

Bylaw C-1313-24

Hens Bylaw and Program

City of Spruce Grove
Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting
April 15, 2024

Background

- Through Community Standards Bylaw work, desire identified to permit hen keeping and beekeeping
- Directed to develop permanent program, not pilot project



Due Diligence

1. Background research
2. Engagement
3. Best practices
4. Unintended consequences
5. Program considerations
6. Regulatory requirements
7. Municipal scan - direct discussions and online/program review
8. Options

Municipality	Permits/Licences
Red Deer	102
Grande Prairie	24
St Albert	19
Cold Lake	6
Leduc	1

Regulatory Requirements

1. Hens Bylaw
2. Amendments to:
 - Land Use Bylaw
 - Development Fees and Fines Bylaw



Source: Alexes Fotos a

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Program and Process - Standards

- Three to six hens, no rooster
- Coop and run:
 - Size, location, winter-proofing
 - Ventilation
 - Electrical permit
- Certification, mentor, veterinarian, temporary care
- Premises Identification Number
- Disease prevention checklist

Process



- Annual Licence document and conditions
- Initial verification inspection
- One-time fee with free annual renewal upon inspection
- Review and process requirements
- Reporting
- Neighbour notification
- Manual processing by City
- Appeals to Community Standards Appeal Committee

Compliance

- **Inspections**
 - Verification upon approval
 - Annual upon licence renewal
 - Site access approval required
- **Violations**
 - Ticketing
 - Revoke licence

Staff Training

1. Discussions with other municipalities (requirements, learnings, expectations)
2. Chickens 101
3. Farm visit
4. Inspection “ride-along”
5. PPE requirements

Timelines

- March - April: Finalize bylaw and program
- April - May: Communications Plan
- April 15: Program overview to GPC
- May 13 and 27: Bylaw and amendments to Council
- June 2024: Launch program

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Questions and comments