



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: July 13th 2020
 Agenda Item: 4.1

Urban Bees and Chickens Bylaws

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: That Council proceed as it wishes with the bylaws as presented or amended (1341/20 and 1342/20).

DECISION OPTIONS:

- #1 – Proceed **only** to readings of Urban Chicken Regulation Bylaw 1341/20 as presented/amended.
- #2 – Proceed **only** to readings of Urban Bees Regulation Bylaw 1341/20* as presented/ amended.
- #3 – Proceed to readings of both Urban Chicken Regulation Bylaw 1341/20 **AND** Urban Bees Regulation Bylaw 1342/20 as presented/ amended.
- #4 – Proceed no further with initiative at this time.

Members of Council who favour a particular option above should move a resolution for same – votes on more than one option may be required to find the decision option that will take this matter forward.

* Urban Bees Regulation Bylaw becomes 1341/20 if it is the only Bylaw to be given readings.

PURPOSE: To obtain Council decision with respect to the two bylaws placed before Council for consideration.

BACKGROUND / IMPLICATIONS:

As requested on June 15th, the two areas of regulation have been separated into different bylaws, while retaining almost identical structuring to enable a single application process if both go forward.

Key possible discussion areas for potential amendment if desired:

URBAN CHICKEN REGULATION	URBAN BEE REGULATION
4.8 No more than three (3) Hens can be kept on one (1) parcel of residential land.	4.8 No more than two (2) Hives can be kept on one (1) parcel of residential land.
4.10 A single parcel of residential property cannot be licensed for both Urban Chickens and Urban Bees together unless the site is equal to or greater than 0.3 acres or 1,214 square metres in area.	4.10 A single parcel of residential property cannot be licensed for both Urban Chickens and Urban Bees together unless the site is equal to or greater than 0.3 acres or 1,214 square metres in area.
4.11 Adjoining neighbours to a licence-holding residence cannot hold a licence for the same animal unless their residential parcel is equal to or greater than 0.3 acres or 1,214 square metres in area.	4.11 Adjoining neighbours to a licence-holding residence cannot hold a licence for the same animal unless their residential parcel is equal to or greater than 0.3 acres or 1,214 square metres in area.
7.2 Notwithstanding Section 7.1, at the time of initial application for a Licence, the applicant must submit to the Town either: a) written support from all Adjoining Neighbours to the issuance of a Licence for Urban Chickens; or	7.2 Notwithstanding Section 7.1, at the time of initial application for a Licence, the applicant must submit to the Town either: a) written support from all Adjoining Neighbours to the issuance of a Licence for Urban Bees; or

b) evidence that all Adjoining Neighbours have been asked for their support or views by the applicant and given reasonable time to respond or contact the Town if preferred.	b) evidence that all Adjoining Neighbours have been asked for their support or views by the applicant and given reasonable time to respond or contact the Town.
7.3 Refusal by one or more Adjoining Neighbours to support an application will leave an application approval or refusal at the discretion of the Chief Administrative Officer or designate, who may choose to contact Adjoining Neighbours for additional information.	7.3 Refusal by one or more Adjoining Neighbours to support an application will leave an application approval or refusal at the discretion of the Chief Administrative Officer or designate, who may choose to contact Adjoining Neighbours for additional information.

If Council wishes one or both bylaws to go forward tonight with changes, **proposed amendments to one or both should be moved expeditiously**. Please also amend both consistently if possible.

Giving one or both bylaws one reading only allows further time for consideration of any amendments until August while progressing to the final stages.

ALTERNATIVES:

- That Urban Chicken Regulation Bylaw 1341/20 is read for a first time by title.
- That Urban Bees Regulation Bylaw 1342/20 is read for a first time by title.

There are other alternatives, by these are all listed at the start of this RFD under decision options.

Financial (GL# / Amount): N/A but staff time on this initiative has been substantial for something that is not a strategic priority and will continue to soak up staff time until we are ready to move to a licensing phase.

Communications/PR: N/A **Applicable Legislation: Land Use Bylaw, Animal Health Act, Bees Act** **Attachments: Bylaw draft**

Prepared By: Neil Smith, Chief Administrative Officer

Date: June 29th 2020

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT			
<input type="checkbox"/>	CORE SERVICES	<input type="checkbox"/>	FINANCE & I.T.
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES
<input type="checkbox"/>	GOVERNANCE	<input type="checkbox"/>	SINGLE ISSUE PRIORITY
NOT A STRATEGIC PRIORITY OF COUNCIL.			

APPROVED BY: Neil Smith, Chief Administrative Officer:

