



SMITHS FALLS

RISE AT THE FALLS

Report # 2026-059

To: Mayor & Council
From: Rick Chesebrough, Fire Chief
Date: April 22, 2026,
Committee of the Whole Date: May 4, 2026
Title: Backyard Hen Pilot Program By-Law

For Direction
 For Information
 For Adoption
 Attachment 33 pages

Recommendation: THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls Council accepts the information contained in this report and passes an amended to the bylaw permitting Backyard Hens in the Town of Smiths Falls on a permanent basis.

Purpose: To provide members of Council with the results of the Backyard Hen Pilot program and request members of Council to discuss and direct staff on the future of allowing Backyard Hens in the Town of Smiths Falls.

Background: At the Committee of the Whole meeting on March 24, 2025, the Committee endorsed a 1-year pilot program to permit Backyard Hens in the Town of Smiths Falls (Appendix A). Also presented, was a proposed draft Bylaw detailing potential licensing, enforcement, and general provisions, (Appendix B), a municipal comparator listing (Appendix C), City of Toronto status (Appendix D) and the Smiths Falls survey results (Appendix E).

The pilot program was approved on April 14, 2025 after hearing from 2 delegations presenting their views on the viability and the safety concerns with permitting backyard hens in an urban environment and the review of the municipal survey that was conducted.

Bylaw Officers have received 7 calls concerning backyard hens. Two of the calls for hens running at large, 1 complaint for odour and 4 complaints for individuals having roosters. The complaints inspected also found unsanitary conditions, hens kept inside the house and lack of a proper shelter and available food and water.

Analysis and Options: Should Council pass a bylaw permitting backyard hens in the Town of Smiths Falls, staff recommend the bylaw include several items that are were not contained in the pilot program for backyard hens,

- Enforcement mechanisms and fines
- Licensing and registration
- Inspections
- Property size
- Coop size and setbacks
- Setbacks from places of worship, schools and businesses
- Establishment for loose hens picked up
- Animal disposal
- Manure disposal

Option 1. Council accepts the information contained in this report and passes an amended to the bylaw permitting Backyard Hens in the Town of Smiths Falls on a permanent basis. (Recommended)

Option 2. Council retains existing by-law to continue permitting backyard hens on a permanent basis (without revisions) (not recommended)

Option 3. Council discontinues the backyard hen pilot project and takes no action as it relates to permitting backyard hens.

Budget/Financial Implications: The total number of hours investigating the complaints that were received was 15 hours with a financial cost of \$465.00

Link to Strategic Plan: N/A

Existing Policy: Adopt One Year Backyard Hen Pilot
Zoning By-law 10375-2022
Animal Control By-law 8856-2016

Consultations: N/A

Attachments:

Appendix A – Report 2025-035 and Appendices
Appendix B – Municipal Survey

Respectfully Submitted by:

Approved for agenda by:

Original Signed by:

Original Signed by:

Rick Chesebrough
Fire Chief

Malcolm Morris, CMO
CAO



SMITHS FALLS

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Report # 2025-035

To: Mayor & Council
From: Rick Chesebrough, Fire Chief
Date: March 25, 2025,
Committee of the Whole Date: April 14, 2025
Title: Backyard Hen Pilot Program By-Law

- For Direction
- For Information
- For Adoption
- Attachment 11 pages

Recommendation: That Council approve the revised Backyard Hen Pilot Program Bylaw identified in report #2025-035.

Purpose: To provide members of Council the revised pilot program By-Law for the permitting of Backyard Hens in the Town of Smiths Falls.

Background: At the Committee of the Whole meeting on March 24, 2025, Committee endorsed the permitting of Backyard Hens in the Town of Smiths Falls. A proposed Backyard Hen bylaw was presented to committee and after much discussion, staff were directed to revise the proposed backyard hen pilot program bylaw and further directed staff to conduct a survey of other municipalities that permitted Backyard Hens and provide the survey results for information purposes. (attached).

Analysis and Options:

As directed by Council, the following sections were removed from the draft proposed By-law.

- Remove licensing and registration fees
- Remove site inspections
- Enforcement measures would be on a complaint basis
- Permit properties with corner lots to have hen coops and hen runs in side yards
- Eliminate the requirement for roof enclosures on hen runs
- Permit hens to roam in fenced backyards
- Remove time restrictions for hens to be out of their coops
- Remove set backs from places of worship, schools and businesses - use set back requirements from property lines

Option 1. Council approves the Backyard Hen By-law. (Recommended)

Option 2. Council not accept the revisions to the Backyard Hen Pilot Program Bylaw (not recommended)

Budget/Financial Implications: Undetermined

Link to Strategic Plan: N/A

Existing Policy: Zoning By-law 10375-2022
Animal Control By-law 8856-2016

Consultations: See attached listing

Attachments:

Appendix A - Draft Backyard Hen By-Law

Appendix B – Municipal backyard hen program information

Appendix C – City of Toronto backyard hen project status

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Malcolm Morris, CMO

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SMITHS FALLS
BY-LAW NO.-----

**BEING A BY-LAW TO PERMIT THE KEEPING OF BACKYARD HENS WITHIN THE
TOWN OF SMITHS FALLS**

WHEREAS Section 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25, provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by by-law; and

WHEREAS Section 9 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25, provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under that or any other Act; and

WHEREAS Sections 8, 9 and 11 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25 authorize the municipality to pass by-laws necessary or desirable for municipal purposes, and in particular items 5 and 8 of Section 11 (2) authorize by-laws respecting: the economic, social and environmental well-being of the municipality and the protection of persons and property; and animals; and item 9 of Section 11 (3) authorizes the passing of by-laws with respect to animals; and

WHEREAS Section 8 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25, provides that the powers of a municipality under this Act shall be interpreted broadly so as to confer broad authority on municipalities to enable them to govern their affairs as they consider appropriate, and to enhance their ability to respond to municipal issues; and

WHEREAS Section 8 (3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25, provides that a by-law passed under Section 11 of that Act respecting a matter may regulate or prohibit and, as part of the power to regulate or prohibit may require a person to do things, provide for a system of licences permits, approvals or registrations and impose conditions as a requirement of obtaining, continuing to hold or renewing a licence, permit, approval or registration;

WHEREAS Section 436 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended provides that Council may, by by-law, provide that the municipality may enter on land at any reasonable time for the purpose of carrying out inspections to determine compliance with certain specified matters, including by-laws passed under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, directions or orders made under the *Municipal Act, 2001* or under a by-law passed under its authority, conditions of a licence issued under the *Municipal Act, 2001* or orders made under Section 431 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*; and

WHEREAS Sections 446 (1), 446 (3) and 446 (4) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25, authorize the Town of Smiths Falls, if it has authority by by-law or otherwise, to direct or require that a matter or thing be done, to direct in the same by-law that, in default of it being done by the person directed or required to do it, such matter or thing be done at the person's expense and to recover that expense by action or by adding it to the tax roll and collecting it in the same manner as taxes; and

WHEREAS Section 446 (2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25, establishes that following failure to comply with an order directing or requiring the person that a matter or

thing be done, the municipality may enter upon the land at any reasonable time to perform the directed or required matter or thing be done at the person's expense; and

WHEREAS Section 425 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25, establishes that any person who contravenes any bylaw of the Town of Smiths Falls is guilty of an offence; and

WHEREAS Section 429 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25, establishes that a municipality may establish a system of fines for offences under a by-law of the municipality; and

WHEREAS Section 103 (1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O 2001, c.25 provides that if a by-law is passed regulating or prohibiting with respect to the being at large of animals, the by-law may provide for the seizure and impounding of animals being at large and the sale of impounded animals; and

WHEREAS the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001 further authorizes the municipality, amongst other things, to delegate its authority, to impose fees or charges, to provide for inspections, and to make orders to discontinue activity or to do work; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Smiths Falls deems it advisable to enact this by-law for the purpose of permitting and regulating the keeping of backyard hens within the Town.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls hereby enacts as follows:

1. TITLE

1.1 The by-law shall be known and cited as the "Backyard Hens By-law".

2. SCOPE

2.1 This by-law shall permit backyard hens on residential properties in the Town of Smiths Falls.

2.2 All hens and coops on private property shall be permitted

3. INTENT

3.1 The purpose of this by law is to permit, regulate the keeping of hens on residential properties.

- a) Minimize adverse impacts on nearby public and private property; and
- b) Do not create a safety hazard or a nuisance to abutting properties, businesses, schools, and places of worship.

4 DEFINITIONS

- 4.1 **Abutting Property** means any parcel or lot that has a lot line or portion of a lot line in common with the subject property, including a shared intersection of lot lines.
- 4.2 **Animals** means any member of the animal kingdom, other than a human.
- 4.3 **Business** means any structure, whether publicly owned or privately owned, that is adapted for occupancy for transaction of business and does not include any home-based business.
- 4.4 **Clerk** means the Clerk of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls.
- 4.5 **Council** means the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls
- 4.6 **Dwelling Unit** means a residential unit located in a building or structure, used or intended to be used as a domicile by one or more people and usually contains cooking, eating, living, sleeping and sanitary facilities.
- 4.7 **Easement** means a legal instrument registered on a property which permits the use of land by a third party or organization as specified on title.
- 4.8 **Exterior Side Yard** means the space abutting a public street that extends from the front yard to the rear yard between a side lot line and the nearest point of the main building, not including a permitted projection.
- 4.9 **Front Yard** means the space paralleling the front lot line extending across the full width of a lot between the front lot line and nearest part of any main building on the lot, not including a permitted projection.
- 4.10 **Hen** means a domestic female egg laying chicken (*Gallus gallus domesticus*) that is at least 4 months old.
- 4.11 **Hen Coop** means a hen house and hen run.

- 4.12 **Hen House** means a structure that houses the hens at night and includes places for laying.
- 4.13 **Hen Run** means a covered and secure enclosure that allows hens access outdoors.
- 4.14 **Interior Side Yard** means the space not abutting a public street that extends from the front yard to the rear yard between a side lot line and the nearest point of any main building, not including a permitted projection.
- 4.15 **Officer** means a Police Officer, Fire Prevention Officer, Fire Inspector, Building Inspector, Zoning Examiner, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, Animal Control Officer or any other person appointed by the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls as an Officer to enforce the provisions of this by-law.
- 4.16 **Order** means an order made under this by-law.
- 4.17 **Owner** means, with reference to hens, any person who possesses, harbors or keeps an animal or hen and, where an owner is a minor, includes the person who is responsible for the custody of the minor; and means, with reference to property, the individual(s), entities or corporations holding the title of a property or properties.
- 4.18 **Person** includes an individual, association, organization, partnership, public bodies, corporations, societies, inhabitants of counties, municipalities or other districts, and includes an agent or employee of any of them in relation to the acts and things that they can do and owning respectively.
- 4.19 **Place of Worship** means a building used for public worship.
- 4.20 **Property** means a building or structure or part of a building or structure, and includes the lands and premises appurtenant thereto and all mobile homes, mobile buildings, mobile structures, outbuildings, fences and erections and includes vacant property thereon whether heretofore or hereafter erected, and is divided into:
- 4.20.1 **Non-residential property** means property, which is not occupied, nor capable of being occupied in whole or in part for the purpose of human habitation.
- 4.20.2 **Residential property** means any property that is used or designed for use as a domestic establishment in which one or more persons usually sleep and prepare and serve meals, and includes any land or buildings that are appurtenant to such establishment and all steps, walks, driveways, parking spaces and fences or any fixtures or structures associated with the building or its yard.
- 4.21 **Rear Lot Line** shall mean that lot line furthest from and opposite the front lot line but if there is no such line, that point furthest from and opposite the front lot line. If there are two or more rear lot line segments at different distances from the front lot line, as in the case of an L-shaped lot, each segment shall be considered to be the rear lot line for that portion of the front lot line directly opposite.

- 4.22 **Rear Yard** shall mean the space paralleling the rear lot line that extends across the full width of the lot between a rear lot line and the nearest point of the principal building, not including a permitted projection.
- 4.23 **Residential Tenants** means persons renting or leasing a property used or intended to be used for residential purposes only.
- 4.24 **Rooster** means a male domestic chicken.
- 4.25 **Setback** means with reference to a lot line, the shortest distance between a lot line (front, interior side, exterior side, or rear) and the nearest part of any building or structure on the lot. In cases where road widening is taken, the required setback is calculated from the lot line.
- 4.26 **School** means a public, separate or private educational establishment operated by a Board of Education as defined in the *Education Act*.
- 4.27 **Town** means the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls.
- 4.28 **Veterinarian** means a veterinarian who is a Doctor of Animal Health, licensed and trained in Ontario to provide medical and surgical care for animals.

5 INTERPRETATION

- 5.1 In this by-law “may” shall be construed as permissive.
- 5.2 In this by-law “shall” shall be construed as imperative.

6 GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 6.1 A residential tenant must obtain written permission from the property owner to keep hens on the owner's property.
- 6.2 The owner of the hens must reside on the property where the hens are kept.
- 6.3 No hen coop shall be located in any front yard.
- 6.4 Hen coops and runs shall be at a distance of at least 1.2 metres (4 feet) from the rear lot line and at least 1.2 metres (4 feet) from any side lot line of the dwelling lot on which the hen coop is located.
- 6.5 Hen coops and hen runs shall meet the setbacks from any school property line.
- 6.6 Hen coops and hen runs shall meet the setbacks from any place of worship or business.
- 6.7 Hen coops and hen runs shall be a minimum distance of 3 metres (10 feet) from all windows and doors of dwellings that are located on abutting property.
- 6.8 No person shall:
 - a) Keep a rooster; and
- 6.9 No person shall keep more than six (6) backyard hens at a residential property or a property used primarily for residential purposes unless the conditions and requirements contained in this by-law are met.
- 6.10 The following provisions apply to the use and storage of manure:
 - a) No more than .08 cubic metres (3 cubic feet) of manure can be stored in an airtight container on the property.
 - b) Small amounts of manure may be worked into the soil as soil amendments. All other unused manure exceeding the maximum total area must be removed and disposed of at a waste disposal site that will accept chicken manure.
 - c) Disposal of excess manure is not permitted at the municipal compost site and is not permitted to be disposed of in your regular garbage.
- 6.11 Home slaughter of hens is prohibited, and any deceased hens shall be disposed of at a livestock disposal facility or through the services of a veterinarian.
- 6.12 The sale of eggs is prohibited.
- 6.13 Hen coops are to be designed to provide hens with a draft-proof, dry, and insulated environment.

- 6.14 No person shall allow their hen(s) to roam on a public road or in a public place at any time.
- 6.15 No temporary or permanent electrical wiring is permitted to the hen house.
- 6.16 Hen coops shall only be permitted on legal residential properties.
- 6.17 Hen coops shall only be permitted on residential properties that meet the criteria listed in the bylaw.
- 6.18 The applicant shall provide a signed declaration stating that the applicant reviewed the required educational material provided by the Town regarding the keeping of Hens in a safe and secure manner.

7 ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

- 7.1 Where a coop is erected, or located, or hens are kept in contravention of this by-law, the designated official may immediately remove the hens or coop, that constitute a safety hazard or a concern in accordance with the provisions of this by-law, without notice or compensation.
- 7.2 Where a coop does not comply with this by-law, the designated official may order the coop to be removed or bring the coop and hens into compliance in the manner and within the time specified in the order.
- 7.3 The order mentioned in Section 7.2 may be served:
 - 7.3.1 By personal service upon the owner.
 - 7.3.2 By prepaid registered mail sent to the last address of the property owner, shown on the records of the Town of Smiths Falls; or,
 - 7.3.3 By prominently posting a copy of the order either on the coop in respect to which the order is made, or on the property upon which the coop is erected, located, or displayed.
- 7.4 The written order shall contain the particulars of the non-compliance with this by-law, a specified time limit in which to effect compliance and either an order to comply with the by-law within the time limit specified in the order, or an order to remove the coop and/or animals within the time limit specified in the order.
- 7.5 Where the order is served in accordance with Section 7, it is deemed to have been received by the party being served upon the mailing or posting of the order.
- 7.6 Where a coop or hens are not removed or are not brought into conformity as required by an order under Section 7.2, the Municipal Law Enforcement Officer may have the coop and/or animals removed without notice or compensation. For this purpose, the Municipal Law Enforcement Officer and their contractor or other agent may enter upon the property at any reasonable time.

- 7.7 The cost incurred by the Town of Smiths Falls in removing a coop and/or hen(s) under this part of the by-law is deemed to be municipal taxes and may be added to the collector's roll and collected in the same manner as municipal taxes. Despite the foregoing, the cost incurred by the Town of Smiths Falls in removing a coop and/or hen(s) under this part of the by-law is a debt payable to the Town of Smiths Falls and may be recovered in any court of competent jurisdiction.
- 7.8 This by-law may be enforced by any of the following:
7.8.1 Municipal Law Enforcement Officer.
7.8.2 Animal Control Officer.
- 7.9 An owner shall allow, at any reasonable time, a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, along with any other authorized employee or agent of the Town, to enter to investigate the Property to determine whether the requirements of this by-law are being complied with.

8 OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

- 8.1 Any person who contravenes or causes or permits any contraventions of any of the provisions of this by-law is guilty of an offence and upon conviction, is liable to a fine as provided for in the Provincial Offences Act or any successor legislation.
- 8.2 In addition to any penalty imposed and any other remedy, the court in which the conviction had been entered and any court of competent jurisdiction, thereafter, may make an order:
- 8.2.1 Prohibiting the continuation or repetition of the violation by the person convicted; and,
8.2.2 Requiring the person convicted to correct the contravention in the manner and within the period that the court considers appropriate.
- 8.3 Every person enforcing this by-law shall have the right of entry on any property for the purpose of carrying out an inspection to determine whether this by-law is being complied with and for the enforcement of this by-law pursuant to Section 436 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended from time to time.

9 OBSTRUCTION

- 9.1 No person shall hinder or obstruct, or attempt to hinder or obstruct, any person exercising a power or performing a duty under this by-law.
- 9.2 Any person who has been alleged to have contravened any of the provisions of this by-law shall identify themselves to the Municipal Law Enforcement Officer upon request; failure to do so shall be deemed to be an act which obstructs or hinders the Municipal Law Enforcement Officer in the execution of his/her duties.

10 VALIDITY

- 10.1 Where a provision of this by-law conflicts with the provisions of another by-law in force in the municipality, the provisions that establish the higher standards to protect the health, safety and welfare of the general public prevails.
- 10.2 Should any section, subsection, clause or provision of this by-law be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this by-law as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

11 SHORT TITLE

- 11.1 This by-law may be cited as "The Backyard Hens By-law."

READ A FIRST TIME, SECOND TIME, THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS ---
DAY OF ----- 2025.

Shawn Pankow, Mayor

Kerry Costello, Clerk

Backyard Chicken By-law Stats 2025

Municipality	By-law & Duration	License Requirement	License Cost	Number of Hens Permitted	Hen Coop Restrictions	Licences Sold	Permitted Areas	Yearly Complaints	At-large Hens	Other Details
Toronto	Pilot- Not Active (2018-2023)	Registration Required	No Fee	4	Yes	100	Specific zones ONLY	2	Impounded if seized/found	See attached for additional information
Kingston		Permit Required	\$30 Annually	6	Yes					
East Gwillimbury	24 month pilot program since Dec 2023	License Required	\$100 (One time)	4	Yes	9	Must meet requirments	4	Pound Keeper	-
Russel	Pilot began 2020; Permanent since 2023	License Required	\$75 Annually	3-5 (Based on lot size)	Yes	Under 10	Must meet requirments	None	Pound Keeper	Haven't received any complaints since the start of the program. Lot size determines number of chickens allowed.
Orillia	6 year pilot program since April 2023	License Required	\$100 (One time)	4	Yes	27 total, 15 current	Specific zones ONLY	2+	SPCA or local farm	Only ever been able to confine one loose chicken
Kitchener	Enacted 2017	Permit Required	\$56.24	4	Yes	270	Must meet requirments	5-10	No Impound Facility	-
Brampton		License Required		2	Yes		Must meet requirments			have not received additional information at this time
New Market	1 year pilot, permanent since 2017	License Required	None	3	Yes	16	Must meet requirments	4	No Impound Facility	-
Norfolk	Enacted July 2016	None Required	None	4	Yes	Unknown	Specific Zones ONLY	3	None	Biggest issue has been roosters
Halton Hills	Enacted 2021	License Required	\$77(One time)	4	Yes	10	Must meet requirments	Unknown	Unknown	Annual Inspections Required
Spring Water	Pilot 2020-2023, Permanent since 2023	License Required	\$10-\$25	4	Yes	MAX 25; 9 Current	Must meet requirments	5-10	No Impound Facility	Many complaints regarding number of chickens/ individuals aquiring other bird species, predators accessing coops
Champlain	Pilot since 2023; Permanent expected	License Required	\$50(18months)	4	Yes	MAX 30; 10 current	Must meet requirments	None	No Impound Facility	Coop inspections required after permit and hens required
Parry Sound	Enacted 2021	License Required	\$150, \$50 Annual	6	Yes	3	Specific zones ONLY	2	No Impound Facility	Annual Check-Ins. Believe cost should not fall on taxpayers
Chatham Kent	Pilot enacted Nov 2024	License Required	\$400, \$125 Annual	10	Yes	None	Specific zones ONLY	40	Municipal Animal Shelter	-
Georgina	Pilot 2019-2021, Permanent since 2022	License Required	\$100	4	Yes	Unknown	Specific zones ONLY	10-12	Never been an issue	100 meter minimum seperation required between properties with hencoops, educational materials mandatory for permit holders
Cambridge	Hens not permitted in Residential Zones	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Niagara Falls		None Required	-	10	Yes	-	Must meet requirments			
Orangeville	Pilot Program 2021-2023	NO NEW PERMITS	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	Not enough interest in the program to justify staff time needed
Carleton Place	Enacted 2021	License Required	\$100, \$30 Annual	6	Yes	6 Current	Must meet requirments	None	Unknown	-

Sources:

- [UrbanHensTO Pilot Program – City of Toronto](#)
- [Backyard Chickens | City of Kingston](#)
- [Backyard Hens - The Town of East Gwillimbury](#)
- [Urban Hens By-Law - Township of Russell](#)
- [City of Brampton | Animal Services | Backyard Hens](#)
- [Urban Hens](#)
- [Backyard Chickens | Norfolk County](#)
- [Urban Hens and Backyard Chickens - Halton Hills](#)
- [Backyard Hens Licence - Township of Champlain](#)
- [Backyard Hens | Town of Parry Sound](#)
- [Backyard Chickens](#)
- [Urban Hens | Town of Georgina](#)
- [Backyard Hens - City of Cambridge](#)
- [Committee amends By-laws to regulate backyard chickens in West Lincoln - West Lincoln](#)
- [en.living-here/animal-control-and-licensing.aspx - orangeville](#)
- [Council evaluates rules for backyard hens | Orangeville Citizen](#)
- [Certified-Consolidated-Copy-Animal-Control-By-Law.pdf](#)
- [By-Laws and Significant Town Policies - Town of Carleton Place](#)

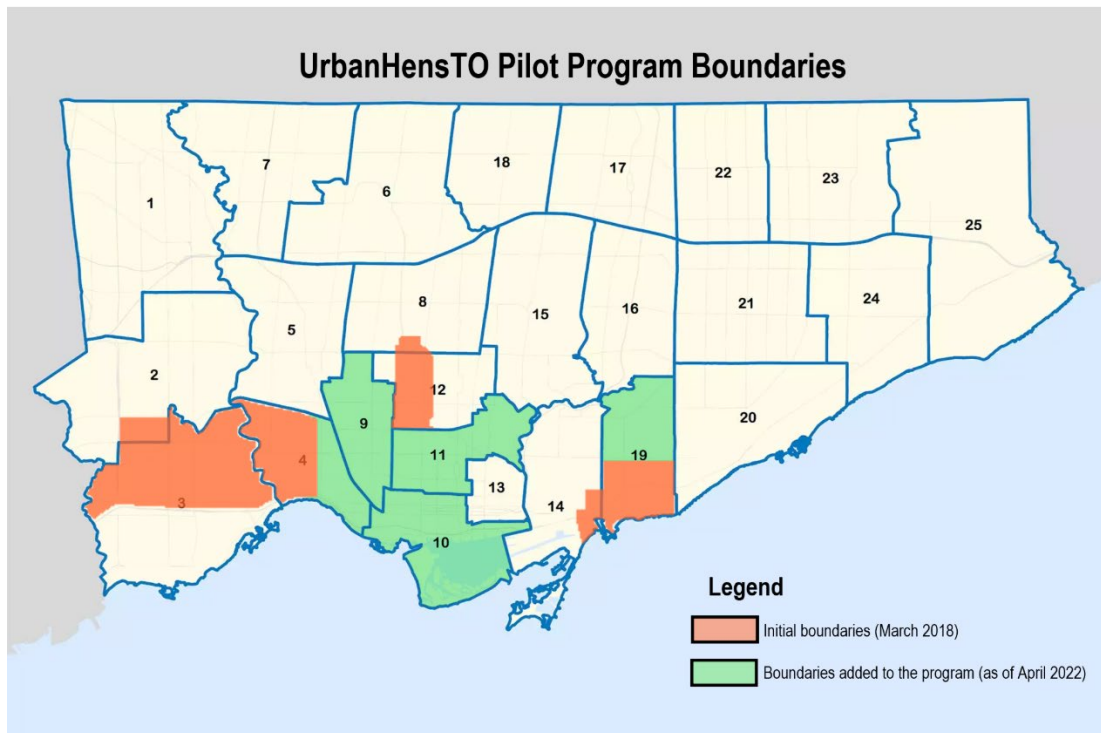
Backyard Hens By-law; Toronto ON

Communications:

March 27, 2025- spoke with a representative from Toronto Animal Services. They stated that there was no talk of re-enacting the Backyard Chicken By-law at this time due to the rising concerns around the bird flu.

March 27, 2025- Spoke with the Animal Services Manager for the City of Toronto, Nancy. She stated that there will be a chicken related report back to council this year; however, stated that the by-law will likely not be put back in place as there are currently active cases of avian influenza within the City of Toronto .

Urban Hens Program Boundaries (Before program was discontinued):



Yes		No	No	No		
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes	K7A 4N6	Yes	Yes	Yes	6	I am unsure the specifics for the allowable number but would think this should be linked to space available. I chose 8 but someone with a large yard versus someone with a small space would need consideration. Or maybe a minimum space required
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		No	No	No		0
Yes		No	No	No		
No	K7A4X9	Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
						As a person whose mother raises chickens outside of town limits, I do not see a problem with people having chickens in town. Under the right conditions. Fenced in coops, so predators can't get to them and so that they cannot escape and pester other peoples pets. People who want them should have a big enough yard to properly house chickens. But only hens no roosters. Chickens would help with food waste, as a lot of veggie and fruits scraps can be fed to them. They would also keep down some bug populations, while providing eggs in return for their food.
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	4	
Yes		No	No	No		
						I do not want my neighbors owning chickens. the smell and noise not to mention most of the residents cant follow simple bylaws like registration of animals and keeping cats inside or on a leash or dogs on leash or even picking up dog poop. I do not trust leaving backyard chicken ownership to be governed by bylaw which is simply complaint driven. No thank you, they want to own chickens buy property out of town and have chickens. I think we should be tackling housing shortages and insane rent prices. I think the town should replace all trees uptown with fruit bearing trees but I do not think town residents should have backyard chickens.
Yes		No	No	No		
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes	K7A1J8	Yes	Yes	Yes	6	6 or a certain amount depending on how big the family is. So every family member can have 1 chicken.
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	6	
Yes		No	No	No		
Yes		No	No	No		Absolutely ridiculous. This is a town this close neighbors and small lot lines. Look at property standards first.
Yes	K7A 1N3	No	No	No		I do not support this initiative. We have so much construction, theft.. we do not need any more chaos. If my neighbour gets chickens I will move away somewhere else. Why does the town not start a community garden for food instead..?
						For places like the low income areas Sussex empres ext should maybe have a joined community coop. So the places arnt overwhelmed with structures and for thoses area have maybe a camra set up and one person in charge of watching over things
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	None
Yes		No	No	No		
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	4	
						An absolutely insane concept. This is an issue being considered in the face of threat of a bird flu pandemic currently seriously affecting poultry and cattle stock in the U.S. Regulate the chickens as much as you want, there can be no credible enforcement, and the concept will fail miserably. And the benefits are marginal, as a residence with any chickens will produce more eggs than the household can use, can't be sold or given to charity. Wake up Smiths Falls. This is pure idiocy.
Yes		No	No	No		
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
No	K7A5B8	No	No	No		As someone who lives rurally , we have to have 2 acres to have chickens, they need space and ability to roam ,

Yes		Yes	No	No	4	I like the idea of chickens being allowed however, it would be better if it were in a rural setting. I wouldn't be opposed to chickens in town if there is not a rooster. Roosters are quite noisy.
Yes		No	No	No		
Yes		Yes	No	Yes		# of chickens depends on the size of the yard as they need appropriate space and shelter. Also something has to be drawn up in case the chickens wander into neighbours yards and cause damage.
Yes		No	No	No		As a resident in the downtown core I strongly disagree with this initiative. Too much construction, stray cats, theft going on in this town... do we really need chickens...???? y need to ad chickens to the mix...??? I will move. We pay as much tax here as Barhaven ...
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
No	K7a 4x9	Yes	Yes	Yes	6	Should also include quail to be allowed along with chickens as they are quieter and smaller than chickens so need less space for those with smaller yards.
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	8	
Yes		No	No	No		
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	4	
Yes		No	No	No		
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		No	No	No		No is the answer
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		No	No	No		Chickens bring rats, rodents. Also the sound of a roster in the morning will be annoying. We live in town and not the country!
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	6	
Yes	K7a4g6	Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	8	It kind of depends on the property, a small lot of several acres
No	K7a4s5	Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	8	Important to note that area should be fenced to avoid traffic accidents or disruptions with the flow of traffic
Yes		No	No	No		Residents cannot care for their current animals property, this will be a mess with substantial loss of life.
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	No one takes care of their stuff now they won't take care of chickens!
Yes		No	No	No		
Yes		No	No	No		We need to subsidize rising costs of groceries somehow. Preferrably a local method to do so, like this initiative.
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		No	No	No		
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	6	The number of permissible chickens should Depend on the size of the property, I would say
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	8	
Yes		No	No	No	4	SF needs to enforce their current bylaws before implementing anything else!
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	ld prefer smaller birds like quail so would they be umbrella'd in with the chickens?
Yes		No	No	No		
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	

Yes		Yes	No	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	Minimize bylaw officer requirement by utilizing same approach as with other approved animals (i.e. focus efforts on nuisance complaints and not on inspecting all sites).
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	To be honest I think 10 would be best
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	Don't see any problems
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		No	No	No	4	
Yes		No	No	No	6	I worry of the up keep and amount of space chickens need to have a good quality of life
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes	K7a2t4	No	No	No	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	I would happily have and support neighbors with as long as area nis fully fenced and kept CLEAN..
No		No	No	No	6	no roosters in town limits ..
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		No	No	No	6	I have a neighbor with a storage tote full of dog shit. It's the summer. I can't get anyone do anything.
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	But you will allow chickens.
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	I think backyard hens would be a wonderful addition to some residents!
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		No	No	No	6	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	I think it would be a smart idea to help families in need
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
No	K7a1t7	Yes	No	Yes	6	
No	business owner in Smiths F	Yes	No	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		No	No	No	4	Food security
Yes	K7A 4N4	Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	Trying to be objective:
Yes		No	No	No	4	None
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	4	Hens only
Yes		No	No	No	4	Think my response is a sufficient comment
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	4 would barely feed a small family who bakes and consumes their own eggs daily.

Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	Keeping chickens is one of the easiest ways to live more sustainably. They help eliminate scraps, produce a natural fertiliser, get rid of pesky garden pests, assist with composting and provide fresh eggs! Keeping chickens is one of the most rewarding ways to start living green and isn't that what the Town of Smiths Falls is all about? If Carlton place is allowed chickens, there's no reason we shouldn't be allowed.	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	My greatest concern is the additional need for by-law officers/ animal control. Will fowl be limited to hens or will turkeys and ducks be allowed? 🐔 I hope landlords do not allow on rental properties	
No	K0G1L0	Yes	Yes	Yes	4		
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	This must be a joke because this is the dumbest idea ive ever heard of.	
Yes	K7a 4I6	No	No	No	6		
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6		
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6		
Yes		No	No	No	8		
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4		
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6		
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	4		
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6		
No	K7a4s5	Yes	Yes	Yes	8		
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8		
Yes		No	No	No	4		The maximum should be more than 8. It should be 12, which is a "full flock".
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	6		
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8		I don't think anyone should be allowed chickens in town and I would be very upset if my neighbours were to have chickens. They are noisy, if not taken care of properly can be smelly, and they attract skunks and other predators. Our homes are too close together in town to have them, they should only be allowed on large properties (an acre) where they would not be in close proximity to neighbours.
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	8		
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8		
Yes		No	No	No	0		
Yes		No	No	No	0		
No	K0A 2T0	Yes	Yes	Yes	8	I have 8 chickens here in North Gower. So long as their needs are met they are quiet and peaceful birds. There should be guideline around size and cleanliness of the coop. Outside of that, they provide so much benefit to an area (food for community, soil, they eat scraps, tick and other pest control etc)	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	I've not had good experiences with current bylaw and have zero trust that they'll enforce any laws so adding some capable bylaw or training would also be great.	
Yes		No	No	No	4		
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	Help with food costs (eggs&poultry) reduces pests like ticks. Helps children learn responsibilities like feeding + watering + egg collecting	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	8		
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4		
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	4		
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4		
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	4		
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4		
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	4		
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	4		
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	4		
Yes		Yes	No	No	4	The only way I would support this is if the property was inspected regularly. There is nothing worse than the smell of a chicken coop that is not cleaned regularly.	
No	K7A4S5	No	No	No	4		
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	They eat ticks, so yes let's get them in our neighborhoods.	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	4		
Yes		No	No	No	8		
Yes		No	No	No	4		
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	4		
Yes		No	No	No	4		
Yes		No	No	No	6		
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4		
Yes		No	No	No	0		

No	K7A 2W8	No	No	No		Unfortunately, a number of people wouldn't take care of the area./ the birds properly, which will lead to various issues including devaluation of property, potential odors along with someone's complaints, then possibly I'm including escaped birds. A former neighbor here had chickens, and the birds would manage to get over the fence, our dog got two of them..
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes	K7A 2K8	No	No	No		
No	K0g1I0	Yes	Yes	Yes		4
No	K0G1N0 (Montague)	Yes	Yes	Yes		I think everyone should be allowed to have chickens. They help to lower garbage at the curbside as they eat the kitchen scraps, pest control, help with food security especially now. Etc etc etc
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		8
Yes		No	No	No		Where do you put their waste? How do you prevent unwanted animals (raccoons, foxes etc) how do eliminate their smell?
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		4
Yes		No	No	No		NONE. They belong on a farm where the smell and predators can be dealt with. How do town residents deal with waste disposal and chickens that are no longer laying eggs?
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		8
Yes	K7a4k5	Yes	Yes	Yes		8
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		8
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		i feel if chickens are kept in safe space (away from roads, sidewalks) especially people with fenced in yards. there's no reason if someone is going to keep everyone/the chickens safe & clean that they shouldn't be allowed to.
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		6
Yes		No	No	No		8
Yes	K0G1E0	Yes	Yes	Yes		8
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		4
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		6
Yes		No	No	No		4
Yes		No	No	No		This would benefit in so many ways. Waste reduction. Ticks.
Yes		No	No	No		0
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		6
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		Chickens make neighborhoods stink and nobody wants to end up woke up by a rooster. Chickens should be for farms only.
Yes		No	No	No		6
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		Chickens stink and make too much noise for town/city life. If you're trying to avoid any potential population growth, allowing chickens will do just that!
Yes		No	No	No		6
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		We have enough issues with pigeons taking over our down town .. some people will get them just to get them and not take care of them or there surroundings properly and that just stinks .. I don't think this is a very good idea .. yes they give eggs but most people are having a hard time feeding themselves right now .. how are they going to get the proper things that the chickens need ..
Yes	K7A1M5	No	No	No		4
Yes		No	No	No		6
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		6
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		6
No	K1V7B6	Yes	Yes	Yes		6
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		6
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		6
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		6
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		4
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		4
Yes		No	No	No		4
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		8
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		No Roosters but no roosters
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		4
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		4
Yes		No	No	No		4
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		8
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		Can't even police or monitor the beach , parks , cats and dogs , and you wanna add more for a bylaw enforcement that we don't even have monitoring situations ! Prioritize the issues and costing of policing and bylaws before adding more issues ! What happens in the winter , who enforces the mess , chickens in cold , rental properties that distroy the owners property, you really think we have bylaw enforcement for this lol 😂
Yes	K7a4s6	Yes	Yes	Yes		6
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		8
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		There should be housing rules.
No	KoG1G0	Yes	Yes	Yes		8
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		8
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		8
Yes		No	No	No		4
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		We are just 10min from SF - and would welcome anything to help families save on gruceriea
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		8
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		8
Yes		No	No	No		Chickens in this town is a bad idea. There are too many irresponsible people that live here. Look at the stray cat problem.

Yes		Yes	No	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	No roosters. Just laying hens
Yes		No	No	No		
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes	K7a1g1	Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes	K7A1J11	Yes	Yes	Yes	6	This is great! Keep up the positive momentum.
						There shouldn't be a limit to the number of chickens. It should be based on space. It makes no sense for someone with a large yard to be limited to the same number as someone with less space to accommodate the chickens.
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		
Yes	K7A1X6	Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	Great way for feeding families and keeping ticks population down
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		No	No	No		Just what we don't need... seriously... enough stray animals roaming the streets let alone chickens.... The smell 🤢
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		No	No	No	4	Allowing chickens to be as pets or livestock in town opens up Pandora's box. It could introduce avian flus/illnesses. It's a noise issue/annoyance.
No	K0A 1T0	Yes	Yes	Yes	8	Backyard chickens have provided so much for us. Kid goes outside. Eggs on demand. And adventures sprinkled in. KK
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	8	
No	K0G1V0	Yes	Yes	Yes	8	Amount of chickens should be based on available space
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	The more eggs the merrier!
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	I think the number of chickens should depend on size of yard and enclosure so the welfare of the chickens isnt comprised
Yes		No	No	No		None
Yes		No	No	No		Before we allow chickens which attract some other animals, can we please do a hyper catch on all the feral cats?
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		No	No	No		there is a lot of upkeep to having chickens, and how do u keep someone from having a rooster u can expect lots of issues from this and I am sure that the town bi law have enough situations to handle
Yes		No	No	No		
No	K7P1N2	Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
No	K7A 4S6	Yes	Yes	Yes	4	Unless more than 1 acre lot.
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		No	No	No		
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	4	
Yes		No	No	No		
Yes	k7a5b5	Yes	No	Yes	6	I think that many of us are looking to find ways of growing our own food. I have had a small garden for several years and would love to have chickens. Not only for the eggs but for the compost and also the bug control that they could provide to enhance my little garden.
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	Would love to have a few hens it would cut down in
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	People already don't take care of their property ! Chicken shit
Yes		No	No	No		Residents with chickens should ensure sounds within acceptable bylaw limits. No roosters (for sounds). Yards should be kept clean. Chickens should be contained with both wall fencing and overhead screen/roof in place to ensure chickens remain in yard.
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	4	Would help control the tick population and support food insecurity
No	K0g1b0	Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		No	No	No		
Yes		No	No	No	4	This is a very bad idea.
Yes	K7a 1m3	Yes	No	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
No	K7h3C3	No	Yes	Yes	4	I don't live in the town of Smiths Falls, nor do I support the motion for Smiths Falls residents to be allowed chickens.
No	K7c0c5	Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	

No	K0G1L0	Yes	No	Yes	6	Business Owner and Property Owner in town. Max should be 5 chickens and they must also register with the town. No fee license. This allows the town to withdraw support if a resident abuses the bylaw.
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	6	
No	K0G 1G0	Yes	No	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	I feel like number of chickens might need to depend on size of space available but I feel like chickens will also help cut back on ticks in town
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	Depends on the size of the area the chickens occupy.
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	6	We had backyard chickens when we lived in another location and loved it. The neighbours appreciated seeing them and getting eggs as well. Not planning on chickens in our present home but do support the idea.
Yes		No	No	No	4	chickens are one of the highest carriers of salmonella ... if not looked after properly ... this could become a problem... along with the bugs that go along with poorly housed birds... being a retired farmer & knowing what is involved in raising egg layers & meat birds this is a huge concern along with the noise..hens do make noise not just the roosters ... it will also attract their predators...
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	6	I would want to have a 2 year trial period.
Yes	K9H0G6	No	No	No		
No		No	No	No		
Yes		No	No	No		If this becomes allowed, far too many people who know nothing about animal care will buy a cute coop and get 1 chickens which will then be mistreated and poorly cared for. IF chickens are to be allowed people should need to take a course showing basic competency around care.
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	6	I would absolutely support this as long as there would be a place that residents would be able to take the old hay or wood chips to dispose of. Smells would become quite offensive if left in yards during summer heat. I would also suggest that it would be open year round for convenience. But also have some sort of bylaw regarding not keeping the waste on the property passed once a month (if not by-weekly).
Yes		No	No	No		If someone wants chickens, then perhaps country living is more suitable. Fire Chief Cheseborough raised very legitimate concerns at the council meeting that should be seriously considered.
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	8	
No	K0g1g0	Yes	Yes	Yes	8	Would be an amazing thing to allow smiths falls residents. I was a s.f. resident before moving to country where i now am a chicken owner. Teaches my children responsibility and about where food comes from.
No	K7A 4S5	No	No	No		
Yes		No	No	No		Im co v
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	I don't believe people are aware of the cost and care required for chickens, I noted comments from citizens of Smiths Falls that they want chickens to save on the cost of eggs, but would it not be better to have a garden instead of chickens since vegetables are more expensive and can be frozen and used all year round! If they have room for chickens and money to set up for chickens they have room and the means to put in a garden
Yes		Yes	No	Yes		Number of chickens should depend on the size of the property. I have no idea about what kind of space chickens require. And there should be some sort of rule about fencing to avoid chickens roaming onto property that belongs to neighbours.
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
No	K7A4Z1	Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
No	K7M2A2	Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	4	
Yes		No	No	No		
Yes	K7a5b6	Yes	Yes	Yes	4	

Yes		Yes	No	Yes	4
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6

I think yard space should be a consideration when selecting a maximum number. Those wishing to have chickens should pay to get a permit and demonstrate they meet requirements for shelter and space and sign a document stating they understand they will be held accountable for the well being of the chickens and that they must adhere to standards agreed upon by the town. The bottom line is there must be a willingness by both the town and owners to ensure humane treatment. Feral chickens have never been a problem, anywhere.

Yes		No	No	No	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8
Yes		No	No	No	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8
Yes	K7A 3N4	Yes	No	Yes	8

i have foxes in my yard already 3 to 4 of them , one confronted me i scared it off i believe they are feeding on the cats and other animals already adding chickens will just bring more predators i say no thanks

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No	K0G1G0	No	No	No	6
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Having chickens in town facility opens a whole new level of bilaws, rodents are drawn to chicken feed, wildlife is already roaming the streets, this will draw them more. They are messy with feathers, digging & poop. People has problems keeping dog poop cleaned up, chicken poop is even more & stinks. Then think of the fallout of people accusing their neighbours of their pets killing their chickens. What happens when these animals die or need to be slaughtered. What about of chickens get loose, is there going to be chicken catchers. What about disease if they aren't cared for properly. Free eggs sound good until someone contracts salmonella. I don't think people have researched the responsibility involved but rather think it would be neat on the superficial level.

No	K0G1G0	No	No	No	8
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6
Yes	K7a3z2	Yes	Yes	Yes	4
Yes	K7A4S4	Yes	Yes	Yes	6

Looking at all the posts on FB many people have a problem with owning dogs & cats. Many lose them, let them roam, etc. chickens are maintenance. If people work & existing Petcare is a problem for walking, feed cost, not to mention personal issues that they now need to surrender their pet, where does this leave chickens. People complain of kids noise, gripe over inconvenience of not having access to things they want , what happens when chicken feed isn't accessible for supply or proper coop needs to be installed & safety for them applied, more griping. Chickens in town is asking for trouble on many levels that people are having tunnel vision with. It doesn't matter either what other communities are doing, repercussions haven't been reported yet. I do hope Smiths Falls thinks this through from all angles & not on a fleeting moment. The new visual of the town has no room aesthetically or from a tourist aspect. There's already complaints of wild bird poop in parks that gross people out, backyards will turn into a stenching slaughter house. Just visit any rural farm that has chickens & talk with the owner. They will tell you the behind the scene story.

Must have fenced in back yard/chicken coop.

Yes		No	No	No	4
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8

Consider the cost/benefit to the Town and residents and make a reasoned, thoughtful, informed decision.

Yes	K7A 1J4	No	No	No	
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I love the idea but I know people will mistreat them/be really dirty and possible slaughter them in their backyards. I feel it is a high risk of animal abuse + the chickens might fly out of yards etc. I have dogs and worry they would harm a stray chicken and then both me and the dog would be in trouble. I worry also about smell and mess. I have cared for chickens and they are lovely, but they are very messy, prone to disease and people don't treat them well

Yes	K7A 3M3	No	No	No	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6

dirty, smelly, we are increasing pop. density and this would be a problem. Some people struggle to maintain their houses let alone chicken coops. the town doesn't have the resources to monitor this

This is great! Very needed!

Yes		No	No	No		I think the idea of keeping chickens or or any other farm animals in your back yard is of poor taste it could be a call for deseases or who knows what else.
Yes		No	No	No		who would be responsible for the chicken manure? The smell of chicken waste can be disgusting.
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	what kind of fencing is required? I think chickens should be in the country.
No	B3E 03H	No	No	No		Allowing backyard chickens poses significant public health risks, including the spread of diseases such as avian flu and salmonella, and often results in neglect and improper care of the animals.
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	Additionally, urban chickens can attract predators and create noise and odor issues, negatively impacting neighborhood environments.
Yes		No	No	No		Quails should be allowed as well - smaller, quiet and eat so many ticks!
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	8	sounds fun! I bet kids would get a kick out of that :)
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		I cannot properly answer the maximum number of chickens. That needs to be decided upon yard size.
Yes		No	No	No		No chickens allowed.
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	Provides fresh eggs; keeps us close to our food source, a good source of protein especially when meat is prohibitively expensive to many people; people in many, many counties worldwide keep chickens in towns
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	Looking forward to having chickens. I hear very positive benefits from raising chickens and having eggs.
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	Andrew Howard likes chicks
Yes		No	No	No		Farm animals have no place in a municipality
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	Residents should need a permit to keep poultry, and a welfare check every 6 months to maintain the permit.
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	4	
Yes		No	No	No		
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	I think 4-6 hens on a residential property is good provided the roosting area is maintained and the yard they are in is fenced. I would not permit roosters unless there is a way to stop them from crowing.
Yes	K7A4N6	Yes	No	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes	K7A4N6	Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		No	No	No	4	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	6	
Yes		No	No	No		BAD IDEA..we'd need more bylaw enforcement \$\$\$\$\$
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	Such a great idea for the people of Smiths Falls to raise a bit of their own food!
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	6	This would be great!
No	K7H 1W2	Yes	Yes	Yes	8	I grew up in Smiths Falls and now that I have hens living in an adjacent town, I would ever so love to move back to the thriving Smiths Falls and bring my 8 sweet hennies with me!!
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	A valuable bird. Bring em home to roost.
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		No	No	No		We need to stop exploiting animals... and reduce the risk of zoonotic diseases
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	10 chickens would be better. Thanks
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	The average maximum in Ontario municipalities (that allow chickens) is 10 and, if this was allowed, we would want it.
No	K0G1L0	No	No	No		People are naive to the amount of work, shelter, food, maintenance, cleanup, etc etc. That chickens need. Yeah, they're cute. Yeah they give the odd egg but there are many problems including predators housing in the winter nesting issues it goes on
Yes		No	No	No		
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	Thank you for revisiting this idea.

No	K0G1R0	Yes	Yes	Yes	6	Permits should be required and no roosters
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	8	
No	K7H 1B7 J0X 2P0	Yes	Yes	Yes	8	There shouldnt be a cut iff of how many chickens anyone could have theres no cut off on how many cats or dogs someone has. And i dont care what the laws are ill have chickens where ever i live and as many as i want i wont be controlled
No		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
No	K7h3c7 K2K 2Y1	Yes	Yes	Yes	8	This is a great oppotunity to allow your citizens to practice the most natural way of providing food. Not only does it allow us to provide food for ourselves and families. It brings communities together, they trade amungst each other and create friendships. This is the right step forward. Chickens can be so rewarding
No		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
No	K0H2B0	Yes	Yes	Yes	8	I always think it's odd how people are allowed dogs and not hens. We have neighbours with dogs that bark all night. Neighbours that never clean up the dog poop. Neighbours with aggressive dogs. Chickens can be kept clean and odourless. They are quiet most of the time with the odd egg song. They provide eggs that are 100% better than store eggs. They're great for kids and make fantastic pets and companions. Let alone make you feel happy. I think it's the responsible thing to do to allow backyard chickens.
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
No	K0G1E0	Yes	Yes	Yes	8	The township should back off on legislating everything to death. Allow the people to become more self sustainable on their own land
Yes		No	No	No		
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	8	
Yes	K7a2x1	Yes	Yes	Yes	6	Larger citys like Toronto have allowed these backyard pets and havent had issues as long as roosters are not involved. I think it would be a great learning experience for children to have a greater understanding of our agriculture and food system/programs. Great idea. Eggs are great. No chickens, lower the towns debt! Stop wasteful spending!
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		No	No	No		
No		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	A good understanding of predator proofing your pen is essential. This can be done with a frame and hardware cloth (traditional chicken wire is actually too big), and these frame can be move to allow fresh grazing. I have a gabby farm at a different location and happy to help share what we have learned.
No	K0g1g0	Yes	Yes	Yes	8	I think chickens provide a source of food, joy and tick removal. Being allowed to have chickens has more pros than cons and can help a lot of families out.
Yes		Yes		Yes	6	
No	K7a 2x1	Yes	Yes	Yes	6	Chickens in more rural areas, not in town, should be allowed. Chicken coops tend to attract disease, and rats, as well as predators. No roosters
No		No	No	No	4	
No		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		No	No	No		
No		No	No	No		
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	4		
Yes		No	No	No		
Yes		No	No	Yes	6	It would be noisy and would attract wild life to the locations
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	A terrible idea, bylaw needed to ensure proper conditions for chickens and the spread of disease being rampant in chickens now, salmonella, ecoli and avian flu, plus noise and smell for neighbours close by in town What a horrible idea.
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	Permits required and only if you are the home owner.

Yes		No	No	No		people won't take care of them - and they smell if the coops aren't kept clean - plus the feed attracts rats!!!!!!
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	8	
No	K7A 4S5	No	No	No		Neighbors in Rideau Lakes have some & they tend to wander around the neighborhood.
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		
Yes		No	No	No		Absolutely no chickens. Because of zoonosis children, pregnant women (all humans really) are subject to e.coli outbreak, salmonella and possibly other infections that are getting increasingly worse
Yes	k7a 1a1	Yes	Yes	Yes	6	How will this program be administered to those without backyards? Will there be a communal backyard housing chickens for residents without access to a backyard?
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		No	No	No		Do not agree.
Yes		No	No	No		I think it will become a real pain for bylaw...it seems to be that they have all they can cope with now, without adding chickens!.
Yes	k0g1g0	No	No	No		
No		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
No	k7a 4s5	No	No	No		If residents want chickens - it time to move to the country
Yes		No	No	No		
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	0 chickens....bad enough we hear loud music don't need chickens to blend in
Yes		No	No	No		0 chickens...I honestly think our decision doesn't matter they will do what that want anyway.....
Yes		No	No	No		
Yes		No	No	No		
Yes		No	No	No		
Yes	K7a4s4	Yes	Yes	Yes	6	Roosters also it helps you get up and get moving
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		No	No	No		It is hard keeping chickens. Especially in winter, keeping them warm and water from freezing.
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	Also, obtaining and keeping chicken feed. Brings rodents.
Yes		No	No	No		Chickens belong on the farm
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	6	
No	K0g1l0	No	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	Egg-cellent opportunity for children, teens and adults.
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	6	I wouldnt have an issue with backyard chicken as long as any rules and regulations were enforced and 8nspections of properties were done on a regular basis. Any resident who wants to raise chickens on their property should have to apply for permits and have the property inspected before approval was given.
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	4	Only if animal welfare is taken as a priority with someone checking in on them, It's sad to see some of the purchased chicks at TSC when I've been shopping
No	K0G 1L0	Yes	Yes	Yes	6	If people are allowed to have 150 pound dogs on their property, 6 chickens will be no issue... No roosters though send .
No	K7C 3P2	Yes	Yes	Yes	8	No roosters!!
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	We love fresh eggs!
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	There should be substantial rules in place to protect the health of backyard chickens and ensure they are safely kept to prevent them from attracting vermin.
No	K7A4S7	Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
No	k0g1g0	No	No	No		Who is responsible to make sure these chickens are cleaned properly and stay in their own yards?
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	Chickens are expensive and require a lot to take care of them.
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
No	K0G1A0	Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		No	No	No		

No	K2L2C5	Yes	Yes	Yes	8	It is very easy to differentiate between personal chicken possession and a commercial farming operation, and much louder pets that are fully permissible within town and city ordinance – with much less overall benefit to residents and the community due to egg-laying hens aiding with rising grocery costs and worsening food deserts.
Yes		No	No	No	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
No	K7A5A9	Yes	Yes	Yes	6	It should depend on the size of the property to determine how many chickens allowed. We live in Smiths Falls from the end of April to the first week of October. We buy fresh eggs from a nearby small family farm, these fresh eggs taste so good and different than the store bought. My family had chickens in their backyard in a city. I don't see why it's not allowed to keep a few. Healthy eggs that don't need to be put in a fridge.
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		No	No	No	8	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	8	
Yes	K2M 0L7	Yes	No	Yes	6	They are noisy & dirty and would require a bylaw officer which would cost taxpayers more money. Follow the examples learned in other cities, i.e. Ottawa
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		No	No	No	8	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	so many other places already do this - with rising food and gas prices this seems like a perfect fix. Lots of good lessons for kids as well, I grew up with chickens and loved it. I think there are no drawbacks to having laying hens whatsoever
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	The max number should be 10000 yes, if they are well taken care of and given the space to thrive within an enclosed area. This is a really poorly designed survey! The only answer I can provide with any confidence is that I am a resident and home owner of the Town. In theory I'm in favour of backyard chickens. I may even consider it but I need more information. Perhaps an in-person evening info session or pamphlet so I can provide useful responses...Asking me how many chickens should be allowed seems a bit ridiculous at this point...wouldn't that depend on available space, coop size and maybe even house occupancy?
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		No	No	No	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	There would also need to be a bylaw to cover approved structures to ensure proper containment of the chickens as well the bylaws would have to make sure that smells from unkept coops would be dealt with for health reasons. My suggestion is no chicken coops within 6 feet of property like and needs to be in a fenced back yard. Treat them like pools
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
No		No	No	No	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes	K7A4S5	Yes	No	Yes	4	
No		No	No	No	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	4	
Yes		No	No	No	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	8	our bylaw officers do not have enough time to enforce present bylaws without adding more. There are many cats and dog running around without anyone taking responsibility that this would be another issue to deal with. Its unfortunate that the responsible owners pay the price for irresponsible owners.
Yes		No	No	No	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	6	
Yes	K7A 4S7	Yes	No	Yes	8	Yes yes yes! More food security please!
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
No		Yes	No	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		No	No	No	8	I think it is a great idea to let people go back to the basics, it would be an amazing learning experience for everyone!
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	No roosters!!
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes	K7A5B8	Yes	No	Yes	4	What a "stupid idea"! If you want to raise chickens move to a farm
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
No		Yes	No	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	I'm afraid the proper care of chickens would not last long and then trouble would begin!
Yes		No	No	No	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	

Yes		No	No	No		
Yes		No	No	No		
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	6	No roosters
No	K7h 3c7	No	No	No		Chickens and their feed and poop attracts pests and vermin like rats. My daughters neighbours have chickens and the rats are hiding to her home and she can't get rid of them. Chickens are called barnyard fowl for a reason.
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	Chicken feed would attract rodents and foxes. And chickens must be kept warm and watered in our cold winters.
Yes		No	No	No		I would
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		No	No	No	4	
Yes		No	No	No		
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes						I am for this only if there is a staff that can followup with those who decide to participate in having chickens on their property. Checkups randomly yo make sure criteria are being followed etc. Chickes are a source of food. Their manure can be compoated and used as fertillErs for gardens. It a great way to be more self reliant. And sustain your family when prices keep going up and wages dont
Yes	K7H3M4	Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
No		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		No	No	No		There is work involved in raising chickens I am sure not all people are aware, I do think chickens are to should be in outdoor fenced area, good hen house that is kept clean . Who is going to check on the living conditions of the chickens and ensure the hen house is kept clean
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		No	No	No		This town has enough problems and costs for bylaw as it is with feral cats and other bylaw infractions. Chickens belong on a farm, not town property which would cost the taxpayer even more for bylaw services with this being allowed.
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	6	Too many irresponsible people and who is going to police it ?..by law ? Chicken attract rats foxes and other vermin
Yes		No	No	No		
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		No	No	Yes	4	A lot depends on the situation for the family and next door is fine if it's kept clean. Chickens have loads of benefits for everyone and don't think this should even have to be a debate it should be allowed :)
Yes	K7a3z5	Yes	No	Yes	8	Max of number of chickens 0 Chickens belong on a farm not in town
No		No	No	No		
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	These bird should not be free ranging.
Yes		No	No	No		0 chickens should be allowed in town
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	They must be caged at all times
Yes	K7A0A2	Yes	No	Yes	8	Or more
Yes		No	No	No		Livestock belong on Farms. Thank-You.
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	This will help the tick population decrease
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		No	No	No		Not at all.
Yes	k7a4s5	No	No	No		
No		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	8	
Yes		No	No	No		
Yes		No	No	No		Next it will be goats,cows ,why not go all the way,Donkeys, etc.Who is going to want to buy a house next to someone that has chickens. It is going to hurt property values.
Yes	K0G1G0	No	No	No		I want the resident to keep chickens in good health , clean up after them, provide proper food and housing and keep them on their own property. If they get a rooster I have the right to shoot it if it crows and wakes me before 7:00 am
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
No		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	

Yes		No	No	No		The pets that people have are noisy enough without adding to the problem. Have you ever been down wind of a chicken coop on a hot day?
Yes	K7A 3V6	Yes	Yes	Yes	8	I think this is an amazing idea for our community! I would 100% love to be a part of this.
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	Enforce bylaws concerning the number of pets (dogs) per household - My neighbour currently has 5 large dogs . Chickens are less intrusive
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	Keeping chickens is fine . I do have a problem with feeding pigeons, which my neighbour currently does. Please improve bylaw enforcement to address the growing pigeon problem in our town.
Yes	K7A 3W4	Yes	No	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	8	Chickens would be a welcome addition to our neighbourhood! Ducks as well!
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	6	Chickens provide good food in this horrible economy.
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	8	
Yes		No	No	No		While it's a great idea, like most initiatives in this town, it will get out of hand. There are already MORE than enough issues with by-laws adherence in Smiths Falls.
Yes		No	No	No		Absolutely not because people don't follow the by-laws already and the town staff have enough to deal with, they don't need a chicken issue too.
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		No	No	No		Although I have no objections to having chickens in a rural setting, the issues that arise in a suburban area can be problematic (i.e. predators, coops and/or chickens not being cared for (odours, etc.) and create an unfriendly environment between neighbours.
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		No	No	No		No chickens should be allowed within the town limits
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
No	K0G1L0	Yes	Yes	Yes	6	Chickens are great, not too noisy - especially if it's just hens, and they only need 3 to 5 sq feet per chicken.
No	K0G1L0	Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	4	Having home chickens has long been common practice in Poland and other European countries, so it is certainly feasible. It will take some adjustment initially and regulations will need to be worked out, but it will be worth the effort as it will contribute towards greening our towns.
No	K0E1R0	Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes	K7a2n2	Yes	No	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		No	No	No		NO CHICKENS, STOP WASTEFUL SPENDING. S.F. POLICE AND BY-LAW NEED TO ISSUE MORE PARKING TICKETS, ESPECIALLY ON BROADVIEW E.! BY-LAW NOT RESPONDING TO ANIMAL COMPLAINTS ON WEELEND!
Yes		No	No	No		No Chickens, in terms of food it costs more to keep them then to buy eggs...if you don't drive how will you get their feed? If they are sick will you take your pet chicken to the vet? Vet costs are so high it's not affordable.
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		No	No	No		My answers only apply as long as the chickens are completely confined to their respective properties and are unable to escape to the neighbours property.
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		No	No	No		
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		No	No	No		Nothing against chickens.....my concern is the chicken POOP. We currently have issues in SF with dog owners not picking up dog poop. and general lack of taking responsibility for animals. I grew up on a farm, and I know the potency of chicken poop smell. Accumulation of chicken poop in the resident's back yard, especially during summer heat will be brutal for the neighbours. Please consider this aspect of the proposed chicken ventures. Thank you.
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	8	Depends in size of property. But more small eggs growers would be great.
Yes						I used to live in SF. I own a condo there. You DO NOT have adequate SPCA officers to respond to animals in distress NOW. I can't imagine how there would be timely responses to chickens in distress. DO NOT allow chickens in town. They need to live on rural large properties. ANIMAL WELFARE should be considered first.
No	C0B 2C0	No	No	No		

Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		No	No	No		This is a town, not a rural setting to have livestock. No
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		No	No	No		
Yes		No	No	No		Not in support of chickens in town
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		No	No	No		Chickens and other poultry pose significant health risks to citizens and neighbours, especially with the rise of avian flu, and should not be allowed in town limits.
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	eggs from healthy backyard hens that are well-fed and in clean surroundings pose less of a Salmonella risk than store-bought eggs. The low risk of Salmonella is certainly no reason to hold you back from getting a backyard flock. www.chickencoach.com
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	8	I picked the max of 8 because I love chicks!
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	6	To the above question, I don't know how many chickens an individual family should have. Having a chicken to lay eggs would require a rooster and and we object to that.
No	K0e 1y0	Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	Thanks sf. Finally chickens.
Yes		No	No	No		Great pest control
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	Chickens need area to roam , not to be confined to a small cage ,
Yes		No	No	No		
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
No	K0G 1G0	Yes	No	Yes	8	Very interested and a good sensible idea. Backyard chickens would help by eating ticks and providing a valuable food source.
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	
Yes		Yes	No	No		This is a bad idea for public health and property values. Please consider the negative impacts carefully. Thank you,
Yes		No	No	No	6	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		No	No	No		
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	And ducks they lay better eggs with more omegas and protien
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	4	
Yes		No	No	No		the chicken cope smell is great if not cleaned often. there is a lot of work in raising chickens/ Are people prepared for the added cost for chicken food and getting the pen and cope ready. Chickens should not be allowed to venture around on the properties.
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	noisy,and chicken poop stinks, sorry to say there would no way you could control the number of chickens and some people would not tend to them as they should.
Yes		No	No	No		No chickens should be allowed to be kept in town limits.
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	6	I support laying hens but no roosters
Yes		No	No	No		NONE
Yes		No	No	No	4	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	4	In my area the houses are close together so more than 4 would probably get chaotic, but as long as people could keep it contained, live your life.
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	8	
No	K7a4s4	Yes	Yes	Yes	4	In town a smaller amount- number increase based on property size and proximity to town Already concerned with the state of some properties in the neighbourhood. If this gets supported, max 4 chickens
Yes		No	No	No	4	
Yes		Yes	No	Yes	6	
No	K7a4s5	No	No	No		Most folks are unfamiliar with how to care for them properly, we have no means of disposal, they attract wildlife, they need proper shelter etc. diseases etc.
Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	6	There is really no reason this shouldnt be allowed.