021 8:04 AM
95	Thos is a great learning opportunity	6/3/2021 8:01 AM
96	Nothing. It's a great idea. Cities are allowing chickens, why can't we	6/3/2021 7:59 AM
97	None	6/3/2021 7:45 AM
98	None, as long as people care for them properly	6/3/2021 7:31 AM
99	How are my rights being protected? When a bird enters my yard and damages my plants, who is paying to replace them?	6/3/2021 7:26 AM
100	All above but only if no restrictions are made. I would not like to see harm come to predators and would insure the health and safety of birds.	6/3/2021 7:17 AM
101	No concerns	6/3/2021 7:03 AM
102	None	6/3/2021 7:01 AM
103	No concerns	6/3/2021 6:56 AM
104	Nothing	6/3/2021 6:56 AM
105	I have no concerns	6/3/2021 6:47 AM
106	None	6/3/2021 6:18 AM

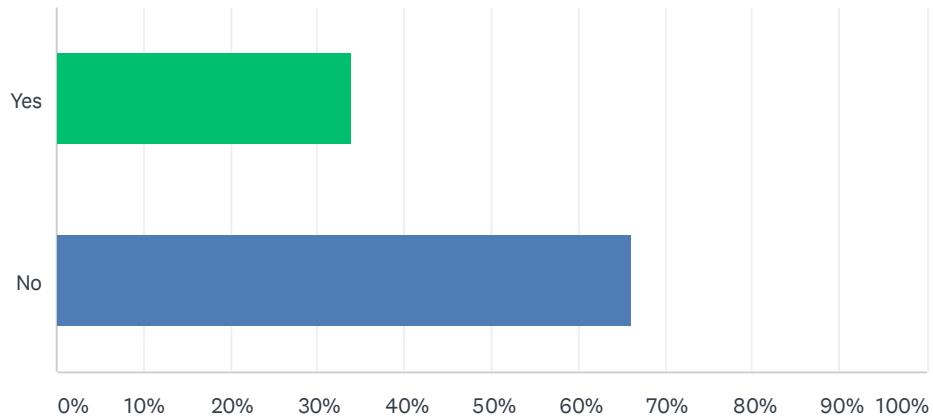
107	This would be very detrimental to property values. I would never purchase a home located near chickens. I would consider selling my home and relocating to a different county.	6/3/2021 6:00 AM
108	I have no concerns.	6/3/2021 5:46 AM
109	NA	6/3/2021 3:41 AM
110	No concerns	6/3/2021 1:15 AM
111	Neglected and improperly looked after beings	6/3/2021 1:01 AM
112	Improper care and housing of chickens	6/3/2021 12:43 AM
113	No concerns	6/2/2021 11:40 PM
114	None	6/2/2021 11:28 PM
115	No concerns	6/2/2021 11:22 PM
116	Bureaucratic interference	6/2/2021 10:59 PM
117	None	6/2/2021 10:39 PM
118	Ground water run off into my yard. Dog poop is bad enough.	6/2/2021 10:22 PM
119	No concerns	6/2/2021 9:51 PM
120	Roosters should not be allowed and the limit should be under 4 chickens and only for family consumption not for sale. This is how they deal with chickens in Brisbane Australia	6/2/2021 9:43 PM
121	N/a	6/2/2021 9:25 PM
122	None	6/2/2021 9:25 PM
123	None	6/2/2021 9:17 PM
124	That the birds be treated humanely and receive proper care	6/2/2021 8:51 PM
125	I have no concerns. Great idea. All for it	6/2/2021 8:51 PM
126	This is a "leading" questions. I have no concerns.	6/2/2021 8:47 PM
127	No issues- well maintained coops are fine in the city too!	6/2/2021 8:29 PM
128	None, chickens are not any noisier or smellier than cats or dogs.	6/2/2021 8:03 PM
129	Non	6/2/2021 7:10 PM
130	I have no concerns with what people do on their own property provided it is legal.	6/2/2021 6:54 PM
131	None	6/2/2021 6:18 PM
132	No concerns. Chickens are awesome	6/2/2021 5:32 PM
133	No concerns. Residents should be allowed to live sustainably and use whatever means fit to provide for their families; there should be no restrictions on chickens/gardens.	6/2/2021 5:25 PM
134	Didn't move here to have a chicken farm next door. People who want chickens can go to a larger acreage or small farm.	6/2/2021 5:10 PM
135	No concerns, chickens are a great animal to raise	6/2/2021 4:24 PM
136	None of taken care of right with a compost pile and keeping your yard clean and safe there won't be a problem	6/2/2021 4:21 PM
137	People not properly caring for them.	6/2/2021 4:02 PM
138	None	6/2/2021 3:55 PM
139	People not providing adequate shelter and food for them	6/2/2021 3:05 PM
140	Detract from value, use and enjoyment of my property	6/2/2021 1:48 PM
141	None	6/2/2021 1:26 PM

142	none	6/2/2021 1:14 PM
143	Proper care of the birds. No roosters.	6/2/2021 12:20 PM
144	Im most concerned that government of any level thinks it can meddle with private landowners feeding themselves.	6/2/2021 11:26 AM
145	None. It should be up to the landowner. Why are cats and dogs allowed under 2 acres? Cats wander off all over the neighbourhood killing birds (endangered?) as well as creating uncontrollable offspring. Most dogs are loud, some are dangerous to small kids and even adults. Chickens are known to stay close to the coop, an excellent "pet" for children as they learn how to care for and take responsibility for feeding and gathering eggs. Plus their waste is excellent for the compost.	6/2/2021 7:49 AM
146	Definitely no Roosters. Chickens coops and free range areas should be kept as far from adjoining residences as possible, to keep the sounds and smells from becoming an issue for neighbors. Also obviously disposal, composting of manure, as well as dead bird carcasses needs to be done respectfully of neighbors and public property areas.	6/1/2021 10:18 PM
147	Noise associated with roosters	6/1/2021 8:23 PM
148	None	6/1/2021 8:05 PM
149	No concerns	6/1/2021 8:01 PM
150	No concerns. Dogs and cats are allowed, chicken should be	6/1/2021 7:57 PM
151	None	6/1/2021 7:51 PM
152	NO CONCERNS AT ALL	6/1/2021 7:08 PM
153	No concerns	6/1/2021 7:07 PM
154	No concerns	6/1/2021 6:57 PM
155	Potential for neglect/abuse of chickens	6/1/2021 5:10 PM
156	Decrease in the marketability of my property if chicken coops are next door.	6/1/2021 5:10 PM
157	No concerns	6/1/2021 3:11 PM
158	No complaints. most people would not know you have a dozen hens unless you were in their back yard.	6/1/2021 2:37 PM
159	None	6/1/2021 2:19 PM
160	None	6/1/2021 1:48 PM
161	None I don't feel they cause any more problems than a dog	6/1/2021 1:11 PM
162	Chickens and Coops too close to neighbors property line	6/1/2021 12:31 PM
163	none. I think it'll be good especially since most people are stuck at home nowadays, having a chicken and learning how to care for them and collecting eggs will be a good skill to develop.	6/1/2021 11:18 AM
164	If roosters are banned, there shouldn't be much noise	6/1/2021 10:11 AM
165	None of the above	6/1/2021 7:49 AM
166	None	6/1/2021 12:05 AM
167	Animal cruelty or neglect	5/31/2021 10:21 PM
168	Simply unacceptable in a residential subdivision. I pay over \$8,000.00 per year in property taxes. I do not want to live in the barrio.	5/31/2021 9:29 PM
169	None of the above- Backyard chickens are awesome!	5/31/2021 7:54 PM
170	roosters	5/31/2021 6:49 PM
171	no concerns	5/31/2021 5:46 PM
172	None	5/29/2021 6:23 PM

173	I am concerned people may eat better and have a better appreciation for the world around them. Can you imagine the horror of a happy well fed population, it is enough to made one shudder.	5/29/2021 8:30 AM
174	I have no concerns	5/28/2021 7:59 PM

Q9 Should hamlets be treated differently than subdivisions?

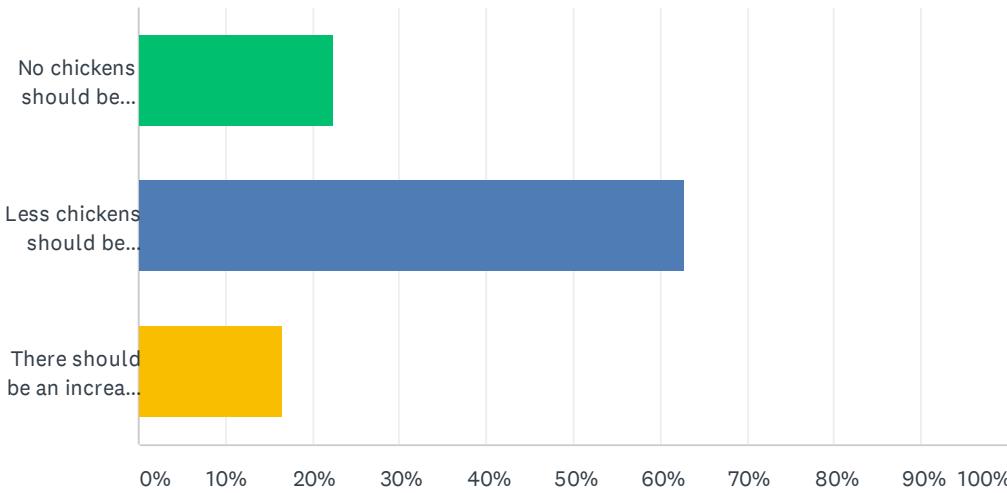
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	33.95%	92
No	66.05%	179
TOTAL		271

Q10 What adjustments should be made for allowing chickens in hamlets?

Answered: 223 Skipped: 380



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No chickens should be allowed at all in hamlets	22.42%	50
Less chickens should be allowed on individual parcels within a hamlet	62.78%	140
There should be an increase in restrictions (please indicate what other restrictions)	16.59%	37
Total Respondents: 223		

#	THERE SHOULD BE AN INCREASE IN RESTRICTIONS (PLEASE INDICATE WHAT OTHER RESTRICTIONS)	DATE
1	None	6/11/2021 7:17 PM
2	Monitoring noise complaints	6/10/2021 6:53 AM
3	Should be an application process	6/9/2021 12:39 PM
4	Guidelines where chicken coops are kept with regard to neighbor boundaries. Still a concern with regard to attracting predators, etc.	6/9/2021 11:57 AM
5	should be the same restrictions everywhere	6/8/2021 9:01 AM
6	Standards for chicken coops, free-range only in fenced yards.	6/8/2021 4:23 AM
7	No chickens!	6/7/2021 5:27 PM
8	Do not reat hamlets and sub divisions differently.	6/6/2021 8:08 PM
9	I don't believe that there should be any different restrictions for hamlets.	6/6/2021 5:58 PM
10	No further restrictions necessary.	6/6/2021 6:32 AM
11	No additional restrictions	6/5/2021 7:45 PM
12	I dont care about restrictions	6/5/2021 12:48 PM
13	No additional restrictions	6/5/2021 11:36 AM
14	roosters should not be allowed (they make more noise than chickens)	6/4/2021 5:42 PM
15	Permit process.	6/4/2021 3:42 PM

16	Amount / type of chicken house for viewing	6/4/2021 11:43 AM
17	No additional restrictions	6/4/2021 11:32 AM
18	None	6/3/2021 9:56 PM
19	Don't care	6/3/2021 6:30 PM
20	Chickens should be kept in a specified distance from another house say 100 feet	6/3/2021 3:56 PM
21	There should be a 45 chicken limit.	6/3/2021 9:32 AM
22	Chickens should be determined by spaced	6/3/2021 7:05 AM
23	There should be no restrictions	6/3/2021 6:48 AM
24	Follow cleanliness guidelines	6/3/2021 6:17 AM
25	I have no concerns. Lots in the hamlets are typically a good size. If someone complains it can be dealt with.	6/3/2021 5:48 AM
26	None	6/2/2021 11:00 PM
27	Should be have opportunity to have as many as the coop allows	6/2/2021 7:16 PM
28	No restriction	6/2/2021 7:10 PM
29	None keep them clean and apply for a permit and take safe chicken care	6/2/2021 4:22 PM
30	Max 4 chickens	6/1/2021 7:58 PM
31	No restrictions	6/1/2021 6:58 PM
32	NO restrictions	6/1/2021 6:40 PM
33	No difference	6/1/2021 7:49 AM
34	None	5/29/2021 6:24 PM
35	How about no extra restrictions, is that an option?	5/29/2021 8:32 AM
36	Size of property should be main consideration	5/28/2021 8:00 PM
37	Consideration should be given for allowable structures to house them and they should only be allowed in a backyard that is fenced.	5/28/2021 3:15 PM

Q11 Please provide any additional comments you may have on allowing backyard chickens on parcels less than two acres in size.

Answered: 247 Skipped: 356

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Are you out of your minds. How can you even entertain such an idea?? I live in a subdivision that had a renter move in and they were quickly removed because of every con on your list in your survey and more. Smell! Noise! Mess! If you want to allow people to own chickens they should have to have at least 10 acres. And deemed a farm. Chickens are farm animals NOT PETS! Wow! I cant even beleive im having to do this survey. There are thousands of owners in Parkland that pay millions for small acreages and thousands in taxes who work very hard for years to have peace and quiet!!! You will be facing a huge fight from me on this matter. I say NO!!!!	6/11/2021 9:36 PM
2	County should offer manure disposal service for residents at all existing facilities.	6/11/2021 7:20 PM
3	Possibly have a small fee for an educational course on raising chickens	6/11/2021 6:23 PM
4	Make the peace officers that are responding to complaints actually look into it and make sure it's not the same person in that subdivision that complains about everything. Chickens make Noice. But so do dogs. And it is our land we should be able to do a lot more on our land without permits from the county.	6/11/2021 5:23 PM
5	That people know how to care for them, clean after them and build proper coops for summer and winter.	6/11/2021 4:42 PM
6	I have friends living in Edmonton that raise chickens in Edmonton and the process works well for all involved. The eggs are enjoyed by all. The children in the family are able to observe and when older assist in the associated responsibilities involved. We think it is a great idea!	6/11/2021 8:39 AM
7	Does this include Stony Plain?! Thanks.	6/10/2021 11:16 PM
8	A limit on acreage size does not make sense because a person living on +2 acres is capable of raising chickens while a person living on 1.99 acres is not. Rationale for land size is unreasonable.	6/10/2021 9:26 PM
9	I imagine that if coops are regulated as fences and garages and siding Yada Yada to keep the standards of a neighborhood and owners had a brief lesson on raising chickens before applying for a permit there would be no problems. I can have my stereo on driving bobcats and gocarts until 10 pm chickens are nowhere near that loud. I agree no roosters but the noise from chickens would not be close to as loud as the 10 000 different species of birds chirping all morning and night . Nobody complains about the birds , chickens are a quiet bird, chickens don't fly around and poop all over your property and hop around the neighbors yard like wild birds. They would be contained and taken care of to provide food , dispose of food scraps and provide fertilizers. Thanks for letting me have my input, GO chickens whooo!!!!	6/10/2021 9:17 PM
10	None	6/10/2021 4:24 PM
11	It is much too small of a land space to keep the chickens to yourself. It would always somehow impact your neighbors.	6/10/2021 3:15 PM
12	Times are hard with all the restrictions, lets have more freedom to enjoy our life outside the city "walls".	6/10/2021 2:27 PM
13	This should not be allowed at all. Less than 2 acres is not enough room to put the coop away from neighboring properties, the smell and the noise is a nuisance and is not an attractive feature to have in an executive estate style neighborhood.	6/10/2021 2:04 PM
14	The associated concerns with backyard chickens ie: smell, noise, etc, are easily alleviated by proper education on raising chickens and proper placement of coops. Anyone who has seriously thought about raising chickens must desire to treat their chickens like family and	6/10/2021 10:32 AM

provide exceptional cleaning and care of both the chickens and their neighbors in this regard. Thank-you.

15	I feel that having chickens in a hamlet can be an asset to families who want their family and children to experience and learn about compassion, responsibility, natural food, and enjoyment of small easy to care for creature. the smile on kids faces when they go out to collect eggs from the hens is heartfelt and they realize and learn they don't just come from a store. It is also very relaxing and peaceful to sit outside and have a cup of coffee watching these animals. As long as people are responsible and take care of them as needed I see so many other benefits. And its a chance to enjoy a little farm life for the people who can not afford a farm or are not able to live on a farm.	6/10/2021 10:09 AM
16	We had a neighbour who had chickens, without authorization. The noise, smell, and chickens coming on our property and making a mess. We purchased this property on the conditions of the restrictive covenant. Does this mean you will not uphold this covenant by allowing chickens in our subdivision?	6/10/2021 8:19 AM
17	Chickens are not noisy, they are quite content to eat and scratch around in the dirt and grass to keep their area clean and tidy. The waste is wonderful fertilizer for the garden. They clean up kitchen scraps which will save from going to the landfill. We have to become more self sufficient in these times and this is a great way to start right here.	6/10/2021 7:54 AM
18	Rules and enforcement of them would be an issue and cost to the taxpayer. The rules and regulations should be in place before further discussion and permission. Presently the enforcement regarding pet control is not properly enforced how will the chickens be handled? Detailed bylaws should be in place before the consideration of any chickens, ducks, pheasants, ostriches etc, be allowed. Bylaws should be easy to enforce and persons hired to do so promptly not 3 or 4 days after a complaint.	6/9/2021 10:27 PM
19	Backyard chickens are allowed in Edmonton areas on properties a lot less than an acre. In the past, in this county, chickens were allowed on properties in various subdivisions and we had them in the past. I don't think they should be allowed for breeding and selling as a business but only for a family's personal consumption for meat or eggs. I also believe the birds need to be taken care of properly and not left to "wander around" loose.	6/9/2021 8:27 PM
20	We will be happy if the by-laws are changed to allow chickens on properties less than 2 acres	6/9/2021 7:53 PM
21	Our neighbors have chickens now- less than 2 acres- they let the chickens roam free, only after a complaint to bylaw about their dogs, was a chicken fence put between our properties. I sent the officer photos of their dogs and of their chicken . They are also training a dog to round up their chickens and ducks-	6/9/2021 6:02 PM
22	I live in a subdivision of 1.5 acre(ish) lots A close friend of mine on a 3 acre parcel has kept chickens for several years now. She has more than 6 hens. I have a pretty good idea of what is required, noise, etc. I wouldn't have a problem with any of my neighbours keeping a half dozen or so hens.	6/9/2021 6:00 PM
23	Personally I think it is ridiculous There are many many more issues the County needs to address first	6/9/2021 4:49 PM
24	Chickens and layer chickens are a food source and in this day and age and our economy in a downfall there is a need for such animal	6/9/2021 2:36 PM
25	Education is very important. People get enthusiastic and do not realize that chickens are prone to several diseases. Animal welfare often end up with the animals when people find out the work involved in keeping them.	6/9/2021 1:09 PM
26	I seriously want chickens in my backyard for the reason of agricultural, personal and general well-being reasons. Having eggs on my property is a much healthier option.	6/9/2021 12:40 PM
27	Chicken manure does smell. Disposal of manure or storage, etc would be a concern depending upon quantity. I would love to have chickens; however, my property is less than two acres and I would not have a reasonable place to put a coop that would not interfere in some way with neighbors. Therefore, I would expect the same courtesy. Thank you.	6/9/2021 11:59 AM
28	People in cities have chickens in their tiny backyards and many do it quite successfully. It would be the right thing for counsel to allow us taxpayers to have a few chickens on our land that we pay for. Mostly for learning purposes, food and also as a hobby. We all need healthy distractions in these uncertain days we are living.	6/9/2021 11:58 AM

29	None should be allowed	6/9/2021 10:06 AM
30	This would be a grate opportunity to maintain a balance in mental and physical health. thanks	6/9/2021 8:54 AM
31	Roosters... The noise of them from morning to night	6/9/2021 8:51 AM
32	I Look at it to being similar to having any pet such as dogs or cats - the animals should be cared for properly and if not, then the owner should be held accountable. If they are a responsible pet owner, then why can't they have chickens? I see more pros than cons to having chickens. Other Pros not listed on the parklandcounty web page include: chickens can also eat the pests/insects that we don't want in our gardens/yards. Some dogs and lawn mowers or other machinery can be louder than chickens. If people don't pick up after their dogs or some other animals, the waste could also smell pretty bad. If disease and disposal are concerns, then having a "pet licence" or chicken bylaw or something similar may help in that regard?	6/8/2021 11:24 PM
33	I think the by law needs to be amended for current approved pets that do not have restrictions ie. cats - should have to be confined to owner's property and not allowed to roam free. There are already areas where chickens are allowed in numbers that would support or provide a family with eggs and meat. Two acres is not a large enough area to support enough chickens if the intent is to provide eggs and/or meat. Don't change a by-law because people want to be accommodated, if they want chickens they can live in areas where they are already approved to do so.	6/8/2021 9:44 PM
34	The standard should require the chickens to be closer to the keeper's residence than it is to any other residence so any odor is apparent to the keeper, except for moveable coops (pastured chickens) which do not have a waste odor problem.	6/8/2021 9:01 PM
35	There should be a manure pickup program for hamlets with local farms, who wish to participate, whom can then properly cure the manure for use in gardens and fields.	6/8/2021 8:27 PM
36	Sounds like a good idea for people who want to.	6/8/2021 3:48 PM
37	We already have someone in our subdivision with minature horses. It has made an executive acreage area look like hell. This also affects the market value of our homes. Another acreage has chickens and I now have badgers and coyotes coming through the property on a regular basis. The new subdivisions are not made for farm animals. Too small and open. Noise travels . Quiet enjoyment is expected. So sick and tired of people moving out to small acreage lots and wanting to treat them like 5 acres of land. These lots are just larger City lots. County does not properly police neighborhoods now. How are they going to do this in the future. Creekside Estates is a prime example of a few neighbours ruining the subdivision. All lots are under 2 acres.	6/8/2021 10:27 AM
38	The people requesting to have chickens should be licenced and approved prior to getting the livestock.	6/8/2021 9:52 AM
39	There are very little concerns with allowing small chicken coops in the County. I'm sure these exist already with no issues.	6/8/2021 9:07 AM
40	as long as the animals aren't suffering let the owners and community decide if it's getting out of hand	6/8/2021 9:03 AM
41	Have had these in our neighbors backyard. They were quite loud, and smell was always a factor. And this was on a parcel that was over 5 acres. Remember acreages sizes are different and as such although 5 acres, it literally was next door. How would you monitor? This would just put neighbor against neighbor. As this was in existence when we purchased our property we did nothing but I could see this becoming an issue if it becomes open to everyone.	6/8/2021 8:37 AM
42	Great idea, although there will always be people who test the limits. Please ensure that those people pay through increased fines.	6/8/2021 4:25 AM
43	Sub divisions are much larger land area and could handle a few chickens. Hamlets, like towns and cuties are no place for livestock. I moved to town so I wouldn't have to smell the livestock manure. Chickens are not clean and lose feathers quite frequently. Who would be responsible for cleaning up the mess and also when a predator does catch a chicken they don't care where they eat it. It's not something you want to introduce to town especially with so many kids around, then there is more likelihood of a kid being targeted by prey. My answer is definitely No	6/8/2021 12:44 AM

to chickens in town but having 1 for a pet is ok if the person knows how to keep a chicken and clean up from them.

44	Who will be monitoring and enforcing the bylaws....will this become too onerous and become a complaint/response situation. In the spirit of being good neighbours, we feel that less than two acres is insufficient space to properly look after chickens and look after your relationship as a good neighbour. Perhaps folks wanting to add animal husbandry to enrich their current status should purchase larger parcels of land and enjoy their endeavours.	6/7/2021 8:21 PM
45	Chickens can be very therapeutic. After this whole Covid thing I think this would be wonderful for people to have and shouldn't be any rules on what they can have.	6/7/2021 7:57 PM
46	No chickens on parcels less than 1.5 acres. People have good intentions of keeping pens clean, but that is not always the case. No free ranging chickens left loose on properties, must be chicken fenced area at all times. No sale of eggs and/or chickens. The sole purpose should be personal household use strictly.	6/7/2021 7:29 PM
47	needs to be a process to ensure homeowners are caring for their chickens properly and that they do not impact their neighbours. eg if they smell and a neighbour is trying to sell their home this could be a big problem	6/7/2021 5:52 PM
48	Proper accommodation and area should be made available and no roosters permitted to make noise all day	6/7/2021 5:44 PM
49	There is a good reason chickens are raised on farms and not in congested areas. You only see this in third world countries. They are noisy, smelly, unclean and prone to disease. some transmitted to humans.	6/7/2021 5:30 PM
50	I think it would be wonderful if we could have our own backyard chickens as a food source. We live on a 1.27 acre property here in parkland and are saddened that we fall under the required land size to have chickens. We would be super excited if we could have our own chickens. Thanks for considering this!	6/7/2021 5:00 PM
51	Most counties and town allow this. It is crazy that Parkland is so behind.	6/7/2021 2:26 PM
52	This should be restricted to farms of more than 2 acres	6/7/2021 2:12 PM
53	NO CHICKENS ALLOWED! Except on farms.	6/7/2021 1:34 PM
54	Go ahead and allow it. It sure beats listening to my neighbours 3 dogs bark all the time. And....why don't you have rules about cats?? They're allowed to roam and poop everywhere!	6/7/2021 1:34 PM
55	I would rather have chickens next to me than 2 or 3 barking dogs and cats that crap in my kids sandbox!!	6/7/2021 10:18 AM
56	I think that I (and other uninformed neighbours) could not recommend number of hens or permits per location so someone more knowledgeable should have more say than our opinions.	6/7/2021 10:04 AM
57	I don't see any harm in hamlets allowing chickens. I do agree with only allowing for hens as per the noise that roosters cause but other than that, I believe it's a good idea to allow chickens.	6/6/2021 5:59 PM
58	There are chickens allowed in small urban areas, however no chickens allowed in rural properties under 2 acres. This is clearly unexplainable, and unfair.	6/6/2021 2:39 PM
59	I don't see any difference in having cats and dogs compared to chickens. You have to trust owners either way to be responsible for animals regardless the type.	6/6/2021 2:06 PM
60	None	6/6/2021 11:56 AM
61	There should be far less restrictions on raising chickens and other animals	6/6/2021 10:57 AM
62	I believe that keeping animals, within reason, is an expectation of those living in rural areas. It can be argued that chickens are a less problematic creature than a barking or vicious dog or a cat that cannot be contained. I personally do not have animals because I find them to be too much work, however I would not deny others the right to own them. It may be sensible to designate some subdivisions animal free to provide a atmosphere for those so inclined.	6/6/2021 10:01 AM
63	Chickens will not be a problem using the dogs that bark endlessly and the lack of a cat bylaw. No point in creating a whole bunch of rules if they will not be adhered to nor enforced. Please	6/6/2021 9:31 AM

	consider a cat bylaw, if i wanted a cat crapping in my flower beds and hunting the birds I feed, I would buy one.	
64	Less government and municipal meddling in all our affairs is necessary. My property is my property. I'll be the only one to decide what I will use it for and how. Whether or not I have chickens or livestock is none of the local beauracrats business.	6/6/2021 6:35 AM
65	Its good to have a little food security during these times.	6/5/2021 11:49 PM
66	I moved to an acreage, not a farm. Want the space I pay taxes for and not have a noisy, smelling chick coup next to me, also believe it would lower property values in the neighborhood.	6/5/2021 11:34 PM
67	Take example from other jurisdictions. They are doing this with little issues. I'm just learning of the 2 acre rule and it makes no sense. Worst case- do a permit and make it a case by case approval. Lots of properties are less than 2 acres with one or less neighbours.	6/5/2021 9:55 PM
68	Chickens belong in the country or on farms.	6/5/2021 9:33 PM
69	It is ridiculous that I could keep hens if I lived in Edmonton or St Albert, but I can't in Parkland County where I have a 1/2 acre of land. It is documented everywhere that neighbours are not impacted in any way when hen keeping is done properly. They likely would not even be aware of it. If more people were aware of the living conditions of store bought egg chickens, hopefully they would realize that anything we can do to improve the situation is worth considering.	6/5/2021 9:32 PM
70	As with all animal ownership, proper care can be provided by some and others will refuse to provide properly, regardless of the size of the parcel of land. Those of us on small parcels of land have chosen to live on smaller parcels for many reasons but that doesn't mean we aren't still interested in or capable of providing proper care for hens to provide ourselves with a more sustainable existence and a sense of control of our food sources. I hope that the county considers this amendment seriously and chooses to allow small flocks for small parcels. The current bylaws just mean that people are already housing these flocks in secret.	6/5/2021 8:50 PM
71	Chickens are not domestic animals and should be allowed on farmland only.	6/5/2021 4:06 PM
72	This is a beneficial hobby to raise chickens. Kids can take care of them instead of playing eletronics, less kitchen waist, more food for the family, natural fertilizer for the plants and gardens, makes owners to get outside and have pleasure and use of the smaller acreage.	6/5/2021 4:03 PM
73	Chickens are flock animals and should be in groups of at least 6. So if a minimum is put in place it should not be less than 6.	6/5/2021 2:26 PM
74	Chickens are really fun and great as pets. They are easy to care for, harmless, good for the environment (recylyling, natural fertilizer). They can be a source of nutrition (eggs and meat). They can help family's save money on produce and lessen the number of chickens producing commercial eggs (in cages). Overall it would be logical to allow the keeping of hens in Parkland county (it is allowed in the city of Edmonton in less than an acre, it makes sense for chickens to be allowed on acreages.)	6/5/2021 2:18 PM
75	Say YES! to chickens!	6/5/2021 1:00 PM
76	Let people do what they want unless neighbours complain	6/5/2021 12:49 PM
77	This subdivision is not farm land, I feel that if you want chickens then move to a farm.	6/5/2021 12:06 PM
78	Chickens are quiet and unobtrusive. Dogs and cats have MUCH more effect on neighbours. I 100% think hens should be not only allowed, but encouraged	6/5/2021 11:38 AM
79	This should include other birds such as waterfowl.	6/5/2021 11:36 AM
80	Maintain the current restrictions by not allowing the keeping of chickens on parcels of land less than two acres in size.	6/5/2021 11:12 AM
81	Edmonton has allowed urban hen keeping for years, requiring min 10sqft/hen. Seems rather poor form the county is behind on this.	6/5/2021 9:32 AM
82	Think it would be great to have better food production from the abundance of land we have	6/5/2021 9:29 AM
83	This could be a wonderful addition to the towns in Parkland county! With some reasonable rules in place, it would be a viable way to add value to daily life and enrich the experiences of adults and children. Thank you for revisiting this idea!!	6/5/2021 7:45 AM

84	The allowance of backyard chickens have little to no cons when properly managed. Chickens are for the most part quiet, and mess free. They produce minimal odor, provide exceptional fertilizer and help decrease food waste.	6/4/2021 10:21 PM
85	Definitely for chickens!	6/4/2021 9:21 PM
86	Allowing "backyard chickens" would allow for a great learning opportunity for children and be a positive step towards sustainability, homegrown and organic food choices, etc.	6/4/2021 8:03 PM
87	2 acre lots are not suitable for chickens.	6/4/2021 3:39 PM
88	I don't see a problem with it, most people I know already have chickens.	6/4/2021 3:36 PM
89	Food Security is a fundamental human right. Our laws should respect an individuals right to provide for themselves and family. No one, especially ones neighbor, should be able to limit that right. That said, laws are needed, to ensure good animal husbandry is maintained and individuals engaged, in keeping chickens, are educated, to that end.	6/4/2021 3:36 PM
90	Inexperienced and/or uncommitted owners not understanding the cost, care, maintenance; the treatment of sick, injured, 'unproductive' chickens; abandonment or disposal of unwanted flocks; disrupting the peace of neighboring homes with noise, smell, increased predators. It's not all a pretty little country scene to toy with when the mood strikes, and to dispose of when the realization of commitment sets in.	6/4/2021 2:48 PM
91	Everyone I know in Edmonton thinks it is CRAZY that this is not allowed. We are new to the area and frankly we think this bylaw is silly. Just consult with the Cities and other rural municipalities and I am very sure that all issues can be anticipated and managed. I wish my children had the opportunity to have chickens and be closer to farm to table concepts. These are rural values.	6/4/2021 2:30 PM
92	It would be nice to be able to have chickens in a Hamlet, but education and enforcement also needs to apart of it	6/4/2021 1:43 PM
93	Chickens are a great addition to homes. Fresh eggs, good manure. It should be allowed for anyone within Parkland county, regardless of land size	6/4/2021 1:13 PM
94	I already have neighbours who have chickens and like the dogs they have, they roam free. They have no concern of where their animals are or what they are doing. I've had chickens on my deck and dogs crapping in my yard. I'm tired. Now seeing this why hasn't the bylaw enforced the laws.?	6/4/2021 1:12 PM
95	I think chickens are very beneficial but do to irresponsible members of the community, I strongly recommend that chickens not be allowed on property less than two acres. Eg We have had dogs that consistently bark early hours of the morning and upon contacting the county, the county made it our problem to monitor and record when and how often. Now its our problem. Not right. The same would go for chickens. There is never a problem with responsible people. Its the ones that push the limits.	6/4/2021 1:00 PM
96	From what I understand, it's ok to have chickens in Edmonton so I would think then logically that they would also be allowed at acreages.	6/4/2021 12:25 PM
97	Don't think it should be limited to chickens. Why does the county get to tell me how many pets I have.	6/4/2021 11:48 AM
98	I see absolutely no issue with allowing this. If the city of Edmonton allows this on comparatively small yards, then why not smaller acreages? This may be one of the attractive qualities for people moving out of the city and considering the outlying counties like ours. Don't assume there would be problems or issues - they can be dealt with as they arise if there are any issues with someone. And I don't believe a permit should be required. Assume anyone getting into chickens will do their homework and be diligent. Again, deal with those who are creating problems as they happen. Permits don't solve that anyways. I think the benefits (environmental, values, self-sufficiency, being more connected to the land) far outweigh any cons.	6/4/2021 11:38 AM
99	With the cost of groceries going up, it's a good way for families to provide for there family	6/4/2021 11:34 AM
100	Does this no use the city of Spruce Grove? I'm very interested.	6/4/2021 11:32 AM
101	With a proper permit and application process this shouldn't be a problem for 1+ acreage.	6/4/2021 11:17 AM

102	I think chickens should only be allowed outside of subdivisions and hamlets.	6/4/2021 10:36 AM
103	Having backyard chickens will teach the younger children a lot of things. Two of the greater lessons they will have is providing food for themselves and the responsibility of taking care of a life.	6/4/2021 9:42 AM
104	Farm animals belong on farms not in urban areas	6/4/2021 8:54 AM
105	I think it would be great for responsible people but I would worry about those who would not care for the chickens properly. They would have to be some penalties in place for cruelty and for not providing proper food and shelter	6/4/2021 8:01 AM
106	I think this is ridiculous and should not be allowed.	6/4/2021 7:30 AM
107	We live in a subdivision with one acre lot sizes. I would want to make sure that chickens are appropriately maintained and that no roosters are allowed for noise purposes.	6/4/2021 7:28 AM
108	I agree with an education and permit process so that anyone having chickens does it in a healthy, clean, agreed upon by nearest neighbors and visibly attractive process. Historically with neighbors, I have found that many often do not take good care of their animals- and unknowingly, ignorantly, neglectfully, or out of laziness mistreat or do not properly care for their pets and animals!	6/4/2021 7:11 AM
109	Let's use common sense and treat people like adults unless they prove they can't handle it. Hens are not going to negatively affect anyone.	6/4/2021 7:01 AM
110	I think chickens that are properly looked after and kept in a secure appropriate coop can be an asset to the community.	6/4/2021 6:05 AM
111	This shouldn't be policed by the county. Chickens are a good source of food and easy to maintain.	6/4/2021 5:35 AM
112	Education requirement prior to permit approval (must provide proof of) Proof a associated vet for animal care Excrement/carcass disposal Extreme weather plan for appropriate shelter/care No public selling of eggs, manure or meat No slaughtering on the property	6/3/2021 10:31 PM
113	Keeping chickens enhances the country life experience and is a draw for Parkland County.	6/3/2021 8:09 PM
114	I am opposed to allowing backyard chickens due to other pests chicken coops would end up attracting e.g. mice.	6/3/2021 7:53 PM
115	Farms are for farm animals, not neighborhood subdivisions. We've already experienced neighbors with chickens. It was stinky, noisy, and just messy looking.	6/3/2021 7:00 PM
116	This shouldn't come with community financial cost. I don't care what people do in there yards. If it becomes a problem I would go speak with them.	6/3/2021 6:32 PM
117	We are zoned country residential and have a lot size under 1 acre, as do several in this area. Home at the end of the row has approximately 3 acres and has chickens and roosters. It does attract predators which also means our home pets are at risk. The Roosters are very noisy. Other peoples pets have now gone missing. This was not a problem prior to the chickens and roosters., and ultimately attracting the predators. In this case the chickens and roosters do free roam.	6/3/2021 5:27 PM
118	We DO NOT want approval to pass for allowing backyard chickens on parcels less than two ares of size in hamlets and/or subdivisions.	6/3/2021 4:00 PM
119	My only concern would be it not be so close to a neighbours house that they are affected by the noise and odours	6/3/2021 3:57 PM
120	Allow chickens	6/3/2021 3:53 PM
121	Significant potential impacts to the real estate or resale value of property. No different than commercial developments, gun ranges, industrial industries.	6/3/2021 3:51 PM
122	I think chickens are great, everyone can learn from chickens.	6/3/2021 2:17 PM
123	if properly kept and cared for, they should be a joy and produce some eggs and manure, and eat lots of bugs	6/3/2021 1:48 PM
124	I'm not gonna tell you where I live but I currently have 8 hens in my backyard. They are	6/3/2021 1:04 PM

healthy and happy. I do have a PID. I'm under 2 acres but they have the run of the yard in spring, summer and fall. I provide my neighbours with fresh eggs and they enjoy having chickens on the block. They also have reduced my husbands anxiety associated with his PTSD. The shavings and manure mix has been amazing for my garden and flower beds and have drastically cut down on food waste in our garbage. The hen house isn't very large but enough room to comfortably house 8 hens. In winter I provide a radiant heat source called a cozy coop instead of a heat lamp to reduce the risk of fire and is easier on the pocketbook. In winter the girls don't stray into the yard but just into the covered run as they don't like the snow. My hen house and run have a footprint of 32 square feet and as no taller than my 6ft fence so is unable to be seen by the neighbours or anyone driving by. I use shavings as it drastically reduces the smell and composts better. In the event of a full flock disease fingers crossed it doesn't happen 1 bird will be sent for a necropsy and the rest will be frozen until informed about proper disposal. I have very little risk of disease as I purchase all my hens from a reputable breeder who fully vaccinates prior to sale. I do not have a rooster as they are noisemakers and I also don't want fertilized eggs nor do I want to hatch out any chicks. I hope this gives you some insight.

125	All for it - great for environment and teaching kids	6/3/2021 12:24 PM
126	The noise and oder would be unacceptable. We are already influenced by the smoke and smell of neighbours fire pits. Chickens or other farm animals should not be allowed in hamlets or on parcels of less that 2 acres Thank you	6/3/2021 11:47 AM
127	When myself and my husband brought this forward almost 10 years ago at a county by-law meeting in very one at the meeting seemed to be on board with our proposal of 6 hens and no roosters on parcels less than 2 acres. Even the by-law officer there had zero concerns. It was as scrapped and I later found out it was due to lobbying from the Hutterite colonies and other chicken farmers in the area. Yet we were never given a chance to lobby back. We still do not have chickens because we chose to follow the rules. It's time to let people have some chickens.	6/3/2021 11:19 AM
128	I think is a great idea. I keep things over run, under run, trashy or neglect, I do think that there should be check ins from someone to make sure the chickens aren't being abused, or neglected. Yards to not look run down as well.	6/3/2021 11:01 AM
129	I think it is behind the time to think chickens are not allowed in these areas already!	6/3/2021 10:27 AM
130	Chickens are not considered domesticated pet animals they are "Farm animals." If the county of Parkland opens up subdivision less than 2 acre parcels there will be lots of more pressure place on bylaw and their duties. Will the tax bracket go down as with farm animals residence will then expect to pay farm tax prices rather than residential tax prices. Chickens belong on farms or large acreages not in rural large city lots.	6/3/2021 10:22 AM
131	Maybe add a note specifying what the heck a hamlet is so people understand the question better	6/3/2021 10:02 AM
132	I feel that chickens should not be allowed in subdivision like Walker Lake, country side, Royal spring estates and Morningside as the residents who purchased these lots and pay a lot for property taxes want the peace and tranquility of the acreage lifestyle without the noise and smell of farm animals like chickens. Chickens are farm animals and if individuals within Parkland county would like to own chickens they need to live on a parcel of land larger than 2 acres. I strongly believe that Parkland County needs to maintain this in their bylaw as we have had neighbours that have had chickens including roosters (breaching the current Parkland County Bylaw) and these types of residences do not care about the bylaw and it was nearly impossible to remove the chickens once they were permanent. These are not PETS they are referred to as farm animals and need to live on larger parcels of land.	6/3/2021 9:56 AM
133	Amount of chickens allowed per property should be calculated as a ratio of lot size.	6/3/2021 9:39 AM
134	Chickens do not use a lot of space, the size of the lot should not matter unless it is smaller than 1 acre. Two acres is plenty of room to ethically raise chickens. Allowing chickens in town shouldn't be more than 10 chickens.	6/3/2021 9:34 AM
135	We are on one acre lots, and as someone in our neighborhood has already tried to bring in chickens and a rooster they were getting loose and noisy. Chickens should be allowed on large parcels of land 4 acres or more.	6/3/2021 9:01 AM
136	If people in the city can have chickens, there should be no restrictions to people on acreages,	6/3/2021 8:59 AM

	regardless of land size.	
137	I love the idea of allowing chickens on smaller properties	6/3/2021 8:35 AM
138	Our community is quiet and peaceful and chickens are noisy and obnoxious. Under two acres is too close to neighbours to have farm animals in the yards.	6/3/2021 8:20 AM
139	Having backyard chickens would help with food waste, would be educational for my children and would help provide food.	6/3/2021 8:15 AM
140	I would love to provide this opportunity to teach my children how to not only provide for themselves but give back to our community with eggs and goods	6/3/2021 8:03 AM
141	Please allow backyard chickens. It would be such an enriching experience for children to be able to raise their own eggs or have chickens for companionship. You could stipulate that no rooster would be allowed if you are concerned about noise.	6/3/2021 8:02 AM
142	It is a great addition. I don't understand why cities are allowing it and a country region is not	6/3/2021 8:01 AM
143	Chickens etc.. belong on a farm dedicated and designed to do that. They are not pets and should not be treated as such.	6/3/2021 7:59 AM
144	I am .02 of an acre short. I went ahead and talked to my neighbours and they were completely ok with me getting chickens so I already have some. Why could the county not just have an variance application when it comes to keeping animals? I have room for a horse but due to bylaws I am not allowed. My fault for not doing research but that was a big reason I moved to the country was to keep a couple animals. I am rambling here.	6/3/2021 7:40 AM
145	Keeping chickens is educational, environmentally sound, convenient and relatively inexpensive. With food prices increasing, it also helps people save money.	6/3/2021 7:38 AM
146	A way to have households vetted as proper caretakers. Setup, knowledge, care etc.	6/3/2021 7:32 AM
147	The county does not have enough CPOs and enforcement personnel (zero I believe) to enforce our current bylaws please don't offer even more opportunities for some citizens within our county to lessen our beautiful communities.	6/3/2021 7:31 AM
148	Just restrictions to number of birds and neighbour support. Proper housing and care of birds and no harm to predators!	6/3/2021 7:20 AM
149	Stop restriction people on providing healthy food for their families.	6/3/2021 7:06 AM
150	Less than 2 acres is plenty of room for some chickens. I think this whole thing is a joke. Why wouldn't people be able to have chickens when living out in the country. Not only is it a good food source but for my family it has helped show my children how to take care of animals but to respect them as well.	6/3/2021 7:03 AM
151	I think that chickens could be very beneficial for many residents and can be safely raised within parcels smaller than 2 acres.	6/3/2021 6:48 AM
152	Backyard chickens if done properly is no different than having cats or dogs - because they are livestock they are viewed differently and that's ridiculous - eggs from your own backyard means less being purchased from large operations that can be viewed as mistreating animals	6/3/2021 6:21 AM
153	I would be very upset if my neighbours decided to get backyard chickens. We would definitely sell our home and move to a county or an area that did not allow farming on small parcels of land. This is a terrible idea.	6/3/2021 6:03 AM
154	We have been wanting to have egg laying hens in our backyard for sometime. I believe if people are well educated and held responsible for their hens, that backyard chickens should be allowed. We are not opposed to paying a permit fee for our chickens. But we are opposed to needing our neighbours approval. We are responsible and ethical people who have a background in farm and sustainable living, the choice should be ours whether or not to have them and no one else's.	6/3/2021 5:56 AM
155	I think if people are allowed dogs and cats then why not chickens. They are contained and they produce manure, which is great for fertilizing gardens which is another great food source. They help eliminate table scraps, keeping more out of the dumps. It's a huge benefit all around.	6/3/2021 5:49 AM
156	If done correctly this is a great thing.	6/3/2021 5:23 AM

157	Please allow chickens within the town of stony plain!	6/3/2021 1:15 AM
158	Should take into consideration the distance to neighbouring houses	6/3/2021 12:03 AM
159	They are no different than having other types of pets.	6/2/2021 11:24 PM
160	don't make it a hassle :)	6/2/2021 11:01 PM
161	This would be a great opportunity, in line with the benefits listed in the report. We would be willing to comply with permitting requirements or obtaining neighbour approval if implemented if it allowed the opportunity to have chickens, as right now an allowance of zero where the property could easily contain them with no hassle to neighbours is frustrating. I'm glad to hear this is being considered.	6/2/2021 10:43 PM
162	No to backyard chickens, residential lots are too small. It will impact neighbors.	6/2/2021 10:42 PM
163	Chickens and bees should be allowed to increase sustainability. Not everyone can afford to move to acreages but would love a small taste of the lifestyle if they already have a yard	6/2/2021 10:32 PM
164	I've been loving next to someone with chickens in their backyard for years. I think it's great. Some self sustaining food resources.... I don't mind the sound of the chickens...	6/2/2021 10:31 PM
165	Please allow people to keep chickens! I have no interest in having any myself, but would love it if people nearby did so I could easily get eggs.	6/2/2021 10:14 PM
166	There should be no raising chickens for more than eggs for personal use. 4 chickens max, no roosters.	6/2/2021 9:45 PM
167	Backyard chickens in the city force neighbours to deal with peoples chickens, sound, smell and the critters/creatures that they attract. It's unfair to force people who don't have chickens to live with them, city yards are not generally big enough to provide a fair amount of space from neighbours. Chickens are for country living. Not only for the regard for the neighbours, there would need be proper rules and regulations to owning these animals. To review and change any bylaws then come up with more resources to make sure people are properly following the guidelines comes at a cost. Who is paying for these costs? As local city homeowner I don't support this or the cost involved. I feel that people will generally do this just for the novelty but will lose interest	6/2/2021 9:16 PM
168	They don't bother me	6/2/2021 9:14 PM
169	If ur allowed 3 chickens on a lot in Edmonton , why the restrictions for over a acre lot in parkland... look at what lac Ste Anne county allows!	6/2/2021 9:04 PM
170	Love the idea!	6/2/2021 8:59 PM
171	Roosters should be strictly prohibited. Limits to numbers of chickens with routine checks. Rules around fencing and housing	6/2/2021 8:58 PM
172	I think people should check with their neighbours, but really I am totally for the idea. No problem at all with the idea	6/2/2021 8:52 PM
173	People have been raising chickens for thousands of years. It is very natural. Most people respect their neighbours already. This is a no-brainer. Chickens are easy to care for, relaxing to watch, and they are a pet that contributes to the family with eggs or meat. It is easy to have chickens without roosters - the noise of a rooster is the only thing that might irritate a neighbour. Please allow chickens. Less then 2 acres is still a lot of land. 6 hens are allowed in an Edmonton or St Albert yard. Acreage owners should have the freedom to have at least 30 chickens in Parkland. This should have been made legal ages ago. Thank-you.	6/2/2021 8:50 PM
174	I hate chickens . The smell makes me puke . If im gonna smell it i do not want it in my neighborhood. If this passes i want policing	6/2/2021 8:46 PM
175	This had been a longtime dream. We want to teach our kids about sustainable food development beyond gardening. It has been frustrating not being able to do this based solely on the existing by-laws. In many ways, we wonder why the county is even involved in blocking this. Consider our position and sentiments, having moved from Edmonton where our land was a fraction of our current property and we had the right and ability to own chickens as free, contributing and tax-paying citizens of the city. We appreciate you taking the time to consider this new change and really hope it comes to pass in favor. At a half an acre of land that we	6/2/2021 8:21 PM

own, we already know we can have an area tucked away from sight for the coop at the side of the house. Thanks again.

176	It is absolutely ridiculous people can have cats roaming neighbourhoods or peoples dogs crapping every where but a family isn't allowed to have their own hens to provide fresh eggs and company.	6/2/2021 8:04 PM
177	It should be wide open. No difference between hens and dogs or pigeons and cats. Noise is a concern by no roosters would be fine.	6/2/2021 7:32 PM
178	If it is regulated by size and design of the coop and there is a requirement for training. People should be able to provide for themselves.	6/2/2021 7:17 PM
179	I think allowing chickens on parcels less than 2 acres is a fantastic idea. Chickens are beneficial in controlling mosquito populations and can help keep weeds down. They give free fertilizer and allow acreage owners grow more of their own food. They are excellent pets and extremely social and loving animals. As long as your property has enough room to allow them adequate space, I see no harm in keeping them. I'd much rather have a chicken wander into my property then a cat/dog that gets into garbage and makes a mess. Urban chickens have been allowed in some cities for years and it's time for people that live on acreages, that are exponentially larger than city plots, to be able to have the same pets.	6/2/2021 7:06 PM
180	Not in favor. Chickens belong on farms. If you want an egg - go to safeway.	6/2/2021 7:05 PM
181	Residents pay taxes so it should be free will to use the land as they fit No roosters allowed in town	6/2/2021 6:20 PM
182	my neighbor has a rooster they just got and its very noisy we don't like it at all I'm not even sure a rooster is legal to own??	6/2/2021 6:07 PM
183	PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS. IT IS NOT A FARM SETTING IN SUBDIVISIONS. THIS WOULD PROBABLY ALSO INCREASE PROPERTY TAXES DUE TO EXTRA MONITORING OF COUNTY STAFF.	6/2/2021 5:56 PM
184	It seems logical to allow this. Giving people the opportunity to grow and cultivate their own food can greatly improve personal sustainability. I am on 1.7 acres of land and there is plenty of room for a small chicken coop without it disturbing either neighbour. I do believe that anyone owning livestock, whether chickens or anything else, should be subject to some sort of regulations regardless of the size of the land.	6/2/2021 5:56 PM
185	I think it is absolutely ridiculous that there are currently no support for owners/taxpayers to have their own means to feed themselves (ie, chickens and gardens) just because they do not live on large parcels.	6/2/2021 5:27 PM
186	We are in Lakeshore estates on half an acre. No chickens please	6/2/2021 5:12 PM
187	In addition I think the minimum lot size should be set at 1/3 of an acre smaller than that will cause problems and as stated earlier NO Roosters allowed.	6/2/2021 4:30 PM
188	We own a million dollar home like many in our area and we do not need the backyards to look like barns and farms. Chickens belong on a farm. Also, our area has MANY rules like specific fencing for esthetic reasons but you're now talking about allowing chickens? This is absolutely ridiculous!	6/2/2021 4:05 PM
189	Maybe set a limit on how many chickens per acre	6/2/2021 3:31 PM
190	15 chickens per acre should be allowed. Chickens die really easily and if you limit the number to something tiny, it would be silly.	6/2/2021 3:06 PM
191	We purchased our property to get away from the noise and smell of our neighbors. This would just create animosity between neighbors. Why would you ask in the survey if i wanted chickens or not, then proceed to say if chickens are allowed how should we monitor it. Truth is there is nobody to monitor the situation. Thanks.	6/2/2021 2:12 PM
192	We have a neighbor that HAS chickens now and they roam everywhere and do attract small prey animals around. The stench from the hen house is a concern. We are concerned about where they throw the used straw and waste. If we wanted to have farm animals we would have bought a farm. We have a large issue already from large prey animals being IN our yard and killing dogs and cats. NO to chickens or small farm animals.	6/2/2021 2:07 PM

193	I do not support, in any way, shape or form, having any chickens on 2 acre parcels or less. I grew up on a farm and they are noisy and they do smell badly and are not something I want anywhere around me as it will detract from the value, use and enjoyment of my property	6/2/2021 1:50 PM
194	none at this time	6/2/2021 1:27 PM
195	We are thrilled that you are considering allowing backyard chickens. Thank you	6/2/2021 1:16 PM
196	I think this would be an interesting prospect I would like to learn more if this does come to fruition	6/2/2021 1:16 PM
197	Someone needs to check on the animals that they are being taken care of and that they are not I pasting the neighbors.	6/2/2021 12:22 PM
198	I live on 1.19 acres in a rural subdivision and am whole heartedly in favour of being allowed to keep hens. There is plenty of room on my lot so that there should be no issue with neighbors regarding odors or noise. Many cities are allowing this, so it is reasonable for the county to approve this measure	6/2/2021 11:20 AM
199	Appearance ,smell ,and noise.	6/2/2021 10:58 AM
200	Their are too many neighbors that do not properly maintain or keep clean their yards and this would just add to the junkiness of the area they are in.	6/2/2021 8:45 AM
201	It should be up to the landowner to decide on how many chickens they want based on the coop size. Why are cats and dogs allowed under 2 acres? Cats wander off all over the neighborhood day and night killing birds (endangered?) as well as creating uncontrollable offspring. Most dogs are loud, some are dangerous to small kids and even adults. Chickens are known to stay close to the coop, an excellent "pet" for children as they learn how to care for and take responsibility for feeding and gathering eggs. Plus their waste is excellent for the compost. Chickens provide excellent bug control and a fantastic food source during and at the end of their life.	6/2/2021 8:01 AM
202	I don't have an issue with people keeping a few chickens on a small rural property. As with most items there needs to be a limit to how many	6/2/2021 7:51 AM
203	I think it's a great idea for any rural area or community, to provide this as an option. I had neighbors who did it in our area on a small lot and nobody even knew about them or cared. The big learning from them was that, it was more expensive to provide the feed and cover all of the other expenses associated with raising hens on a small scale, than the food it provided in return. This is why I would not personally venture into it. People should be made fully aware of all the economics of raising chickens and laying hens, before getting into it, and they should all be required to provide an aesthetically pleasing and appropriate shelter and pen area for the birds(no junky structures). Our neighbor also experienced fox/coyote problems with them getting into the pen and killing chickens, but I don't believe it created any issues for other residents.	6/1/2021 10:32 PM
204	Do not agree to allow chicken to live in a community where the owners have less than 2 acres	6/1/2021 9:12 PM
205	I'm looking forward to raising chickens	6/1/2021 8:53 PM
206	Pet owners vary in responsibility degrees. Vast majority are responsible. Allow ppl to have chickens if they want.	6/1/2021 8:00 PM
207	Most cities allow chickens, county needs to butt out, its none of your damn business if i have chickens	6/1/2021 7:53 PM
208	This is permitted in larger cities such as Edmonton and has been a big trend picking up across Canada. Limiting the number of chickens allowed is a great way to control this hubby. I'm really pleased that Parkland County is considering to allow chickens on property less than 2 acres.	6/1/2021 7:12 PM
209	Predators are here anyway If people take care of the animals, no matter if chicken or not, there should be no issues. Just limit the amount to say 6 n make sure the waste is cleaned.	6/1/2021 7:00 PM
210	Chickens provide fertilization, food for owners and are quiet, peaceful creatures.	6/1/2021 6:42 PM
211	Let the people have free eggs.	6/1/2021 5:58 PM
212	Many European countries seem to allow chickens on parcels of land smaller than 2 acres and they don't seem to have complaint of odor or noise. It's a source of food and responsibility for	6/1/2021 5:30 PM

the owner, there's really nothing wrong with the concept.

213	We chose the country residential life almost 25 years ago. If we wanted to live with chickens we would have bought a farm.	6/1/2021 5:12 PM
214	My answer to the first question was not a hard no, but there was no maybe option.	6/1/2021 5:11 PM
215	we don't need smelly chickens all over our lots. do not allow any chickens at all except on farms.	6/1/2021 3:32 PM
216	A few hens don't bother anyone and its likely that the neighbors even know they are there. Coyotes bother people but the county does little. Dogs bark all night and the county also does little. I grew up on a farm and Mom always had a dozen chickens and a survey like this is a joke by people who know nothing about rural living. If people want to start having a dozen chickens, leave them alone. They don't need your chicken school. They already know more than you do and they have all/any the online resources available to them. On a further comment, a dozen hens manure makes excellent fertilizer/compost for healthy , organic/ chemical free nutrition for the garden and will never leach into the waterways or rivers, but people who choose to use chemicals don't need permission from the county. My opinion is the county should fix roads and leave alone small land gardens and hen farmers.	6/1/2021 2:51 PM
217	I think allowing chickens would improve the lifestyle in Parkland County. Raising chickens is a great opportunity to educate children, families, and neighbors on aspects of animal care, food, and agriculture. My main concerns are the increased predator potential and around people jumping into it without doing research. I think we should mirror aspects of Edmonton's program like the hen keeping course requirement and the having a recognized mentor for assistance.	6/1/2021 2:26 PM
218	It would be wonderful to be able to feed my family while enjoying the ownership of chickens	6/1/2021 1:51 PM
219	If this is to be allowed then the minimum lot size should be 0.75 Acres. This is because the majority of lots smaller than this are in residential neighbourhoods, and the majority want the neighbourhood to be quiet and free from unwarranted smells.	6/1/2021 1:48 PM
220	People who have purchased homes on less than two acres have spent considerable time and money to create a home and community that at the time did not allow chickens so now is not the time to change the rules. This is a fad and people who want chickens and larger animals need to purchase larger acreages, you can't have a horse on less than two acres	6/1/2021 1:35 PM
221	I feel chickens have very minimal cons if owned properly. They in my opinion cause less issues than owning a dog so feel permission requests to neighbours is not necessary.	6/1/2021 1:16 PM
222	If you want chickens buy land more than 2 acres!	6/1/2021 12:32 PM
223	I would appreciate having the opportunity to raise a few chickens on my 1.5 acre acreage. Thanks to the County for raising this issue and doing this survey.	6/1/2021 12:12 PM
224	Absolutely against having chickens any place other than farms.	6/1/2021 11:41 AM
225	It'll be a great skill to have. Host a virtual event to teach one about the basics of chicken care, get a certificate, and then they can have their own chickens. Empowering others to take charge of their own food security by allowing them to raise chickens would be a good start. My family has about a half acre and the addition of chickens or ducks would be nice. Plus they are natural pest control and can eat the bugs in our garden. Especially now since I'm working from home, having a hobby, like taking care of chickens, would be a fun learning experience.	6/1/2021 11:26 AM
226	There are already roosters in the area. However they don't make any more noise than some of the places with barking dogs.	6/1/2021 10:12 AM
227	This should not be permitted in any residential subdivision.... the dogs are already too many	6/1/2021 8:43 AM
228	As a way forward in uncertain times, the ability to sustain your diet with fresh "local" food is more important than ever. It wasn't long ago, most families had a milk cow, even if they lived in the city.	6/1/2021 8:42 AM
229	I think a simple rule of six hens with no rooster on less than six acres makes it simple and easy for everyone to understand	6/1/2021 7:50 AM
230	Independent sustainability and permaculture should be encouraged. Please revise and eliminate any policies that could follow under Agenda 20/30. Global centralised governance is not the answer, Decentralised power and autonomy is	6/1/2021 12:09 AM

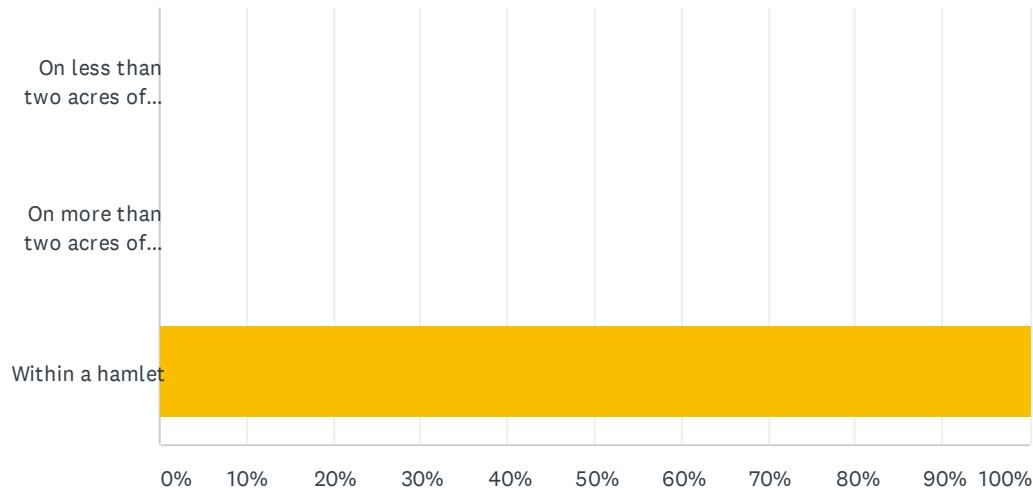
231	What about allowing chickens on parcels of more than one acre in size, but not less?	5/31/2021 11:54 PM
232	Please don't allow it. Ever. Thanks for asking.	5/31/2021 9:31 PM
233	I think we should encourage people to raise chickens for eggs...in the City of Edmonton people in neighbourhoods are allowed to have up to 6 chickens in their back yards...with support of neighbours.	5/31/2021 8:37 PM
234	Love the idea! We have a one acre lot and I haven't had the free time to devote to chickens since we moved here, so I hadn't given it much thought until the survey paper came in the mail, but the fact that chickens wouldn't be allowed in our subdivision right now actually really bothers me. They should be allowed. There are so many benefits to having small elements of a farm on home properties. We're in a rural area. Living on a one acre in a subdivision is much more affordable than a 5 or 10 acre lot out of a subdivision. The fact that you can only have chickens if you able to afford something bigger than 2 acres really limits those who can access such an opportunity. We have a decline in new farmers (next generation choosing farming as a career), but working families having this ability gives kids first hand experience and a chance to develop a love/appreciation for it. This is an opportunity to expose a large number of kids to a dying trade. Thanks for the card in the mail :)	5/31/2021 8:14 PM
235	There are so many coyotes close by in the bushes that rarely venture into the neighborhood. With chickens we are putting pets and people at risk. One neighbor that wants chickens already doesn't take care of their property. Our neighbourhood is a majority of seasonal residents and we don't want the noise and smell. Thanks	5/31/2021 8:13 PM
236	I think that most people want sustainable, cost effective, land-based living approaches when they live out in the county on small pieces of land. Having backyard chickens is a way to improve access to healthy food, increasing animal husbandry, and increases the overall joy of living in Parkland County.	5/31/2021 7:57 PM
237	the coop should be attractive, or hidden from the road, and the pen should be moved when the grass is dying off.	5/31/2021 6:51 PM
238	Worst idea ever - total insanity.	5/31/2021 6:12 PM
239	No chickens.....end of story!	5/31/2021 4:17 PM
240	good idea but a dispute resolution process easy, visible and transparent with enforcement that is effective is important.	5/31/2021 2:24 PM
241	I think it would be a great way to encourage sustainable living to allow chickens! I'm really hoping it happens!	5/29/2021 6:25 PM
242	With covid everyone is suddenly a farmer, that's fine on large enough parcels 2 acres should be the minimum for keeping live stock	5/29/2021 1:21 PM
243	Education would be key -- people need to know what they are getting in to as looking after them. I think in a hamlet 5 would be okay, but in a subdivision you could have more, depending on lot size. As for, the number of chickens, it depends if the coop is heated or not -- if not heated more chickens are needed to keep warm over winter. I'm glad this is being revisited -- I think it is a wonderful idea.	5/29/2021 10:59 AM
244	Having the option of raising chickens on a property can only improve the general well-being of people and thus the region.	5/29/2021 8:34 AM
245	I reside in Wabamun and we have enough coyotes, do not need to attract more. Plus the smell is very concerning.	5/28/2021 10:10 PM
246	My husband grew up on a farm and raised many chickens. Our parcel of land is approximately 1/2 acre. Lots of room for chickens to provide eggs and meat for 2 people. I think it is a shame that we cannot grow our own chickens for fresh eggs and meat.	5/28/2021 8:03 PM
247	-Hens are allowed in several urban municipalities including St. Albert, Red Deer, Edmonton & Alberta Beach (we can learn from their experiences). -Promotes locally produced food and healthy eating (and helps reduce the grocery bill too!). -Hens produce excellent fertilizer, help control insects and help keep your lawn weed free. -Yes they poop but 4 hens create as much waste as 1 dog & we allow dogs (besides hen poop is good for your soil - dog poop has to go in the garbage). -Hens are fairly quiet compared to other pets. I have visited several homes with backyard hens & you wouldn't even know it - some had neighbors that didn't even know. -	5/28/2021 3:45 PM

A great learning experience for the younger generation - many do not have the luck of visiting family that live on the farm the way we did growing up since there are not as many family farms anymore. There may be an opportunity to partner with schools too. -They would be in an enclosed space so little to no chance of them escaping and digging up neighbors gardens to poop (a common complaint with cats). -There are pros & cons for all pets - I just see little difference with having hens. Cats wander the neighborhood, dogs bark & they all poop. As long as the owners take responsibility for their pets and clean up after them - what difference does it make which animals you have (within reason of course). -This is already happening across the county. Not that that is a valid reason to change the bylaw, but the fact that it is already happening and neighbors haven't complained and even noticed, tells me that there would be little issue with allowing it. -We could do a pilot program and only allow so many licenses the first year to see how it goes.

Appendix E: Summary Data-Hamlets Only

Q1 What kind of property do you live on in Parkland County?

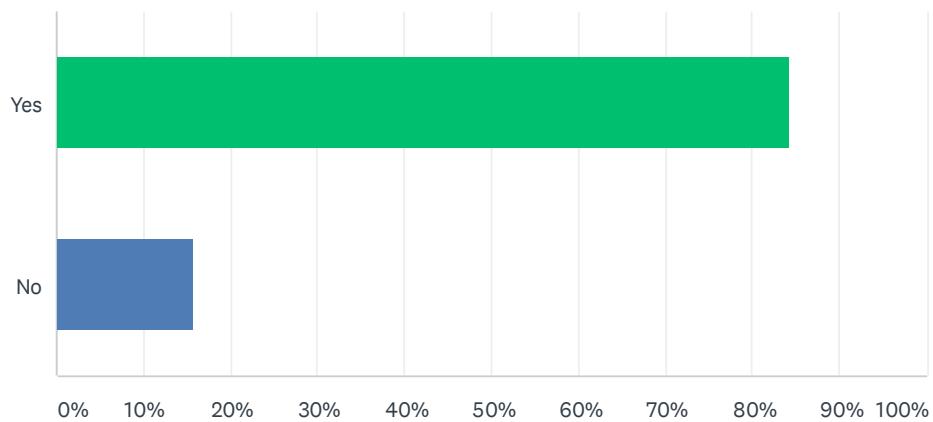
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
On less than two acres of land	0.00%	0
On more than two acres of land	0.00%	0
Within a hamlet	100.00%	64
TOTAL		64

Q2 Do you think chickens should be allowed on parcels of land less than two acres in size in Parkland County (including in Hamlets and multi-parcel subdivisions)?

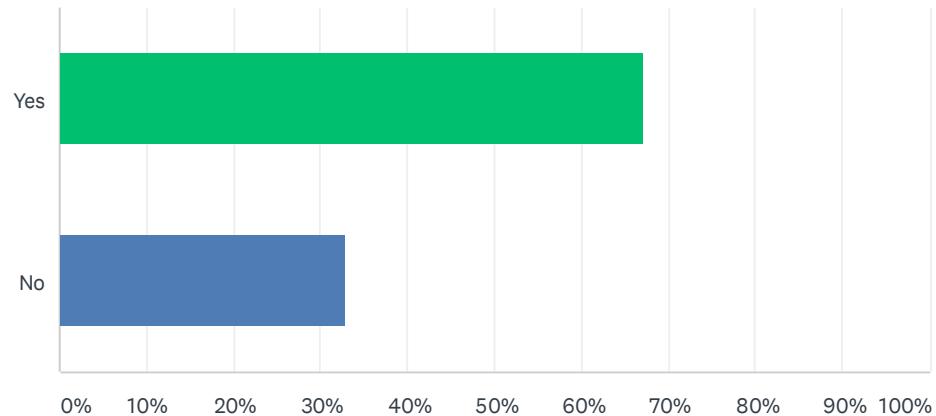
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	84.38%	54
No	15.63%	10
TOTAL		64

Q3 If allowed, would you keep chickens on your property?

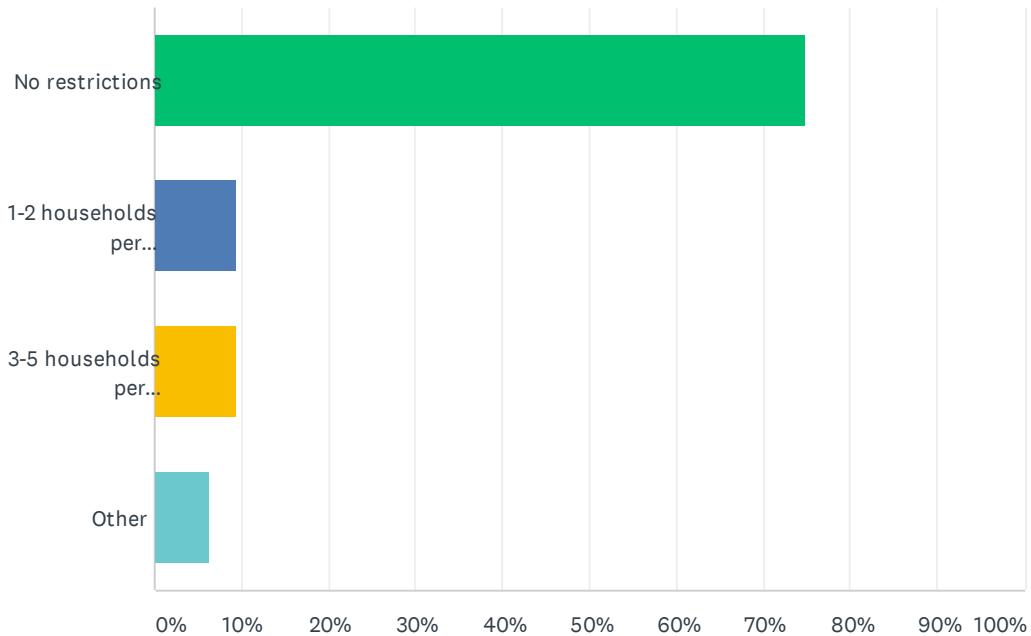
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	67.19%	43
No	32.81%	21
TOTAL		64

Q4 If allowed, should the County limit the number of households of less than two acres who are allowed to have chickens?

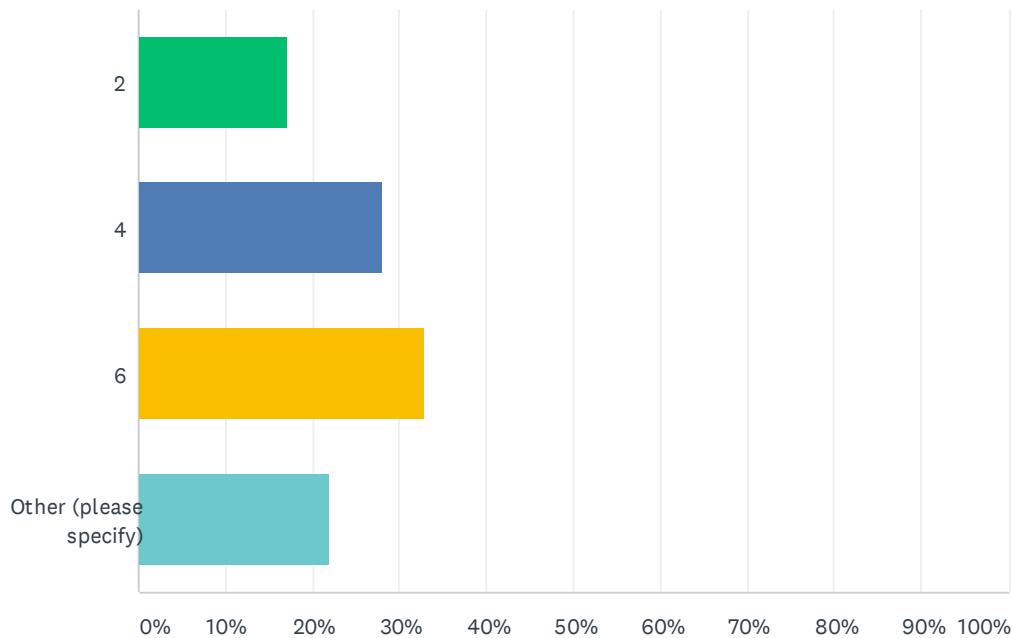
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No restrictions	75.00%	48
1-2 households per subdivision/hamlet	9.38%	6
3-5 households per subdivision/hamlet	9.38%	6
Other	6.25%	4
TOTAL		64

Q5 If allowed, how many chickens should people be allowed to keep on parcels of land less than two acres in size?

Answered: 64 Skipped: 0



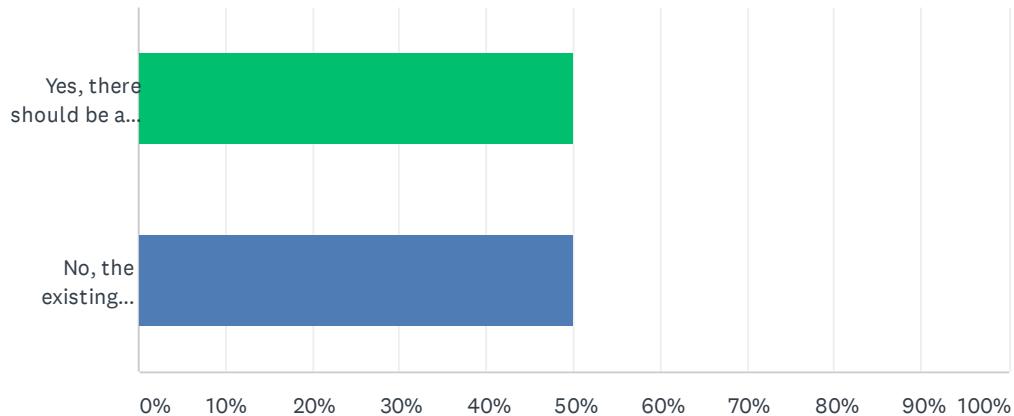
ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES
2		17.19% 11
4		28.13% 18
6		32.81% 21
Other (please specify)		21.88% 14
TOTAL		64

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	2-5	6/8/2021 8:21 PM
2	50	6/8/2021 9:00 AM
3	Being on an acreage and living in a hamet are 2 very different parcels of land. These should NOT be considered together when keeping of farm animals. Having a pet in town is different from livestock on an acreage!	6/8/2021 12:29 AM
4	8-12	6/5/2021 9:04 PM
5	Whatever gives them enough room, maybe Limit in City limits 20	6/3/2021 9:55 PM
6	8-10	6/3/2021 12:40 PM
7	Up to 10	6/3/2021 9:45 AM
8	4-6	6/3/2021 5:50 AM
9	10	6/3/2021 5:45 AM
10	10-12	6/2/2021 5:40 PM

11	No more than 50	6/1/2021 8:05 PM
12	10	6/1/2021 6:39 PM
13	1	5/28/2021 10:08 PM
14	10	5/28/2021 7:59 PM

Q6 If allowed, should there be an associated permitting, monitoring, and enforcement process for keeping backyard chickens?

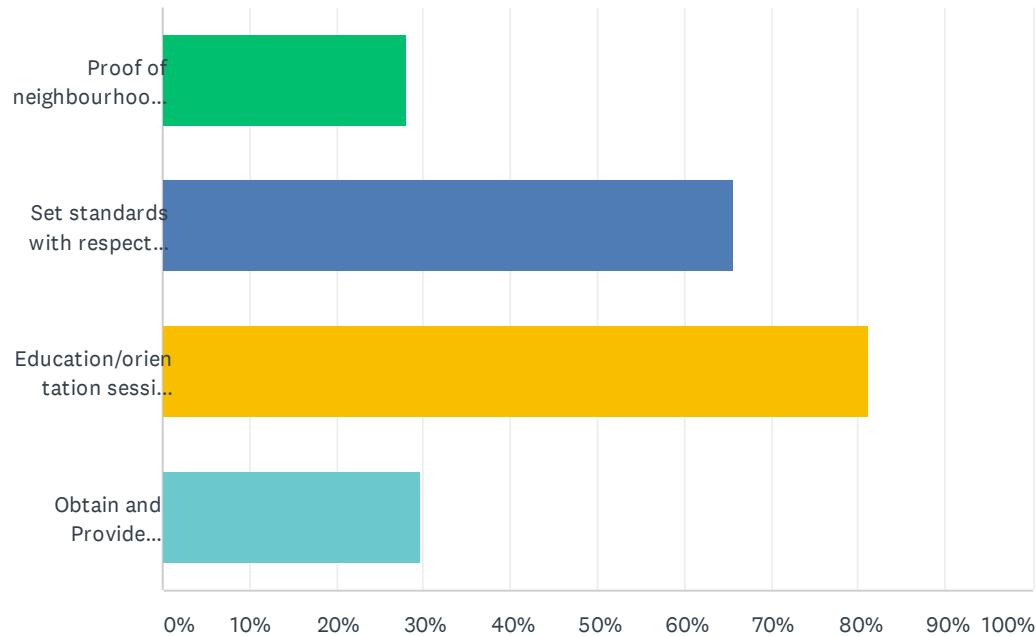
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes, there should be a permitting process where people must apply to keep chickens on parcels of land less than two acres.	50.00% 32
No, the existing process for parcels of land where enforcement is done on a complaint basis only is sufficient.	50.00% 32
TOTAL	64

Q7 If allowed, and a permitting process is implemented, what conditions should be considered as part of the application and eligibility process?

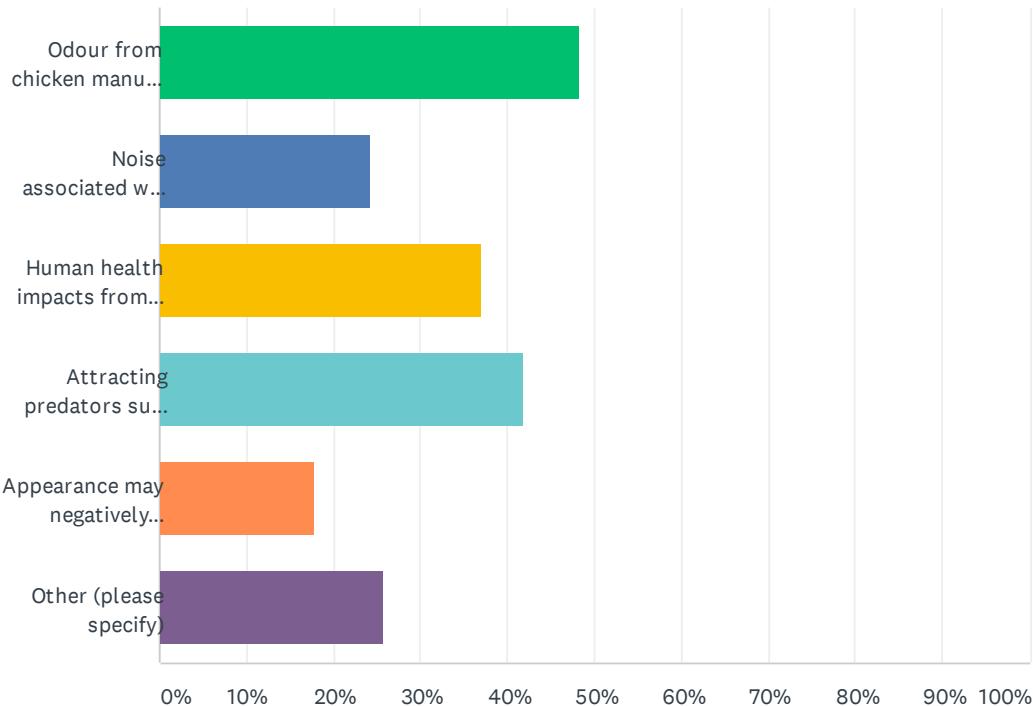
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Proof of neighbourhood support	28.13%	18
Set standards with respect to chicken housing/coop design/location	65.63%	42
Education/orientation session regarding raising and housing chickens	81.25%	52
Obtain and Provide Provincial Premises Identification Number (PID) prior to approval	29.69%	19
Total Respondents: 64		

Q8 What are your main concerns about allowing chickens on parcels of land less than two acres in size?

Answered: 62 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Odour from chicken manure and bedding		48.39%	30
Noise associated with chickens		24.19%	15
Human health impacts from improper storage and use of manure, or disease transmission from the birds		37.10%	23
Attracting predators such as coyotes, weasels and foxes who attack chickens or domestic pets in the area		41.94%	26
Appearance may negatively affect the aesthetics of our community		17.74%	11
Other (please specify)		25.81%	16
Total Respondents: 62			

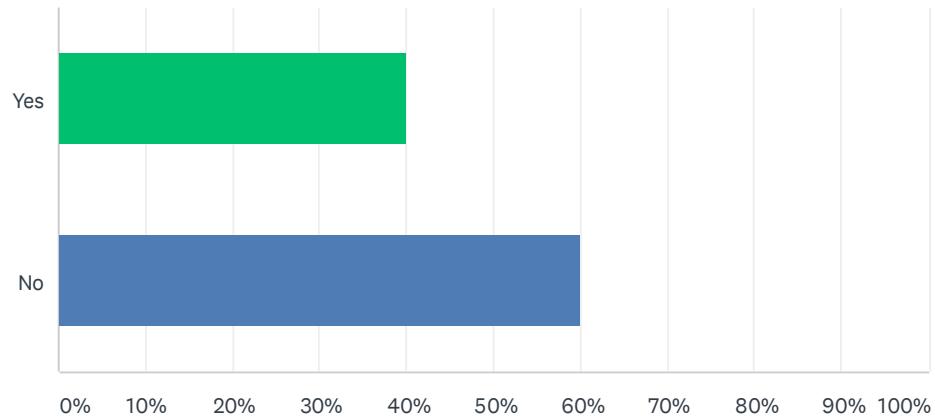
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	as long as the chickens have appropriate housing, there shouldn't be too many other concerns. I don't see how its any worse than the neighbours dog being out all day and constantly barking . Chickens are quiet and do a lot more for the environment than a barking dog. The waste is wonderful for the garden, dog waste not so much!!	6/10/2021 7:49 AM
2	Location of chicken coop close to my boundaries would be a concern. Some neighbors are not respective of other people's property.	6/9/2021 11:55 AM
3	Improper care of animals and disposal of manure	6/8/2021 8:21 PM
4	none	6/8/2021 9:00 AM
5	All of the above as well as bird of prey will also be a factor. Also how will manure be disposed	6/8/2021 12:29 AM

of. I grew up raising chickens and I cleaned out their shit and is not pleasant! If I want to smell and hear chickens everyday I will move to the farm. There is a place for everything and a town is not a place for chickens.

6	Negligent and irresponsible owners	6/4/2021 3:41 PM
7	Only that people might not be educated enough, Courses like River Chicken 101 eg should be mandatory (would be an idea for other pets, too	6/3/2021 9:55 PM
8	All above but only if no restrictions are made. I would not like to see harm come to predators and would insure the health and safety of birds.	6/3/2021 7:17 AM
9	No concerns	6/3/2021 1:15 AM
10	No concerns	6/2/2021 11:22 PM
11	None of taken care of right with a compost pile and keeping your yard clean and safe there won't be a problem	6/2/2021 4:21 PM
12	None	6/1/2021 8:05 PM
13	None	6/1/2021 2:19 PM
14	None	6/1/2021 1:48 PM
15	None I don't feel they cause any more problems than a dog	6/1/2021 1:11 PM
16	I have no concerns	5/28/2021 7:59 PM

Q9 Should hamlets be treated differently than subdivisions?

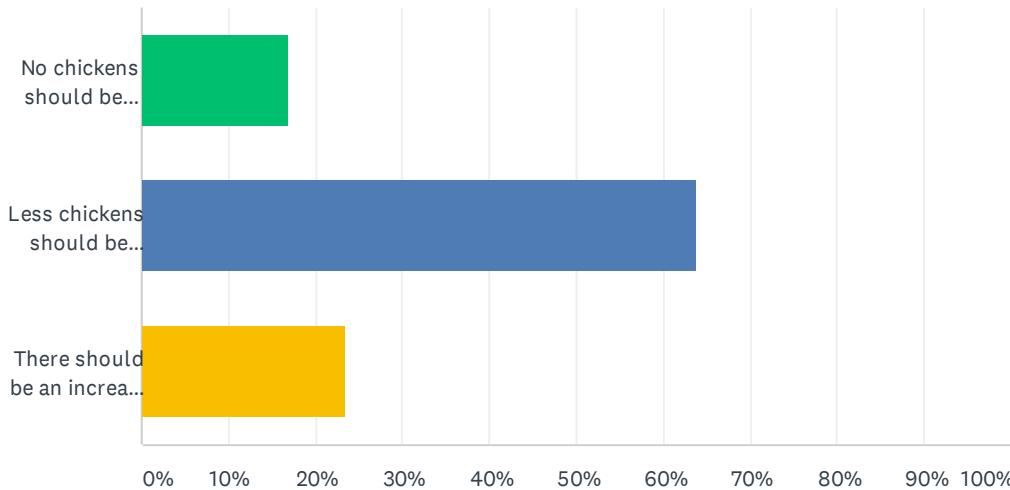
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	40.00%	22
No	60.00%	33
TOTAL		55

Q10 What adjustments should be made for allowing chickens in hamlets?

Answered: 47 Skipped: 17



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No chickens should be allowed at all in hamlets	17.02%	8
Less chickens should be allowed on individual parcels within a hamlet	63.83%	30
There should be an increase in restrictions (please indicate what other restrictions)	23.40%	11
Total Respondents: 47		

#	THERE SHOULD BE AN INCREASE IN RESTRICTIONS (PLEASE INDICATE WHAT OTHER RESTRICTIONS)	DATE
1	None	6/11/2021 7:17 PM
2	Monitoring noise complaints	6/10/2021 6:53 AM
3	Guidelines where chicken coops are kept with regard to neighbor boundaries. Still a concern with regard to attracting predators, etc.	6/9/2021 11:57 AM
4	should be the same restrictions everywhere	6/8/2021 9:01 AM
5	Do not reat hamlets and sub divisions differently.	6/6/2021 8:08 PM
6	Permit process.	6/4/2021 3:42 PM
7	None	6/3/2021 9:56 PM
8	None keep them clean and apply for a permit and take safe chicken care	6/2/2021 4:22 PM
9	NO restrictions	6/1/2021 6:40 PM
10	Size of property should be main consideration	5/28/2021 8:00 PM
11	Consideration should be given for allowable structures to house them and they should only be allowed in a backyard that is fenced.	5/28/2021 3:15 PM

Q11 Please provide any additional comments you may have on allowing backyard chickens on parcels less than two acres in size.

Answered: 22 Skipped: 42

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	County should offer manure disposal service for residents at all existing facilities.	6/11/2021 7:20 PM
2	Chickens are not noisy, they are quite content to eat and scratch around in the dirt and grass to keep their area clean and tidy. The waste is wonderful fertilizer for the garden. They clean up kitchen scraps which will save from going to the landfill. We have to become more self sufficient in these times and this is a great way to start right here.	6/10/2021 7:54 AM
3	Chicken manure does smell. Disposal of manure or storage, etc would be a concern depending upon quantity. I would love to have chickens; however, my property is less than two acres and I would not have a reasonable place to put a coop that would not interfere in some way with neighbors. Therefore, I would expect the same courtesy. Thank you.	6/9/2021 11:59 AM
4	There should be a manure pickup program for hamlets with local farms, who wish to participate, whom can then properly cure the manure for use in gardens and fields.	6/8/2021 8:27 PM
5	as long as the animals aren't suffering let the owners and community decide if it's getting out of hand	6/8/2021 9:03 AM
6	Sub divisions are much larger land area and could handle a few chickens. Hamlets, like towns and cities are no place for livestock. I moved to town so I wouldn't have to smell the livestock manure. Chickens are not clean and lose feathers quite frequently. Who would be responsible for cleaning up the mess and also when a predator does catch a chicken they don't care where they eat it. It's not something you want to introduce to town especially with so many kids around, then there is more likelihood of a kid being targeted by prey. My answer is definitely No to chickens in town but having 1 for a pet is ok if the person knows how to keep a chicken and clean up from them.	6/8/2021 12:44 AM
7	Chickens are not domestic animals and should be allowed on farmland only.	6/5/2021 4:06 PM
8	It would be nice to be able to have chickens in a Hamlet, but education and enforcement also needs to apart of it	6/4/2021 1:43 PM
9	I'm not gonna tell you where I live but I currently have 8 hens in my backyard. They are healthy and happy. I do have a PID. I'm under 2 acres but they have the run of the yard in spring, summer and fall. I provide my neighbours with fresh eggs and they enjoy having chickens on the block. They also have reduced my husbands anxiety associated with his PTSD. The shavings and manure mix has been amazing for my garden and flower beds and have drastically cut down on food waste in our garbage. The hen house isn't very large but enough room to comfortably house 8 hens. In winter I provide a radiant heat source called a cozy coop instead of a heat lamp to reduce the risk of fire and is easier on the pocketbook. In winter the girls don't stray into the yard but just into the covered run as they don't like the snow. My hen house and run have a footprint of 32 square feet and as no taller than my 6ft fence so is unable to be seen by the neighbours or anyone driving by. I use shavings as it drastically reduces the smell and composts better. In the event of a full flock disease fingers crossed it doesn't happen 1 bird will be sent for a necropsy and the rest will be frozen until informed about proper disposal. I have very little risk of disease as I purchase all my hens from a reputable breeder who fully vaccinates prior to sale. I do not have a rooster as they are noisemakers and I also don't want fertilized eggs nor do I want to hatch out any chicks. I hope this gives you some insight.	6/3/2021 1:04 PM
10	Just restrictions to number of birds and neighbour support. Proper housing and care of birds and no harm to predators!	6/3/2021 7:20 AM
11	Please allow chickens within the town of stony plain!	6/3/2021 1:15 AM
12	They are no different than having other types of pets.	6/2/2021 11:24 PM

13	Please allow people to keep chickens! I have no interest in having any myself, but would love it if people nearby did so I could easily get eggs.	6/2/2021 10:14 PM
14	Roosters should be strictly prohibited. Limits to numbers of chickens with routine checks. Rules around fencing and housing	6/2/2021 8:58 PM
15	I hate chickens . The smell makes me puke . If im gonna smell it i do not want it in my neighborhood. If this passes i want policing	6/2/2021 8:46 PM
16	Appearance ,smell ,and noise.	6/2/2021 10:58 AM
17	Chickens provide fertilization, food for owners and are quiet, peaceful creatures.	6/1/2021 6:42 PM
18	It would be wonderful to be able to feed my family while enjoying the ownership of chickens	6/1/2021 1:51 PM
19	I feel chickens have very minimal cons if owned properly. They in my opinion cause less issues than owning a dog so feel permission requests to neighbours is not necessary.	6/1/2021 1:16 PM
20	I reside in Wabamun and we have enough coyotes, do not need to attract more. Plus the smell is very concerning.	5/28/2021 10:10 PM
21	My husband grew up on a farm and raised many chickens. Our parcel of land is approximately 1/2 acre. Lots of room for chickens to provide eggs and meat for 2 people. I think it is a shame that we cannot grow our own chickens for fresh eggs and meat.	5/28/2021 8:03 PM
22	-Hens are allowed in several urban municipalities including St. Albert, Red Deer, Edmonton & Alberta Beach (we can learn from their experiences). -Promotes locally produced food and healthy eating (and helps reduce the grocery bill too!). -Hens produce excellent fertilizer, help control insects and help keep your lawn weed free. -Yes they poop but 4 hens create as much waste as 1 dog & we allow dogs (besides hen poop is good for your soil - dog poop has to go in the garbage). -Hens are fairly quiet compared to other pets. I have visited several homes with backyard hens & you wouldn't even know it - some had neighbors that didn't even know. - A great learning experience for the younger generation - many do not have the luck of visiting family that live on the farm the way we did growing up since there are not as many family farms anymore. There may be an opportunity to partner with schools too. -They would be in an enclosed space so little to no chance of them escaping and digging up neighbors gardens to poop (a common complaint with cats). -There are pros & cons for all pets - I just see little difference with having hens. Cats wander the neighborhood, dogs bark & they all poop. As long as the owners take responsibility for their pets and clean up after them - what difference does it make which animals you have (within reason of course). -This is already happening across the county. Not that that is a valid reason to change the bylaw, but the fact that it is already happening and neighbors haven't complained and even noticed, tells me that there would be little issue with allowing it. -We could do a pilot program and only allow so many licenses the first year to see how it goes.	5/28/2021 3:45 PM