



## **Township of North Kawartha**

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# **Report to Council**

To: Mayor and Council Members  
From: Laura Stone, Planning Consultant  
Date: June 18, 2025  
Subject: Update to Zoning By-law – Backyard Chickens

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## **Recommendation:**

That Council direct Planning staff to investigate implementing a provision to permit backyard chickens for Residential, Rural and Rural Residential properties.

## **Background:**

It has come to the attention of the Building and Planning Departments that there has been interest from ratepayers to be permitted the use of backyard chickens, specifically hens, on properties zoned Rural, Rural Residential, Hamlet Residential and General Residential.

This particular issue is timely, given the increased need for food security. It is requested that staff be directed to review the by-laws of other municipalities to permit backyard laying hens.

## **Financial Implications:**

N/A

## **Strategic and/or Other Plans:**

Infrastructure

4. Explore complete communities

Governance

2. Provide quality community programs and services

Environment

2. Protect the human environment

3. Consider climate change in decision making



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**Attachments:**

None.