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Mayor Adrian Foster and Municipality of Clarington Council.

My name is Blair Evans and My family and I have been residents of Bowmanville for the last eight years.

We are really glad to live in a community like Clarington for all it has to offer.

As you are aware a challenge is being made to the Exotic Animal Bylaw schedule "B" class Aves. This includes animals deemed agricultural such as Chickens, Turkeys, Ostrich and Emu. The properties in town are all deemed residential and should stay as such and continue to prohibit the keeping of farm animals.

Residential zoned properties in Clarington are too small and too close together to raise agricultural animals properly.

It is more than the size of the dwelling Farm animals require as supporters Clucks for Clarington will argue. I do not feel supporters who do not live or pay taxes in Clarington should be pushing this as a representative for this group. Kawartha lakes is not Bowmanville.

The proper disposal of waste which is produced gives off known smells "ammonia" which can affect the adjacent properties negatively and affect property values. Most folks would never purchase a property if they knew their neighbours were raising chickens in a residential setting. It can be expected in an urban setting.

How do you know if they take care of them properly and dont stink? I dont want to smell what the food I am barbecuing ate?

Agricultural Aves consume food which attract pests such as rodents and raccoons. Raccoons carry distemper which can kill family pets. Why should we be attract them with backyard chicken coops? We have an abundance of local farms who supply fresh organic eggs. Lets support our farmers.

Zoonotic diseases such as Salmonellosis, Campylobacteriosis and Avian flu have been directly linked to backyard chicken farming by the U.S. and Canadian departments of Agriculture. That is a known fact by Chicken farmers of Ontario . Agricultural farms are inspected by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to ensure the safety of the food we eat and the proper care of the animals. Who is going to ensure backyard chicken coops in residential areas are inspected? Clarington tax dollars could be better spent elsewhere.

Unless you are willing to have chickens next to your house I suggest you do not support this bylaw challenge. Maybe you would like a rooster to wake you up? Im sure the ANOs on shift work at Darlington would appreciate this.

This will set precedence and the next thing could be backyard goats for fresh Goat milk?

It is sad the Bowmanville Zoo is closed but I and most bowmanville residents dont want one in their neighbours backyard.

We are in the midst of a pandemic. I do not think allowing backyard chickens which can spread disease is welcome.

Thanks

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