

Date: August 2nd, 2016

Report To: Mayor & Council

From: Patrick Briere, By-Law Enforcement Officer

Re: Letter dated May 24th, 2016 from Cheryl Armstrong – Keeping of Chickens.

Mayor & Council will recall that a letter from Cheryl Armstrong dated May 24th, 2016 was referred to the Planning & Development Executive Committee for their recommendation.

The Planning & Development Executive Committee at their regular meeting held June 20th, 2016 discussed the issues brought forward by Mrs. Armstrong in detail with the By-Law Enforcement Department and the item was deferred to the next meeting to allow more input to be sought.

At the regular meeting July 4th, 2016, the Planning & Development Executive Committee received an information package from the City of Thunder Bay, as it is also going through the same process at this time. This package was discussed in detail.

Finally, at their regular meeting August 2nd, 2016, the Planning & Development Executive Committee reviewed and discussed in detail the draft amendments that were presented in regards to handling the chicken/rooster issues within Town.

Therefore, with this stated, the Planning & Development Executive Committee is recommending that Mayor & Council authorize two (2) amendments to By-Law #17/90. They are as follows:

Amendment 17/90 - “A”

The first amendment being an amendment to prohibit the keeping of roosters (gallus gallus domestics, or otherwise known as a male chicken, cock or chanticleer) within the Town of Fort Frances

Amendment 17/90 – “B”

The second amendment being an amendment to permit the keeping of chickens (*gallus gallus domesticus* birds, such as chickens, or otherwise known as domesticated fowl and which are a subspecies of the red jungle fowl).

Provided that the following requirements are met by the property owner:

- a) Establish a maximum area of .1 cubic metre for manure storage in an enclosed container.
- b) The slaughter of or euthanization of chickens within Town limits is not permitted.
- c) A chicken coop must be located within the rear yard and must be a minimum of 3.0 m from any rear lot line or side lot line.
- d) The sale of eggs, meat, manure or other products derived from chickens is not permitted.
- e) the external storage of chicken feed must be kept in a rodent-proof container within the coop area.
- f) must comply with all other applicable legislation.

The enforcement of these new amendments will be conducted by the By-Law Enforcement Department on a complaint driven basis.

Respectfully submitted,

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