

## ATTACHMENT A

### SUMMARY OF SURVEY RESULTS

Although 68.4% of the participants are in favour of backyard chickens only 45% were interested in having chickens.

- Survey was conducted from March 17, 2023 to April 12, 2023
- 4988 participants
- Question 1: Are you a resident of Chatham-Kent? If the answer was no, the participant could not proceed.
- Question 2: Ward participation:

| Ward         | Description  | Participants |
|--------------|--|--------------|
| 1            | West Kent (Tilbury E, Tilbury, Romney, Wheatley)                               | 501 (10.0%)  |
| 2            | South Kent (Harwich, Blenheim, Raleigh, Shrewsbury)                            | 887 (17.8%)  |
| 3            | East Kent (Bothwell, Ridgetown, Howard, Highgate, Orford, Camden, Thamesville) | 544 (10.9%)  |
| 4            | North Kent (Chatham Twp, Dover, Dresden)                                       | 453 (9.1%)   |
| 5            | Wallaceburg  | 552 (11.1%)  |
| 6            | Chatham  | 2051 (41.1%) |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |  | <b>4988</b>  |

- Question 3: Urban or rural participation
  - 4007 urban – in a city/town/village
  - 981 rural – in the country
- Question 4: What urban community do you live? See Attachment A1.
- Question 5: Currently, the keeping of chickens is permitted only in agricultural zoned properties in Chatham-Kent. Do you think Chatham-Kent residents should be allowed to keep backyard chickens in all residential zoned areas?
  - 3411 (68.4%) - Yes
  - 1575 (31.6%) - No
- Question 6: Are you interested in having chickens on your property?
  - 2246 (45%) - Yes
  - 1812 (36.3%) - No
  - 928 (18.6%) - Undecided
- Question 7: Why might you be interested in keeping chickens on your property in Chatham-Kent? Please select all that apply:

| # Participants | Response  |
|----------------|---|
| 2178           | I want fresh eggs for my household                    |
| 1165           | I want to eat chicken I've raised myself              |
| 1056           | I believe chickens are a fun, educational opportunity |
| 634            | I'm interested in chickens as pets                    |
| 209            | Other, please specify                                 |
| 146            | I want to sell eggs                                   |

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See Attachment A2 for all “other comments” for question 7.

- Question 8: What concerns do you have, if any, about residents being permitted to keep chickens on their properties in Chatham-Kent? Please select all that apply.

| # Participants | Response                                   |
|----------------|--|
| 2009           | None                                       |
| 1844           | Smell                                      |
| 1816           | Sanitary/health                            |
| 1787           | Attracts predatory wildlife and/or rodents |
| 1584           | Noise                                      |
| 1573           | Roaming of chickens                        |
| 1327           | Coops may be unsightly                     |
| 1214           | Property values/appearance                 |
| 463            | Other - please specify                     |

See Attachment A3 for all “other comments” for question 8.

- Question 9: If guidelines are written to allow backyard chickens in residential areas in Chatham-Kent what considerations do you think are important. Please rank the following restrictions/considerations, in order of importance 1(highest) to 8(lowest).

| OPTIONS   | RANK |
|---|------|
| Cleanliness standards   | 2.87 |
| Requirement to have fenced yard or an enclosed run            | 3.68 |
| Hens only - no roosters                                       | 3.79 |
| Size of coops and run area                                    | 4.18 |
| Minimum distance and visibility from other houses             | 4.74 |
| Location of where chickens are contained within the yard area | 4.89 |
| Licence/registration for keeping of chickens                  | 5.89 |
| Prohibition of commercial sale of eggs and chickens           | 5.99 |

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- Question 10: If chickens were to be allowed in Chatham-Kent in residential areas, how many chickens per property would be an appropriate limit?

| <b># Participants</b> | <b>Response</b>       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 875 (17.5%)           | Up to 2               |
| 1354 (27.2%)          | Up to 4               |
| 1659 (33.3%)          | Up to 6               |
| 1098 (22%)            | Other, please specify |

See Attachment A4 for all “other comments” for question 10.

- Question 11: Are there any other comments you wish to provide? See Attachment A5
- 2095 comments were provided