

City of Maple Ridge

COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA

December 11, 2018

1:30 p.m.

Blaney Room, 1st Floor, City Hall

The purpose of the Council Workshop is to review and discuss policies and other items of interest to Council. Although resolutions may be passed at this meeting, the intent is to make a consensus decision to send an item to Council for debate and vote or refer the item back to staff for more information or clarification. The meeting is live streamed and recorded by the City of Maple Ridge.

REMINDERS

December 11, 2018

Council Meeting

7:00 p.m.

1. ***APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA***
2. ***ADOPTION OF MINUTES***
 - November 20, 2018
 - November 27, 2018
3. ***PRESENTATIONS AT THE REQUEST OF COUNCIL***
4. ***UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS***
 - 4.1 **Overview of the City of Maple Ridge Tree Protection & Management Bylaw**

Verbal overview by R. Stott, Environmental Planner
 - 4.2 **Reconsideration of Decision to Deny a Tree Cutting Permit**
 - Eduard and Anna Bokan

4.3 Fibre Optics and the New Economy

- Joseph Hans Lara, Chair, Economic Development Committee

4.4 TELUS - Fibre Optics and Wireless Infrastructure

- Zouheir Mansourati, VP of Customer Networks
- Osman Naeem, Director of Wireless Networks BC
- Ben Bajaj, Director of Local Government Relations

4.5 Backyard Hens: Consultation Summary Report

Staff report dated December 11, 2018 recommending that an options report to explore regulatory measures to permit the keeping of backyard hens in Maple Ridge be prepared in consultation with the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

4.6 Electric Vehicle Update

Staff report dated December 11, 2018 recommending that the attached report titled “Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure: Consultation Summary Report and First, Second and Third Reading of Off-Street Parking and Loading Bylaw No. 7498-2018” be scheduled for consideration at the next Council meeting.

5. *CORRESPONDENCE*

5.1 Upcoming Events

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| December 13, 2018 1:30 to 3:00 pm | NAV Canada Pitt Meadows Air Traffic Control Tower Grand Opening, Pitt Meadows Airport, 18799 Airport Way, Pitt Meadows, BC |
| December 15, 2018 10:00 am to 4:00 pm | Firefighter’s Food Drive, Save-on-Foods, Thrifty Foods, No-Frills and Safeway stores, Maple Ridge, BC Organizer: Maple Ridge Fire Department |
| December 16, 2018 | 10 th Anniversary Shred, Share Stoked Skateboard Competition, Greg More Youth Centre, 11925 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, BC |
| December 17, 2018 Train arrives 7:30 pm Event: 7:45 to 8:15 pm | CP Holiday Train, Port Haney, Maple Ridge, BC Organizer: Friends in Need Food Bank |
| December 24, 2018 6:00 to 9:00 pm | Christmas Haven, The Act Arts Centre, 11144 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, BC Organizer: Christmas Haven Committee |

6. ***BRIEFING ON OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST/QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL***

7. ***MATTERS DEEMED EXPEDIENT***

8. ***ADJOURNMENT***

Checked by: _____

Date: _____

2.0 Minutes

COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES

November 20, 2018

The Minutes of the City Council Workshop held on November 20, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in the Blaney Room at City Hall, 11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, British Columbia for the purpose of transacting regular City business.

PRESENT

Elected Officials

Mayor M. Morden
Councillor J. Dueck
Councillor C. Meadus
Councillor G. Robson
Councillor R. Svendsen
Councillor A. Yousef

Appointed Staff

P. Gill, Chief Administrative Officer
K. Swift, General Manager of Parks, Recreation & Culture
F. Quinn, General Manager Public Works and Development Services
L. Benson, Director of Corporate Administration
T. Thompson, Chief Financial Officer

Other Staff as Required

C. Carter, Director of Planning
R. MacNair, Senior Advisor, Bylaw and Licensing Services
B. Elliott, Manager of Community Planning
A. Bowden, Planner 1

ABSENT

Councillor Duncan

Note: These Minutes are posted on the City Web Site at www.mapleridge.ca

1. ***APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA***

R/2018-603

It was moved and seconded

That the agenda of the November 20, 2018 Council Workshop Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. ***MINUTES*** – Nil

3. ***PRESENTATIONS AT THE REQUEST OF COUNCIL*** – Nil

4. ***UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS***

4.1 **Cannabis Retail Processing and Evaluation Criteria - Discussion Paper**

Staff report dated November 20, 2018 recommending that Council Policy “Cannabis Retail Store Processing and Evaluation Criteria” be forwarded to the next Regular Council meeting for consideration of adoption.

The General Manager Public Works and Development introduced the topic.

The Director of Planning and the Senior Advisor, Bylaw and Licensing Services gave a PowerPoint presentation providing the following:

- Background on the process to prepare a Council policy pertaining to Cannabis Retail Store Processing and Evaluation Criteria
- Jurisdiction – Federal, Provincial, Local
- Outline of zoning regulations
- Maps outlining how zoning regulations will work
- Information on Government operated stores
- Council resolution requesting preparation of a policy and procedures for reviewing cannabis retail store applications
- Proposed process
- Highlights of the policy
- Summary of related work items
- Staff recommendation

R/2018-604

It was moved and seconded

That Council Policy “Cannabis Retail Store Processing and Evaluation Criteria” be forwarded to the next Regular Council meeting for consideration of adoption.

CARRIED

4.2 **Update on Alouette River Ecosystem Partnership**

Staff report dated November 20, 2018 providing an overview of work done to date in response to a notification by BC Hydro of its intention to review a water use licence related to the Alouette-Stave-Ruskin hydroelectric system.

The General Manager Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services reviewed the staff report.

4.3 2018-409-RZ, Residential Infill Policy and Bylaw Introduction

Staff report dated November 20, 2018 recommending that Maple Ridge Official Community Plan, No. 7493-2018, Maple Ridge Zone Amending Bylaw No. 7504-2018 and Subdivision and Development Servicing Amending Bylaw No. 7507-2018 be forwarded to the November 27, 2018 Council Meeting for first and second reading.

The General Manager Public Works and Development introduced the topic.

The Planner gave a PowerPoint presentation providing the following:

- Background on increasing housing choice in Maple Ridge
- Current policy on infill development
- Small lot subdivision potential
- Respecting neighbourhood context
- R-4 zoning regulations
- Staff recommendation

R/2018-605

It was moved and seconded

That Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7493-2018, Zone Amending Bylaw No. 7504-2018, and Subdivision and Development Servicing Amending Bylaw No. 7507-2018 be forwarded to the next Council meeting scheduled for November 27, 2018, to be considered for first and second reading.

CARRIED

4.4 Council Procedure Bylaw Discussion

Staff report dated November 20, 2018 recommending that staff prepare a Council Procedure Bylaw based upon input from Council.

The Director of Corporate Administration reviewed the staff report and highlighted proposed changes to the current Council Procedure Bylaw.

R/2018-606

It was moved and seconded

That staff prepare a Council Procedure Bylaw based upon input from the Council Workshop discussion of November 20, 2018.

CARRIED

5. ***CORRESPONDENCE*** - Nil

5.1 **Upcoming Events**

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| November 22, 2018 7:00 p.m. | Maple Ridge Community Foundation Grants Presentation Ceremony, the ACT Arts Centre, 11144 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, BC Organizer: Maple Ridge Community Foundation |
| November 24, 2018 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. | Christmas Bazaar, Golden Ears United Church, 22165 Dewdney Trunk Road, Maple Ridge, BC Organizer: Golden Ears United Church |
| November 24, 2018 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. | The Hive Children's Clothing Freecycle, Eric Langton Elementary, 12138 Edge Street, Maple Ridge, BC Organizer: The Hive Neighbourhood Centre |
| November 24, 2018 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. | 16 th Annual Christmas Country Benefit Concert for Meals on Wheels, the ACT Arts Centre, 11144 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, BC Organizer: Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Community Services |
| November 26-30, 2018 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. | Mamma Mia, Garibaldi Secondary Theatre, 24789 Dewdney Trunk Road, BC Organizer: Garibaldi Secondary School |
| November 28, 2018 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. | 7 th Annual Dignity Breakfast, South Bonson Community Centre, 10932 Barnston View Road, Pitt Meadows, BC Organizer: The Salvation Army and Ridge Meadows Ministries |
| November 29, 2018 7:00 p.m. | Elvis: A Christmas Special, the ACT Arts Centre, 11144 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, BC Organizer: The ACT |
| November 30, 2018 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. | Operation Red Nose Kickoff, Maple Ridge Towing, 23283 McKay Avenue, Maple Ridge, BC Organizer: KidSport Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows |

6. ***BRIEFING ON OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST/QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL*** – Nil

7. ***MATTERS DEEMED EXPEDIENT*** – Nil

8. *MAYOR'S AND COUNCILLORS' REPORTS* - Nil

9. *ADJOURNMENT* - 3:34 p.m.

M. Morden, Mayor

Certified Correct

L. Benson, Corporate Officer

City of Maple Ridge

COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES

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C. Carter, Director of Planning
B. Elliott, Manager of Community Planning
A. Grochowich, Planner I
D. Boag, Director Parks & Facilities
F. Armstrong, Manager of Community Engagement & Relations
D. Pollock, Municipal Engineer
L. Siracusa, Director of Economic Development & Civic Properties
K. Baird, Tourism Coordinator

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Note: Councillor Duncan was not in attendance at the start of the meeting.

1. *APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA*

R/2018-607

It was moved and seconded

That the agenda of the November 27, 2018 Council Workshop Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. ***MINUTES***

2.1 **Minutes of the September 4, 2018 Council Workshop Meeting**

R/2018-608

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the Council Workshop Meeting of September 4, 2018 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ***PRESENTATIONS AT THE REQUEST OF COUNCIL*** – Nil

4. ***UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS***

Note: Councillor Duncan joined the meeting at 1:33 pm.

4.1 **Agri-Food Hub: Maple Ridge Food Hub Implementation Plan**

Staff report dated November 27, 2018 recommending that the Agricultural Advisory Committee explore options to build community capacity for a food hub in Maple Ridge.

A. Grochowich, Planner provided a PowerPoint presentation providing the following information:

- Background
- Project Timeline
- What is a food hub?
- Why a food hub for Maple Ridge?
- Maple Ridge Food Hub Framework
- Next Steps
- Recommendations

MAIN MOTION

R/2018-609

It was moved and seconded

That the Agricultural Advisory Committee, as part of its 2019 Business Plan, explores options to build community capacity for a food hub in Maple Ridge.

AMENDMENT TO MAIN MOTION

R/2018-610

It was moved and seconded

That the main motion be amended to remove the text “, as part of its 2019 Business Plan,”.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

Councillor Duncan - OPPOSED

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED

That the Agricultural Advisory Committee explores options to build community capacity for a food hub in Maple Ridge.

MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

Councillor Duncan - OPPOSED

4.2 Parks, Recreation & Culture Infrastructure Projects

The Director Parks & Facilities gave a PowerPoint presentation providing the following information:

- Current Projects, Timelines and Financial Models for:
 - Leisure Centre Upgrade
 - Albion Community Centre
 - Additional Ice Sheet
 - Hammond Community Centre Renovation
 - Whonnock Canoe and Kayak Club
 - Synthetic Sports Fields and Fieldhouse
 - Karina LeBlanc Synthetic Field
 - Golden Ears Synthetic Field
 - Telosky Stadium Synthetic Fields and Fieldhouse
 - MRSS Track Facility Improvements
 - Silver Valley Neighbourhood Gathering Places

4.3 Social Media and Communications

Staff report dated November 27, 2018 providing information on the City's social media policy and practices around managing digital interactions.

The General Manager Parks, Culture and Recreation introduced the topic.

The Manager of Community Engagement & Relations gave a PowerPoint presentation providing information on the City's social media policy and the general principles of that policy.

The General Manager Parks, Culture and Recreation advised on the process followed in responding to e-mails to Council.

4.4 TransLink Major Road Network Expansion

Staff report dated November 27, 2018 providing information on the expansion of the major road network within Maple Ridge.

The General Manager Public Works and Development introduced the topic.

The Municipal Engineer gave a PowerPoint Presentation providing the following:

- Explanation of the Major Road Network (MRN) and its purpose
- Information on the expansion of MRN and a map outlining the overall network throughout the region as well as the proposed improvements in Maple Ridge

4.5 Grant-in-Lieu of Property Tax Payment

The Chief Financial Officer advised on the grant-in-lieu of the property tax payment from the Province.

4.6 Maple Ridge Ale Trail Initiative

Staff report dated November 27, 2018 providing information on the City of Maple Ridge's participation in the Ale Trail Program.

The Tourism Coordinator gave a PowerPoint presentation providing the following information:

- Background on the ale trail initiative
- Benefits to the economy resulting from the beer industry
- Local benefits which will result from participation in the Ale Trail Program
- Sample Visitor Itinerary
- Opportunities for Maple Ridge
- Video showcasing the Ale Trail Initiative in Port Moody

5. ***CORRESPONDENCE***

5.1 **Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) – Notification of Executive Vacancies**

Correspondence dated November 19, 2018 from UBCM Executive notifying members of Executive vacancies and outlining the process to be followed for filling vacancies.

R/2018-611

It was moved and seconded

That Councillor Yousef's application for Director at Large for UBCM be supported.

CARRIED

5.2 **Ministry of Citizen's Services – 2018 Grant-in-Lieu of Property Tax Payment**

Correspondence dated November 8, 2018 from Jinny Jogindera Sims, Minister, Ministry of Citizens' Services advising the City of Maple Ridge on the issuance of the 2018 grant-in-lieu of property tax payment

R/2018-612

It was moved and seconded

That correspondence dated November 8, 2018 from Jinny Jogindera Sims, Minister, Ministry of Citizens' Services on the issuance of the 2018 grant-in-lieu of property tax payment be received into the record and that no further action be taken.

CARRIED

5.2 **Upcoming Events**

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| December 1, 2018 4:00 to 6:00 pm Parade: 6:00 pm | Christmas in the Park and the Santa Claus Parade, 224 Street, Maple Ridge BC Organizer: Maple Ridge Christmas Festival Society |
| December 10, 2018 3:00 to 6:00 pm | Alouette Addictions Christmas Open House, #106, 22838 Lougheed Highway, Maple Ridge, BC Organizer: Alouette Addictions |
| December 17, 2018 Train arrives 7:30 pm Event: 7:45 to 8:15 pm | CP Holiday Train, Port Haney, Maple Ridge, BC Organizer: Friends in Need Food Bank |
| December 24, 2018 6:00 to 9:00 pm | Christmas Haven, The Act Arts Centre, 11144 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, BC Organizer: Christmas Haven Committee |

6. ***BRIEFING ON OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST/QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL*** – Nil
7. ***MATTERS DEEMED EXPEDIENT*** - Nil
8. ***ADJOURNMENT*** - 3:56 p.m.

M. Morden, Mayor

Certified Correct

L. Benson, Corporate Officer

Eduard and Anna Bokan
12238 Creston Street
Maple Ridge, BC V2X 5G4
604-463-8388
bokaned@hotmail.com

October 29, 2018

Maple Ridge Council
Corporate Clerk office
City of Maple Ridge
11995 Haney Place
Maple Ridge, BC V2X 6A9

RE: Tree Cutting Permit Denial

Dear Maple Ridge Council:

I am a long-time resident of our city, and I am writing to express my concern about recent decision to deny my request to remove one cedar tree from my back yard. I would like you to review my application and reconsider this decision made by City Arborist.

I am the head of a multigenerational family of 6 people, and I am the only full-time worker in my family. My wife is on disability and my mom is a low-income pensioner. As you know, the cost of living has risen tremendously in the last several years. It is very hard to provide for such a big family having only one income. Therefore, to substitute my income, we use our backyard not only for leisure activities, but also to grow food for our table.


We have planted multiple fruit trees, berry shrubs, etc. We've tried to establish a veggie garden, but our backyard does not have enough sun exposure, so it failed. We've used up all the areas in our backyard that get enough sun to grow anything. We would love to extend our fruit and berry garden, and hope to be able to start veggie patch but unfortunately the space is very limited mainly due to the cedar tree that we would like to remove. This cedar tree not only overshadows for largest part of our backyard, but its debris make soil in our garden very toxic for vegetables. That is why we want to remove this cedar and replace it with several fruit trees and berry bushes.

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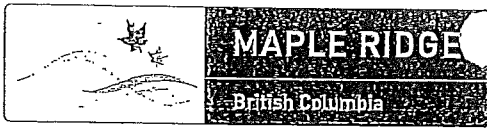
Unfortunately, our application was denied as the arborist does not see it as a hazard, of course. But we see it as a roadblock to supplement our table on a single income. I urge you to reconsider this decision and allow us to expand our garden the way we planned it so we could grow nutritious food for my children and elderly grandma.

I am looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Eduard and Anna Bokan', written in a cursive style.

Eduard and Anna Bokan



October 19, 2018

EDUARD and ANNA BOKAN
12248 CRESTON STREET MC
MAPLE RIDGE, BC V2X 5G4

Dear Resident:

RE: Tree Cutting Permit Denial

City arborist staff visited the property of 12238 CRESTON ST on October 18, 2019 in response to a request to remove one cedar tree from the back yard.

The City Arborist performs an initial visual inspection to determine the size of the trees and whether there are obvious signs of imminent hazard. This tree was found to be in good health and of a significant size (>50 cm). For these reasons, a permit will not be granted for the trees to be removed without further investigation from a Qualified Tree Risk Assessor.

Under the current conditions on the property, a permit will not be granted due to the following:

1. The property is in the urban area and the tree proposed for removal is a Significant Tree (defined as a tree in good health and more than 50 cm diameter).
2. The tree proposed for removal does not fit any of the criteria of Section 6.6 in the Maple Ridge Tree Protection and Management Bylaw No. 7133-2015.

As the property owner, your options are:

- a) You may have a higher level of Risk Assessment performed on this tree to see if it warrants removal from a safety perspective. The Assessment must be completed by a Qualified Tree Risk Assessor who will use more extensive methods to assess the overall condition of the tree. The Tree Risk Assessor cannot be from the same company who would be hired to do the removal. If the tree is assessed not to be a high risk for failure, then a permit will not be granted for the removal. The assessment must be submitted to the City Arborist for review.
- b) You have the right, under Section 6.3 of the Bylaw, to request Council to reconsider this decision. The request must be made in writing within 30 days of the date of this letter, and addressed to the Corporate Clerk at the City of Maple Ridge, 11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, BC, V2X 6A9. Include a copy of this letter and reasons for appealing this ruling. A higher level of Tree Risk Assessment on the tree may be requested by Council as proof of tree condition.
- c) You retain the tree and protect it as per attached specifications if there is any construction within 5 metres of the critical root zone. The playground equipment attached to the tree must be removed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Collette".

Michelle Collette, City Arborist
Environmental Technician/Bylaw Enforcement



City of Maple Ridge

TO: His Worship Mayor Michael Morden
and Members of Council
FROM: Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: Backyard Hens: Consultation Summary Report

MEETING DATE: December 11, 2018
MEETING: Council Workshop

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In 2017, Council directed staff, in consultation with the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC), to develop a backyard chickens program that would permit the keeping of hens in residential areas. Through 2018, the Agricultural Advisory Committee researched options to accommodate backyard hens in residential areas in Maple Ridge. Over the summer of 2018, members of the AAC and City staff attended community events to talk about backyard hens. Retitled as “Backyard Hens” for the purpose of community engagement, consultation activities revealed significant community interest in permitting the keeping of backyard hens in residential areas.

This report summarizes the community consultation activities and feedback for Council and seeks Council direction on next steps; namely, the development of an Options Report to explore regulatory measures to permit the keeping of backyard hens in Maple Ridge.

RECOMMENDATION:

That staff, in consultation with the Agricultural Advisory Committee, be directed to prepare an Options Report to explore regulatory measures to permit the keeping of backyard hens in Maple Ridge.

BACKGROUND:

a) Keeping chickens in Maple Ridge

Currently, the keeping of chickens is considered an agricultural use and is permitted on agricultural zoned lots as well as in select circumstances on some residential lots (RS-1 and RS-2 when in the ALR, and on RS-3 when larger than 0.4 hectares). The current regulations permit the keeping of chickens on approximately 2,800 lots across the City, as demonstrated in the map of Appendix A.

The keeping of chickens is also currently regulated by the Maple Ridge Animal Control and Licencing Bylaw No. 6908-2012. The Bylaw requires that every owner of a poultry pen must ensure that the area is clean, sanitized, free of vermin, and that all excrement is removed at least once a day. In addition, the Wildlife and Vector Control Bylaw No. 7437 – 2018 regulates the prevention of wildlife attractants and vector control against the spread of diseases within the municipal boundaries of the City.

b) Council Direction and Work Done To-date

Based on a Council motion, Council received information on approaches used by other municipalities to accommodate backyard chickens in residential areas in the summer of 2017, including the pilot programme implemented by the City of Pitt Meadows in 2014 (which was terminated in 2015 due to the low number of participants and the numerous complaints received). A summary of the municipal scan is available below with a detailed version available in Appendix B.

Figure 1 - Summary of the Backyard Chicken Municipal Scan (2017)

| MUNICIPALITY | PERMITTED | NUMBER OF CHICKENS | SIZE OF LOT |
|----------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|--|
| Abbotsford | No | | |
| Burnaby | No | | |
| Chilliwack | No | | |
| North Vancouver (City) | Yes | Up to 8 hens, no roosters | 557 m ² (6000 ft ²) |
| Coquitlam | No | | |
| Delta | Yes | Up to 12 chickens | Minimum lot size 4000m ² (1 acre). |
| North Vancouver (District) | No | | |
| New Westminster | Yes | Up to 8 hens | Minimum lot size 557m ² (6000ft ²) |
| Oak Bay | Yes | Up to 5 Up to 8 Up to 10 | 745 m ² - 1,858 m ² Up to 4,047 m ² Over 4,047 m ² |
| Pitt Meadows | No | | Pilot Program minimum lot size was 409m ² (4400 ft ²) |
| Port Coquitlam | No | | |
| Port Moody | No | | |
| Richmond | Yes | No limit on number | 2000 m ² (0.5 acres) or larger. |
| Township of Langley | No | | |
| Vancouver | Yes | Up to 4 hens, no roosters | Minimum lot size 279 m ² (3000 ft ²) |
| Victoria | Yes | No maximum | No minimum lot size |

As of July 2017

Exploring the keeping of chickens in residential areas was then added to the Agricultural Advisory Committee's (AAC) 2018 work plan on July 18, 2017, when Council directed:

That staff, in consultation with the Agricultural Advisory Committee, develop a backyard chickens program to permit the keeping of chickens in residential areas as identified under the Process section of the report entitled "Backyard Chickens – Discussion Paper" dated July 18, 2017.

Through that Staff report, it was suggested that the issue of permitting backyard chickens in the City's residential areas be presented to the community to assess the level of support for a possible program and following the community conversations, staff would prepare a follow-up report summarizing the consultation results and potential next steps for Council's consideration.

Through 2018, the AAC Backyard Chicken Subcommittee looked at options to accommodate backyard hens in residential areas in Maple Ridge. A number of themes were explored such as the appropriate range of chickens that could be permitted on residential lots, the suggested age and gender of such chickens, as well as average property sizes and proper care information for keeping chickens while minimizing neighbourhood impacts. At the April 5, 2018 AAC Meeting, the Committee endorsed the consultation program through the following resolution:

That the Agricultural Advisory Committee support the proposed public consultation program for backyard chickens.

Over the summer of 2018, members of the AAC and City staff attended community events to talk about backyard hens. This report summarizes what was heard through the community consultation process.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Retitled as “Backyard Hens” for the purpose of community engagement, the AAC Backyard Chicken Subcommittee was looking for community input on how many backyard hens were felt to be appropriate for a residential lot, what size of property could be considered appropriate for the keeping of backyard hens as well as revealing the community’s thoughts on the overall benefits and concerns of possibly permitting backyard hens in their neighbourhoods.

A copy of the engagement materials and feedback is available in the appendices.

a) Consultation Process

While community engagement is not typically undertaken in the summer months, it was observed that a number of timely community events were being held throughout the summer that related to the topic of backyard chickens. Taking place throughout July and August 2018, the consultation process included:

- A booth in the Backyard Farming section of Country Fest, held July 28 & 29 2018 at the Albion Fair Grounds, and a booth at the regular Saturday Haney Farmers Market on August 25, 2018 at Memorial Peace Park. At both events, information boards were available for review (available in Appendix C) as well as City staff and members of the AAC were available to answer questions.
- A questionnaire (available in Appendix D) to obtain feedback on the proposed backyard chicken program was made available on paper at the public events and online from July 27, 2018 to August 31, 2018 on the AAC’s Community Initiatives webpage. The City received 900 community surveys, with 840 completed in full, making this survey one of the most engaged surveys in recent City history. The complete survey results and verbatim comments are available in Appendix E.
- Advertising and promotion through the City’s social media accounts. The City’s Facebook posts were very active online with multiple shares, views and resident comments.
- Solicited participants (opt-in required) for a new e-newsletter on process and event updates on agricultural issues for interested residents from the new agriculture@mapleridge.ca email address. Over 280 e-mails were collected throughout August 2018. The mailing list may be used to provide further information and updates about the Backyard Hen process to the public.

b) Consultation Outcomes

Approximately 900 people completed the Backyard Hen Survey, with 90% of respondents identifying as living in Maple Ridge, making this one of the most successful City surveys to-date. Most participants responded positively to the possibility of keeping backyard hens in the City’s residential areas, with many offering potential parameters to be explored should the initiative take place.

Respondents were asked if they had had backyard hens in the past as well as if they were interested in having backyard hens in the future. Approximately one third indicated that they had kept backyard hens before, while nearly two-thirds indicated interest in having backyard hens in the future.

i. Number of Hens & Size of Property

Respondents were also asked to indicate how many backyard hens would be appropriate to permit per household should keeping backyard hens be permitted. Survey responses indicated 36% support households having 3 – 4 hens, 29% support households with 4 – 5 hens; 28% support having households with 5 – 6 hens, and 17% support households with more than 6 hens. Approximately 15% indicated that they did not support the keeping of any backyard hens. The survey results are supported and reflected in conversations many members of the public had with City staff and attending AAC members.

In terms of the size of property that might be appropriate for the keeping of backyard hens, most respondents indicated positively that smaller lots in urban areas should be considered. While responses were inconstant – some selected one, while others selected many – there was support for all three of the proposed lot sizes: Small Urban Properties (600 – 1,000 m² / 6,500 – 10, 700 ft² / 0.15 – 0.25 acres), Mid-sized Urban Properties (1,200 – 2,000 m² / 13,000 – 21,500 ft² / 0.3 – 0.75 acres), and Suburban Residential Properties (4,000 – 8,000 m² / 43,000 – 86,000 ft² / 1 – 2 acres). Furthermore, many respondents indicated that they would like to see even smaller lot sizes considered (e.g. 5,500 ft², 4, 500 ft² or even 3,000ft², such as in the City of Vancouver) for the keeping of backyard hens so that more residents would be able to participate.

Approximately 6% of respondents indicated that no properties would be appropriate for the keeping of backyard hens.

ii. Benefits of Backyard Hens

Respondents were asked to indicate their perceived benefits of keeping backyard hens. The results are as follows: Increases the availability and accessibility of food (78%); Educational opportunity (e.g. keeping and caring for hens) (76%); Reduces household costs (75%); Creates compost for gardens (69%); and Companionship (e.g. pets) (53%). Sixteen percent of respondents indicated 'other' benefits also exist, and such themes reinforced the benefits listed above as well as key aspects to sustainable living, understanding where food comes from, and contributing to Maple Ridge's agricultural identity,

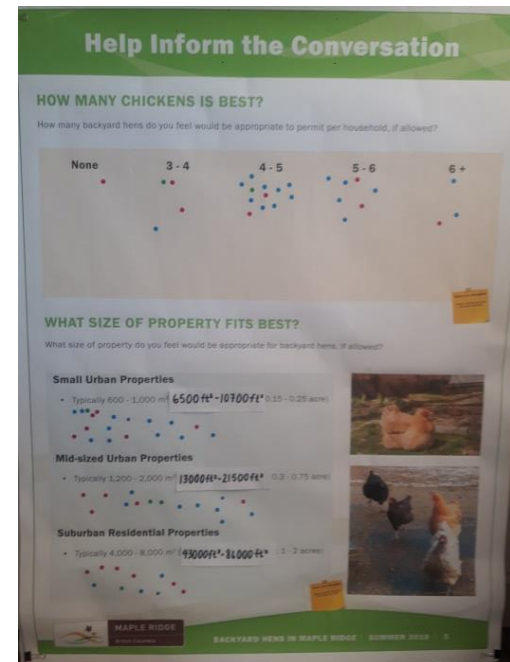
Approximately 11% indicated that they felt there were no perceived benefits of keeping backyard hens.

iii. Concerns with Backyard Hens

Respondents were asked to indicate their perceived concerns with keeping backyard hens. The results are as follows: Potential to attract rodents and pests (45%); Potential to attract wildlife (38%); Odour (38%); Noise (28%); Concern that a coop will be situated too close to your property (19%); and Coops may be unsightly (18%). Twelve percent of respondents indicated 'other' concerns also exist, however, many of these entries in this section were respondents providing suggestions on how to best care for backyard hens, if permitted. For example, a strong theme from respondents was concern that hens would not be cared for properly with suggestions put forth for good education in safely keeping backyard hens by prospective owners. Similarly, the existing and potential expansion of the local rodent population was identified by many. There were also several references to biosecurity and the importance of reducing disease vectors as well as whether there would be sufficient City capacity for effective enforcement, should backyard hens be permitted.

Approximately 30% indicated that they felt there were no perceived concerns to keeping backyard hens. Many respondents noted that the list of potential concerns is not exclusive to the keeping of backyard hens and that other pets (e.g. dogs and cats) may also negatively impact neighbours.

Figure 2 - Community Consultation Board (2018)



iv. General Comments

Over 740 (88 %) respondents provided general comments on the matter of backyard hens possibly being allowed in their neighbourhoods.

The majority of the comments were positive and in support of keeping backyard hens. Several of the positive comments were appreciative to see the City, through the Agricultural Advisory Committee, consider this initiative.

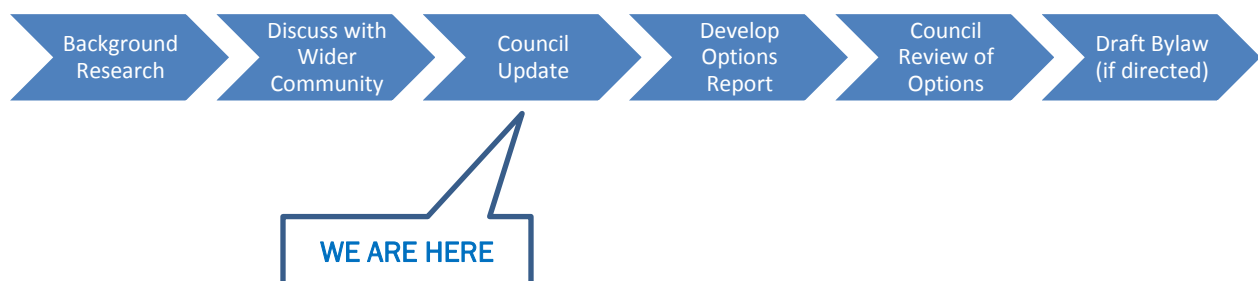
Many suggested that the number of permitted backyard hens be tied to lot size where smaller lots are permitted fewer hens, and larger suburban properties could be permitted more hens. As well, there were suggestions for a licenced backyard hen program similar to the dog licence program with educational requirements provided by a third party. Several respondents reinforced the notion that roosters should not be permitted. As well, it was noted by several respondents that Albion would not be an appropriate neighbourhood for such an initiative due to lot size.

The last question of the survey requesting any other thoughts or comments solicited approximately 400 responses (47%). These comments largely reiterated the key themes indicated throughout the survey. In addition to the above, respondents sought clarity on animal welfare policies – including where unwanted hens would be accepted – as well as the importance of particular coop formats (i.e. raised and/or mobile coops).

NEXT STEPS:

Council has previously directed staff and the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) to develop a backyard hen program for Maple Ridge, which included as a first step the bringing forward of the issue for community discussion. With the feedback generally positive, and in recognition of the strong levels of public participation, there seems to be a recognized interest in exploring and possibly developing a backyard hen program for Maple Ridge.

Should Council so direct, staff would create as a next step in the below illustrated process an Options Report to explore how the keeping of backyard hens could be regulated in Maple Ridge. The Options Report would be based on the review of other municipalities and other regulatory agencies, background research, input from the AAC Backyard Chicken Subcommittee as well as the public engagement activities. The intent would be to outline for Council's early consideration possible regulatory options for keeping backyard hens in Maple Ridge prior to proceeding forward with any amending bylaws.



INTERDEPARTMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

The issues regarding the keeping of chickens in urban residential areas tend to fall into three categories: noise, odour, and vermin/pests. A discussion with Bylaw and Licencing Services Department staff about backyard chickens identified that there have been a handful of complaints in previous years (e.g. 5 in 2015, 6 in 2016, 5 in 2017 and 1 to-date in 2018). Bylaw complaints were on residential lots, none of which are designated ALR land, and generally the concerns are vermin and odour. Based on this information, Bylaw staff recommend that a cautious approach be taken, and anticipates that additional enforcement resources may be required if backyard hens are permitted in urban residential areas, depending on the level of uptake.

AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

The Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) Backyard Chicken Subcommittee is comprised of several residents with many years of experience with keeping chickens, including those who currently keep chickens on rural properties in Maple Ridge. Staff met with the Subcommittee several times to discuss options to accommodate keeping backyard hens in residential areas. In light of the public's feedback, the AAC Backyard Chicken Subcommittee is in support of exploring what regulator options for a Backyard Hen programme could look like in Maple Ridge.

ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

Should Council wish to proceed in different manner than the recommendation provided in this report, an alternative recommendation has been provided below.

That no further exploration of regulatory measures to permit the keeping of backyard hens in Maple Ridge take place at this time.

CONCLUSION:

In 2017, Council directed staff, in consultation with the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC), to develop a backyard chicken program to permit the keeping of hens in residential areas as part of the 2018 AAC Work Program. This report provides an update to Council on the work that has been completed to-date, including a community engagement process, and seeks Council direction on the development of an Options Report to explore regulatory measures to permit the keeping of backyard hens in Maple Ridge.

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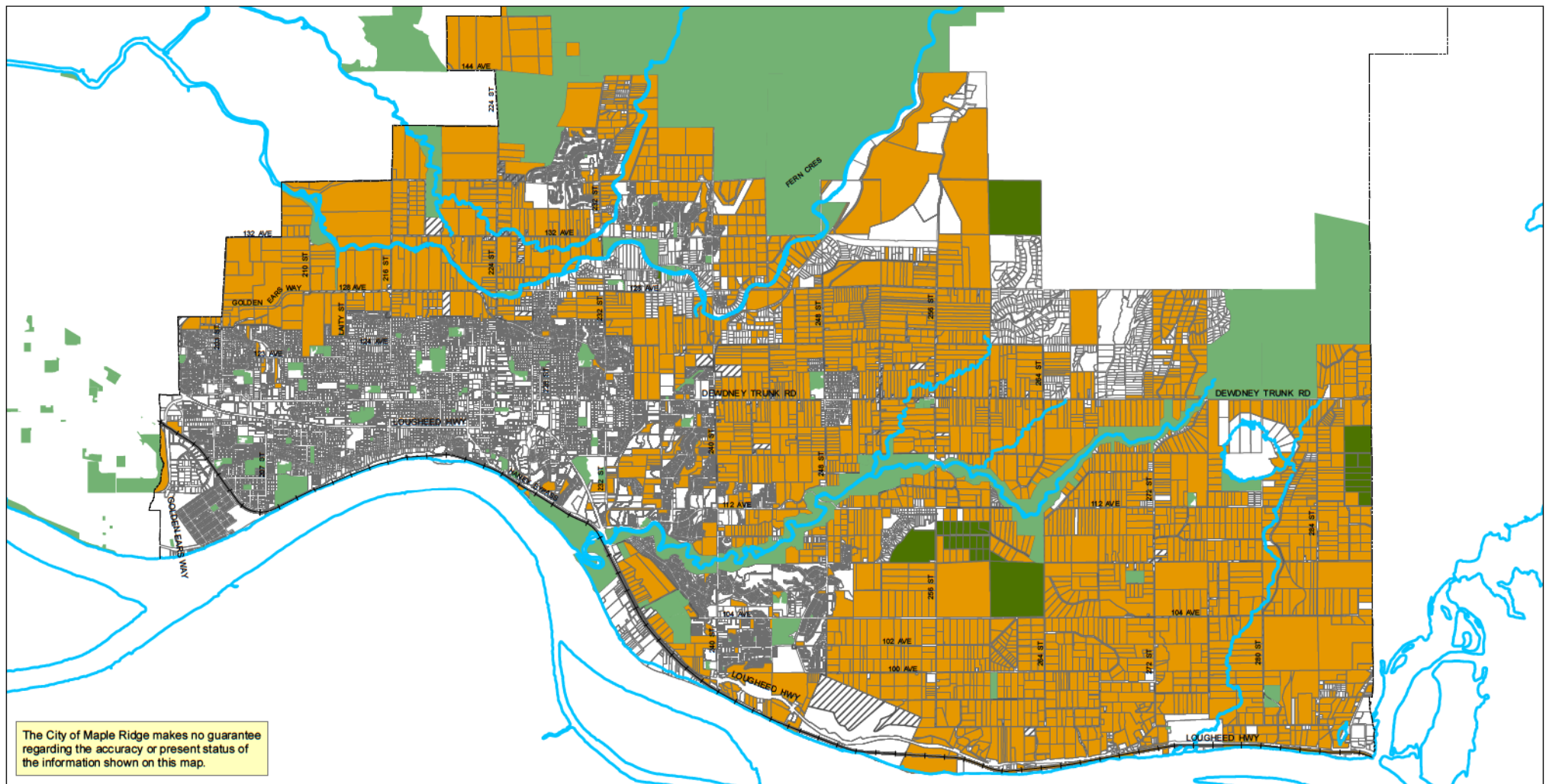
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Chief Administrative Officer

Appendix A: Map of lots where keeping chickens is currently permitted
Appendix B: Municipal Comparison – Excerpt from July 17, 2017 Report
Appendix C: Public Consultation Information Boards
Appendix D: Public Consultation Questionnaire
Appendix E: Public Consultation Results

APPENDIX A



Scale: 1:55,000

Legend

- City Boundary
- Street Centrelines
- +— Railway (Generalized)
- Major Rivers & Lakes
- Municipal, Regional and Provincial Parks
- Forest

Lots Permitting Backyard Hens Under Existing Regulations Total: 2,747

| Agricultural Zones Lots | Residential Zoned Lots |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Lots Within ALR: 146 | RS-3 Lots Within ALR: 1,055 |
| Lots Outside ALR: 330 | RS-1, RS-2 Lots Within ALR: 42 |
| | RS-3 Lots Outside ALR: 1,174 |
| Total: 476 | Total: 2,271 |

Lots Currently Permitting Backyard Hens Under Existing Regulations

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BY: AC

Appendix B – Excerpt from July 17, 2017 Report

The table below and on the following pages shows a selection of Lower Mainland and South Vancouver Island municipalities and their respective positions on keeping chickens in urban areas.

Table 1: Backyard Chicken programs in Urban Areas

| Municipality | Permitted (Y/N) | Additional Information | Source(s) |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--|---|
| Abbotsford | No | | Zoning Bylaw: https://abbotsford.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/16830 |
| Burnaby | No | | Zoning Bylaw https://burnaby.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/5436 |
| Chilliwack | No | | Animal Control Bylaw information: http://www.chilliwack.ca/main/page.cfm?id=2044 |
| City of North Vancouver | Yes | Allowed in Single Unit Residential (OCP-R1) zoned dwellings that have minimum lot sizes of 557 m ² (6000 ft ²). Residents are permitted to keep up to 8 hens, no roosters. | Link to related documents: http://www.cnv.org/Your-Government/Living-City/Local-Food/Urban-Chicken-Keeping (Zoning Bylaw, Urban Chicken Guidelines, Small Creatures Limitation Bylaw) |
| Coquitlam | No | | Zoning Bylaw page 10-5 http://www.coquitlam.ca/docs/default-source/zoning-bylaw/Part_10_-_One-family_Residential_Zones.pdf?sfvrsn=4 |
| Delta | Yes | Allows for the keeping of 12 poultry in two urban zones, the RS-2 zone (Single Family Residential) and RS-3 zone (Single Family Residential), that both have a minimum lot size 4000m ² hectares (1 acre) | Zoning Bylaw https://delta.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/39447?preview=39452 |
| District of North Vancouver | No | | Zoning Bylaw https://www.dnv.org/bylaws/zoning |
| New Westminster | Yes | Poultry (up to 8 hens) are allowed on RS-1 (Single Detached Dwelling District) lots 557m ² (6000ft ²) or more, not less than 50 ft. from the nearest habitable dwelling. | Public Health Bylaw, 1967, p.3. Link: http://www.newwestcity.ca/database/rte/4271phb.pdf |

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|---------------------|-----|---|--|
| Oak Bay | Yes | A license by the municipality must be granted, along with site plan, and limited to five (5) for a parcel of area greater than 745 square metres and less than or equal to 1,858 square metres; eight up to 4047m ² and 10 over 4047m ² . | Oak Bay Animal Control Bylaw: https://www.oakbay.ca/sites/default/files/municipal-hall/4013%20-%20%20Animal%20Control%20Bylaw%20%20Consolidated%20to%204591.pdf |
| Pitt Meadows | No | During Pilot Program minimum lot size was 409m ² (4400 ft ²) with the exception that the use was not permitted for duplexes. | |
| Port Coquitlam | No | | Zoning Bylaw: http://www.portcoquitlam.ca/Assets/Bylaws/Zoning+Bylaw\$!2c+No.+3630.pdf |
| Port Moody | No | | Zoning Bylaw: http://www.portmoody.ca/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=11530 |
| Richmond | Yes | Permitted on half acre Single Detached Residential zones RS1/G and RS2/G 2000 m ² (0.5 acres) or larger. No limit on number. | City of Richmond Animal Control Bylaw No. 7932, p. 7. Link: http://www.richmond.ca/_shared/assets/Bylaw_7932_0408201328717.pdf |
| Township of Langley | No | | Residential section of Zoning Bylaw: http://www.tol.ca/Portals/0/township%20of%20langley/mayor%20and%20council/bylaws/2500%20-%20zoning/Zoning%20Bylaw%202500%20-%20Section%20400%20Residential.pdf?timestamp=1465338282414 |
| Vancouver | Yes | Single and multi-family residential zones (RA-, RS-, RT-, RM-, FM-, FSD-) A maximum of 4 hens (no roosters). Smallest lot size is 279.709m ² or 3000 ft ² . | Zoning and Development Bylaw http://vancouver.ca/your-government/zoning-development-bylaw.aspx |
| Victoria | Yes | It is lawful to keep poultry (chickens, ducks, geese, turkey). Roosters are prohibited. There is no maximum number of poultry permitted, but the number must be consistent with use | Enforcement is undertaken by Victoria Animal Control Services Ltd. http://www.vacs.ca/bylaw-regulations/backyard-chickens/register-your-chickens |

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| | | for personal egg consumption. Animal Control Bylaw defines farm animal, but specifically excludes chickens. Response from the City of Victoria is there is no minimum lot size for the keeping of backyard chickens. | |
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(Updated as of July 2017)

WELCOME

**To the Agricultural Advisory Committee's
conversation on backyard hens in Maple Ridge**



At today's event you can:

- **Explore the material:** There are several boards here today and we encourage you to review them all to learn more about the conversation on backyard hens in Maple Ridge
- **Ask questions:** City staff and members of the Agricultural Advisory Committee are here to answer any questions you may have.
- **Fill out a survey!** Paper surveys are available today. They are also available online at www.mapleridge.ca/1884.
- **Sign-up** for the Agricultural E-Newsletter.

Talking about Backyard Hens

WHY ARE WE HERE?

We want to hear from you! The City of Maple Ridge's Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) is looking at options to accommodate backyard hens in residential areas in Maple Ridge and wants to hear what you think.

WHY NOW?

Over the past few years, enthusiasm for backyard chickens has grown across the country. This is in part due to increased community interest in sustainability, food security and consumption of locally grown food. During this time, many cities have enacted or updated by-laws to allow the keeping of chickens. The AAC is now looking at ways to accommodate backyard hens in residential areas in Maple Ridge.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS?

Over the summer, City staff and members of the AAC will be popping up at community events to talk about backyard hens in Maple Ridge. Feel free to join us or you can call the City at any time to share your thoughts on backyard hens in Maple Ridge:

- Country Fest, July 28 & 29, 2018
- Haney Farmers Market, August 2018
- Online until August 31, 2018

In the fall, City staff will summarize what was heard and report back to the AAC and to Council. Based on your comments, Maple Ridge Council will decide if bylaw updates should be prepared to accommodate backyard hens in residential areas in Maple Ridge.

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY "BACKYARD HENS"?

These are not your great-grandparent's chickens which were kept as livestock. Today, backyard chickens are kept primarily as pets and for eggs.

When we say 'backyard hen' we're talking about hens that are older than 4 months – no roosters - usually housed in coops placed in the back yard.



DON'T FORGET TO FILL OUT A SURVEY!

Surveys are available today in print or online at www.mapleridge.ca/1884

WE
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Discuss with Wider
Community

Report back to the
AAC

Report back to
Council

Update Bylaws
(if approved)



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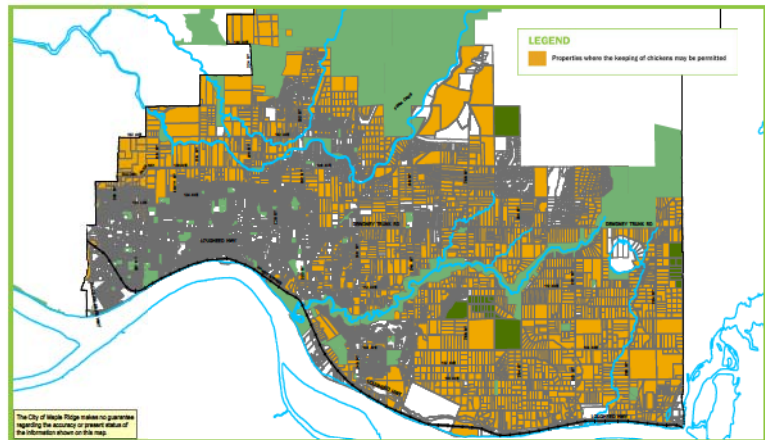
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Backyard Hens in Maple Ridge



CHICKENS IN MAPLE RIDGE

Currently, the keeping of chickens is considered an agricultural use and is permitted only on agricultural zoned lots along with rural and suburban residential lots in the Agriculture Land Reserve that are larger than 0.4 hectares (1 acre). This means that today approximately 1,800 lots across Maple Ridge are permitted in the Zoning Bylaw to keep chickens of any age, gender, or breed, subject to the City's regulations (as illustrated in the map below).



Despite being widely allowed in many parts of the City, the City of Maple Ridge's Agricultural Advisory Committee is looking at options that may expand the keeping of backyard hens in residential areas.

THOUGHTS ABOUT BACKYARD HENS

Some common benefits and concerns heard from residents about the keeping of backyard hens in residential areas include:



| BENEFITS | CONCERNS |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduces household food costs (e.g. fresh eggs)• Increases the availability and accessibility of food• Creates great compost for gardens• Educational opportunity (e.g. keeping and caring for hens)• Companionship (e.g. pets) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Noise and odour• Potential to attract rodents and pests• Potential to attract wildlife• Coops may be unsightly• Concerns that a coop will be situated too close to your property |

What are other municipalities doing?



The table below shows a selection of Lower Mainland and South Vancouver Island municipalities and their respective regulation on the keeping of chickens in urban areas.

| MUNICIPALITY | PERMITTED | NUMBER OF CHICKENS | SIZE OF LOT |
|----------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|--|
| Abbotsford | No | | |
| Burnaby | No | | |
| Chilliwack | No | | |
| North Vancouver (City) | Yes | Up to 8 hens, no roosters | 557 m ² (6000 ft ²) |
| Coquitlam | No | | |
| Delta | Yes | Up to 12 chickens | Minimum lot size 4000m ² (1 acre). |
| North Vancouver (District) | No | | |
| New Westminster | Yes | Up to 8 hens | Minimum lot size 557m ² (6000ft ²) |
| Oak Bay | Yes | Up to 5 Up to 8 Up to 10 | 745 m ² - 1,858 m ² Up to 4,047 m ² Over 4,047 m ² |
| Pitt Meadows | No | | Pilot Program minimum lot size was 409m ² (4400 ft ²) |
| Port Coquitlam | No | | |
| Port Moody | No | | |
| Richmond | Yes | No limit on number | 2000 m ² (0.5 acres) or larger. |
| Township of Langley | No | | |
| Vancouver | Yes | Up to 4 hens, no roosters | Minimum lot size 279 m ² (3000 ft ²) |
| Victoria | Yes | No maximum | No minimum lot size |

As of July 2017

LESSONS LEARNED

A number of themes emerged from the seven municipalities that permit the keeping of chickens in residential areas:

- The number of permitted chickens range from a minimum of 4 to a maximum of 12, with an average of 6 to 8 chickens per household.
- No roosters allowed.
- Minimum average property size of 557 m² (6,000 sq. ft. or 0.13 acre).
- Selling of eggs is not permitted.
- Slaughtering is not permitted on the premises.
- Maintenance and care information is provided by the City to encourage proper care, cleanliness and to minimize conflicts

Help Inform the Conversation

HOW MANY CHICKENS IS BEST?

How many backyard hens do you feel would be appropriate to permit per household, if allowed?

| None | 3 - 4 | 4 - 5 | 5 - 6 | 6 + |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| | | | | |

Share your thoughts!
Place a sticky dot near
the ones you like!

WHAT SIZE OF PROPERTY FITS BEST?

What size of property do you feel would be appropriate for backyard hens, if allowed?

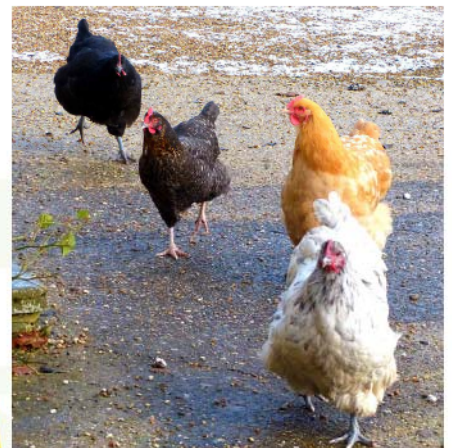
Small Urban Properties

- Typically 600 - 1,000 m² (6,500 ft² - 10,700 ft² / 0.15 - 0.25 acre)



Mid-sized Urban Properties

- Typically 1,200 - 2,000 m² (13,000 ft² - 21,500 ft² / 0.3 - 0.75 acre)



Suburban Residential Properties

- Typically 4,000 - 8,000 m² (43,000 ft² - 86,000 ft² / 1 - 2 acres)

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THANK YOU

**For participating in the conversation about backyard hens in
Maple Ridge.**



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

**Please take the opportunity to provide your thoughts and comments
through our survey available today or online at:**

WWW.MAPLERIDGE.CA/1884

Online survey closes August 31, 2018

STAY IN TOUCH

P: (604) 463 5221

W: www.mapleridge.ca/1884

E: agriculture@mapleridge.ca



MAPLE RIDGE

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Backyard Hen Survey

APPENDIX D

Introduction

The City of Maple Ridge's Agriculture Advisory Committee (AAC) is looking at options to accommodate backyard hens in residential areas in Maple Ridge and wants to hear what you think!

The survey takes about 5 minutes. With your feedback, the information gathered through this survey will inform the AAC and Council if bylaw updates should be prepared.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact the Planning Department at agriculture@mapleridge.ca or call 604-463-5221 ext 5566.

Let's get started!

1. Do you live in Maple Ridge?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
2. Have you had backyard hens in the past?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
3. Are you interested in having backyard hens in the future?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
4. How many backyard hens do you feel would be appropriate to permit per household, if allowed?
 - ☐ 3-4
 - ☐ 4-5
 - ☐ 5-6
 - ☐ 6+
 - ☐ None - Backyard hens are not appropriate.
5. What size of property do you feel would be appropriate for backyard hens, if allowed?
select all that apply
 - ☐ Small Urban Properties 600 - 1,000 m² (6,500 - 10,700 ft² / 0.15 - 0.25 acre)
 - ☐ Mid-sized Urban Properties 1,200 - 1,000 m² (13,000 - 21,500 ft² / 0.15 - 0.25 acre)
 - ☐ Suburban Properties 4,000 - 8,000 m²; (43,000 - 86,000 ft²/ 1 - 2 acres)
 - ☐ None



6. Please indicate what you feel the benefits may be if backyard hens were allowed?

- ☐ Reduces household food costs
- ☐ Increases the availability and accessibility of food
- ☐ Creates compost for gardens
- ☐ Educational opportunity (e.g. keeping and caring for hens)
- ☐ Companionship (e.g. pets)
- ☐ None
- ☐ Other: _____

7. Please indicate what concerns you may have if backyard hens were allowed?

- ☐ Noise
- ☐ Odour
- ☐ Potential to attract rodents and pests
- ☐ Potential to attract wildlife
- ☐ Coops may be unsightly
- ☐ Concern that a coop will be situated too close to your property
- ☐ None
- ☐ Other: _____

8. How do you feel about backyard hens possibly being allowed in your neighbourhood?

9. Do you have any other thoughts, comments or suggestions about backyard hens?

10. Would you be interested in signing-up for the City of Maple Ridge **Agriculture Update E-newsletter** to stay informed of this and other agricultural projects? If yes, please provide your email address below.

- ☐ Yes

Email: _____

Thank you!

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact the Planning Department at agriculture@mapleridge.ca or call 604-463-5221 ext 5566.



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Appendix E – Survey Results

| 1. Do you live in Maple Ridge? | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|--|
| Answer | Count | Percentage | |
| Yes (Y) | 761 | 90.60% | |
| No (N) | 79 | 9.40% | |
| No answer | 0 | 0.00% | |
| Not completed or Not displayed | 60 | | |

| 2. Have you had backyard hens in the past? | | | |
|---|--------------|-------------------|--|
| Answer | Count | Percentage | |
| Yes (Y) | 274 | 32.62% | |
| No (N) | 557 | 66.31% | |
| No answer | 9 | 1.07% | |
| Not completed or Not displayed | 60 | | |

| 3. Are you interested in having backyard hens in the future? | | | |
|---|--------------|-------------------|--|
| Answer | Count | Percentage | |
| Yes (Y) | 599 | 71.31% | |
| No (N) | 224 | 26.67% | |
| No answer | 17 | 2.02% | |
| Not completed or Not displayed | 60 | | |

4. How many backyard hens do you feel would be appropriate to permit per household, if allowed?

| Answer | Count | Percentage |
|---|-------|------------|
| 3 - 4 (SQ001) | 302 | 36.25% |
| 4 - 5 (SQ002) | 243 | 29.17% |
| 5 - 6 (SQ003) | 239 | 28.69% |
| 6 + (SQ004) | 141 | 16.93% |
| None - backyard hens are not appropriate. (SQ005) | 126 | 15.13% |
| Not completed or Not displayed | 67 | |

5. What size of property do you feel would be appropriate for backyard hens, if allowed?

| Answer | Count | Percentage |
|--|-------|------------|
| Small Urban Properties - 600 - 1,000 sq m. (6,500 - 10,700 sq ft / 0.15 - 0.25 acre) (SQ001) | 497 | 59.31% |
| Mid-sized Urban Properties - 1,200 - 1,000 sq m (13,000 - 21,500 sq ft / 0.15 - 0.25 acre) (SQ002) | 493 | 58.83% |
| Suburban Properties - 4,000 - 8,000 sq m (43,000 - 86,000 sq ft / 1 - 2 acres) (SQ003) | 485 | 57.88% |
| None (SQ004) | 54 | 6.44% |
| Not completed or Not displayed | 62 | |

| 6. Please indicate what you feel the benefits may be if backyard hens were allowed? | | | |
|--|--------------|-------------------|--|
| Answer | Count | Percentage | |
| Reduces household food costs (SQ001) | 630 | 75.00% | |
| Increases the availability and accessibility of food (SQ002) | 658 | 78.33% | |
| Creates compost for gardens (SQ003) | 577 | 68.69% | |
| Educational opportunity (e.g. keeping and caring for hens) (SQ004) | 635 | 75.60% | |
| Companionship (e.g. pets) (SQ005) | 446 | 53.10% | |
| None (SQ006) | 94 | 11.19% | |
| Other | 134 | 15.95% | |
| Not completed or Not displayed | 60 | | |

| 6. Please indicate what you feel the benefits may be if backyard hens were allowed? [Other] |
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| Encourages communities to learn from and reap from a new hobby and produce outlet |
| therapy for at many individuals |
| Teaches people especially children about where food comes from and sustainable agriculture. |
| Learning experiences for children |
| I like to know where my food comes from as well as use natural methods. |
| Use ethical natural methods for my food |
| More awareness and knowledge of agriculture |
| reduce compost |
| Creates food safety in that you know its source |
| Cruelty free no factory farm eggs |
| Reduces green waste that would otherwise be taken away by truck |
| self sufficiency, resiliency, strengthening community |
| Community connection when people come see the hens |
| Recycling food scraps, eat bugs and mice |
| They are better than dogs barking |
| Decreases food in the trash which will reduce rodent issues and others pests |

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| Food. |
| INCREASED RAT POPULATION DUE TO NO POLICING FROM “officials” of keeping pens clean and grain secured!!!! |
| Food-stability and sustainability and an improved connection to where one’s food comes from |
| recycling of kitchen scraps, cleaning yard of undesired insects and slugs |
| creates understanding of where our food comes from |
| Eat insects |
| increases appreciation for local agriculture and fresh, healthy food |
| Sustainability, fostering environmental awareness |
| Good at eliminating leftover food scraps. They are therapeutic - amazing animals with intelligence. They promote learning and education. Owning chickens is an inclusive hobby/passion - you join groups and become more connected with people. You learn about food sources, current practices, biosecurity, welfare of animals in general. |
| Connects us to our food |
| Environmental awareness and choice |
| Pest control |
| Reduce food miles |
| Rescued hens are one thing, but contributing to the gruesome she industry is unconscionable. The make baby chicks are literally GROUND ALIVE in Canada as they are considered a waste product. It's barbaric, and absolutely due to egg consumption. |
| More humane way to keep chickens than battery operations |
| Will eat unwanted insects as well as eat any kitchen scraps (lower the compost pickup amounts) |
| Allows family access to organic, ethically raised food. The egg quality is superior. |
| I like to know where my food comes from, and how the animals are treated. |
| Freedom to use one's land as he and the charter intend. |
| Chickens often eat kitchen waste(vegetables) |
| No benefits! |
| Nice to know where you're eggs come from |
| Pest Control |
| Take ownership of humane treatment of livestock |
| Teaches kids responsibility |
| may increase community in neighbourhoods |
| knowing where your food comes from and how your animals are treated. |
| Ethical resources for eggs, combat cruelty of large factory farms |
| Doesn't reduce food costs. Hens are expensive to feed properly. |
| More nutritious eggs |
| Smells |
| decreases vegetable food waste as chickens can eat it all |
| They eat kitchen scraps |
| A sense of community |
| Reduces need for commercial battery raised hens |
| Promotion of home gardening and ethical living |
| Promotion of home gardening and ethical living |

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| Helps children understand responsibility and where food |
| Helps children learn about responsibility and where there food comes from |
| Reduce green waste for city |
| Increases local food security |
| All of the above |
| Organic choice |
| Hens can eat leftover scraps that you can't compost - bits of fat from meat, etc |
| Happier hens in my care than in some factory farms |
| Small business selling eggs. Food scraps can go to chicken instead of the transfer station |
| It is so good for children. |
| Insect control |
| Provide healthy protein source. |
| Very therapeutic animals. |
| Farm fresh eggs! |
| Sustainability, a sense of community, I feel only hens they are very quiet, looking at green initiatives, such as solar power, urban gardens and electric cars, backyard hens fit There is low upkeep, they are easy to tend, companionable and easy to clean up after. It's also an educational opportunity for children and has been proven to be beneficial in dementia studies. |
| This could encourage more young people to go into agriculture. We are getting more desperate for farmers as less people farm, and seeing as it is a necessary field for our survival we should be doing whatever we can to make people feel that's a direction they can go in life. |
| Grow your own. |
| Chickens help keep garden pests, like slugs, down |
| Egg, reduce organic garbage by using left over food for chicken, pet for kids, etc |
| Contributes to Maple Ridge's identity as a community that bridges the urban and rural divide |
| Reduce carbon footprint. re. Consum local food. |
| No green food waste! |
| This is important for food security especially for low income people. |
| Reduces cruelty of factory farming |
| provides food for + attracts coyotes + bobcats to small urban lots, small childrens cats + dogs now more at risk of attack |
| provides food + attracts coyotes and bobcats |
| Great for leftover food, |
| therapy |
| Cruelty free eggs |
| fresh local food |
| healthy food supply |
| Fresh eggs! |
| Ethical and sustainable eggs |
| Great opportunity to educate children |
| PROMOTES AGRICULTURAL AWARENESS AND THE NEED FOR FUTURE "FARMERS" |
| No benifit our Neibour got them and we had rats we can't get rid of rats |
| The wildlife would be even better fed |

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| But eggs from your neighbors if you're lucky! |
| Animal husbandry for kids |
| Fresh food |
| 4H opportunities for city kids. |
| They take care of bugs. |
| Attracts Rodents to neighboring properties. |
| Crest less compost - feed the chickens |
| Teaches my children to nurture other animals at a young age. Decrease likely hood of |
| Cuts back on the mass producing of the egg industry |
| Encourages appropriate disposal of food waste: chickens eat kitchen scraps and reduce household waste. |
| No GMO caused diseases like diabetes, high cholesterol, hypertension etc |
| Entertainment too! |
| fun to have around |
| reduce kitchen waste. reduce food waste from restaurants |
| It's natural |
| Health of chicken up as allowed to run free & not caged up. |
| health benefits |
| Dogs Bark, cats use my garden as a litter box, chickens don't bother anyone |
| much better eggs |
| all of these benefits |
| outlet for food "waste" peelings, veggies, ect |
| responsibilities for children to engage in learning about food and production farming |
| connecting with life cycles & the seasons |
| fresh local food, food sustainability |
| All of the above |
| Clean up garden waste |
| Sustainable & ethical lifestyle |
| eggs....mmm....eggs |
| Youth learn how to respect food |
| Delightful to have & fresh eggs |
| Good for children to learn where their food comes from |
| Educating children |
| Good source of protein (eggs only though) |
| Teach responsibility for living things, appreciation for agriculture |
| Healthy eggs for local consumption. and meat |
| Reduces carbon footprint of household |
| They reducing compost by eating veggies and fruits scraps |
| Love chickens! |
| Free range, household cared for hens don't get treated cruelly |
| Pest/insect control |
| all of above |

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| chickens are fun |
| reduce food waste they eat table scraps & veggies |
| fun for kids - learn about farming |
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| 7. Please indicate what concerns you may have if backyard hens were allowed? | | |
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| Answer | Count | Percentage |
| Noise (SQ001) | 235 | 27.98% |
| Odour (SQ002) | 316 | 37.62% |
| Potential to attract rodents and pests (SQ003) | 376 | 44.76% |
| Potential to attract wildlife (SQ004) | 321 | 38.21% |
| Coops may be unsightly (SQ005) | 148 | 17.62% |
| Concern that a coop will be situated too close to your property (SQ006) | 157 | 18.69% |
| None (SQ007) | 253 | 30.12% |
| Other | 97 | 11.55% |
| Not completed or Not displayed | 60 | |

| 7. Please indicate what concerns you may have if backyard hens were allowed? [Other] |
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| None of these concerns are specific to chickens. I am more concern about the number of dog owners who use anywhere they please as "off-leash" and do not clean up after their animals. |
| That people will not know what to do if their chickens get sick. Not many vets see chickens especially 3 or 4 hens compared to a large facility. I think many of these chickens will be dumped, especially if people end up with roosters. |
| People need to be educated before they can start. Preferably for free. |
| not cleaned properly |
| Neglect, poor care |
| Improper care and maintenance from inexperienced people |
| Lack of education to care for them properly or keep them safe from predators |

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| Not cared for properly because of lack of education. They should apply for a licence and they should have to pass a test on chicken care and disease control /biosecurity |
| if not cared for properly they also can get mites which are terrible and can get all over EVERYTHING. Chickens are messy and rats love them |
| Fear of birds |
| Who's going to police it??? Could you imagine if Albion or in town were filled with chickens... good grief. |
| Requirements for keeping hens can address all of these potential issues. We keep a flock of 50-70 hens and we do not have odour, rodent, or wildlife problems because our coop is properly built. |
| one would assume fulsome education and then bylaw intervention if necessary in any of the above issues. Properly cared for coops don't create any of these problems |
| People not looking after them. Also there needs to be a requirement for coops and the design. If built properly, rodents and pests cant get in. If built properly your burds dont get sick. |
| Bad management or ownership |
| Position within the property to minimize impact on neighbours |
| Very important to make sure feed is stored correctly and the chickens are secured at night. Rodents and predators can be a problem if not managed properly. I would highly recommend a book on good practice and husbandry for keeping chickens be available to those who are interested in keeping backyard flocks. Emphasize biosecurity too. |
| Proper care for the hens |
| I fear people will not care for hens properly. |
| NIMBY people will thwart idea |
| Using other animals is unnecessary. They have been genetically modified to over produce eggs - their little bodies can't take it. |
| Allergens being introduced in residential areas. |
| All pets, if not cared for properly, can have negative impacts. This is not a chicken-specific problem |
| Owners not caring properly for the animals, or surrounding space. |
| Their food and supplies must be properly contained in metal lidded secure containers and feeding supervised to avoid mice or rats. |
| That roosters maybe considered at some point |
| People not providing proper care. Education should be available |
| Neglect of hens |
| Illegaly slaughtering for food. |
| Guide lines not being clear and there for broken |
| Ppl get hens and don't know how to care for them |
| Improper maintenance |
| We already have rat overrun |
| Chickens are farm animals - they are not residential or urban. |
| Birds being set loose or escaping |
| Spreading of poultry disease and mites to farms. Improper use of medicated feed which anyone can buy |
| Welfare of the chickens. They need daily care, cleanliness, fresh water, they are a lot of work |

Has there been any thought as to how many people in Maple Ridge are actually using their farmland to farm, and sell eggs and receive the farm tax on their property? And is the SPCA going to be taking all the pet chickens in from people that accidentally get roosters and have to give them up, or realize how much cleaning a coop requires and decide to surrender their chickens as they don't want to do it anymore?

Coops too small, negligent hen owners

Improper animal care due to lack of proper education of hen care..

disease vector

welfare of the chickens (i.e.: owners who don't know how to properly care for them)

Animal abuse

Contaminating water supply, we are on well system. Disputes with neighbours who would want chickens.

People will need education to properly care for chickens

If you have a compost having a backyard henhouse will not 7ncrease the problem if rodents. Because of so many chemicals in our food consumption, I feel many will grow veggies in raised vess or pots. A few back yard hens adding to provide eggs will be the way to go.

Lack of education in husbandry

Poorly cared for hens

Poorly cared for hens

Irresponsible owners

Uneducated owners. Mandatory registration and education for anyone applying to have chickens

Mandatory education and registration for anyone who wants them

Well being of hens and proper access to vets.

The lack of proper cleaning of the backyard/ chicken coop

Rodents & predators!!

all can be contained with proper guidelines

The potential to attract pests and Wildlife is no different than a resident having a bird feeder

People would grow tired of taking care of them

Monitor how people maintain/educate

making sure that the hens are treated properly, abuse prevention

Poultry owners need to be properly educated to avoid rodents, pest + wildlife.

People not caring for hens properly

more racoons will be attracted to small urban lots to eat the eggs

Rats are already a big concern in MR. Sorry, don't trust everyone will care for them properly. Already have a neighbour who does everything he can to antagonize his neighbours

wont effect me at all in rural land just thinking of subdivisions

become a fad and people don't care for them appropriately

some people will not know how to care for them properly

Owners loosing interest and failing to care appropriately for the hens resulting in neglect and abuse.

backyard is not concerning

avian diseases

They attracted rats our Neighbour had them and we can't get rid of the rats

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| Who polices the no rooster policy? Who di you call when your neighbors dog attacks your hen? Will it really be the dogs fault? |
| by law officers can't seem to enforce the leash rule, snow removal, garbage.....now. Let's not add to their work load until they can keep up. I was bitten on the dyke by a dog off leash. Reported it. Noting done. Still 99% of dogs are off leash there. Yikes! |
| It should be good if there are rules to keep the odour down |
| That the hens are treated properly and fed well |
| SPCA check to make sure they are properly cared for. |
| rooster noise. Just like any pet care is to be given dogs barking rooster scaping(sp) |
| There are good dog owners and bad dog owners. Some people with chickens may not care for them well, but most family backyard hens are well loved and taken care of. |
| limit amount per lot size |
| cats and dogs create the above concerns |
| no concerns whatsoever. The above concerns could apply to any animal already allowed (eg dogs) |
| proper management required |
| Teaches a family how to be good stewards of the earth |
| Most of the problems including rodents and wildlife are present without chickens |
| No concerns |
| Not looked after over time |
| animal care is a responsibility! This is a good way to teach that |
| We loved it and them! |
| If chicken keepers are responsible there should be very minimal problems |
| Hens don't crow |
| All are manageable concerns |
| Rats |
| No worse that dogs barking & never the crap being cleaned up |
| Don't care if my neighbour has chickens if they share eggs |
| would share eggs with neighbours |
| no more than we already have (rats, racoons) |
| Just roosters crowing too early. |

| 8. How do you feel about backyard hens possibly being allowed in your neighbourhood? | | | |
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| Answer | Count | Percentage | |
| Answer | 741 | 88.21% | |
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| No answer | 99 | 11.79% | |
| Not completed or Not displayed | 60 | | |

| 8. How do you feel about backyard hens possibly being allowed in your neighbourhood? |
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| I am completely for it! Hens only offer good things to families; and the issues of their hygiene are easily maintained |
| Fantastic! |
| I would welcome it. Pets are good for people. The contribution of chickens to biodiversity in the garden is ultimately good for the neighbourhood. I see this is a real opportunity to build community. |
| I want to have some too. |
| For it |
| My children would love backyard hens as pets. They play with my friends hens who live in Vancouver and always ever wanted their own. This would be a great educational skill to have. Decrease compost, have our own eggs, etc. |
| we will keep chickens if allowed. |
| I would welcome it. I think we all need to be aware of food security. |
| Just fine. |
| Excited! Can't wait. |
| We recently had a cougar in our yard. We have no garbage or compost and it still passed through. My concern is that coops will attract more wildlife. |
| I think it is a great idea! I live in Albion. |
| I think it would be a great idea!! I would enjoy having 6-8 hens in our backyard. |
| I would welcome it. |
| It is a reasonable idea. Deal with unreasonable hen owners on a per-case basis. |
| I think chickens are an awesome addition to yards and there are so many resources in MR to learn more about them. |
| I would LOVE it!!! |
| Very positive... it should already be allowed |
| Only on larger properties, not in residential areas |
| Great. |

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| I would be quite alright with it and would seriously consider getting a few if it were allowed |
| No do not want |
| I would love it. |
| I think it will work great and will have many benefits! |
| I love the idea, I want backyard chickens |
| I do not live on a farm or near a farm. I made that choice when we bought our home. I do not want my neighbors yard turned into a stinky farm yard. |
| It would be great! |
| Great idea, many benefits for families |
| waiting for it |
| I think having chickens is a great idea. I grew up with them and as long as they are cared for and cleaned up after properly with a coop raised off of the ground there should be no issues. |
| I think it's a good thing |
| good |
| Neighbours did have chickens and it was quite noisy |
| Thankful that we would be able to share the bounty and reach out to educate others in our area. |
| Do't want them as our houses are too close together. |
| I would love it, I always wanted to have my own backyard hens however at this time my property location doesn't permit it. For this reason I have wanted to purchase land elsewhere however can not afford such land. |
| We love eggs and eat them regularly. To be able to raise our own hens and therefore have access to fresh eggs like that would cut down on our food cost and add other value as well. |
| My only concern in small areas such as my own would be attraction of rodents. Maybe haven't certainly things in place to help reduce this concern would help with this potential issue. |
| Backyards hens should never be allowed on city lots . The rat situation is already bad enough in Maple Ridge . The potential to attract more wild life and result in said wild life (bears , coyotes , bobcats) being killed as a result is unacceptable . Backyard chickens is a fad . I lived through it in Port Coquitlam years ago and the rats because people weren't responsible in taking care of their chickens were horrendous . |
| I'd love to have backyard hens in Lower Hammond |
| Not happy. I moved out of Vancouver to get away from this. Backyard hens and coops would be fine for farms or large properties where they won't disturb the neighbours. |
| Not a chance would I want it in my neighbourhood. People on farms have issues with rats, raccoons, coyotes, I don't want this happening on small lots. |
| Fun! |
| I would love to be able to purchase dress eggs from a neighbor |
| Other municipalty's have tried the backyard chickens and recieved enough complaints to have to remove them. I know the 4H club out here wants this. If this passes will it be a goat next. I have COPD and the amonia smell would be hard on people with breathing problems and the use of their outside space will be limited |
| Hens may be alright but rosters should not be permitted. As well the disposal of sickly and /dead birds must be addressed. |
| I would love it, I would probably get 3 or4 |
| I'm all for it!!!! |

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| Great idea but the city does need to do something about the rat problem here. |
| I would welcome them even though I live in a townhouse and would not be allowed |
| fine |
| I would be happy with it as long as there are checks to make sure chickens are cared for properly and being kept clean. |
| I think it would be a great addition to backyards |
| I think the benefits outweigh the risks. |
| I would be very happy to see this if people were taking proper care of them and if there were clear and fair rules to follow. |
| Encourage it. Allow hens. Prohibit roosters though due to excessive early morning noise |
| I do not support this initiative. There are already rodent concerns. |
| Excellent idea |
| Absolutely not in high density areas (ie Normal neighbourhoods). This should only be on large properties. I am imagine that my neighbour would pout their pen as far away from their own house (ie as close to my house) as possible. |
| No |
| Great. For what is still an agricultural community, it's surprising that there's much debate around backyard chickens at all. If they're allowed in the City of Vancouver..... |
| I would love it! |
| Our neighbours have hens and it is no problem |
| I would love it people had backyard chickens in my neighbourhood! |
| I don't want them |
| Ridiculous |
| I would love to see hens and have them myself. I grew up on acreage and miss the convenience and pleasure of having fresh eggs at my fingertips. Not to mention all of our food waste went to our chickens and not in the garbage |
| People are irresponsible with their dogs, backyard hens would be a disaster, if i wanted to live on a farm i would! I dont not under any circumstance live next to any hen/chicken or roster |
| While I do not currently live in Maple Ridge, it is my home town and I plan to move back. I support the idea of backyard chickens completely. They are no noisier or smellier than any other pet when cared for properly. |
| Great idea! |
| I welcome it if it the owners were responsible |
| I think a small number is a perfect thing to allow. |
| Give me a break! Be prepared to start dealing with complaints and conflicts along with all the other issues I checked. Remember the peacock issue in the news recently?! Abandoned hens as well. We chose to live in a residential neighbourhood not in agriculture setting. |
| I would like backyard hens to be allowed. |
| As long as reasonable rules and boundaries are in place I think it could be a positive option. |
| Good! |
| If I could have 2 on the balcony of my apartment, it would be great. But the reality is that they need room to roam in a backyard to do what hens are meant to do. |

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| That would be awesome! Other municipalities allow backyard hens. Chickens are very nice pets also, and great companions for elderly / lonely people. having chickens will help to recycle kitchen scraps instead of throwing them into the garbage. Chickens also help to control some undesirable insects in the backyards. They can and likely will catch and eat small rodents. |
| Absolutely love the idea |
| 100% support |
| Great |
| Yes!!! |
| Great!! |
| I'm perfectly okay with it. |
| Would be awesome |
| They would be a welcomed addition!! Vancouver has this option. Maple Ridge, farming central should have this option too. |
| A few hens is no big deal. But I do believe that they should be educated first on how to raise chickens, how to deal with biosecurity, how to reduce problems with pests and wildlife, and how to recognize illness and treat it etc. I think it is logical to apply for a free or low cost licence and they must pass a free test before they can have them. |
| I would be quite happy. I have been following this issue since I moved here 7 years ago and will get backyard hens once a bylaw is passed. |
| I would welcome them wholeheartedly and would have some myself! |
| I'd love it |
| Love the idea. Has worked well in other cities. |
| I personally wouldn't own backyard hens, but wouldn't mind at all if my neighbours wanted them. People should be free to do whatever they please in the home they pay for. |
| I think it can be beneficial for the individuals who own or are wanting to own hens. But there should be guidelines to be followed regarding housing, cleanliness and noise. For the sake of the neighbors. But that can also be difficult to enforce when on private property. |
| I didnt even know they were not allowed, I thought they were, its maple ridge. I do not see why maple ridge should not allow backyard chickens. |
| I think this is a great initiative. Certainly there should be limitations and education for people doing this but overall I think this is great that the District is considering this! |
| I would welcome it. It's a fantastic way to get kids and adults to even seniors out door and into their yards. Learning to care for and enjoy your labour. Hens are affectionate and great pets!! |
| I don't think they should be allowed. Especially in heavy residential areas. Whonnock is a different story. But I live in Albion where everyone is so close together. I also have a fear of birds. Pet birds I never see not here and don't always know they exist. But chickens can be heard and seen and I'd have constant anxiety knowing someone in my neighbourhood has chickens. |
| I believe backyard hens will benefit the community. Children can learn from the experience, we can have a supply of eggs, add to the compost. And especially considering we already live in a fairly farm centered suburban community, there will be no harm done by allowing backyard hens. In our case 500ft away is farmland, but we are not permitted to raise a few hens on our 14000square ft property. Allow the handful that want chickens to have them. Have a few regulations if you want. I know all of my neighbours are hoping to be allowed to have back yard hens. 122st and 216 |
| I think it's a great idea, and would like to see my neighbours hens in their yards |
| It seems unlikely because we have small yards but I would welcome it as long as people have to stick to humane practices. |

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| I like the idea based in the premise that its clean and doesn't impact neighbors negatively |
| Irritantes. I do no like the idea at sol más i would move if a neighbour has backyard hens |
| I would be fine with it. As long as there are no chickens running all over the streets. |
| I strongly agree. |
| I hope that it will be allowed. |
| Farm land ONLY!!!! 1-2 acres +! |
| I would love it-we have been wanting hens for four years now |
| I would welcome them. Good education about property care should deal with most problems. And hens should cause no more problems than other pets. |
| Excited |
| Think it is a great idea. Excellent opportunity to have fresh eggs, the chickens are cared for and you know exactly what they are eating... |
| If you want chickens ,go live on a farm |
| fine as long as no roosters |
| We moved out of Surrey just when hens were allowed and we would have been happy for our neighbours to have them. |
| I am for it. I think it would be a great benefit for many people. |
| I welcome them in my neighbourhood |
| Dogs are bad enough! |
| I believe that if a protocol is created to GUARANTEE the proper care and sanitary practices (especially in smaller residential yards) of keeping chickens in residential areas, that this idea is absolutely fabulous! They must be cared for correctly and cleaned up consiststantly. They are wonderful creatures to keep and the caring of is a perfect way to teach children about life and discipline ... schools should be allowed to keep them as well if they have weekend and summer care as well. Great idea!! |
| I think everyone should have the opportunity to raise chickens and have no problem if my neighbors have some . |
| I hope my neighbors share their eggs! So much better than store bought |
| I'd like to see responsible owners being allowed to have 3-4 hens only |
| All for it! |
| let's do it! |
| Great idea |
| As long as their property is large enough to provide adequate space for the animals to have a coop and run. There should also be a 10 foot space between the chicken space and property lines to keep neighbors happy |
| Great, they are not loud pets. They are educational for our children. They are a food source. (Eggs) |
| Backyard hens are wonderful and we have them in Kamloops. Some good training for potential urban farmers as well care and maintenance is very important. Otherwise, we keep a very tidy, rodent free, smell free coop! It's been an amazing experience for our children and family. |
| Finally get on board so many large city's do this.. maple ridge small rural city... do it ... |
| I'm fine with it. |
| Love it!! |

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| They have been in vancouver for many years and work well. Everyone used to have a few hens. If you keep the coop clean and dry, use sand for the floor it won't smell. Also hens eat mice. |
| Positive all around, as a community we will have to deal with some people who don't play nice but that is always the case. Chickens will eat anything and as a result we would have virtually no food scraps thrown out in our garbage. Chickens will also take care of our compost, eating everything and not having a pile or bin on our property attracting rodents or crows and so on. |
| Maple Ridge has many neighbour hoods that are poorly maintained . Why would i want to add to his problem by having farm birds in my neighbourhood. If i wanted to live on a farm that's here i would be living. If you want a pet get one that does not interfere with the rights to of other. |
| I would not be impressed. |
| I think it is a great idea. If chickens are cared for properly they can offer many benefits. I would not allow roosters of course. If they are properly cared for and their feed and supplies is properly stored. It is a great idea. |
| We need chickens, please allow |
| I love the idea |
| I'm all for it. A policy that takes into account numbers of hens, placing of coop to minimize visibility by neighbours, odour and debris control to limit vermin issues are critical. Timely By-law enforcement is critical for this to work properly. Fines for infractions are required as are outright bans for repeated infractions. |
| Backyard chickens have many benefits and will teach people more about where their food comes from. Absolutely not. Our houses are already so close together so one has little or no privacy. - let alone the flies the chicken poop attracts and the noise factor. We have enough dogs barking uncontrolled and noisy kids on the streets at all hours of the day and night. We pay a lot in property taxes and should be having a say in what should and should not be allowed. |
| I would welcome backyard hens into my neighbourhood and hope that lots of people would give it a try and experience raising your own chickens weather it be for eggs or meat or both |
| I am for it. The benefits outweigh the costs, and most of the potential concerns I have I believe can be mitigated with reasonable practice. |
| I like the idea as long as anyone keeping chickens is educated on husbandry, biosecurity and chickens themselves (anatomy, nutrition, etc.) |
| A great opportunity |
| No problem. |
| Absolutely fine. Have had them before with no issues |
| I want them! Chickens are smart birds with unique personalities. Plus humane eggs are super cool too. |
| Do not want |

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| Nanaimo offered this, I thought everyone would rush out and get chickens - they didn't. Keeping chickens is a responsibility and expense that most homeowners will not attempt given the opportunity. If my immediate neighbour kept chickens I would expect good care and attention to the animals and their home. There is an eyesore 'farm' on my corner whose chickens ran away or were eaten, whose trees are overrun with brambles and whose garden is never tended... yet I have no communication with those people and no recourse in complaining to the City - that to me is a far bigger problem. |
| No problems we are on half acre lots, only concern would be the racoons and coyotes |
| I think they are a wonderful idea |
| Supportive |
| I'd be very upset. |
| All for it |
| I am totally opposed. I have lived in residential areas where they have been allowed on acreage, they ruin the enjoyment of small acreage properties with their noise, smell, and rats that accompany them. Nobody wants this. |
| They should not be permitted in residential neighbourhoods at all. |
| Good idea |
| I live in an area where properties are smaller than an acre, all are approximately .3 - .4 of an acre and we are all on septic and well. My concern is that the well water could be contaminated. |
| They should be allowed on smaller properties than your survey allows. |
| We have a long 5868 sq ft lot which should be large enough to allow chickens. |
| Exploiting other animals is repugnant. Folks are far too cavalier and selfish - rescue agencies will be overwhelmed. |
| We can live healthy lives without harming other species. |
| Just no..... |
| As long as it's clean and rodents are controlled it would be OK. Chickens would need to be limited in numbers. No Roosters though. |
| I am very opposed to this proposal. I own a home in a residential neighborhood...if I wanted to live near hens or other farm animals, I would have invested in a more rural neighborhood. |
| Cannot wait. I think it's absurd that MR doesn't allow some chickens already |
| We live in a rural area. We and our neighbours enjoy the benefits of having small flocks. |
| We live in West Maple Ridge on 122 Ave and would love to have our own hens, and would not to be opposed to our neighbours having their own as well. |
| I would not be happy AT ALL. Chickens belong in a farm!!!! |
| I would welcome them. They create no more noise or smell than dogs, cats, or other small animals that people already keep, plus they provide food and an educational opportunity. They help remove insects reducing reliance on insecticides and increase natural, organic inputs into gardens. They can break up organic materials more efficiently than composts and can reduce landfill waste. |
| As long as no roosters are allowed, I'd be fine with it. I don't think my own property and surrounding properties are large enough though and wouldn't qualify. |
| It would be great. I think we need to be able to provide our own food |

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| I think it's a brilliant idea and educational for kuds |
| Fine |
| I feel the hens could be a great benefit to neighbourhoods providing that certain guidelines are put out like how to store feed (metal bins or inside), cleanliness of the coop (keep down any smell), containment of the hens (i.e. keeping them on your own property). |
| I would welcome it. The concerns identified are either outweighed by the advantages or phenomena that occur anyway in urban areas. |
| I would adore this!! We just moved from Vancouver and I honestly thought we could have hens here until I researched and then we were so sad it we didn't research that before moving here!! I homeschool my kids so we'd be cleaning / taking care of them allday. I think there has to be rules to having them and you must have a big enclosed yard area for them as we do. But ya we really want hens!! |
| 1 neighbour already has them without the city knowing, so far no real complaint but there has been a rat problem. |
| Would love it. Our property is only 4,000 square feet though.... |
| With proper guidelines and regulations it's a great idea. |
| Positive move! |
| I think the properties in my neighborhood are too small. There is already a considerable amount of noise from traffic, dogs, people etc. |
| Love it. I have never farmed but I like freedom and I believe it is an infringement of our Charter Rights not to allow backyard hens. |
| I am in favour of a small coop with both egg layers and meat chickens. It |
| Too residential in my area and should not be allowed. Small acreage 1-2 acres as long as coop is close to the owners house and not by property boundaries. i.e along fence lines. |
| I believe it would be great. It would be awesome to know how the birds are being feed and treated since our family would consume the eggs. I know a lot of families in our neighbourhood would love to get hens. |
| I have always wanted to opportunity to do this. Would save money for a lot of people and give youths a good chore. |
| We have moved into a condo, so chickens not an option but...When we moved to Maple Ridge in 1978 we inherited a chicken coop full of hens from the previous owner. We kept hens until we sold the house 13 years later. We were on just under an acre on Burnett street and had a couple of sheep as well. The new house was very much a "subdivision house", no chickens permitted, although the yard was very large. I think backyard chickens and a vegetable garden were a great experience for our young children. |
| I think its a great idea! |
| I think it's amazing & should have happened much earlier! |
| Don't agree with hen's in urban core at all. |
| I think it would be a great idea. If homeowners ensure their hens have suitable shelter, food and water. It could be a community effort at educating those interested and perhaps some could share their eggs |
| I think it's awesome, and it's about time! People could raise their own food. And enrich their lives |

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| Concerned about additional noises, already have issues with dogs in our area. Concerned people don't know how to maintain for cleanliness and will increase rodent issue. We live in a nice neighbourhood but struggle with rats and mice constantly. Concerned will be a novelty thing and people will get bored with the idea, and not care for the hens properly. |
| No!! Attracts rats! The smell and the extra noise, for what a couple eggs a day it's not worth the cost even |
| I am very excited to think that Maple Ridge may permit backyard chickens! I value people's connection with the food chain and furthermore with the earth in general. I would love for my children to be involved first hand in caring for chickens and taking ownership and participating in the responsibility of caring for our food. I have seen Maple Ridge move toward some positive trends of "eating locally" "farm to table" and minimizing our impact on the environment; yet we are still not permitted to have backyard chickens. Many cities that have residential plots which are smaller than the average lot in Maple Ridge permit backyard chickens and haven't had many issues. The cost of housing is so out of reach for many people today and there are no easy solutions to that problem but the high costs of food CAN be mitigated in part if people grew their own food gardens and were allowed to keep backyard chickens. I understand that some people may complain about noise but hens cannot be heard beyond 1-2 metres away and the same cannot be said of dogs (which have been permitted for a long time!) |
| Totally fine with it. |
| I love the idea. We should all be able to grow/provide food for our families. It's just so expensive to live on the west coast now. Less expensive. More nutritious |
| I'm good with it. Gives people choice for organic eggs. |
| I am against them in my neighborhood as I live close to a creek which already has many many rats. Due to recent construction the coyotes who helped keep rat population down seem to have moved away. |
| I would love it. |
| Backyard hens should have been allowed a while ago |
| I would love backyard hens in my neighbourhood. |
| I would welcome them. |
| I am against it! I have raised hens in oast (in a 5.45 acre property) and had neighbours who keep several hens (5-12?) in a property under 1 acre. That. Was. too. Noisy!!!! All neighbours there hated the constant noise and the 'fertilizer' was a bad stink! |
| I would love it. Dogs are much noisier and messier. |
| Good idea |
| If the property owners have the room great |
| I want to have a few hens myself, however I worry that many people aren't qualified to provide adequate care |
| Awesome.. definitely would add to the neighborhood |
| I'm great with it as long as there are no roosters allowed. |
| No issues with it. All our lots are big enough. |
| I think it would be great |
| I think it is a great idea! People are far too out of touch with where their food comes from and would learn and benefit so much from being able to raise chickens themselves! |
| No. Properties are too small and close together. |

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| I am concerned about the smell and disease. Chickens are also a lot more work than people think. Not everyone knows how to properly care for animals and I don't want incompetent caregivers getting them - it's not good for the animals or neighbourhood. |
| They are great. Come and do a sniff test. They don't smell. Do something about noise pollution from the other two legged residents. |
| Our yards are too small. We have been told we cannot have bird feeders because of bears. Would chicken feed not be similar in attracting bears? |
| I think it's a great idea, and I support it. |
| We have a rat problem. People (regardless of initial good intentions) quickly lose interest in proper maintenance. I grew up with chickens, the smell in summer is overpowering and they MUST be mucked out DAILY. How will people store the stinky poop? Pests chew & dig their way through ANYTHING. Even buried heavy gauge wire. Foxes, raccoons, coyotes, cougars are VERY attracted to the chickens themselves. Rats & mice come for eggs, food, (baby chicks). I would never recommend chickens on a lot size under 1 acre. Leave chickens for farms or hobby farms of 1+ acres. Those who argue that chickens will eat garden pests are correct. They'll eat SOME types. But they'd need to be free then and not caged. Chickens also harbour some pests themselves that can spread to pets. Usually a chicken will "announce" when she's laid an egg. That can be quite boisterous and last for several minutes (often VERY early in the morning). I've seen many cute coops for sale, but that's all they are. In reality, chickens deserve a large, open space/run and safety from predators and extremely diligent owners. So, as Simon Cowell says, "It's a NO from me." |
| Totally against. |
| Totally against it. Vancouver tried this and it failed. |
| I love it! It would be fun and add some excitement and rural feeling to the Neighbourhood. |
| Bad idea. The rat population is out of control and until there is a community plan to address this issue e.g. any developer clearing a building site has to have rodent control (like in other municipalities). |
| It gives children and the general population who do not otherwise get a chance to experience to see where their food is from and gives them a sense of responsibility and acceptance to the hard work the farmers who raises the food they usually buy for as low as \$3 per dozen of eggs at the supermarket. If everyone who wishes to raise chickens take a course such as FOODSAFE in the Food Industry, they can learn how to properly raise their chickens without resulting in many problems. |
| Wouldn't mind |
| I'm ok with it. |
| Absolutely not...I do not want rats ..noise in a city....they belong in farm or agricultural areas |
| Fine if they are looked after |
| Our neighbourhood is totally urban and inappropriate to raise hens. |
| Main concerns are odours, noise and animal attractants. We already have rats and bears and Cougars around. |
| Our lots are 4500-7000 and still too small for hens. The noise, smell etc would carry over the fences. On acre and larger lots, we feel it would be fine in non residential areas. |

Most people that will get hens will be better pet owners than those with loud, untrained dogs. Chickens are easy pets to keep, and have tons of benefits mentioned in the survey. We love having our chickens. If everyone knew how easy and fun they are, and getting enough eggs to feed our family makes them excellent pets.

Roosters? NO.

I would love to see more green initiatives in Maple Ridge. Bee keeping backyard vegetable and fruit gardening and small flock chicken coops are a great way to lessen our carbon footprint. Hens are lovely pets and are easy to keep.

I think that it will be a great addition to our community.

I personally think this idea is fantastic and I welcome it with open arms.

Love it

good, I could share my eggs with food bank or others who may not funds

Not interested at all

Okno

I've had chickens on a farm in the past and the rat population exploded. The rats eat the poop and they chew thru wood and you can never get rid of the rats. I have already had the pest control to my house 4 times since the early spring and I think the rats are gone now. If my neighbors had chickens the rats would be back again and who will pay for the ongoing pest control that would be needed. I don't have a back yard compost (which I would like to have) because of the rat problem in this neighbourhood. leave chickens on rural farms where they belong

Absolutely should not be allowed! I would be very angry. I bought a house in a residential area - and the value of my house would decrease significantly.

It will attract rodents and more wildlife. Should be more concerned about the number of townhouse developments being built without the infrastructure to support it.

I think it's a wonderful idea

I'm for it

I'm okay with it as long as my neighbours are on board.

They should be allowed. We own our homes, we should be allowed to have chickens if we deem it appropriate. They offer us a chance to control what we eat and gives our children a better upbringing. Gives the family more memories and a chance to to learn the process and how to take care of things we love.

Not in urban areas

Has there been any thought as to how many people in Maple Ridge are actually using their farmland to farm, and sell eggs and receive the farm tax on their property? And is the SPCA going to be taking all the pet chickens in from people that accidentally get roosters and have to give them up, or realize how much cleaning a coop requires and decide to surrender their chickens as they don't want to do it anymore?

Good. I live in Saanich, in the suburbs.

I am grateful to be allowed to have them.

Do not want hens in my neighbourhood. We have coyotes, bears and cougars already in the area. We are not considered rural Maple Ridge. 248-106B Avenue

I think they should be, great for kids and eggs are a bonus.

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| I am in favour of backyard hens in Maple Ridge in my neighborhood. |
| I like the idea |
| I would welcome being allowed to keep chickens in our garden. I would not object to anyone keeping chickens as long as they are prepared to do so, with proper, care, feeding, and shelter. |
| It is a great idea. |
| I'm in favour of it |
| While they might be unsightly I think this concern is outweighed by the usefulness of having a viable food source readily available. People should be using the space they have to grow and raise their own food lessening the impact on our environment. |
| We don't want backyard hens in our neighbourhood |
| I feel ok bout hens in backyards |
| I think that Maple Ridge has been waiting too long for backyard hens. If people can successfully raise chickens in Vancouver, a more rural location like Maple Ridge can be very successful. I believe that allowing backyard hens in Maple Ridge is a very good idea for Maple Ridge citizens. |
| If Vancouver allows it so should Maple Ridge. |
| I have hens already, so I don't mind |
| There probably isn't a neighbourhood in M.R. that would be appropriate. Chickens/hens are just as much livestock as goats or cattle. The same regulations should govern possession within the city as apply to owning multiple dogs -- i.e., a hobby kennel. Require licenses, have maximum numbers, SPCA monitors, etc. |
| Ok with it |
| Great idea |
| They belong on farms not in houses |
| I think it would be a great idea, eggs/ chickens are good source of food, and knowing how they are treated, and what they are fed would be a wonderful thing to know, as for the noise, I prefer the noise of chickens to the noise of loud vehicles, the smell is much preferable to that of pot, and if there was a program that taught the new people how to raise/care for them I don't think there needs to be any major issues. |
| I would love if we could have a small coop with a few hens on our property. |
| I just recently moved to Pitt Meadow after living approx 40 yrs in MR.... I think there are enough problems with wildlife and rats now adding more for their potential meals is not really a good idea.... |
| I'd love it |
| I would be very displeased |
| It would be a great opportunity with the proper regulations |
| I'd be fine with it. It's better than industrial farming! And we live in an area with a rural character already. |
| This needs to be reserved for larger lots and not in neighbourhoods where homes and lots are in close proximity to each other. |

No thank you. It would be very cool to have my own eggs but it's not something that is appropriate in a neighbourhood environment. The noise, smell and unsightliness of the coop is not considerate of others. I believe strongly that we need to think of how are actions affect those around us and behave in a considerate way. I sure don't like the waft a cigarette smoke into my backyard when I'm enjoying my space... the neighborly thing to do would be to smoke inside your own home and keep the smell and poison in your own lungs... I don't need to inflict that kind of disturbance with hen smells and noise on my neighbourhood and neither does anyone else...

I think i would be calling bylaw regularly about noise and smell . Many people can't take care of their current pets and backyards. Why add to this problem.

It's a stupid idea and will have virtually no benefit. Backyard hens are not going to appreciably offset food costs and will introduce a host of public health issues and nuisance issues. Coops are noisy, especially with roosters, and they smell awful. Not to mention the fact that owners will need to be educated about how to humanely care for and slaughter the animals. The average citizen is too stupid to do this properly. Terrible idea.

I would be 100% supportive

I completely hate it.

I dont like the idea at all. It's a bad idea and will attract rodents

I wouldn't mind as long as people take good care of them.

No concerns.

The current ILLEGAL backyard hens are noisy throughout the day and evening. The bylaw officer refused to uphold the bylaw, asking "if it was really a big deal, they are pets of the really nice man" and that the hens were in the coop from dusk until dawn so they don't make any noise. That was a lie and they make noise all day and night. If there are more backyard hens in the neighbourhood, they will attract predators and pests. The lot sizes are too small in most of Maple Ridge to accommodate backyard hens,

Not on small properties.

Ok if the property was large enough.

I would love it

I think it's a great idea. This is how it used to be. It's another step towards families being self sustaining.

Negatively. Lived on a half acre lot where the neighbours had chickens and rodents became a huge problem

Odour, noise etc...next will be ??? pigs and other farm animals
How about who wants to run a farm move out of city and buy a farm?

I feel that the benefits outweigh any downside. Increases food production, decreased food waste as chickens eat anything. They also eats pests such as insects and slugs.. I had backyard chickens when I lived in Seattle without any problems at all. There are thousands of backyard chicken operations in that city. In fact the city encourages people to keep chickens. Please allow chickens in Maple Ridge.

I would love back yard hens

I like the idea greatly

All for it

I think backyard hens will add to our community. I have indicated allowing up to 5 hens, as some can be banties (small sized) and can be more of a hobby than a food supply. 6 or more full sized birds could be too much for a small property.

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| Great Idea, more familys should be able to grow and raise their own food. a small backyard coop isnt going to harm anyone. |
| I support this idea, although I personally will not keep them. I would fully support my neighbors in doing so. |
| That is a great opportunity to have fresh bilingual eggs and chicken. More natural way of living. |
| Excited |
| I love the idea. It would give my neighbour's something to talk about and work together. Hens are a positive addition rather than other extremely unsightly things in our neighborhoods. |
| I think it's great! |
| Fine, just no roosters |
| I feel great about it nothing to worry about |
| Not in favour |
| Great! |
| I actually have 4 hens according to our local bylaw rules. I'm very happy with the fact that I am able to have them with a growing family it helps offset food costs, I am able to reduce garden waste from going to the land fill as my hens consume a large portion. My child is able to interact with them and has learned where some of our food comes from as well as learning to help take care of them. It is a bright spot in our daily routine all year round and keeps us both active outdoors. |
| A great idea. |
| Yes! As long as theyre properly cared for |
| Great. Our lots are 1/4 acre, it's a good size |
| it's fine. we'll adapt. it makes sense. |
| As long as it was regulated well enough to assure proper and ethical care of all hens I think this would be an amazing opportunity for Maple Ridge homes and the community as a whole. |
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| I think it's time for this idea. I should be able to raise my own chickens and feed my family with the eggs. In turn, I'd be responsible about their keep. |
| no problem |
| Great |
| Upset |
| I think it's great! |
| I think everyone should be able to grow their own food! Look at what's going on with factory farming. Chickens are literally being raped and then fed to us! No thanks. The government should restrict my access to clean healthy meat. |
| Great as I live in an area where all the properties are no less than half acre |
| They should be allowed!!! Yay chickens |
| I live in Whonnock and I love that people keep chickens out here. |
| i am rural so i am ok |
| As long as people are being responsible with the birds I don't have a problem with it. |
| Good. |
| I would love the ability to raise backyard hens and have them in my neighbourhood |

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| I fully support |
| Already here |
| FANTASTIC!!! |
| go for it! and vegetable gardens in the front yards and city property instead of grass - perhaps the unemployed and homeless can do some city work. give them some work and they feel better about themselves. |
| We just moved from Albion to Ruskin. In Albion even one chicken would have been great with proper set up. |
| I think it's a great idea. Good to teach our children. We get a little pride of being able to produce our own eggs |
| I feel like they would be a good thing and could save on food costs |
| There already are many hens in my neighbourhood, I don't mind it unless there chickens run wild on the property. The hens should have a fully enclosed fence and shed to have protection from other wildlife. Free running chickens do attract wildlife. |
| I love the idea as long as they are properly cared for and concerns are addressed by owners & bylaw officers if necessary. |
| I would be delighted! |
| My family and I have been wanting to have backyard chickens for years. |
| Sounds like a great idea! |
| No problem with it |
| NO WAY!!! |
| Would like to have backyard hens |
| I think the Backyard Chicken movement is a great one. No roosters but hens are not very loud and provide a lot to a household. |
| Can't wait |
| I would welcome the idea. |
| Fine |
| Totally support. |
| I'm all for it. |
| Only worry would be possible neglect after the initial excitement wears off |
| I don't want to have them. I moved into the city so as not to have small animals such as chickens. I also don't wish to be woken up by them at 5 am |
| This city has trouble enough with rats and other bylaw issues. |
| As long as it's monitored. maybe something like licences must be issued so "how to", animal welfare in regards to chicken (ie breeding, spca, illness, and if you can't keep them, disposal of birds who have passed etc) and rules and regulations can be issued. |
| I have no issues with it as long as people clean up after them. |
| I think backyard chickens should be allowed, they are a way of farming for food also they could have an educational benefit on the community. |
| I live in rural Maple Ridge, where they're already allowed. I think number of chickens allowed should be determined by lot size, and I understand concerns about odour and pests, but I think everyone should be allowed to keep hens and produce their own food. |

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| Fantastic idea. |
| Feel great as long as they are taken care of in proper manner |
| I hope my neighbours will sell me some eggs! |
| Awesome! |
| I do not agree with this in urban areas, chickens attract rats, racoons, coyotes. Also what happens when someone decides to get a rooster to go with the hens. Roosters are very noisy. We had an a neighbor who decided to get chickens and a rooster and it took some time to get bylaws to deal with the problem. |
| I think it's really positive. |
| I don't feel comfortable at all! It will create noise/ dirty and smelly backyards and it will attract cougars, rodents and other kind of stuff. |
| I would absolutely live it. There ia som much red tape to do anything within our property in the lower mainland. |
| I think it could be a great asset to the community |
| great |
| We'd love it ! |
| Acceptable |
| It's bad news and will create way too many problems. |
| In favour as long as there are strict guidelines and the number permitted is small. I feel that small urban properties should not have more than 3-4 hens. Larger properties obviously more hens would be appropriate. Major concern would be attracting rats and predators. |
| That would be super amazing, it'll help with learning responsibility and how to raise new animals that most people aren't used to |
| I think its a wonderful option for families. It teaches children and adults where food comes from and the responsibility for care of animals. I do not think this process should be without education. |
| All for it, great for everyone involved. |
| I would love people to be able to have chickens but they need to be properly educated and set rules need to be followed. The city needs to put something in place that if there are more than 2 legitimate complaints that the birds will need to be removed. No roosters for sure. Feed needs to be inside the coop and stored inside a rat proof container. Coop must be kept clean. Chickens are a wonderful addition when done right. |
| Fantastic! |
| Good |
| I would encourage and support such a possibility! |
| It should be allowed just like any other pet or animal would be. Just with those animals, as long as they are taken care of properly it should pose no issue. |
| Happy and proud ! |
| If proper public classes were held/standards were set publicly so everyone is aware of what the requirements are and how to properly raise chickens. |
| I feel excited about the prospect. |
| Love it |
| I'm for it. |

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| I welcome it. It's important to allow families the opportunity to grow their own foods. Our neighbourhoods/ community would benefit from this allowance. |
| great! |
| That would be one of the greatest thing that would happened to me !!! |
| I love the idea! |
| I would love it! I think there should be a rule that the coop can only be so close to a fence so the neighbours can still have privacy from them, and have check ups on the chicken owners to know they are in good care. |
| Must be allowed. |
| I suggest rolling out a pivot project immediately. |
| i see no real problem if they are taken care of |
| I am strongly against that. Chicken in backyards will definitely attract rodents. In residential areas, people landscape their backyards to enjoy outdoors and breeze fresh air. Farm odours are not something to enjoy and even to avoid. It will also cause tension and conflicts between neighbours that may be impossible to resolve. There is enough stress in our lives, please let us feel home at home. |
| Ok. Should be restricted to backyards, behind fences and out of sight. |
| I think they would add a wonderful character to the neighbourhood. |
| Good |
| Great idea/needs good Bylaws! |
| Agree + encourage this. Fix our Agri problem! |
| Good |
| We are okay with hens in our neighbourhood. |
| They are now |
| No worries |
| Support it but people should have to be educated on proper chicken care and health |
| not bothered |
| I would very much welcome them! |
| I'd welcome it |
| No |
| Great. I look forward to fresh eggs |
| OK |
| go for it |
| fine - but carefully kept |
| good |
| All for it. |
| I would like this. |
| Good idea on Bowen Island |
| would be very much against it |
| -not interested -they are loud/smelly + attract coyotes + bobcats. In my urban 6000 sq ft lot I frequently see squirrels killed by coyotes + bobcats |

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| We have four hens & love chicken keeping. |
| OK |
| its important for many reasons. |
| No concerns, good for the community. |
| Fine, if proper protocols put in place |
| Good stuff |
| Not happy |
| Everyone should know where thier food is from Also how about a goat (echo lawnmower) |
| I am concerned about the noise and smell. |
| Very discouraged by the possibility of this happening. Not appropriate for my area. Albion. |
| It would be great in small numbers (hens). Folks that want them will do a good job. |
| Absolutely fine as long as there are regulations in place to keep the above concerns from happening. |
| In the rural areas wouldn't be a concern. If allowed, fees to go to the bylaw dept. to monitor them. We already have a lot of dogs in MR and lots of owners who do not clean up after them so I'm skeptical of this new initiative. |
| I welcome them. |
| Ok |
| my neighbourhood already has them all over - but we live on acreage so :) |
| I have no objections to hens |
| We have someone with hens in her yard (small yard) and we also have a rodent problem in the neighbourhood. The rats have chewed wires in the neighbouring vehicles. They are a menace to the neighbourhood. It would be impossible to police the dirty coops so no coops should be allowed in the urban setting. Having a property that's is part of alr land would be the only reasonable properties to have backyard chickens |
| I'm fine with the idea of backyard hens being allowed. I hope that I would be allowed to have them at my place. I live in a mobile home park. |
| i would love some in my yard for fresh eggs |
| great |
| No thank you; lots are too small in my residential area. It would be inappropriate. |
| I think that it's a great idea and is benifical |
| I feel strongly about this being a good thing.... being that we have many families that could benefit from extra food on the table makes it a good reason to have these hens. Eggs would be healthier in the long run. |
| Hens are fine on a farm but in our opinion should not be allowed within city limits. We have enough problems with rodents as it is without adding hens (and all they entail) to the problem. |
| I don't have an issue with this unless the coop is not cared for correctly and then rodents and odour would be a problem. I have kept hens before on acreage so do know that there is work involved to correctly look after healthy hens. |
| Feel it would be a great opportunity |
| It should be allowed. Roosters should be limited to larger yards. |

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| I think it's a wonderful idea. |
| No problem.. Maple Ridge was a farming community in the past. Let's keep some of the traditions alive, within reason. |
| I don't see any issues with allowing them. More urban cities have made allowance for them and continue to allow chickens. |
| Excellent as long as they are tended, clean and no roosters |
| I am not interested in hens being allowed in my neighborhood. |
| Supportive |
| I'm not very happy about this possibility. |
| I would love to have backyard hens! We have 4 children and having a healthy low cost food option available would be very helpful. |
| Our neighbours have laying hens and they are kept clean and they are not noisy except in the morning when they cackle as they are laying eggs but it is not annoying and the eggs they share are excellent. |
| Backyard hens is a hard work and people think it's easy to keep them. With backyard beds comes lots of other problems like ticks, rats and etc |
| I like the idea. |
| I'm fine with this. I think it offers and teaches sustainability. |
| We moved to maple ridge from Vancouver and wondered why we were able to have hens in t. City and not on our ALR property (under 1 acre) we have been waiting for an opportunity such as this to readdress the issue and hope we can have hens again! |
| I don't want the added noise and filth |
| I'm good with it if standards are set re: care and keeping |
| I have no problem if they are cared for and kept appropriately. If the owners don't keep up with cleaning and maintenance and they become a rodent / wildlife attractant is where I'd have a problem |
| That would be good. |
| I would be really upset to have them in my neighbourhood. |
| I FEEL IT WOULD BE A TREMENDOUSLY FORWARD THINKING MOVE!!! WE NEED THIS!!! |
| I have no problem with it. |
| Totally opposed to this notion, idea or discussion. |
| I would not like it at all. I feel like it's completely redneck and would drive down property values. I didn't move to the country I moved to a town. |
| Ok with it. |
| Awesome then maybe I could enjoy the eggs |
| I think it is a wonderful idea. |
| Not at all pleased |
| I would love it |
| I see no issue with it as long as hens are housed at night. I feel there are way more positives than negatives. |
| I would not appreciate backyard hens in my neighborhood. In order to house hens without imposing on your neighbors, I believe you should have an acre or larger property. |
| Would love it |

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| I'm okay with it as long as people comply with the regs. |
| No problem with it. I think it's a great idea. |
| No no no it attracts rats ,and more rats we killed 5 in two days no one gives us poison to get rid of them . You have to teat them ...horrible not heathy at all |
| I think it's a great idea |
| I think it's a good idea |
| Im in Whonnock and i have chickens . I do not believe they belong in the city. It brings up so many situations to go wrong. (Uncleanliness, food outside for predators and/or rats) The challenges and responsibility involved in keeping birds is more than the average person would even consider . Theres a reason its not allowed now and nothings changed. If people want fresh eggs then support your local farmer. Eggs are available \$4 a doz on every other street in east ridge . What happens when 4-H pops up and says well i want fresh milk we should be able to have cows too..... |
| I would welcome them and hope to be able to buy fresh eggs from a neighbor! |
| Backyard hens are loud and smelly |
| Don't like it, we are urban not rural. Hey |
| It's about time. You can have them in Vancouver. |
| I love the sound of freedom in the morning! |
| Please, no! |
| There are already illegal grow-ops in the area and the police don't seem interested in shutting them down. No doubt this would happen with unsightly coops or noisy, smelly hens. There's always somebody who crosses the line. |
| Very disappointed . The smell along is enough at times to make you vomit |
| I do not believe that the city would be able to control the residents to keep it as a clean enviroment. We already have an issue with rats as our neighbour continues to feed the raccoons. They come to feed on the food she leaves out. In a 2 week period we have caught over 40 rats. This has become an extreme infestation. |
| I do not agree they should be raised in the city limits as it will attract rodents. I already have an issue with my neighbour leaving food for the racoons. We have killed over 40 rats in a very short amount of time. It has become an infestation. |
| I don't mind them in my neighbourhood as there are lots of surrounding properties that are on acreage which is appropriate for hens. |
| Love the thought |
| I would like it to be accepted here and want to have chickens in my back yard |
| I am completely for it. I always had hens when I was growing up and there isn't anything better than fresh eggs. Only roosters are noisy, and as long as people are held accountable for cleaning and maintaining their coops then they're not overly smelly |
| Will welcome them |
| I would be extremely upset. I think that chickens belong on a farm. |
| I'm fine with it, as long as people are cleaning up after their hens frequently and being responsible about owning them. |
| Don't want them at all |
| I am not opposed to this. |

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| Not in favour. The one that is in our neighbourhood now needs to be removed. |
| If there are general rules as to proper care for hens. This would include cleanliness, care and feeding and even the use of solar powered electric fence as a deterrent for raccoons and other wildlife. If you want a hen house you should be willing to pay \$50 (or so) and attend a class put on by the city once a month to teach you the basics. In return you will get (for example) a book on backyard hens with plans for hen house and hen tractor (look it up up) construction. |
| I think it's a great idea as long as it is monitored. |
| I am all for backyard hens. I am completely against commercial egg farms and their treatment of animals |
| Im all for it |
| I think it would be great!!highly support |
| No thank you |
| Personally, I feel backyard hen are a fantastic idea and I'm surprised that this has not already been implemented within our city seeing as we are a farming community. |
| Worried about smell & noise & also rats. Concerned how it will be 'policed' so that people don't have 10+ or other barn animals. |
| fine |
| All good. |
| I welcome the idea. I think that the benefit of having backyard hens outweighs by far the cons. |
| I would feel happy for these people, I myself would love to have hens and educate my 3 young children. Fresh eggs are the best eggs and the way we eat them would save my family of 5 some dollars over time. I am 110% for having pet chickens |
| Don't want them ever |
| Will get a coop when its approved |
| As long as they are kept in a safe environment where they cant fly out if the yard im fine with the hens in my area! |
| I'd live it and want one! |
| Not supportive of backyard hens in urban area |
| By all means let's have them! |
| I grew up in the city with chickens. I only buy eggs from backyard farmers. You get to know your neighbours and eggs are fresh |
| Fantastic opportunity |
| It's good way to dispose of kitchen scraps, provide fertilizer, teach children about "livestock". They provide fresh eggs, rather than eggs that are weeks old from the stores. |
| Against it. 2 friends have chickens (on 3+ acres each) Can sit on the deck and watch the rats run . Both try to keep clean coops but rats are everywhere. |
| We live in a townhouse complex on a green belt with lots of children. I feel it would attract more wildlife than we currently have. We don't need more bears roaming around |
| Great step forward! |

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| I don't believe it should be in small yards. Limit it to certain types of yards in areas where you don't experience an abundance of unintended consequences! |
| We do NOT have to be like Vancouver. Any reasonable individual will tell you it's a disaster! |
| I would be happy about it. |
| I would be so ecstatic ! Chickens are a way of life and would help me reduce a bit of my food cost - teach my children |
| For it |
| I feel like it should not be a problem! |
| Im all for it. I would love hens in my backyard i just need more knowledge about it first |
| Wonderful! Would love to have our own or be able to get eggs from a local neighbor |
| My daughter has 3 hens. Her young children love them. They are learning responsibility in the care for them. They are pets to the children. Dogs cause more problems than Chickens. They have fresh eggs every day. Roosters would be a game changer as they will wake the whole neighbourhood up. But hens are harmless, make little noise, and rats can be controlled with a small number of chickens and proper handling of their feed. Plus they get eggs everyday for the family... a good source of protein. |
| not at all happy as we already have a rat problem and are frequented by bears - we can hear the hen and rooster from 4 blocks away now |
| Great!! |
| I have no problem with hens I'm a small amount. The average household should get enough eggs from 3-4 hens, plus some to give to family and friends. Food waste fed to hens is food waste not fed to bears and rats. Even a rooster crows only a few times per day, which is significantly less nuisance than a dog that likes to bark. |
| Totally against hens being allowed in residential neighbourhoods, not appropriate. Should only be in agriculturally zoned areas. |
| I would welcome it |
| Depends on noise |
| I think this initiative is way overdue. I have friends in other, more densely populated areas of Vancouver, who have hens in while living in a small residential house. They have had no problems and no complaints. We sell Maple Ridge as a progressive district but we must catch up with other more progressive districts on this issue. |
| Very excited to be able to have afford organic eggs. |
| Great idea. |
| Agreed, but needs enforced guidelines |
| Good I want them myself |
| Good idea to become self reliant and know where your food comes from |
| Good start |
| Not allow to wander |
| A great addition to the community! |
| Great idea |
| I have them in my neighbourhood and it is a great connection for people |
| I am agree |
| Good |

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| Good idea. already allowed where I live |
| would welcome |
| Awesome! |
| No problem depending on lot size |
| I think it is a good idea |
| Totally in favour |
| I think it is a great idea. I came from Vancouver and was so disappointed to move to Maple Ridge and not be able to have them |
| I think its a great idea. But it should be regulated |
| Good |
| Great opportunity to teach my children about animals and where there food comes from |
| Great, education and food production |
| I really worry about the rodent problem |
| Would be all for it |
| Great! |
| I want them allowed!! |
| As long as they're well looked after its fine |
| Good |
| It would be okay |
| Completely fine, hopefully they let me pet them! |
| OK with it |
| no problem |
| fine |
| I strongly agree about having backyard chickens. It is a human right |
| I am super happy |
| We are extremely happy that someone speaks up about this issue. It is about time! Vancouver city has it why not Maple Ridge. |
| I feel great about it! I would gladly welcome backyard hens into my neighbourhood. |
| I would welcome it |
| As long as the city acts on any issues that come with . We still live in the country. |
| Great- why not |
| more nature is better (healthier living) |
| This would be great. |
| I strongly agree that people in Maple Ridge should be allowed to have chickens for the reasons listed in #6. |
| I'm all for it if they are contained |
| neighbors had no problem last time we had them. All our neighbors ere good with it. |
| fine - if there are issues, I think the district should deal with it case by case. Most owners are responsible |
| too dense in my neighbourhood |
| fine with it |

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| no problem if well cared for |
| love it! Ys |
| good |
| would be great |
| this would be fantastic |
| small crop if feel would be OK |
| would love it, long overdue |
| OK if done properly |
| Positive |
| I would love it - I want some |
| Indifferent. Support people who would want them, and those that choose not to |
| I am fine with it - with restricitions |
| I think it would be fun and exiting |
| I think it would be fun and cool to have them but they would get eaten |
| Great! |
| Love the idea! |
| As long as it doesn't look ugly! |
| Alright to me |
| Welcome them. So many grow up thinking food only comes from the grocery store |
| I have no problems. I think it would be a great idea |
| It would be very fun |
| Good |
| I would love it |
| Fine |
| No |
| I would love it, but no Roosters please |
| If properly maintained, good |
| Sure |
| Love idea |
| No problem |
| Great |
| Great |
| Great |
| Not overly thrilled |
| Super excited! I've wanted them for so long |
| Fantastic idea! I feel like this would really enrich my neighbourhood |
| Excited |
| Good idea |
| Very much in favour! |
| yes |
| good |

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| if people want them they should be allowed. |
| I would like it |
| Positive |
| neutral |
| We live in an area with lots 1/4 acre so it would be awesom |
| Would love to see this happen. |
| great |
| It would be awesome |
| I fully support it |
| good |
| positive |
| I would welcome it |
| i am okay with that |
| I would like to keep some |
| I think its awesome |
| I feel it should be available to whom ever wants them. |
| I'm all for it! |
| great idea |
| its awesome! |
| I live in Sechelt BC. Lots of people have chickens, no problem. |
| Positive step towards sustainability |
| would welcome them |
| would welcome them |
| Fine, if there are guidelines |
| I am not opposed |
| Not good |
| I hope they are alloud |
| I would welcome the hens |
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| I feel it is right to keep them in properties. Hens are part of human's life & bring us to nature |
| Yes! |
| Bullish. Rooster uh |
| Very supportive |
| Okay |
| OK |
| All for it (grew up on a farm) |
| I would be OK |
| Excellent idea |
| I would fully support backyard chickens in my neighbourhood |
| I think it's great |
| Fine with me |

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| Ok |
| Good |
| Great except that we have bears & coyotes that visit us regularly so I don't want to attract more |
| No opinion |
| Great |
| Very happy and positive and educational & savings for our maple ridge families |
| Support the initiative - must be managed responsibly |
| OK |
| Ya - bring on the hens |
| Fine. Let them in. I would buy eggs if offered |
| Positive = want chickens |
| Very positive |
| OK |
| No problem |
| Don't mind as long as kept clean and taken care of |
| I am pro backyard chickens |
| Just fine |
| Great! |
| Kept in control, regulations, noise |
| Looking forward to it! |
| Everyone should be free too choose having hens. |
| I would love it |
| I am fine with it |
| Good |
| Yes |
| No problems |
| Ecstatic, local food is worth the work |
| Would love it |
| That will be great! |
| Perfect for families |
| Would be a positive move |
| Positively |
| Awesome idea |
| Great |
| Excellent idea |
| Great |
| Really good |
| If that's what you want I don't mind |
| It would be a good thing |
| Yes |
| We can't - we are in an adult gated area |

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| No problem |
| Fine |
| Love it! Makes us become closer to our food source, connected to where our food comes from |
| I am okay with it |
| Would love it |
| Great |
| Yay! Great idea |
| Fine |
| fine |
| Vancouver allows, why not Maple Ridge |
| agree |
| I think its benefits out weigh negatives |
| I would LOVE to have a small chicken coop |
| I would be very supportive of my neighbors raising hens |
| Small amount of chickens in a residential neighborhood,. ok 5-6 |
| okay if it was small 3-4 hens |
| ok |
| good idea |
| agree |
| all for it |
| Might be noisy |
| awesome idea |
| I have no problem with my neighbors having backyard hens |
| good idea |
| good |
| great!!! |
| fine |
| I would love to see people who don't live on a farm to have the option to have hens. |
| fine |
| awesome |
| fine |
| unsure need more education |
| I would be great |
| great |
| I think its a great idea |
| Great just get on with the By-Law. We need to be more self sufficient. |
| Fine - They are stress relievers, good pets and they produce organic eggs/ |
| It's about time! |
| They have many benefits |
| fine with it. |
| Bylaw long over due. |

| 9. Do you have any other thoughts, comments or suggestions about backyard hens? | | | |
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| Answer | Count | Percentage | |
| Answer | 393 | 46.79% | |
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| No answer | 447 | 53.21% | |
| Not completed or Not displayed | 60 | | |

| 9. Do you have any other thoughts, comments or suggestions about backyard hens? |
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| <p>I feel that noise could be issue But perhaps only two hens then They aren't that loud unless there is a bunch I'm looking forward to have some Fresh eggs and the experience for my kids would be beneficial</p> |
| <p>I would love to see Maple Ridge embrace its agricultural roots and promote our yards being a source of food. Backyard hens would be a vital part of that. As development continues to take over once rural areas, I urge the city to provide education and initiatives to this end. Suburban pristine lawns destroy biodiversity and are a significant source of pollution. As development pushes further east, this lawn-worshipping mentality will be a serious threat to the delicate and rich ecosystem. In this time of rapid growth for Maple Ridge, its an ideal opportunity to embrace the area's roots and lead the way for sustainable, diverse yards. The Fraser Valley does not need more land lost to soulless, cookie-cutter developments. It's entirely possible to provide housing while doing better than that. Maple Ridge could be an innovative leader on that front.</p> |
| I hope maple ridge allows hens VERY SOON |
| No. |
| This is an election issue for our family. Please support this idea. |
| <p>I don't think people realize how dirty chickens are. Even having 3-4 birds equals a lot of manure and where are people going to put this? in the yard waste bags? I am sure some people will be great owners, but I think there will be a large amount of birds dumped and or killed because people will grow tired/get roosters/ill birds. I used to have backyard hens in Langley, but had a large covered coop and average to take care of manure. They are wonderful animals but are a big responsibility.</p> |
| No |
| They should have been permitted 5 years ago. |
| <p>I personally would love to have backyard hens because I think it would be a great experience for my two daughters to grow up with a little more literal view of where their food comes from Every family that it's capable of having chickens should have them. They eat all kinds of food scraps, insects, slugs and turn them into food we can eat, plus we could cut down on factory farms!</p> |
| Do not allow them!!! |
| By keeping them it aloud our kids to be involved more in agricultural and promoting it. |
| no |

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| Raised coops help prevent rodents from finding a place to live near the area, as well as removing the food source at night. |
| This by-law is long over due and thankful the city is taking another look at this. |
| It would be great to create a community of like minded owners. But I'd love for my child to have the 4-H type experiences I had growing up even though we cannot afford farmlands. |
| With the expense, noise and nuisance factor, there is no gain to having chickens, other than knowing how they are treated. |
| Any feed for the hens must be kept in rodent resistant bins. |
| I think it's a good idea for the community |
| No |
| City should work on solutions for ridding community of rodents. |
| I would advise proper courses be provided regarding the housing, feed, cleaning and overall care of the birds. Also an annual check to be sure care is ongoing. If people are not educated, it could turn into a problem quickly. |
| There should be an approval process to assess the suitability of the owner (similar to SPCA dog applications) that takes into consideration animal welfare, odour, cleanliness, noise, location, etc. Perhaps owners would have to obtain a permit prior to being able to have chickens on their property. Also, the number of hens should be partly contingent on the size of the property (smaller = less hens). |
| This would negatively affect the ability to enjoy my own property, and would create noise, odour, and many problems between otherwise good neighbours. |
| No |
| Let me know when I can start building a coop without the threat of it being taken down :) |
| I think allowing backyard chickens in Maple Ridge is a wonderful idea and a great learning opportunity for children. |
| Stupid idea |
| Better than a compost bin as food is eaten before it rots and creates odors to attract some wildlife |
| Simply a big NO |
| I think food security is important and citizens should be able to provide or supplement their food needs with gardens and animals. |
| Who would take unwanted hens and the odd rooster? The spca? |
| No roosters be allowed. Coop must be kept clean to reduce the smell and rodents. |
| Dumb idea. |
| When I did have my 8 girls they all had names and would come when called. I was able to have them at the place where I boarded my horse. They were locked up at dusk and let out at dawn. They were never very far from human contact. Any little children that came to visit the barn to see the horses also enjoyed seeing and being able to hold, pet and interact with the hens. They were fascinated to watch the hens laying eggs in their nest boxes. My lats little hen passed away from natural causes late last year at the age of 8, which is old for a hen. |
| no |
| Smaller lots, 5500-6500 sq ft should be included |
| Vancouver allows chickens on 3000 square foot lots. The smallest option here was 6500 sq feet. This will exclude the majority of people interested in backyard chickens. If the bylaw excluded most people, it will not be successful. |
| Do it! If the City of Vancouver can have them, then so should we. We are community with farms already. If someone can have birds in their kitchens as pets, then we should be allowed to have chickens for food sources and education |
| They do not attract rodents, only open grain bins do. Chickens will hunt and kill mice |

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| This will create a LOT of jobs if it goes through. |
| Would there be a license you would need to qualify? I worry about people not taken the proper care and Hens possibly being abused etc |
| No roosters please. :) |
| If this is approved- coops should have regulations and must be checked and approved before allowing chickens. The size is important as well at the sturdiness. We also have tons of coyotes and they'd be attracted to the chickens so there needs to be some protection so that we don't hear a chicken being dragged away and killed every night! |
| Please consider also making a framework around care of the chickens. |
| Hens are for farms not backyards |
| I think it is an educational opportunity for all community members to help them understand food security. Just that people who are allowed to have backyard chickens should be given a pamphlet or access to information on the care of the birds and how to properly keep them clean, healthy and happy! |
| No backyard chickens. No one will police it, it'll get out of hand, the complaints won't stop. |
| Numbers are messed up in question 5. I support backyard hens. With good education, there are many benefits. Not everyone will want to do it, but those who do should be allowed. |
| Please! |
| We have enough issues with predatory animals ,and people can't seem to take care of the things and animals they already have ...the last thing we need is chickens in our neighbors yard |
| inspections would be a good thing to see the conditions the chickens are kept in are good. |
| Quantity of hens allowable should be denoted by size/scale of the property. Too many hens will eat down the vegetation and this can become unsightly and smelly with too many hens on too small a space or with a coop not designed to allow pasture rotation. |
| A protocol should be signed by anyone wanting to add chickens to their world ... no roosters in residential yards, only on larger properties. If \$ allows, random check ups of registered chicken owners should be done. Only serious chicken keepers need apply???? |
| Chickens are very entertaining to watch. In close quarters roosters should not be allowed. |
| Many major cities, including Vancouver, allows backyard chicken coops, why not Maple Ridge? This is an opportunity for us to be part of the food revolution that is making it easier for homeowners to be more food independent. We need this. |
| I think people confuse hens with roosters. Hens are really quite quiet. I think there should be some provision to fund the SPCA for the chickens they will likely have to take in as they move past laying age or as people realize the full responsibility of having backyard hens. Again fulsome education should be available. |
| Home insurance may be an issue. 1st exclusion on most policies is "no coverage if any farming activities" I work for the cooperators insurance and under our policy it allows for a max of 12 chickens (must follow city bylaw requirements) without voiding your home insurance but other companies may feel differently. |
| There will always be opposition to backyard hens from uninformed citizens and counsel. Start off your decision making by bringing in a properly informed panel - a farmer and also someone who owns backyard chickens...as caring for them in an urban setting is different from a rural one. |
| No |
| This needs to be allowed for residents to have food security. |
| There needs to be standard space allotted for coops with the quantity of chickens. There needs to be build requirements for coops to keep Bobcats and bears out. |
| A small license fee would provide funds to check on things or complaints and deal with those. |
| Absolutely a ridiculous idea ! This is a city folks. If you are a would be farmer move! |

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| I say yes. It is a great idea. |
| There have to be rules put in place to ensure the health of the birds and the health of the neighbors. Perhaps a training guideline to make sure people know what they are getting into |
| Hens in urban environments should be registered with municipal authorities. Periodic health checks should be required to ensure disease and conditions are adhered too (perhaps could be integrated with by-law enforcement). Costing could be done through fees and fines realized with an aim to a cost neutral regime. |
| Nope - said it all above. |
| I feel the lot size could reflect Vancouver's restrictions and bring it even lower than the 6500sqft suggested here and make it even as low as 3000sqft |
| They are a wonderful hobby and like most pets can promote empathy and kindness. They are calming and they have fun personalities. They are educational as you become aware of where your food sources come from and give you pause to think about supporting local businesses and community. |
| I believe having hens in Maple Ridge is finally keeping up with the times. We need to use all land to increase food production and decrease food transportation. |
| Communities are healthier when more autonomy, self sufficiency and independence is allowed. |
| I would say that maybe the city put together an info package for hen ownership so coops are properly constructed, animals are properly cared for, and pests are adequately deterred. Maybe they buy a one time hen license much like a dog license and then people can be sure to know about the regulations. |
| Offering a licence with nominal kid-friendly fee (e.g.\$5 per property) along with minimal education requirement/quiz would be helpful, also consider a 'code of chicken ownership' suggestions on responsibility for their care and medical attention, perhaps top 10 chicken illnesses and their treatments would be enough to inform curious laypeople. How will people find reputable local farmers to purchase their chickens from? Will our local hardware stores sell chicken coop kits next to the sheds? This can't be like dog licences where I receive no value from the City for my voluntary expense because the un-licenced irresponsible dog owners are a tax burden. |
| If allowed they should be monitored from time to time to make sure they meet the city requirements |
| I think it's a very good idea as our children can learn how to grow our food and care for them |
| Nope |
| Do NOT allow |
| Keep the hens on the farms where they belong. |
| Great idea |
| See 8 above. |
| Well planned and we'll monitored, this could be a positive. |
| Backyard hens have been successfully introduced in neighbouring urban areas. The introduction has been well documented. I would recommend that Maple Ridge, a traditionally rural area, study the experience and follow suit to introduce backyard chicken flocks to our community. |
| I understand the concerns some may have, and I feel that if people are not vigilant than backyard hens could pose a problem. And how would the city enforce certain rules and make sure everyone follows them? It could be quite the undertaking for the city, but it could also be super beneficial for the residents of the city. |
| Dirty, messy, stinking, noisy. They do not belong in the city. Keep them on a farm that has farm status |
| I think it's a great idea! |
| Just that people should have proper pens if they have them and proper feed area so as not to attract rats |

Have differing amounts of hens allowed depending on the property sizes including smaller properties (like 4000-6000sq ft can have 2, 6001 - 10700 can have 4, 10701-21500 can have 6, 1 acre+ can have 10)

Possibly also add in QUAIL hens as well as chicken hens since they have less smell, a lot less noise, no worries of them wondering to neighbours yards, take up a lot less space (tiny lots could even have them as even 1sqft per bird is a lot of space for them - with a minimum size of 6sqft), and a lot easier to take care of. This would also allow for many people to start with something very easy to take care of, and then possibly move up to chickens in the future. It seems when guidelines are made up, quails are always left out as they are not a popular bird, but are way more suited for residential properties than chickens are.

It is long overdue.

My property is 300m2. If the number of hens was low (3-4), noise or smell wouldn't be an issue if kept according to a standard (perhaps a renewable annual permit). On the plus side, there would be no "unsightly" complaints since in our neighbourhood we can't see into each others' yards really, due to proximity.

Again, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms should cover this. It is the right of any person to live and produce what is necessary to maintain life which includes raising livestock. Allow backyard chickens and respect every Canadian's choice to do so is a right.

It is a great learning opportunity for younger kids and kids at heart

Don't understand why this is under review in small municipal lots.

The number of hens should be determined by the number of people they are to provide for. Regulating the number of hens would also curb small home businesses

See above, probably should have put these comments here.

I really hope this gets approved! Backyard hens would be so awesome!

N/A

Those homeowners who are interested should be registered in some manner and made to understand how to properly and humanely care for their hens

Maple Ridge is a farming community at its roots. Laying hens at the very least should be permitted

Needs to be regulated or licensed. Coops should require permits and be evaluated to ensure they meet certain requirements. People need proper training on how to keep it clean and store food. And no roosters.

I would love to see more public education about the benefits of Backyard chickens (through social media or posters in public municipal spaces)

Make this happen!

Education available to public for designing a coop as well as proper care and feeding

No

No roosters

I feel that it is a good idea to allow backyard hens in all of Maple Ridge.

Please do not allow hens on any properties under 2.0 acres (and ensure they are well centered on that property, to ensure we can enjoy peaceful use of our own property. Do NOT allow hens on properties not already zoned as "farming/agricultural"!

Please do not change the zoning of our home, merely to accommodate a few who want to keep farm animals in the city! I chose my purchased home VERY CAREFULLY, which included researching the zoning of this, and if surrounding neighbourhoods.

If you ever lived within less than a mile from a chicken farm, you would understand the stench can be quite unbearable in warm weather.

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| We are a city with a beautiful reputation for current and historic farming/ agriculture. Open access to small city lot farming/ agriculture are cutting age trends for a progresssive municipality agenda. Maple Ridge's reluctance to embrace modern municipal small lot agriculture seems backwards thinking in the 21st century push for sustainability. I really hope we allow progress while at the same time embracing our historic emphasis on food and agriculture. |
| Big enough lot to accommodate hens without interfering with neighbours quality of life |
| I believe it should be limited to house hold usage or need |
| I would love to see this. |
| Coops should be situated closer to your own building than any neighbouring building. |
| People should have to take an online course and get a permit. |
| They are a great source of quality eggs. No need for roosters unless you are breeding. My coop is mobile and has an electric poultry fence to keep predators out. I have zero rodents! |
| Only on land of 1 acre or more. |
| I hope that the city will allow it for those who want them. |
| Only on 1 or more acres, not on the edge of the property. |
| Dumb idea to have backyard hens in residential areas. |
| Please pass the law. |
| Get rid of the rats first. |
| <p>Suggestions from a long time chicken egg production farmer in East MR</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.No Roosters in Urban areas 2. Have a Bylaw where Backyard Breeding is NOT ALLOWED otherwise license is provoked until further notice 3. Keep their feed in airtight sealed containers 4. Remove feed trays into pest preventive area in the night as chickens can NOT see well in the night so they do not eat 5. Have a coop that is not easy to open by animals 6. Maintain a regular schedule to clean the coop 7. Build a specific cozy area the chickens like for them to get used to so they are normally laying their eggs in the same area and not all over the property thus attracting wildlife 8. Remember to lock up chickens before bed especially if free running ones <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) City Hall: Set a time like 7 pm where chickens have to be inside coop b) If going out and unable to return home at 7 pm to put chickens into coop, get them into a smaller secured fenced area like vegetable gardens or put them into coop before leaving. 9. Keep track of number of chickens you have each day 10. Use EXETREMELY shallow trays for water (Birds except waterfowl easily drown even in 1 cm of water) 11. Repair holes and other damages in fences before having chickens and check fence regularly for damages and fix as soon as possible <p>CHICKENS ARE QUITE EASY TO HAVE IF YOU ARE COMMITTED JUST LIKE WHEN YOU HAVE A DOG, CAT OR WHAT ELSE! Plus they have you eggs for a good 1-3 years.</p> |
| I would like to have hens and a rooster. His name would be Foghorn LegHorn. |
| Licensing if they sell eggs |
| Keep them on farmland. |
| Backyard hens in farming areas, or large private lot areas only. In town doesn't make too much sense. |
| <p>2-6 hens is more than enough for any family. By laws should be similar to dog and cat ownership. Chicken owners/coops should be required to buy an annual licence and follow noise & cleanliness by laws. I think the city of Maple Ridge council will be surprised how little complaints they will receive compared to dog complaints.</p> |

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| The proposed lot size is limited to quite large lots which eliminates to option for many. A smaller lot size requirement similar to the city of Vancouver would be beneficial. |
| With proper education chicken can be included in residence areas with ease. |
| No |
| Leave chickens on rural farms where they belong |
| Chickens should only be allowed on farms. If people want to have them in urban areas they should keep them inside. |
| As long as they're properly care for and maintained there should be no issue |
| I think it enhances a sense of community |
| No |
| Backyard hens, while enjoying their relative freedom. They keep the garden pest free, while augmenting their diet, getting exercise, and adding their lovely chatter to the calm and beauty of our outdoor spaces. |
| We live in a townhouse and would love to have this apply to us as well. The number of chicken a household keeps should be dependent upon the available space. Looking forward to this! |
| They stink and make noise, attract rodents, and are not healthy to keep in a civilized neighbourhood |
| The hen cops must be a good size |
| Should be permitted in every single family neighbourhood. Subject to stricter location guidelines than accessory bldg though. Ie not as close to neighbour property |
| Please go ahead |
| A permit could be issued to own hens once a property owner passes an course or an online quiz for chicken husbandry. Animals need to be cared for properly and ethically and not be kept as a novelty. |
| Don't allow them in my neighbourhood |
| Please do not allow. |
| Why not a quiet bird like Quails, like Europe allows. Only requires a small cage and very quiet. People aren't going to be harvesting thier filthy chickens. They will just be noisy, smelly outdoor pets that will spread allergens to those adjacent that may be allergic. |
| This should only be considered for acreage properties. |
| There should be a min distance from neighbours (like 100 ft or more like septic) and must need their (all neighbours that it would affect) approval before hand. Look how many cougars are sited this year, adding an attractant to suburbs and not feeling safe to let my kid play outside doesn't make me happy. Let alone more rats and raccoons. We know people with chickens and they are loud, dirty and it's more work than expected and costs more than just buying eggs at store. Please don't allow this!! |
| Dont allow backyard hens. You dont live in a farm area you live in a city environment. |
| Great for the kids to learn where eggs come from instead of the store! |
| People will not take care of these animals the way they should and we will have a huge problem in the communities. The educational background is not there for the "city folks" and once the novelty wears off, these hens will be abandoned. |
| Would like to see them allowed. |
| We need it! |
| Chickens belong on acreage, not on city lots. The modern day lot size is not large enough to accommodate animal enclosures. |
| There should be an online course or test to educate the public in the proper care and procedures of having hens. To prevent rodents and odour. |
| Proper care |

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| I would suggest there be an application process that includes mandatory education about the care of chickens for those who want to keep them. This is no longer a farming community where animal husbandry skills are common, and chickens stand to suffer much abuse at the hands of the ignorant. That in fact would be my biggest concern. |
| No |
| I think we should encourage and support people that want to have hens and other animals. |
| Its a great idea! |
| I believe a person should due their research. Chickens are a lot of work as well as alot of reward. The most important thing in my mind is to be a good neighbor. By that I mean doing your best to be aware that there are alot of things to consider, roosters are loud so make sure your getting hens, keep chicken area clean as it can get smelly, keep food shut away from wild life, make sure that your not attracting wild life to you chickens by have a secure fence and your chickens contained within in a secure area inside that as well. |
| See previous. |
| Provide education sessions prior to handing out "backyard hen licenses". For biosecurity these need tracking in the event of another avian flu and education prevents illness, improper care/housing and ensures a success |
| Should have been allowed a long time ago. |
| Having strict minimum quality of life restrictions for the care of the hens right from the get go will be the most effective tool for successful integration of this wonderful program. |
| Having strict minimum quality of life restrictions for the care of the hens right from the get go will be the most effective tool for successful integration of this wonderful program. |
| No |
| I feel it should be allowed |
| Each chicken needs 545 sq ft to handle the manure load produced by one chicken. In order for chickens to "smell" it takes owning hundreds to thousands of afults chickens. |
| If people take good care of them they are a great addition to a home |
| It's sad that this even needs to be debated. We're so out of touch with where our food comes from. |
| A lot of families have one or more family members that have allergies to the more common household pets. Hens will give them the opportunity to still learn the important life skills that are formed when taking care of an animal. |
| Only concern would be people not taking care of them properly. |
| I'd love to have the ability to grow more of my own food. We moved here from Coquitlam and our neighbours had a coop there, there were no concerns. Please let us be able to do the same here. |
| To be regulated |
| I already did the survey and am in favor of being able to raise chickens in our backyards and wanted to add that my lot size is 6000 sq ft |
| Make a generic chicken coop specs.. |
| No |
| I would like the minimum plot size to be smaller than 6500 sqft. People in the city don't have that kind of space. I think it should be more around 3000sqft. |
| Bylaws need to be enforced. Dogs off leash and dog frces in our parks is ridiculous. Enforcement of regulations for backyard chickens shoudk be monitored closely |
| Not at this time |
| If cared for properly, there should be no concerns |

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| Education, education, education |
| This would be beneficial to all neighbours. No roosters though! |
| Not at the moment. |
| Not at this time |
| Nope |
| I don't think any property under 2 acres should be aloud hens, and even at that if hens are allowed on bigger properties there needs to be strict rules about housing them and making sure that they don't become an attractant to rodents. |
| I don't want backyard hens in my neighborhood |
| we are not leaving in down town Vancouver , maple ridge is rural area , let feel it |
| Perhaps not allowing roosters In areas of small yards. |
| Allow backyard hens. |
| Nope. Keep them in the ALR. |
| please let it happen |
| I would love to see a permit/license process for allowing backyard hens. There should be at least a mandatory test if not a short 2 hour course that residents must take prior to allowing hens in an urban area. I don't think there should be a fee attached or if there was a fee make it as minimal as possible. I strongly believe that residents need to understand the responsibility of owning hens, their care and expenses before they embark on backyard hens. If they take a course write a test they can be allowed hens. It would be great to have amount of hens to square feet of area for them to roam to make sure the raising of hens is humane. The SPCA has wonderful guidelines for laying hens |
| Should be allowed as any pets are, a lot people have too many dogs not controlled. Chickens are not a problem but will help a lot with food, eat all your food scraps. |
| See above. |
| Appropriate education for those who have never raised farm animals on how to care for them, protect them from wildlife and produce eggs. |
| Hens only lay for a few years, then what will people do with them? |
| Public education for both backyard chicken owners and for their neighbours could be key to success! |
| Other municipalities and cities have allowed them without issue. Maple Ridge, while recently named a city, is still very much a farming community. I have been living in a regular sized suburban house with a decent yard, right next to a farm. Yet I haven't been allowed chickens simply from the different in our plot sizes. They are already all around us, one way or another. I just want to be able to do the same thing my neighbors can. |
| It is about time!!! Did you know it is allowed in Vancouver on much smaller house lots??!! It is in fact outrageous at the amount of time it takes council to decide/debate on this. Also, the "standard" of house lots is no longer 6,000+sq ft. ..as everyone is aware the new house lots start at just over 3,000sq ft now days, so this must be taken in consideration! Thank you |
| Very good visual charts when releasing info about backyard chickens |
| We need chickens |
| no |
| Yay! Fresh eggs and lovely pets. |
| i want nothing else but chickens in my back yard! |
| Please allow them! |
| I support it if city does random inspections to ensure people are following the rules. |

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| no |
| Farm animals do not belong within residential areas - that's why we have areas that are specifically designated for specific purposes - residential, agricultural, industrial etc. Allowing farm animals in residential areas is allowing jinn out of the bottle. In urban residential areas it should be interests of general population that prevail. Another question - what about bird flu? Some time ago poultry from Washington state was banned from importing to BC. How are you going to control conditions how these chicken are kept? Will the be any health and sanitary control over how the animals are kept? Who will pay for that - taxpayers? |
| Same as answer 8. |
| Please allow for smaller lot sizes, ie 3000sq ft, as is the case in Vancouver. |
| Cont with 4H helping with educational component |
| We lost 55 hens to bears last fall. |
| # depends on size of property |
| No |
| education and program before giving permission |
| keeping hen runs clean, looking after hens - good care |
| I hope this is succesful |
| get it happen! |
| No idea |
| I'd be interested in incorporating information on Quail. |
| Chickens must be looked after. no overcrowding, clean conditions |
| keep them in rural, ALR, large acreages only |
| Keep them on large/rural/ALR land. |
| If we want to encourage food independency, we need backyard chickens. |
| Should be allowed. Restrictions are silly. |
| Need to have rules re: care of chickens for small to mid size urban properties to ensure no complaints |
| The spca still needs to set out guidelines to help whth the care for these animals |
| My sister's family had a chicken coop years ago so I'm familiar with what having a backyard coop entails. While I see the benefits, I don't think a small city lot is the place for them, especially now that lots are getting smaller and houses are getting bigger. |
| I think it's a great idea -BUT only if get responsible people - they will attract raccoons, rats, coyotes and bears. Chickens can be smelly (but ok if limited #s) so you'd have to make sure they are looked after and the chicken poop is thrown away properly (can be a bit dangerous if dries up , hazard to some) chickens can get out easy so pens have to be well closed up but room to run in the day time. People have to know what to feed and what to give them to roost and nest (just worry some with throw them in back yard and neglect them) It would be awesome for people to get their own eggs, teach children responsibility , retired seniors can keep busy and may fight loneliness. Not sure how can be monitored - but if it gets approved a course that people would have to take first would be great AND have to visit an already established back yard chicken house to actually see what it entails. We live on a farm so I know - but many "city folk" have NO IDEA. Thu I think if you limit it to 3-4 chickens for small yards it would be fine?? |
| My only concern is people not keeping up their maintenance and proper storage of food in order not to attract the mice and rats that do appear if chickens are bot maintained properly |
| They can be filthy if not properly attended to which could result in health concerns |
| There is a lot to learn about raising hens. Our next door neighbour had chickens. This was in Burkeville. We would need to be educated on the care and feeding of hens. |

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| great idea |
| i think it's a great idea and long overdue. as long as people do their research and provide adequate care of the chickens, its a win win. i have a 6000 sqft yard and would hope that size would be considered for this |
| Not a fan. We have lots of agricultural land where this can be done; I don't really see the need for individual residents to be keeping chickens. |
| Confused on the wording of your question regarding property size! I think properties used for chickens should be land size +8000 sq ft. No one wants a coop close to neighbors fence lines..... coops also should be mobile ! |
| No. Just let people have their chickens for heaven's sake, especially in the slightly rural areas. Downtown, not so much, but 228 and east....no problem. |
| 3-4 hens only. |
| I cannot build right next to the yard line between property lines, there should be a law about how far it is from your neighbour. Noise and smell are way too much. If you want chickens, go buy a farm. It's way harder than it looks and now the city will have to have people out checking the coops? |
| I think the size of the property should indicate the number of chickens allowed. |
| There must be a rule about how close to other neighbors fence is the chicken coop. Especially where townhomes backyard faces house backyard. |
| I would like to see education and guidelines put in place regarding having chickens and the responsibilities and onus of the owners to ensure a clean and safe environment for their hens and neighbours. I would hate to see someone neglecting to care properly for the hens resulting in neglect or abuse. I would like to see easy and fair avenues for neighbours to express concerns should the smell or noise become intrusive. |
| Please allow a process where residents can apply to have them!! |
| This is a horrible idea. They should be in farms not in a back yard. Stratas better ban these. |
| I think it's the right direction to go. |
| Please do not allow on non-farmland. |
| IF PROPERLY THOUGH OUT, WITH REASONABLE BYLAWS, BACK YARD CHICKENS WILL CONTRIBUTE GREATLY TO THE COMMUNITY. |
| Size of coops and numbers of chickens should be managed and enforced by bylaws. |
| Not appropriate for Maple Ridge. |
| I think there should be a vote as to whether or not it's allowed. Especially since we don't have garbage pick up where is all their waste going? |
| Do it. |
| Why are we not allowed to raise or own food? |
| I would love it. |
| I notice the wording is hens but some of the breeds are sold unsexed, it's a 50/50 game. I can see issues arising when a child has to give up it's Henrietta because it turned out to be a Henry. |
| While there are sanitary, humane and considerate methods to house hens in a backyard, I do not believe that this we have the funds or staffing to have bylaw officers in place to enforce any methods that may be written in to the City's agreement. |
| None |
| No hens in be Ack yard go buy acreage if you want a farm |
| No |
| As a seasoned bird owner I vote NO to back yard hens. |
| No |

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| No other comments - just please don't allow it. |
| OK for larger lots but not in subdivisions. |
| Please do not allow our city to become a farmyard. An urban area is no place for chickens or hens. What are you going to allow next, pigs and cows?? |
| I do not believe they belong in the city limits. |
| I strongly agree not to be within city limits. |
| Not a good idea. I have lived in the same subdivision in Maple Ridge for 24 years and feel that it would be totally unfair to allow chickens now. I think it would cause a lot of friction between neighbors. |
| Move forward if they work in Vancouver they can work here. |
| I think it's a marvellous idea IF people were to take care of their chickens humanely. |
| Fantastic learning opportunity for kids. |
| Yards should be kept in good order to prevent rodents and odour |
| We have enough of a rodent problem here |
| There should be a minimum property size .5 acres+ Maximum 3 hens Size limit on coops Coops must be x amount from property border |
| no |
| The question about the number of hens allowed should really depend on the lot size. The bigger the lot the more hens allowed. Obviously if you have a smaller lot the less chickens you can have. |
| For us to not be allowed hens now is unreal. We are out in the tri-city's / Fraser valley. We should be allowed. Just having a limit to how many would do. Just keep a tidy coop and all should be fine. Chickens are our pets to. They help with composting and are a way of life. |
| Don't allow it. There are enough rodent problems in Maple Ridge as it is. |
| Not at all |
| It would be nice to have eggs available and also would like to have the option to have quails! |
| I think it's great! |
| No |
| We need this! |
| \$3 a dozen at grocery store is cheaper |
| Maybe on a more rural areas, down Abernathy or toward rolley but not in town |
| Please do NOT allow backyard hens. They need to be properly cared for. Not just a trendy item/animal that will be discarded. |
| The proper care for these animals should also be considered. Most people can barely afford vet costs for their cats and dogs- let alone adequate and humane care for hens. |
| We are in maple ridge - known as a rural area - there is no reason why we should not be allowed My lot size is 8000sq ft it's perfect to home a 3-4 or 5 chickens My moms property is 5 acres and they have tones of chickens goats pigs - and love on 272 ! Never a problem the past 20 years and there should never be one. |
| This is so important as a community moving forward to reduce our need for large egg factory farms. |
| As with any other pet... the owner needs to care properly for them. |
| it's an issue that will cause conflict issues in neighbourhoods |
| No |

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| Rules about proper storage of feed (even keeping feed in the house) will prevent pests like rats. Also, for those that don't garden or compost, it should be stipulated that chicken manure be disposed of as garden waste. I don't own chickens but I work on a farm with a flock. A small coop (shed sized) with a flock of 3-4 chickens should produce relatively little waste that only needs to be removed every month, at most. |
| Living on a green belt we already have significant wildlife incursions (bears, racoons, coyotes, small mammals). I fear that the introduction of backyard hens will attract more wildlife to their detriment |
| No |
| We should encourage more and more people to grow their own food by granting the permission and educating them through seminars etc. |
| Keeps down insect population. |
| Allow them |
| Vancouver & New WEst allow chickens on smaller lots whey not in Maple Ridge that have large lot sizes |
| Just cleanliness |
| No |
| Small scale food production should be a right if we can have dogs, why not hens? |
| Good but requires diligence and good hygeine |
| People need to be trained in setting rat traps. |
| love to see in small lots too. |
| Yes needing organic fresh eggs |
| I want to eat fresh farm eggs only |
| Would advocate for the smaller lot size to be considered in permit application |
| Yes - smaller lot size - like Vancouver 3000sqft |
| A neighbor of ours had them & though he was 1/2 acre away, they were noisy |
| We love them |
| Reduce the lot size. Vancouver is a great case study! |
| Backyards 3000 sqft and up should be included |
| Reduce lot sizes to 4000 sq ft |
| No |
| Hope its allowed in Pitt Meadows |
| think its a great idea |
| Vancouver is known all over the world and has chickens. We live in the boonies and no chickens. Shame on city counselors |
| We need chickens! |
| Smaller lots must be considered since the new building lots are getting smaller than 6,500!!! |
| Size of property for qualifing should be reduced to 3000 sq feet |
| Minimum lot size of 3000 sq feet |
| Reduce to 3000 sq ft so everyone qualifies |
| Should be allowed on any single family dwelling property |
| City must give back our freedom |
| I am surprised Maple Ridge does not allow this already |
| Please change the bylaw to allow chickens! We had them for a short amount of time (we thought it was allowed) and missed having 4 free-range eggs/day and 4 quiet pets weeding our flower beds. |
| We need permits for small yards as most people dont have average or even much yard at all ie yards near Bruces Market |

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| They are excellent for young children to learn from and look after. Life skills |
| make lot size smaller like 3000 sq ft |
| Such a great way for families to have very healthy food easily accesable. |
| how would it be regulated |
| need smaller lot size closer to vancouvers 3000 ft sq |
| match Vancouver 3000 sq ft |
| would like to see 3000 sq feet like Vancouver |
| make them available on a reg sized city lot like Vancouver |
| No |
| No |
| We appreciate learning about chickens and where our food comes from |
| Owners shouldn't have dogs to harass the chickens |
| Has to be bylaw inforcement |
| No |
| Time to permit people more opportunity to produced own food |
| It's a wonderful concept - if your neighbours respect the rules |
| Lot size. If you make 6000 sq feet few will qualify and therefore it will be for nothing. Make it more available than 6000 sq |
| No |
| No |
| N/A |
| raising hens can provide food and learning experience and they should be allowed. |
| no |
| It would be very beneficial for families in our community and supports responsible agriculture! |
| no |
| chickens rock |
| With proper education, care and equipment, having backyard hens would be extremely beneficial and absolutely fantastic for the community |
| Treat them good, treat them right |
| Lot size needs to be reduced |
| No |
| More the better |
| Chickens should be allowed on 3000 sq ft lots |
| No |
| At the very lease, approve some pilot projects for assessment |
| Moved from Surrey. M.R. City is behind the times |
| No |
| Not fond of roosters in the morning but would support backyard chicens |
| No |
| We have always been a farming community, so it is logical we would encourage & promote chickens. Especially when people have food shortages |
| We would appreciate to be allowed backyard chickens (hens) |

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| Do it! |
| as above |
| Monitor cleanliness by owners |
| They are beneficial in so many ways, please allow! Other cities have had much success with this program, we should too! |
| No |
| No |
| Be sure people have good advice about poultry (ie consult with 4H, Min of Ag) |
| Chickens are fantastic and should be permitted to live among us |
| Maple Ridge needs to grow more farmland instead of taking it away |
| We need more back to earth reality and having backyard chickens is a good start |
| We are grateful the council is considering this opportunity |
| I was raised on a chicken farm |
| I have lived next to chickens before and it was fine |
| With proper regulations & by-laws regarding backyard hens, it's a good idea for urban areas |
| No |
| no |
| If this can b successful in vancouver & other urban areas, I see no reason it couldn't be successful here |
| regulation on secure coops and limit amounts |
| size of property allowed should be roughly 3000 sq feet |
| n/a |
| I think as a community we should encourage sustainability and having backyard hens is a step in the right direction. |
| no |
| I think that overall that people can have backyard chickens |
| limit the number |
| Make a limit # of chickens |
| They are less noisy, smelly than a large dog |
| People who are against it are the ones who aren't well educated and don't have any experience with animals or agriculture. |
| Yard sizes should be closer to Vancouvers. |

Would you be interested in signing-up for the City of Maple Ridge Agriculture Update E-Newsletter to stay informed of this and other agricultural projects? If yes, please provide your email address below.

| Answer | Count | Percentage | |
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| Yes | 309 | 41.76% | |
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| No | 385 | 52.03% | |
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City of Maple Ridge

TO: His Worship Mayor Michael Morden
and Members of Council
FROM: Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure: Overview and Discussion

MEETING DATE: December 11, 2018
FILE NO:
MEETING: Council Workshop

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The attached report is scheduled to be on the next Council Meeting agenda for discussion and consideration of the recommendation, which includes consideration of an Off-Street Parking and Loading Amending Bylaw. Rather than delaying consideration until the first January 2019 meeting more than a month away, the report is scheduled for December 11, 2018. The Council Workshop forum provides an extended opportunity for Council to seek additional information if required, prior to decision-making.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attachment to the December 11, 2018 Council Workshop report titled *"Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure: Overview and Discussion"* be forwarded to the next Council Meeting.

Approved by: Corporate Officer

Attachment:

- Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure: Consultation Summary Report and First, Second and Third Reading of Off-Street Parking and Loading Bylaw No. 7489-2018 – report dated December 11, 2018

TO: His Worship Mayor Michael Morden
and Members of Council
FROM: Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure: Consultation Summary Report and Next Steps

MEETING DATE: December 11, 2018
FILE NO: 2018-321-RZ
MEETING: Council Meeting

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council has previously directed the research and review of electric vehicle charging station requirements for new development in the City. The intent of the work was to look at options to integrate electric vehicle charging stations into City development regulations.

At the July 17, 2018 Workshop, Council considered and discussed a set of proposed regulatory changes pertaining to electric vehicle charging options for new development and endorsed a consultation program to engage the development community and other external stakeholders. An extensive outreach effort has now been concluded and the development community and interested stakeholders have expressed broad levels of support for the proposed EV requirements for new development. With feedback on the regulatory options, staff are reporting back to Council and are recommending that Off-Street Parking and Loading Amending Bylaw No. 7489-2018 (attached in Appendix B) be given first, second and third reading.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Off-Street Parking and Loading Amending Bylaw No. 7489-2018 be given first, second and third reading.

BACKGROUND:

a) Work to date

Council has previously directed the research and review of electric vehicle charging station requirements. Subsequently staff conducted research on best practices related to electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure, including undertaking a scan of EV charging infrastructure regulations in other municipalities. The intent of the work was to look at options to integrate EV charging stations into City development regulations.

At the July 17, 2018 Workshop, Council considered and discussed the proposed regulatory changes pertaining to electric vehicle options for new development and endorsed a consultation program to engage the development community.

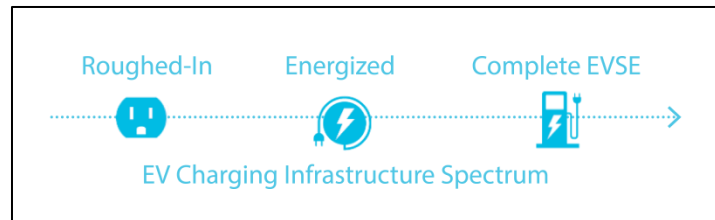
At the July 17, 2018 Workshop Council passed the following resolution:

That the bylaw amendments required for the integration of electric vehicle charging stations into new developments be brought forward for Council consideration following the consultation process outlined in this report titled "Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure: Options for New Development", dated July 17, 2018.

b) EV Charging Infrastructure Spectrum

In 2016, the Provincial Building Act was revised to clarify that local governments can regulate the use of EV charging infrastructure in new developments. Currently, there are a range of EV charging infrastructure installation options for new development, which ranges from partial roughed-in configurations – when some of the infrastructure required for the charging of an EV is provided (making it easier to retrofit a building for EV charging to the future) – to complete Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) where all infrastructure required for the charging of an EV is provided (as illustrated in Figure 1 below).

Figure 1 – EV Charging Infrastructure Spectrum



Source: City of Maple Ridge

The municipal scan summarized in the July 17, 2018 staff report indicated that many municipalities are opting for the energized middle ground configuration where all infrastructure required for the charging of an EV is provided, excluding the charging stations. This means that the outlet boxes or electrical receptacles located at each stall are “energized” (i.e. electrically wired) and are dedicated for the charging of an EV with an electrical system adequately sized to accommodate the charging of EVs.

c) Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) Technologies

There are three commonly used types of charging stations.

- Level 1 chargers use a standard house plug (found in many garages already) and provides the slowest charging, so it is good for overnight charging or all day at work. A Level 1 charger provides approximately 9 km of driving range for every one hour of charging.
- Level 2 chargers use a dedicated 240V circuit like the one used for a clothes dryer. In addition to being installed at home and at work, Level 2 charging stations are commonly found in public locations where people typically spend a couple hours, such as a community centre. A Level 2 charger can provide approximately 30 km of driving range for every one hour of charging. All of the EV chargers the City oversees are Level 2.
- Level 3 chargers, now typically called DC Fast Chargers (DCFC), are usually located along major transportation corridors. DCFCs provide a much stronger charge at a faster rate. A Level 3 charger can provide approximately 160 km of driving range for every one hour of charging, however not all electric vehicles can plug in to a DCFC.

CONSULTATION:

a) Process

The consultation process included reaching out to the UDI/GVHBA Development Liaison Committee, including the Urban Development Institute (UDI) and Greater Vancouver Home Builders Association

(GVHBA); Condominium Homeowners Association; BC Hydro and associated programs; as well as representatives from Plug-In BC and Emotive; Fraser Basin Council (Charging Support Program for Multi-Family Dwellings); Metro Vancouver; our neighbouring municipalities, the City of Pitt Meadows and the District of Mission; the Province of B.C.; Fraser Health; and School District 42. In addition, staff made two presentations to the UDI/GVHBA Development Liaison Committee throughout the review process.

b) Proposed EV Charging Requirements

The proposed EV requirements for new development that were brought to the Development Liaison Committee and other stakeholders included:

- Require all off-street residential parking spaces in multi-family developments to be energized (Level 2).
- Require all visitor parking at multi-family developments to be wired for a minimum of Level 1.
- Require 10% of parking spaces to be energized (Level 2) in addition the charging station for all commercial and institutional developments with 10 or more required off-street parking spaces.
- Require 1 space for each principal dwelling unit to be energized (Level 2) in single family, duplex, triplex, fourplex and courtyard developments. Secondary Suites and Detached Garden Suites proposed to be exempt.

| Multi-Family Residential Development | Commercial and Institutional Development | Ground Oriented Residential Development |
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| Require all off-street residential parking spaces in multi-family developments to be energized (Level 2). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All visitor parking be wired for a minimum of Level 1 | Require 10% of parking spaces to be energized (Level 2) along with the charging stations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicable to developments with 10 or more off-street parking spaces. | Require 1 space for each principal dwelling unit to be energized (Level 2). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary suites and detached garden suites exempt. |

c) Feedback

Following Council's direction, staff reached out to development industry representatives to discuss the proposed set of regulatory requirements, based on the best practice research and municipal scan outlined in previous reports. The development community and interested stakeholders expressed broad levels of support for the proposed EV requirements for new development. It was identified that the proposed requirements would help 'future-proof' new development as well as help future residents and strata's avoid costly retrofits going forward. A summary of stakeholder comments are provided below with copies of the formal correspondence available in Appendix A).

City of Maple Ridge UDI/GVHBA Development Liaison Committee

Following the September 28th Development Liaison Committee meeting, the Urban Development Institute and Greater Vancouver Home Builders' Association submitted a letter reiterating the specific comments and recommendations that were provided at the meeting:

- Generally supportive of the policy proposal as they are similar to what other jurisdictions are currently implementing;
- Interest in exploring and encouraging Smart Charging and Energy Management Software to support the proposed EV charging infrastructure requirements;

- Provided suggestions on how certain use requirements could be adjusted, such as treating the EV charging parking requirements of underground ‘parkades’ differently than townhomes;
- Sought clarity on how in-stream development applications will be grandfathered if the City does adopt EV charging requirements; and
- Requested information bulletins or developing educational workshops on incorporating EV charging requirements in developments to ensure that the City’s requirements are implemented effectively.

The full letter is included in Appendix A.

Condominium Homeowners Association (CHOA)

CHOA indicated that they support the proposed requirements for electric vehicle chargers in new developments. For CHOA, common challenges in retrofitting EV charging stations include having access to sufficient electrical capacity without a significant upgrade and that new buildings often have limited parking spaces near the necessary electrical services. The resulting upgrades and electrical alterations are often a significant financial barrier to Strata Corporations and/or residents. As per the proposed requirements, new developments with sufficient electrical service and accessible hard-wired access points would in the future help reduce those challenges for those who live in multi-family buildings. CHOA also provided a copy of their newest guide on installing electric vehicle supply equipment and how to charge user fees in condominiums.

BC Hydro

BC Hydro supports the proposed requirements and considers it a positive addition to the growing number of EV charging infrastructure bylaws within the Metro Vancouver region. BC Hydro staff suggests increasing the level of charging infrastructure required for visitor parking in multi-family developments but reducing the share of stalls that would need to provide charging infrastructure.

Metro Vancouver

Metro Vancouver indicates that the proposed residential charging requirements are progressive and in line with some of the leading jurisdictions around Metro Vancouver. Metro Vancouver indicates that the requirements may ensure buildings are future-proofed to allow tenants access to charging and avoid costly retrofits. Metro Vancouver staff also indicate that their preference would be increase visitor parking requirements for multi-family buildings to Level 2 charging infrastructure and reduce the number of stalls required to be energized for EV charging.

Plug-In BC (Fraser Basin Council)

Plug-In BC noted that the proposed requirements are in line with EV market uptake trends and will help address the substantial barriers residents and owners of multi-family buildings, recognizing that at home is the most critical charging location for EV owners.

Fraser Health

Fraser Health recognizes the importance of encouraging the use of electric vehicles to protect both public health and the environment and is generally supportive of the proposed requirements. Fraser Health does recommend taking the proposed EV charging station requirements into consideration as the City considers options to encourage unit and housing affordability.

School District 42

SD 42 recognizes the value of increasing EV chargers in the community, but does not support the inclusion of institutional sites given the proposed amount of EV chargers that could be required on future school grounds.

DISCUSSION:

a) Proposed EV Parking Requirements for Residential Visitor Use

Having heard largely supportive and positive feedback on the proposed EV charging infrastructure requirements for new development, staff support moving forward with the proposed requirements, with a change to the visitor requirement requirements for multi-family developments.

Originally, it was proposed that each visitor parking space would be required to be energized for a minimum of Level 1 charging. However, the Development Liaison Committee, BC Hydro and Metro Vancouver staff raised two points for consideration.

The first consideration is that Level 1 charging is best suited for long charging sessions. Level 2 charging infrastructure can charge an EV more quickly as it can provide more electricity and is more in-line with the temporary or short-term intent of visitor parking.

Second, the issue was raised about whether residents would use the visitor parking spots to charge rather than use their own parking space as a way to avoid expenses to their own electricity bill. One method to minimize these events from occurring would be to have the EV charging infrastructure require card access / proof of payment. At a Level 1 charging level, this can be a challenge however Level 2 EV charging infrastructure is more than capable of requiring card access / proof of payment in order to access the charger. Most publically available EV charging infrastructure today already requires some form of card access / proof of payment, including those located at City Hall. Therefore, having heard the development community and stakeholder comments, it is now suggested that 50% of the required visitor parking spaces at multi-family developments be wired for a minimum of Level 2 charging.

b) Proposed EV Parking Requirements for Townhouse Use

The Development Liaison Committee encouraged staff to consider reviewing the proposed EV parking requirements for Townhouse and Street Townhouse developments as the nature of the parking (i.e. attached garages) are more in line with other ground-oriented forms of developments rather than the underground parkades used for apartment developments. Initially proposed that each required off-street parking space in a Townhouse development would be required to be energized (Level 2). Staff now recommend that Townhouse and Street Townhouse follow the same requirements as other ground-oriented forms of development. Namely, that one energized outlet (Level 2) be provided per dwelling unit.

c) Smart Charging and Energy Management Software Guidance

The Development Liaison Committee requested clarity that Energy Management Systems (EMS) may be used so that electricity for charging can be shared across stalls. EMS can manage, monitor and control the supply of electricity through the EV charging infrastructure. Should Council support the changes to the Off-Street Parking and Loading Bylaw to require EV charging infrastructure in new developments, staff will develop handouts for developers that will describe how Smart Charging and EMS software can be used to satisfy the bylaw and other code requirements.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND INTERDEPARTMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

BC Utilities Commission

The BC Utilities Commission (BCUC) regulates the sale and resale of electricity in B.C. BCUC conducted an inquiry to assess the regulatory needs associated with EV charging service. Phase One of the Electric Vehicle Charging Service Inquiry Report, released on November 26 2018, recommends that Strata Corporations and other landlords that provide EV charging services for compensation be exempted from the BCUC's regulation. The report recommends that BCUC would retain their oversight on safety but price and terms of service would not be regulated.

It is anticipated that Phase Two of the Electric Vehicle Charging Service Inquiry will provide additional details on the regulatory framework for EV charging service providers that are considered public utilities (e.g. BC Hydro and Fortis BC) and have not been recommended for exemption.

Provincial Government

According to the Office of the Premier, the provincial government may introduce legislation in 2019 to phase in targets for the sale of zero emission vehicles (ZEVs). This legislation would set targets of 10% ZEV sales by 2025, 30% by 2030, and 100% by 2040. The provincial government may also take additional steps to make ZEVs more affordable.

Building Department

The Building Department has been working in collaboration with the Planning Department on the development of EV regulation. The Building Department supports and encourages the installation of EV chargers in the community. Should the proposed changes be adopted, the Building Department will work with the Planning Department to develop reference handouts for developers, including how Smart Charging and Energy Management Software can support EV charging infrastructure.

DRAFT BYLAW:

As directed, staff have now concluded its extensive outreach to the development community and other interested stakeholders on the proposed requirements for EV charging infrastructure for new development. Having heard strong support for the proposed amendments to introduce EV charging requirements for new development in the Off-Street Parking and Loading Bylaw, Bylaw No. 7489-2018 has been prepared for consideration of first, second and third reading. The full text of Off-Street Parking and Loading Bylaw No. 7489-2018 is available in Appendix B.

Table 1: Summary of Proposed EV Requirements for New Development for Maple Ridge Off-Street Parking and Loading Amending Bylaw No. 7489-2018, as revised through the consultation process

| Apartment Residential Development | Commercial and Institutional Development | Ground Oriented Residential Development |
|--|---|---|
| Require all off-street residential parking spaces in apartment developments to be energized (Level 2). <ul style="list-style-type: none">50% visitor parking be wired for a minimum of Level 2 | Require 10% of parking spaces to be energized (Level 2) along with the charging stations. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Applicable to developments with 10 or more off-street parking spaces. | Require 1 space for each principal dwelling unit of single family, duplex, triplex, fourplex, courtyard, townhouse and street townhouse developments to be energized (Level 2). <ul style="list-style-type: none">Secondary suites and detached garden suites exempt. |

NEXT STEPS:

Should the Bylaw be adopted, the Building Department will work with the Planning Department to develop reference handouts for developers, including how Smart Charging and Energy Management Software can support EV charging infrastructure.

As is customary with such bylaws, staff will continue to monitor and report back within one year on any impacts from the proposed EV charging infrastructure requirements, should they be adopted.

CONCLUSION:

This report provides an update to Council on the discussion with the development community and stakeholder consultation that has been completed to-date regarding the proposed electric vehicle charging infrastructure requirements for new development. Based on the feedback received, it is recommended that Off-Street Parking and Loading Bylaw No. 7489-2018 be considered for first, second and third reading.

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Appendix A – Stakeholder Consultation

Appendix B – Draft Maple Ridge Off-Street Parking and Loading Amending Bylaw No. 7489-2018



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Re: Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure: Options for New Development Report

Dear Mr. Quinn,

I would like to thank you and your staff for consulting with the Development Liaison Committee (DLC) on Electric Vehicle Charging (EVC) in new projects. As you know this is an important issue to our industry. Increasing the usage of electric vehicles (EVs) is an emerging option that will assist Maple Ridge in achieving its Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reduction goals. However, EVC infrastructure will add costs to new homebuyers; many of whom will not utilize the infrastructure as the current market share for EVs is still relatively small - although it is growing.

We appreciate the efforts that Maple Ridge staff have taken to review how EVC has been adopted in other municipalities in the Region, and UDI and GVHBA are generally supportive of the policy proposals because they are similar to other jurisdictions. We would like to reiterate the specific comments and recommendations we provided at the September 28th DLC meeting.

- We ask that the City wait until the current [British Columbia Utilities Commission Inquiry into the Regulation of Electric Vehicle Charging Service](#) is completed before passing an EVC policy. One of the issues that they are reviewing is the regulatory requirements regarding how costs associated with EVC can be charged back to consumers. This is a key issue for the third parties contracted by developers to provide EVC services in new buildings. The Commission should be releasing their report by the end of the October.
- UDI would also like clarity in the Policy that Energy Management Systems (EMS) can be used, so electricity for charging can be shared across stalls. This is being allowed in other municipalities across Metro Vancouver, and it reduces the projected electricity load of new buildings. This could save a tremendous amount of money for projects as less hydro infrastructure could be required (e.g. a transformer can be used instead of a sub-station).

- Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam have opted to initially require one EVC stall per unit in parkades of multi-family buildings. We ask that Maple Ridge consider the same approach at this time. While electric vehicles are becoming more and more popular there is a wide gap between what the City is proposing to require and what the demand is currently. The staff report itself notes that the City has just three public charging locations and even these are not at full capacity. As EV market share increases, UDI would support these requirements increasing as well.
- Even with EMS being allowed and changing the requirements to having EVC services for each unit (instead of each stall), there may still be a few times when EVC infrastructure results in a substantial increase in hydro servicing costs. UDI suggests that you be given the ability to reduce the requirements in circumstances in which there is financial hardship. This may result in fewer GHGs being emitted. If the hydro infrastructure costs are too high, builders can opt to utilize more natural gas in their projects to reduce electricity loads, which would undermine the City's GHG reduction goals.
- "Parkades" need to be defined differently from townhomes, as some townhomes can have private attached garages – like single-family homes.
- In townhomes where double attached garages exist, it would reduce costs if developers were able to provide charges with double connections, so there is one power source but two vehicles can plug into it. Also, EMS technology is being developed for units with attached garages, so EV charging would turn off when other major appliances (e.g. dishwashers, dryers and washing machines) are being used.
- We do not have any serious objections to the proposals for Single Family Developments.
- Given the lack of visitor EVC requirements in other jurisdictions, it is not clear why they would be mandated in Maple Ridge. This approach may create issues in the future if residents park in the visitor stalls to avoid paying for the charging of their electric vehicles. Stratas may also resist paying for the electricity of EVs – whether they be used by residents or visitors. For some townhouse projects, there may also be an additional issue with locating EVC infrastructure in spaces that are not near hydro connections.
- For commercial/institutional buildings, the City may want to consult about whether there should be specific EVC requirements for different types of businesses – rather than having an overall target of 10%. Each type of business will have a different profile of employees, visitors and customers.
- When the City does adopt EVC requirements, it will be critical that in-stream development (e.g. rezoning, development permit, subdivision and building permit) applications be grandfathered. It is difficult for proponents to rework designs and accommodate added costs later in the development review process.
- It would be helpful if the Maple Ridge provided information through bulletins or workshops on incorporating EVC infrastructure in developments to ensure that the City's requirements are implemented in the best way possible – especially for strata buildings and single-family homes. Other local governments have done this and UDI is developing a workshop this fall on EVC to assist our members on EVC issues that have arisen in

developments; how to draft appropriate strata by-laws for EVC; the use of third-party providers; and other issues/best practices.

Thank you again for consulting the industry regarding Maple Ridge's proposed EVC requirements. We support the City's efforts to incorporate EVC in new buildings. If you have any questions about our specific recommendations and comments, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to working with Maple Ridge on this and other initiatives.

Yours truly,

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Anne McMullin
President & CEO
Urban Development Institute

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Bob de Wit
CEO
Greater Vancouver Home Builders' Association

Installation Of Electric Vehicles Supply Equipment & Charging User Fees

Publication / Date: The CHOA Journal Fall 2018

Written by: Tony Gioventu / CHOA

Installing Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE)

Before installing an EVSE, a strata corporation will need to determine how parking is allocated and if any Electric Vehicle (EV) sites are available, what electrical requirements are necessary, who will be responsible for costs and grants, and how the operational costs will be recovered.

Step 1: Parking & electrical service availability

- Identify the designation of the property and parking space(s) that may be utilized for EVSE installation
- Identify if sufficient electrical service is available at the location or whether it requires an installation of electrical services to the location or upgrades to the electrical capacity of the building.

Step 2: Identify / establish who is installing the EVSE:

- The strata corporation as a common facility,
- The strata corporation for a strata lot owner where, under the strata bylaws, an alteration to common or limited common property requires the approval of the strata corporation and an alteration agreement. The alteration agreement will determine who is responsible for costs associated with the installation. The strata corporation will need to determine who is best to make these alterations.
- Strata lot owner for installation in a strata lot.

Step 3: Approvals and Funding

- Seek the approvals and funding necessary for
 - the installation of the EVSE,
 - modifications required for the electrical service and monitoring,
 - charging user fees,
 - user agreements, and
 - alteration agreements to establish obligations for maintenance, repair, insurance, liability and renewal of the EVSE.
- Contact www.pluginbc.ca for funding and rebate options

Step 4: Rules, bylaws and user fees

- Establish rules, bylaws and user fees if necessary to offset the cost of electricity and operations provided to the EVSE users.

Why does parking designation matter?

Unless the strata corporation knows how parking is designated it cannot determine who is responsible for the installation and costs associated with the EVSE, the strata corporation or a strata lot owner.

Types of Parking:

There are many different strata corporations in BC, all with variations of use and allocation of parking. Each strata property may administer the use of their parking in a different manner based upon the

bylaws or rules of the strata corporation, and the assignments of parking created by the owner developer when marketing the strata property. Generally, parking is designated as common property, limited common property, part of a strata lot or as a separate strata lot. Please refer to the chart at the end of this article which shows the common variations of parking allocations found in BC.

For more information on installing an EVSE visit www.choa.bc.ca to review the full report - "Installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations on Strata Property".

Checklist for Determining Parking/Site Availability

Before a strata corporation or an owner installs a charging station it must determine how parking is designated or if there is additional parking available for common use of charging stations.

To determine parking and site availability review the following documents:

- ☐ The Disclosure Statement and any amendments filed by the owner developer with the Superintendent of Real Estate, with a specific focus on the contracts between the strata corporation and the owner developer and/or a third party for the allocation of exclusive use of parking spaces
- ☐ The registered strata plan, and any amendments filed with the BC Land Title Registry (BCLTR)
- ☐ Any common or general index filing in the BCLTR that indicate a designation of limited common property filed by the owner developer or the strata corporation after the registration of the strata plan
- ☐ All registered bylaws filed by the owner developer, or amended and filed subsequently by the strata corporation in the BCLTR
- ☐ Any rules of the strata corporations, where applicable, which indicate a parking assignment, or a parking plan or inventory as utilized by the strata corporation for the allocation and use of parking spaces
- ☐ Easements filed that grant multiple strata corporations access and use of allocated parking assignments to parking facilities which are not part of the registered strata plan
- ☐ Air space parcel agreements, with a focus on easements or access to parking facilities and control of parking areas

Why review ALL these documents?

Only after reviewing these documents will the strata corporation have a better understanding if parking is available, if specific allocations are required, and if changes to the parking allocations are necessary either for technical, mechanical or access requirements.

Charging users fees for the electrical consumption, operating costs and recovery of maintenance and operating costs

Legislative Update: Strata Property Regulation 6.9

On March 7, 2018 section 6.9 of the Strata Property Regulation was amended to allow a strata corporation, by bylaw or rule, to create a variable user fee for the use of strata common property. For example, a strata corporation may now adopt a bylaw or rule to charge users a consumption-based rate for electricity usage for those charging their electric vehicles.

User fees for the use of common property or common assets Strata Property Regulations 6.9

(1) For the purposes of section 110 of the Act, a strata corporation may impose user fees for the use of common

property or common assets only if all of the following requirements are met:

- (a) the amount of the fee is reasonable;*
- (b) the fee is set out*
 - (i) in a bylaw, or*
 - (ii) in a rule and the rule has been ratified under section 125 (6) of the Act.*

(2) A user fee imposed by a strata corporation may be a fixed amount or an amount determined on a reasonable basis, including, but not limited to the following:

- (a) the user's rate of consumption;*
- (b) the recovery of operating or maintenance costs by the strata corporation;*
- (c) the number of users;*
- (d) the duration of use.*

What's an alteration agreement?

An agreement between the strata corporation and strata lot owner that would identify:

- the responsibilities of the strata corporation and the strata lot owner for the purchase of the EVSE,
- installation and alterations to mechanical systems,
- who is liable for the maintenance, repair, and renewal requirements of the EVSE,
- who pays for the insurance requirements of the EVSE,
- who is responsible for the costs of the EVSE,
- who pays the cost of electricity consumption,
- who pays the cost of the installation, and
- any future costs associated with maintenance and renewal of the EVSE.

Seek legal advice:

Given the complexity and diversity of strata corporations, strata councils are recommended to seek legal advice on

- Installation procedures;
- resolutions to approve parking re-allocation or significant changes to use or appearance of common property or a common asset;
- bylaws or rules; and alteration agreements

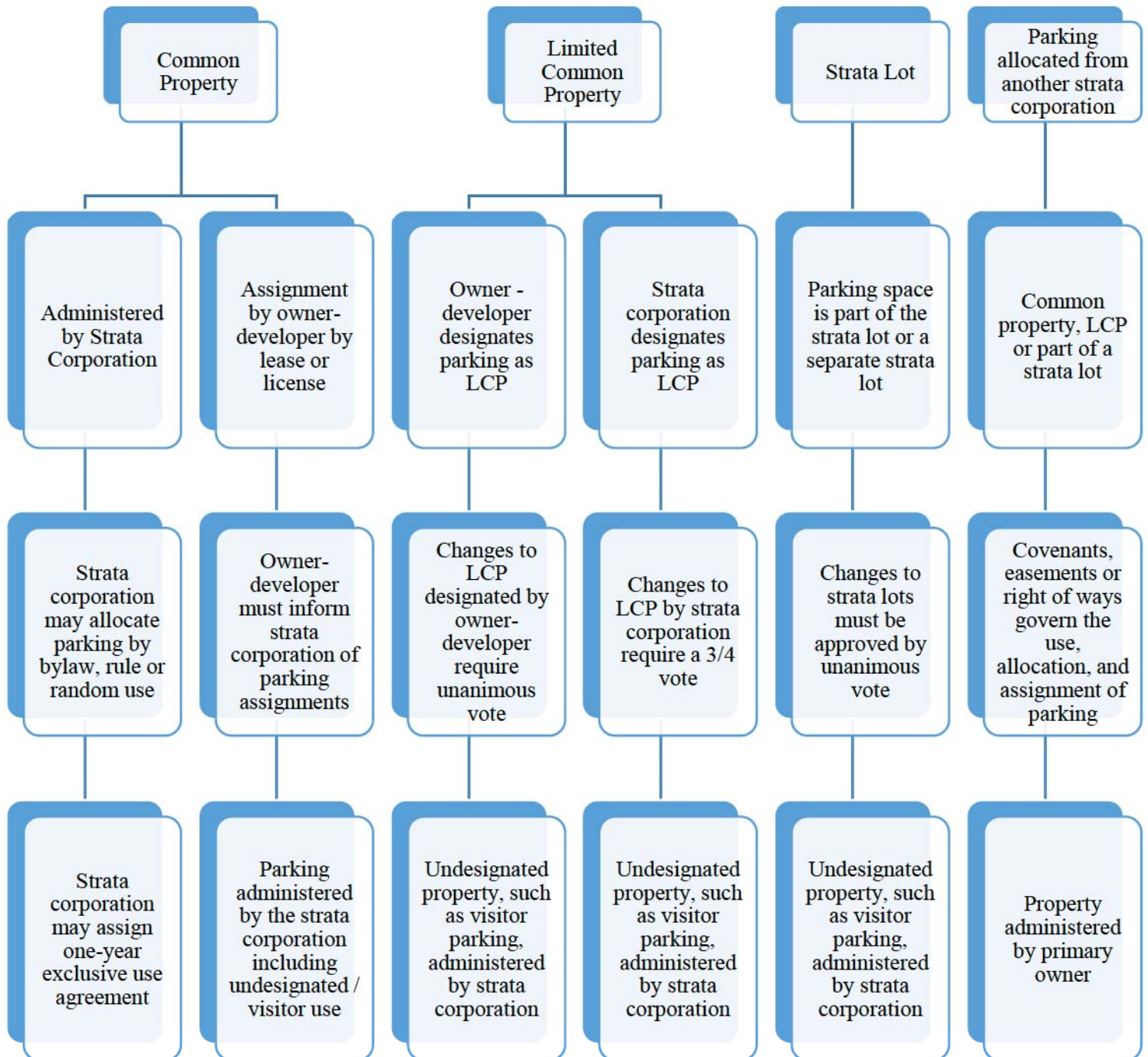
Note:

- If the EVSE or charging station meters the capacity of use of electrical service, the bylaw or rule may set a rate within the bylaw or rule to recover the operating cost of the electricity.
- If the maintenance and operating costs of the EVSE can be determined, the cost of the user fee associated with the EVSE may be incorporated into the user fee rate.
- It is important to understand that the fees for the rate of electrical consumption, and any fees associated with the recovery of operating and maintenance costs, must be fixed in the rule or bylaw

A rule for user fees is a flexible option for a strata corporation. Rules are not filed in the Land Title Registry and may be amended at a general meeting by majority vote to easily accommodate rising electrical costs or user costs.



Common Variations of Parking Allocations





October 10, 2018

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Dear Ms Grochowich:

**RE: ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE: OPTIONS FOR
NEW DEVELOPMENT**

Fraser Health appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback into the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure: Options for New Development document. We recognize the importance of encouraging the use of electric vehicles to protect both public health and the environment.

Our feedback is comprised of mainly support for the policy, with the suggestion of allowing for a portion of each new development to be built without having electrified parking providing a more equitable range of affordability of the units.

CLEAN AIR

We agree with the statement that there is a significant impact on public health as a result of the emissions from gasoline and diesel vehicles which contain pollutants, such as volatile organic compounds (VOC), nitrogen oxides (NO) and carbon monoxide (CO). Poor air quality directly impacts health leading to cardiovascular disease, cancer, strokes, asthma as well as other respiratory illnesses.¹ Therefore, we encourage promoting the use of alternative modes of transportation, such as the electric vehicle, which result in a reduction of air pollutants being released into the environment.² Areas with lower air pollutants promote physical activity by creating walkable environments which leads to an increase in the health of individuals and the community as a whole.³

QUIETER COMMUNITIES

We are pleased to see the acknowledgement that the quality of life would be improved as a result of electric vehicles being quieter than gasoline vehicles. Reducing exposure to noise can improve an individual's quality of life by reducing sleep disturbances and fatigue which can increase an individual's physical and mental well-being.¹

LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

We agree that households would have more disposable income as a result of a lower operating cost of electrical vehicles, which can benefit both health and the economy. Individuals and families with more disposable income are able to purchase essentials such as medications and nutritious foods, which can in turn stimulate local businesses through purchases being made at local food markets and stores.¹

However, requiring every single family development to have at least 1 energized space and all off-street residential parking in multi-family developments to be energized may have a negative impact on affordable housing. As there would be an additional cost to the developer to add these energized spaces, the overall cost of the build would also be higher, as such this cost would be passed onto the buyer/tenant thereby increasing the sale and/or rental fees for these units, which decreases their affordability.⁴ Having access to affordable housing leads to residential stability and decreased financial stress, which results in lower rates of domestic abuse and unintentional injuries, while showing increases in general and mental health of the population.¹ Therefore, considerations should be made to allow for a portion of all new developments, single and multi-family dwellings, to include homes without the addition of energized parking. This would allow for a larger range of affordability thereby making access to affordable housing more equitable, and as such improving the health of the population by increasing both mental and physical well-being of individuals.¹

We appreciate your consideration of our recommendations and look forward to ongoing communication and collaboration. If you have any question or would like to clarification regarding Fraser Health's comments, please contact the undersigned at (604) 476 – 7066.

Sincerely,



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October 4, 2018

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Re: Electrical Vehicle Requirements for New Development

Dear Amanda,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed electric vehicle charging infrastructure requirements.

While the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School district recognizes the value of this environmental sustainability initiative, we are strongly opposed to introducing electrical vehicle charging stations as a mandatory feature on school grounds.

School districts have limited capital budgets and do not receive supplemental funding to cover the costs of expenditures such as this. Because the addition of this feature would have a direct, negative impact on our capital budget and would simultaneously strain our limited operating resources, it is an expense that simply cannot be justified.

If you could please forward our response to the appropriate person and advise us of next steps in terms of follow-up to ensure our formal rejection of this proposal is recorded, we would appreciate it.

Regards,



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Secretary Treasurer

Cc:

Rick Delorme, Director of Maintenance

Frank Quinn, General Manager Public Works & Development Services

CITY OF MAPLE RIDGE BYLAW NO. 7489-2018

A Bylaw to amend the text of Maple Ridge Off-Street Parking and Loading Bylaw No. 4350-1990 as amended

WHEREAS, it is deemed expedient to amend the Maple Ridge Off-Street Parking and Loading Bylaw No. 4350-1990 as amended:

NOW THEREFORE, the Municipal Council of the City of Maple Ridge, enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw may be cited as “Maple Ridge Off-Street Parking and Loading Amending Bylaw No. 7489-2018”.
2. That Bylaw No. 4350-1990 Part 1 Interpretation, Definitions be amended by inserting the following after “1.2 d”:
 - e) Level 2 charging as defined by the SAE International’s J1772 standard;
 - f) Energized outlet means a connected point in an electrical wiring installation at which current is taken to supply utilization equipment.
3. That Bylaw No. 4350-1990 Part II General Requirements be amended by deleting “2.3” and replacing with the following:

2.3 For this bylaw:

 - a) When calculation of the required number of off-street parking spaces results in a fractional parking space, one (1) off-street parking space shall be provided to meet the fractional requirement; and
 - b) When calculation of the required number of parking spaces to be provided with an energized outlet capable of providing electric vehicle charging results in a fractional parking space, one (1) off-street parking space and the corresponding electric vehicle charging requirement shall be provided to meet the fractional requirement.
4. That “Schedule “F”” is inserted following “Schedule “E””:

1.0 Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Requirements:

1.1 For each:

 - a) One-family residential, two-family residential, triplex residential, fourplex residential, courtyard residential, Townhouse and Street Townhouse residential use, a minimum of one parking space per dwelling unit shall be provided with an energized outlet capable of providing Level 2 charging;
 - b) Apartment use, not including Townhouse, in all CD zones as well as in the RM-2, RM-3, RM-4, RM-5, RM-6, C-1, C-2, C-3, C-5, CS-1, H-1, H-2, and CRM zones, each parking space provided for residential use, excluding visitor parking spaces, shall be provided with an energized outlet capable of providing Level 2 charging;

c) Apartment and Townhouse use in all CD zones as well as in the RM-1, RM-2, RM-3, RM-4, RM-5, RM-6, C-1, C-2, C-3, C-5, CS-1, H-1, H-2, and CRM zones, a minimum of 50% of required visitor parking spaces shall be provided with an energized outlet capable of providing Level 2 charging;

d) Commercial and institutional uses with 10 or more required off-street parking spaces, a minimum of 10% of the parking spaces shall each be provided with an energized charging station capable of providing Level 2 charging.

1.2 Energized outlets and charging stations provided pursuant to Section 1.1 above shall be installed in conformance with the B.C. Electrical Code.

1.3 Visitor and commercial and institutional use parking spaces provided with energized outlets and/or charging stations shall be clearly marked "EV Charging Only" and installed in conformance with the City of Maple Ridge Sign Bylaw No.4653-1992.

5. Maple Ridge Off-Street Parking and Loading Bylaw No. 4350-1990 as amended is hereby amended accordingly.

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PRESIDING MEMBER

CORPORATE OFFICER