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Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 3:17 PM
To: Council <councilOutside@clarington.net>
Subject: Hens for Clarington

EXTERNAL

Dear Mayor, Councillors, and Municipal Council, My name is Jordan McCormack, and I am a resident of Clarington. I am writing today in support of changing bylaw 2012-1933, to allow the keeping of 6 backyard hens (chickens) in suburban lots. This topic will be approached in the September 14 2020 council meeting. Hens are quiet, they are a source of sustainable food that is low cost and high quality, and they make delightful pets. In a small scale coop with 6 hens or less, smell is not the issue it is in commercial egg factories, as they produce less manure combined than a 25lb dog. Hen manure is compostable to fertilize next year's vegetables, whereas dog manure ends up in landfills.

I believe my neighbours have the right to sustainably feed themselves within reason, and backyard hens are not at all unreasonable. Toronto, Vancouver, Guelph, Brampton, Niagara Falls, and many other Canadian cities already allow backyard hens, no roosters, and we believe an agricultural community such as Clarington would be remiss not to follow suit.

Chickens are not as noisy as dogs, or as messy as pigeons, and are far more functional than any pet allowed by our current bylaws.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Subject: Backyard Hens

EXTERNAL

I am writing in support of Mrs. Emily Allison's request to change the Exotic Pets Bylaw here in Clarington to include keeping 3 hens in single family backyards.

The United Nations has said, "The right to adequate food is realized when every man, woman and child, alone or in a community with others, has physical and economic access at all times to adequate food or means for its procurement."

This does not mean that the government is required to provide food, free of charge, to Canadian citizens. It does mean that the Federal, Provincial and Municipal governments must respect and protect the right of it's citizens to procure their own foods. The governments have an International obligation to provide an enabling environment for people to feed themselves.

We are asking that the Municipality of Clarington show it's support by living up to these International Obligations, especially since the keeping of 3 chickens can be done while living up to the current bylaws protecting against excessive noise and odour, and bylaws that require property maintenance.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

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