

Results on the Backyard Chickens By-law through C-K Let's Talk Survey

The comments of the Let's Talk Survey were reviewed and classified as followed:

Item	All	RR/VR
Residents believe its their right to have chickens	136	57
Opposed to the by-law	129	52
Permit fees – no fee or lower fee	111	43
By-law comments/concerns	83	32
Free to grow and mind own food sources	45	15
Chickens should not be allowed	45	8
Chickens should be permitted in other zonings	42	8
In favour of the by-law	25	5
Concerns regarding diseases such as avian influenza	10	0

A breakdown of the comments/concerns regarding the draft by-law are as follows:

By-law comments/concerns	Total
Increase the maximum permitted hens from 6 or no limit	45
Permit home slaughtering/butchering on the premises	17
Remove restriction on age of hens 4 months – to permit chicks	12
Permit egg sales or sharing or other products	8
Limit of hens should be less than 6	6
Base hen limit on family size or lot size	5
Permit free range	5
Permit meat chickens	5
Permit roosters	4
Remove required inspection	3
By-law only for city not rural	2
No limit of chickens	2
Permit breeding of chickens/hatch own	2
Disposal of dead chickens- unreasonable requirement	1
Remove height of coop restriction	1
Size of coop should be over 10 x 10 and require permit	1
Run size limits - don't agree	1
Insulation in coop should not be regulated	1
Minimum lot size one acre	1
Do not permit meat birds	1
No permit required	1
Not permitted within 5 km of ag chicken farms	1
RR should have different rules then town	1
Written consent from neighbours	1
Written test or course should be required	1

Comments that were received:

1	The suggested licensing fee is ridiculous.... What is the purpose of it? There should be no limits on the number of permits. Citizens should be able to freely grow and mind their own food sources.
2	I feel chickens should be allowed in chatham kent.
3	This is not a good idea in a city. There is not enough separation between houses, condos, townhouses, apartments to accommodate the noise of outdoor chickens. The cost to tax payers to police that the coops are being maintained and cleaned should be used elsewhere, i.e. toward the fire victims at 99 McNaughton.
4	Please do not permit backyard chickens within city limits. In our prime agricultural area there is plenty of availability for rural chicken operations and thus no reason to permit it inside the city. This discussion is a waste of valuable city council time, while there are huge issues with housing, homeless, and cost of living. I am livid this is even being entertained at this point in time.
5	Wallaceburg should be allowed to also have chickens we pay property tax like everyone else and should be entitled to have the ability to raise our own food
6	License and fees seem like an overreach. I wouldn't be willing to pay a license on a bird that I cannot even guarantee would live a year due to the garage so coyotes and other possible issues that may arise raising chickens. Why is Charing Cross not labeled in our area? Seems a survey was only to find out where people live not to find out our feelings on potential backyard chickens
7	Chickens should be allowed as long as the people taking care of them clean up the manure properly, also have enough space to accommodate a proper enclosure as well as a chicken run.
8	Great idea. Just ensure rules are enforced.
9	I believe that you should be allowed to have chickens in town for more than 1 reason, first it's educational and can teach children a lot about raising food and responsibilities, it would save a lot families a good amount of money you get eggs and raise your own meat.
10	Not in town. They will inevitably get out. What is to happen if one of these chickens gets into a yard and a cat or dog kills it? Are we liable? What about if a car hits them and they damage it? On top of all that - the rural communities in CK BARELY have anyone out here inspecting or enforcing anything we have now - who is going to enforce this? Also they stink, and they're noisy. I'm fine with chickens - just not in town.
11	I myself do not see an issue with having a chicken in your backyard. Clean up after them take care of the coop and there should be no issues. Some people have outdoor cats or dogs.
12	The house beside the wheatley post office and several on Chestnut street have hens and roosters. Love the sound of the rooster crowing in the morning when I walk.
13	Disease that can spread to poultry farms
14	No thank you.
15	My concern is the cost involved in ensuring the hen owners are maintaining the coops and also that the animals are treated humanely. How much do the taxpayers need to pay to keep enforcement of the rules.
16	Should work, there's a lot of free range chickens allowed to walk free. It should be the owners responsibility to keep them secure and out of neighbouring properties and off the roadways.

17	I dont want chickens in peoples yards. Consider your neighbour's who may have dogs and will become extremely unsettling to them.
18	I am in favour of allowing backyard chickens, especially if a training/support network is in place so they will be well cared for. With the quality of mass-production poultry declining, and the very high cost of meat at grocery stores, combined with higher taxes and stagnant incomes, we need to be able to provide for ourselves.
19	I'm against having chickens in small towns or villages. Only on rural farms.
20	Please no chickens in town, noise nuisance and chicken litter concerns
21	Bad idea within any residential neighbourhood
22	Please don't allow chickens in the city of Chatham. I am worried about people not cleaning up after the chickens, causing public health concerns.
23	Chickens in my neighbours yard or in other yards in the City would not be welcome. The chicken waste is not welcome, or the birds themselves, I anticipate the birds would cause smell, and interfere with domestic household pets like dogs and cats. Why is this even being considered? We are paying enough municipal tax now and the value is questionable, now add chickens that need to be regulated and enforcement may be needed. What are the benefits of chickens? We cannot accommodate the homeless, but we will provide regulation and enforcement for someone's chickens? Does not make sense to me!!
24	I believe that 6 chickens is a lot of hens to allow per residential area household. I believe this would allow people to be able to sell their eggs and not just for their own use. For example a household of two people with six chickens they would have extra eggs they could sell if they chose to do so. I do not believe it is fair for these residential houses to be allowed hens and sell eggs when there are farms trying to make some income from selling eggs at their farm. Perhaps there should be allowed so many hens per person living at the address. 2 people = 2 hens. This way it also prevents the spread of diseases if they were to attempt to sell to other people.
25	Back yard chickens should be allowed maybe just keep it to 6-12 chickens
26	Drop the permits
27	Na
28	I am supportive of a bylaw for backyard chicken as long as the fee to have chickens is very low
29	I feel that chickens should be allowed in Chatham as they can provide a healthier life style and much more. They can provide more responsibilities for our young to help them grow, it helps to save on grocery costs as the economy tends to rise as well. I feel that yes there should be guidelines to inner city chickens, guidelines such as making sure your coop is up to a certain code, maybe a limited number of chickens, another example being no roosters except for the outer city lots as the roosters are what cause more noise in the city and some people aren't fond of that. Hens are very much more docile and sweet, much as a cat. They are loving animals and would also help with bug infestations as well. They are so helpful to back yard environments and they would help with less food ending up in our waste lands as people can choose to give their chickens scraps that not only benefit the chicken, they benefit the eggs that we consume and more.
30	the draft seems to be very good for those who wish in the rural villages etc areas to keep 6 hens. You can also bet people will sell their eggs and who will tell! Many people never follow the rules so how willl this be tracked?

31	I agreed with all of the by-law requirements until I got to the permit fees of \$592, followed by \$180 yearly. I wanted to have back yard chickens for eggs, but I could not eat enough eggs in a year to justify this cost, plus proper care, and the by-law stating we are not allowed to share excess, puts me out of owning chickens.
32	I expect that it takes a certain amount of knowledge to properly maintain these animals. I doubt that many who will have them in their backyards will have the knowledge, or will have the time and commitment to properly use that knowledge. In addition to neglect, there will also be instances of cruelty. It is a bad idea, period.
33	I agree to people to be able to have 2 to 3 hens for eggs ,as long as they can be responsible for them ,cleaning ,feeding .Only those that are responsible people .
34	No chickens petiod bird flue
35	Only thing I have to say is: We are currently responding to cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in birds across Canada. Avian influenza is spreading across the globe. This comes from the Gov't Of Canada web site.
36	Seems good. My only suggestion is that applicants should pass a written test or take a course about how to care for hens. I expect a certain number of people will simply click "yes" they've read the requirments when they really havent. This could result in extra work for enforcement officers when neighbours complain as well as hens suffering due to not being fed proper food, given sufficient clean water etc
37	minimum lot size should be one half acre. no roosters. max number of chickens should be six
38	Everyone, everywhere should be allowed backyard chickens
39	I disagree with chickens in urban areas for health, safety, and nuisance issues.
40	This should not be allowed in a rural residential are ex Coatsworth if you want to have chickens and you live on one of the concessions that's fine but not next to neighbours in Coatsworth they are loud and smell you try to keep your yard nice and sit outside you can't with this issue this is ridiculous
41	I think backyard chicken should be allowed in village residential zoned houses and that the flock size should increase based on the lot size. It's reasonable for a acre plus lot to have 10-20 birds. A half acre lot should probably have less than 10
42	Yes would like polit to fall through. Great idea
43	I do not want backyard chickens
44	Great idea
45	In a favor of having chickens, Canadians should be allowed to produce their own food
46	I am happy to see the municipality moving forward with this By-Law, and I agree with the vast majority of the regulations. I was really let down that Chatham was not included, especially with food prices where they are and families struggling
47	A limit would have to be imposed but I think it's a good idea.
48	Any ward but my ward, that being ward 6! Thank you!
49	Not necessary to spend any money on Backyard Chickens. This city has a dangerous homeless problem that needs addressed
50	I think it is a good start and should be reviewed in both 1,3,and 5 year intervals to review and revise.
51	There are too many people who wouldn't build proper enclosures and would allow chickens to roam on other people's properties. I do NOT want this passed.

52	Its ridiculous that we keep going back to this. Stick with the no backyard chickens, ppl can't even clean up their dog's poop. This is again a waste of \$.
53	Do not want in Ward Two.
54	No chickens should be allowed
55	Should be able to have chicken in back yard if you have the space to keep them
56	The fees, the limitations stipulated, the limited number of chickens allowed will greatly restrict who can participate. This goes against the desires expressed by residents while giving an appearance of listening. Reduce the fees, increase the numbers of hens, allow backyard butchering so that families can have food security.
57	No do not allow
58	It would nice to be able to have even 2-4 chickens, not only for me and my family to enjoy fresh eggs, but a teaching moment for my two little ones
59	Let people have chickens, they should have a coop. House hold of 6 should be allowed up to 6 hens. You don't need more than that honestly. 4 would still be sufficient. Don't charge a fee, it's hard enough feeding a family right now. Imposing a fee on top of our already incredibly high property taxes just makes one more thing that much harder.
60	I would be excited to see this by-law put in place. Chickens can reduce food waste and provide a food source. I would like to see it further expanded to include ward 6.
61	It's not needed. You should freely allow people to have chickens without any by-laws. Canada is supposed to be a free country, not a place where every decision is dictated with a by-law. Chickens are harmless, and the eggs they produce for the individual family are a great source of protein, and it allows people to save a little money on eggs.
62	I fully support the draft Backyard Chickens By-law.
63	We support it, however, wish that there were more areas being considered.
64	It is a very good idea that benefits the dinner table in a few ways. The waste from the chickens will help gardeners, eggs from the chickens will feed families as well as the meat. It will also educate and engage young people on agricultural matters. Good to see a governing body do something good

65	<p>I think chickens should absolutely be allowed. Obviously there needs to be rules, limited number, proper coop, rodent proof containers, no roosters and possibly clipped wings to avoid flight into yards (it does not hurt the bird if done properly)</p> <p>-They should really be limiting cats/dogs if anything!!! Feral Stray cats pooping absolutely everywhere(my backyard, kids playgrounds) and over populating. Dogs barking endlessly in my neighbourhood with lack of proper care. Dogs attacking people and getting loose. Cats and dogs are more of an issue than a few chickens.</p> <p>-Messy neighbours are more an an issue when it comes to rodents. Garbage and wood piled in their yards bring rodents(chicken feed comes in every night and isn't left in their coop so rodents shouldn't be an issue.)</p> <p>-Avian flu... I see a lot of argument on that but my family raised hundreds of chickens over the years and I've never seen it once. As long as you're washing hands, quarantine new chickens, keeping area clean, limiting birds... it's actually pretty rare and people who aren't educated are the first to jump to that as an argument.</p> <p>-Tick control/pest control is another benefit to chickens.</p> <p>-Healthy, fresh eggs to feed to families. They're healthier than in stores. Chickens raised on large egg and meat farms are overpopulated, dirty, full of growth hormones and stress hormones which affect meat and eggs which we consume. I'd rather know what my family is eating.</p> <p>Chickens are extremely rewarding. They bond with their humans believe it or not, give us food, eat left over fruits and veggies so there is no waste, and one of the easiest animals to care for.</p>
66	There should be no bylaws surrounding this, if we choose to have chickens to support our families, the city should have zero income or profit from that absolutely tyrannical.
67	I think 2 chickens should be allowed for each house hold, with a minimum space requirement for the cage. Only egg layers should be allowed and not meat birds
68	I would like to see Chatham residents be able to participate. It shows a blank line for hen permits for Chatham for the ability to participate.
69	Chickens are farm animals and belong on farms and not in cities. I live in Chatham and my friend lives on Saugeen. He has a neighbour with a chicken coop and they are noisy. I certainly do not want these next to me. If people want farm animals, they should move to a rural area.
70	Not sure as to why we need a license to provide for our own food and are limited as to how many we can have. With the prices of groceries sky high this is a way many can grow their own food and make it a bit easier financially. It's devastating to see it even being brought up, and the license being ridiculous in price!! Almost 600 dollars?! How are people even supposed to afford that?!!
71	I believe we should be allowed to raise our own chickens in our backyards without having to pay a permit fee. With inflation constantly rising being able to provide our own eggs and meat for our family is very important
72	I think it's absolutely ridiculous. It should be revoked this bylaw is rubbish.
73	I do not agree that people should be allowed only a limit of 6 chickens per yard. My family of 4 needs way more chickens then that to feed only us per day. This is horribly wrong!
74	This proposal is unnecessary and would cause many people to need to buy eggs somewhere else. I think owning hens(more than 6) should be allowed especially in the country.

75	The fact that this bylaw is even being considered is beyond ridiculous. Humans have been responsibly raising backyard chickens for hundreds of years. There will unfortunately always be a few people who will misuse and/or abuse their privilege to own animals. However that is no excuse to take away the privilege from society as a whole. Additionally, the people that this would affect most is the lower class, or lower middle class. Making chicken ownership unattainable for the lower class is degrading and dehumanizing. Happiness is not a luxury that belongs only to the rich.
76	It is absolutely ridiculous that someone should have to have a permit to have chickens in your own backyard. And especially that you would have to pay for it. The whole point of it is to save money and have better food.
77	This is very sad that you can't even have a few chickens without being regulated,WHAT IS THIS WORLD COMING TOO???let's stand together and not let this go thru
78	This is ridiculous. Talk about communism. If you don't want the population of Canada to decline exponentially then do away with this garbage
79	Don't take our rights away.
80	Let people have their chickens some people might need more than 6 chickens to feed their family people pay for their feed and dwelling and take care of them so people should be allowed to have them
81	I believe chickens should be allowed for anyone..
82	It is completely unlawful for the government to take away our right to have free range chickens
83	This is ridiculous and all about control... it's taking our freedom away!
84	I think having backyard chickens and the amount of backyard chickens should be every person's own choice. WITHOUT having to pay a permit. Chickens can thrive off of grass and scraps. And are one easier way of making a living. Don't make life harder for everyone.
85	This is absurd! They want to control us and take our freedom away... they don't want us to be self efficient.. this cannot be happening
86	Deferred Development lots abutting RL zones should be included. At least on the south side of ridgetown to help with pest control. Also, many of us are sitting on double lots, with plenty of room to accomodate chickens.
87	I think people should be able to have more hens to provide for their family. 6 hens are not enough for a family with children.
88	Of course u should be allowed chickens in your backyard
89	I think we should all have the freedom to choose how many chickens we need for our family. 6 chickens will not lay enough eggs for a family. The government should have no say in what we do on our own property.
90	I think everybody should have the right to raise chickens on their backyard cause if you can have drugs on your backyard, then you should also be allowed to have chickens on your backyard and there should be no fee

91	This proposal is absolutely ridiculous. Leave the residents alone and let them have chickens. What business is it of the local government? Maximum of 6 hens? That's not enough and even if it was, why does there need to be a limit? The government doesn't need to step in every single area of everyone's life. Also, the proposed fee is insane. Clearly just a ploy to stop people from having hens because the fee is so astronomical that the economics would never make sense to have 6 hens. I thought this was a free country but the overreaching of government (local government, none the less) is making it clear that it isn't.
92	I believe that is a huge step in taking away our freedoms. It should absolutely not be implemented. It would just add a lot off stress and another cost to increase the cost of living.
93	NO PERMITS FOR CHICKENS!
94	This is township overreach, just another way to get more money out of our pockets... just trying to keep us from living somewhat of a free life, shame on you, leaders of Chatham Kent! I am sure your grandparents would be proud
95	It makes owning backyard chickens prohibitive due to the fees.
96	should only be only on farms
97	It's one thing to limit chicken's or any other pet's in the city, but in the rural areas you have ZERO rights' to limit chicken's, or to make people get permission from the town is just another money grab, such a scam!
98	I don't think people should be any more limited than they already are, in being able to provide an essential food for their family. No permit, no limit below what is already in place, no checking to make sure they are hens. Thanks
99	Just another way make sure people don't have a healthier alternative, They are making sure that people can't afford their own chickens!
100	We want to have the freedom to own animals
101	Honestly it's reads no roosters but there are a lot of them in town now I feel like the bylaw officer can't do the job they have now how are they going to control this I have reported my neighbour numerous times
102	NO PERMITS! IT'S TAKEING OUR RIGHTS AWAY AND IT SUPPOSED TO BE A FREE COUNTRY!
103	I think it's a brilliant idea. You know where your FRESH eggs are coming from, and it's extremely educational for children and chicken keeping is a good life skill when they are older. Rules must be in place so there is no abuse or neglect. No roosters. I personally think your licensing fee is a bit high. I think they should have a small "tag" fee like a ck dog tag but per hen. I think the high fee especially in inflation is unfair.
104	I agree with the bylaw however the number of chickens should be adjusted by coop/property size. We are a family of 7 so 6 chickens does not produce enough eggs to feed our family.
105	No to the draft. Let people have as much chickens as they want to feed their families. With all of the cost of food, people need to be able to find ways to feed their families in a cost effective way. With those permit prices that is not even possible.
106	I believe this is government overreach and infringement on our rights and freedoms. There is no reason for this by-law and a waste of tax payers money

107	I think the new permit is horrible and is discouraging people from being self sufficient. As well, it takes away the possibility to affordably have chickens for therapy to promote good physical and mental health
108	This is ridiculous! With the cost of food prices, how dare you take away our chickens and eggs? What's next? We can't grow gardens anymore? We can't have a fruit tree on our property? Perhaps no farm animals at all? This is government overreach. You are taking away our freedoms.
109	It's absolutely ridiculous turning rural property owners into criminals for having their own chickens because they didn't buy a permit? Or they bought chicks? Reading through the bylaw clearly shows this is blatant over reach from a group that is bored and enjoys making the lives of other people miserable. This is really your biggest problem? Not the giant mess that is still in Wheatley? Not HWY 3 near coatsworth that's still not repaired? Not the rise in crime in other small towns? But chickens on country properties, that's the real issue. What's next on your agenda, I can't grow my own plants? I have to get a permit to pick apples on my yard? I'm embarrassed of where this county is going.
110	That permit price is Ridiculous! \$592? What? for 6 chickens? This is purely to discourage independence and keep us reliant on the chicken farmers of Ontario and their quota system that somehow gives them all the rights. This fee is way too high. Also some breeds of chickens are easy to sex at a very young age just by their colouring. These birds should be allowed if you can tell they are females.
111	I do not think there should be any chickens in a residential area. There is enough noise with dogs. Don't need the chicken noise or smell.
112	It is mentioned that coops need to be insulated. This is not true. Chickens require shelter from drafts but do need ventilation. Insulation is not necessary and should not be legislated.
113	We would like to be free with keeping our chickens and at no cost.
114	Chickens should be allowed in all communities in chatham-kent
115	Raising meat chickens is my familys way of putting food on our table. A 3 acre property is well enough space to raise chickens for our family. These regulations do not make any sense. \$560 is not affordable for 6 hens. Its like our council wants everyone to move to the city, become depressed drug addicts. They dont want us to care for our own families. Feeding my family should not be challenged and taxed.
116	This should absolutely be scrapped. This appears to be a rather large, overreaching solution to a very small problem. Chatham-Kent has much bigger issues without imposing By-laws and fines on people who want to provide eggs to their family. In most cases, people who purchase laying hens are doing so to teach their children or grandchildren about personal responsibility. Penalizing these people with a MASSIVE permitting fee and a lengthy schedule of fines is completely unnecessary.
117	It's absolutely ridiculous, yet another way for the government to take more money from us. LET US HAVE OUR FARMS. Don't pass this stupid law

118	<p>I think it is unfair to have to pay a permit to have 6 chickens. I understand if it's in town and the neighbors don't like hearing the chickens but country properties with little to no neighbors there is no need for a permit. And then only 6 chickens we need more than that to keep up with our own little family's egg consumption....</p> <p>And even when there is no food in the house to eat we always know there is still eggs and will always be something for the kids to eat at least. And then to have to pay \$500 for a permit who can afford that... we can't even afford groceries at these high prices and now we need to pay a permit to keep our kids fed? I think this is just another way for the government to take more of our money. I don't understand why we work so hard to give them all our money it is unfair to the low income families to have to struggle so hard. So is it a good idea I say No!</p>
119	Do not agree that the towns should have any say what people do on their own land. And what types of hobbies people can and can't have.
120	<p>We live on a rural residential property in the country, enforcing or enacting this bylaw and restrictions on quantity of chickens is not only unaffordable but an abuse of power. It would be taking away a family's opportunity to raise their own eggs and meat, only allowing them 6 chickens per household and hens only above 20 weeks age wouldn't even be for many households 1 egg per person per day not allowing for baking our own home goods and does not account for the fact that chickens go through molting season and stop laying eggs for months at a time and often stop laying in the winter altogether this also wouldn't allow raising of our own meat birds nor allow hens to hatch their own chicks which would make the whole raising of our own chickens more affordable to provide for our own family with organic meat and eggs. This permit and bylaw is more costly than purchasing dog tags and dogs roaming at large is a continual problem. Somehow this bylaw is brought across as helpful when it is a money grab an attempt at taking away of one's own rights and means to provide for your own family by adding yet another cost on individuals that are already hard pressed paying the ever rising costs of taxes, food, housing and fuel. If people hatch their own chicks and discover a rooster they can rehome it if they live in close proximity to others if noise is an issue. Not sure how to understand that a person's dog can bark all day but a rooster crowing a few times in the morning is not allowed ?? Chatham Kent Council should be focusing on the real issues that need addressing drugs, crimes, housing, the homeless situation not creating new problems by punishing a minority group of town folk that want to try their hand at chickens and thus affecting and punishing us country folk who already have chicken runs and shelters for larger quantities of livestock than 6 chickens on an acreage.</p>
121	We really need backyard chickens for children to learn where our food comes from and for them to experience animals. The joy of animals. Also to sustain life. For fresh eggs to be available for growing children.
122	Chickens are ok but please no roosters
123	I do not think this is necessary or in anyway Canadian!
124	The rules, fines and fees will be very difficult to implement and enforce. Chickens and other farm animals belong on farms. This may open doors for other animals ie: goats. Then where will the line be drawn.
125	Having chickens is good for children's mental health. Having chickens on the yard helps to keep away ticks and other harmful bugs. Chickens help to teach children to be responsible for themselves.

126	I am very disappointed about. That.
127	This is absolutely ridiculous. People deserve to be able to raise chickens in their backyards if they want to, they're not mass producing chickens to feed the whole town, or take any revenue from anyone. They're just getting some good organic eggs for their families. Leave families alone.
128	Leave our chickens alone, you guys already have your hands in everything else that goes on in our lives.
129	I live just outside of Dresden. Having chickens is a human right to food. Any government involvement is absolutely wrong.
130	There should be no law on backyard chickens as long as they don't bother your neighbors. Chickens have been from the beginning of time and will always be needed till the last day on earth. This is just another step of taking more of our freedom away. NO MORE LAW'S NEEDED. I think it's just another money grab too. They don't know how to tax us on the eggs. The chickens lay at home
131	This is crazy, as long as I've live growing up and now raising my own family we have always owned chickens. If they are a huge threat then why has it taken 100ds of years to figure this out. It's just another way to control the people. Come on, use common sense!
132	Mind your business and allow people to have chickens. Stop trying to take everything away from the people.
133	I think this is absolutely ridiculous. We already pay a crazy amount of taxes and now to have a 'fee' on chickens? Chatham Kent is a farming town. Why wouldn't we be allowed more than 6 chickens..? Can we not having ANYTHING without the government or county getting involved? What's the point of even owning are own properties if we have absolutely no say? That's going to make a lot of people consider moving out of Chatham Kent, including myself.
134	I am strongly against the proposed backyard chicken by-law in Chatham-Kent. Having chickens in your backyard does not harm or bother anyone, so creating laws to limit the number of chickens and requiring permits is unnecessary and ridiculous. We are raising chickens on our own land, which we paid for with our hard-earned money, while also paying insane amounts in taxes. Canada is supposed to be a free country, yet we are being told we need to notify and pay the government for something as simple as having chickens. We should be able to raise chickens without interference.
135	Every household should be allowed to have chickens in the backyard.
136	I don't see the problem with having chickens in someone's backyard and a lot of people rely on local people for more organic eggs
137	This is so dumb. People should be allowed to provide for themselves. It's crazy I even have to say they should be allowed. what else are you going to regulate and make people pay for. It's supposed to be a free country. We are not free anymore. You will have a lot of angry residents. This is wrong and you all know it. How about you stop the theft of vehicles? How about you stop the use of drugs? It's crazy to me how you can't own chickens or drink raw milk but people can go shoot up drugs funded by the government. the government is backwards. You are calling evil good and good evil.
138	I do not support this and believe it should be put to an end immediately.

139	<p>I personally do not agree with this by-law. I agree that there should be a punishment/ fine given to people for not providing adequate shelter and care for their poultry, but charging people for a permit and annual fees to keep their birds is ridiculous.</p> <p>I can even understand having a small permit fee for people who live in town wanting to keep chickens. But for people who live on a hobby farm to have to pay almost \$600 to have chickens is again, ridiculous.</p> <p>My biggest question about this is why? Why is this just becoming a permit? Was it because local people throughout the community complained about chickens? Is it to do with the spread of diseases? I look forward to attending the meeting and voicing my concerns and hearing more about this idea.</p>
140	It is very unnecessary and it is not right. Slowly taking away our freedom
141	Please allow backyard chickens.
142	<p>I believe we should be able to continue to have Chicken if we pleased to! It brings much joy to not just to be able to have fresh eggs in the morning but for kids to have fun with learning all about raising Chicken and having the ability to teach the younger generation on taking care of animals! Very very important also for those who can't afford to own 2 vehicles and can't just go to the store and get them! It's really unfortunate to even be thinking that this might not be aloud anymore! Common sense is what we need back in 2024! So please please reconsider passing this law.</p>
143	The licensing fees are ridiculously high. It appears that this By-Law is designed to make owning backyard chickens prohibitive.
144	<p>The government should not have his hand in everything, we already pay far too much on everything WE own and have PAID for. To be have the authority to tell us we are not allowed to use OUR backyard to feed ourselves and our families even with rising food prices and learning more about the government during covid, grocery shelves being empty, people going into a panic, having no experience with raising there own food. I've learnt from experience that the government should have no say in our personal lives, whether that's freedom of religion, freedom to do as we deem right, freedom to choose what we feed our families or freedom to not have to pay the government for feeding ourselves. It amazes me what we all allow the government, as if we have no choice. By using our voices and sticking to community we can hopefully finally put a stop to this lack of freedom.</p>
145	Let people have chickens. We have enough stupid rules that don't make sense.
146	I believe we should all be able to hatch our own chickens and have more than 6. We should be allowed to grow our own natural meats and food.
147	Let us keep our chickens!!
148	It just another way that the government wants to control us and take away our right to grow our own food without having to worry about braking the law. I really hope this will not come to this.
149	<p>That's a pretty stupid idea!! Whats next permit for dogs cats and children</p> <p>Or permits for the spiders on my house or the mosquito flying around</p>
150	<p>Should be allowed 4 or less in town. That is pullets only. No roosters. So there will be no noise complaint. To help families educate their kids on where eggs come from and give them choirs to keep up with the maintenance of taking of livestock animals. These councillors who think chickens will increase mice/rat population and carry all these diseases are full of it. As long as the ck tax payer cleans up with maintenance of the coop then there will be no worries.</p>
151	I do NOT agree with it. It's absurd.

152	It does make sense that in towns and cities there should be a limit to how many chickens one can have in their backyard. But we moved into the country, mostly for the reason that we could have chickens. We grew up with chickens/animals and want the same for our children! Not to mention being able to go and get eggs freshly laid from the chicken coop for breakfast. That's all. Thank you.
153	This proposal is a money grab and nothing else. Stay off my yard and get your hands out of my damn pockets. People have hens for eggs and food because the cost of groceries is too much. And now you want to put a number on that???? And fine us for having a few hens? Take this bylaw and rip it up, because you are going to stir up something that you cannot handle. Chicken police coming to take money because somebody has a few harmless birds on their yard????
154	Don't make this by law. Let people have their chickens and roosters.
155	I completely agree with allowing residents to have a few backyard hens. Fresh eggs, particularly from hens that are allowed to diversify their food sources, have deep yellow yolks and are much tastier.
156	Ok with it except with the slaughter of your hens that cannot lay eggs no more .If you are required bylaw to dispose of the dead, understandable but it's like a catch 22 .Why can't you harvest your hen and then dispose of carcass .Hen laying may be the first step bylaw but harvesting your non egg laying hen should be ok.
157	This is the most nonsense I've ever heard, needing a permit and charging a s ton of money to have a couple of chickens on your own yard, , are they ... out of their mind. We're just supposed to be totally reliant on the government so they can completely control us, on everything, cuz nobody is going to pay those fees for the permits. It's ridiculous. Basically, the government what's complete control on what we do, sounds like communist thinking, I say, whoever thought about this can go pound sand
158	It is absolute none sense, if your zoned agriculture you shouldn't have to get additional permits.
159	This is costly endeavor for folks only looking to feed themselves!
160	I don't believe chickens are good in densely populated areas. My personal experience is that both the chickens and the eggs invite a rat infestation and a possible increase in the snake population. In my previous experience the neighbouring properties were left to deal with the rats on their properties.
161	I am not opposed to the project so long as the properties are in compliance with the by-law. I currently have a neighbor that has several laying hems. The condition of the coup is sub standard and not in compliance in many ways. I never had a rodent problem until this started and now I am constantly dealing with unwanted pests in my outbuildings and my home.
162	I dont agree with the bylaw. It seems to be yet another way for the government to control people and what they do on their property. Peoples rights to do what they choose are continually taken away. The control and dictate is getting quite tiresome. So no I don't agree with your proposed bylaw on backyard chickens.
163	I definitely think that people should be allowed to have a few backyard chickens.
164	They need to allow us to have chickens. I had 6 chickens at my place and someone complained so I had to get rid of them. Not sure why there is a law stating we can't supply food for our family.
165	As a Chatham resident with years of living on a farm, and having chickens and roosters this is a shock. This is totally unjust to the ones living in the rural areas. We do not support this by- law and we stand against this unreasonable law that is in the process. We ask that you support us and please listen to ones who are speaking up. Thank you.

166	Chickens are a universally positive animal to have on your residential property. They provide education for children, a point of interest for the community, and food for the owner. Hands down I support residential chicken coupes.
167	My concern is simple Avian Flu which can affect commercial poultry and egg producers
168	Why should we have permits to provide food? Why wouldn't you just leave us alone?
169	No chickens
170	First, this bylaw has been written up by someone who knows nothing about chickens. Are you out of your mind with the permit costs? For my mother who is 69 years old to have a few chickens to keep her busy and sell 2 or 3 dozen eggs won't make her a lot of money, but it does make her feel useful. I also have 6 chickens and the are quiet and and stay on my property without me fencing them in. Chickens are a-lot smarter than most know. Instead of thinking this is going to bring money into your office it will only upset so many people. Many Mennonites live in this area, and they won't likely be joining your survey. Ask the question where can you get a 20 week old chicken? When you order chickens from a hatchery, they come as day olds or three day olds. The are usually slaughtered by 10 to 12 weeks. If we keep layers they start laying after that. So this bylaw sound so upsurd.
171	Chickens should be allowed
172	It's a lot better to raise your own chickens
173	I think everyone should have chickens just not roosters
174	Absolutently stupid !!!! Put the chickens in the mayor's and councilor's backyard or their neighbours backyards. Then I might be willing to consider it.
175	Chickens belong on a farm not in the city!
176	Taking food off my family's table ,going too far , will not comply
177	Don't need a by law for chicken Don't make it so you can't have anything
178	We are in favor of allowing it
179	Laws will need to be implanted.
180	Allow it.
181	They should allow chickens. People should be able to have them. They are good for the environment and family!
182	This is completely absurd. There should be little to no restrictions on chicken ownership in the county. All you are doing is trying to force us to buy eggs and chicken meat from the grocery store.
183	No to chickens it will cost too much to buy Law Enforcement Officers .too much work to do now with all the property that need to be in address in this town. Too many houses are neglected too many dogs barking. Boats speeding up the rivers cars going way too fast dirt bikes driving all over the place. Let's clean up the mess before we start another mess
184	NO i do not agree with chicken in the backyard
185	You are taking away our freedom of growing our own food. Everything is so expensive. These days growing our food is something we can still do or so I thought I really hope you will not take that away from us.
186	This whole process is taking way too long. It is not a complicated issue. Get on with it. Chatham and Wallaceburg should also have chickens. Why not have a survey just for these two communities.

187	In this day, backyard chickens could be a life saver...for meat and eggs! The number of chickens should correspond with the land available at each home to prevent any hardship on the chickens! Please consider this by law, as grocery prices are skyrocketing every week!
188	I agree with allowing individuals zoned in rural/residential areas to own chickens. I have read over the draft of the by law, the starter fees and the fines. The starter fees and restrictive rules make the initiative of allowing chickens void. It would cost more for someone to own chickens than it would be to buy their own eggs. Those that want to own chickens likely want to because of saving money and learning how to be self sustainable but the fees and rules make that unrealistic and unreasonable.
189	I am very pleased that you have found a way to allow backyard chickens in a large portion of CK. I hope that someday you will expand the project to include Chatham proper, even if it is for a smaller number of hens. My only complaint is any extra cost required of the property owner. Most people want hens to reduce grocery bills. By the time fees and building costs are accounted for, that first egg could cost \$1500.
190	Why the limit to these areas only? Many residents have hens outside of the areas listed and it appears controlled as is. Why licence for hens? How is this enforceable? Hire more staff? Raising hens for the purpose of providing food for families is very different than a pet dog running at large. Will garden licences be next?? This very much feels like crossing the line.
191	The permit fees are ridiculous. Another tax grab. Some of the proposed regulations are extreme as well. It appears to me that the municipality is making an effort to discourage the keeping of chickens.
192	Let's allow it!
193	i am not in favor of any backyard animals including chickens
194	I am glad there will be oversight and processes for penalties to protect the health and safety of the hens.
195	Don't take our home grown meet away
196	I would love to have backyard chickens they also provide nutrients to the ground aswell as providing eggs for families that are struggling because of the food prices and once they stop producing eggs you could take them to a local butcher or kill it yourself and eat the chicken
197	It's completely not fair to take away our rights to own and raise chickens on our land, free of charge. We need to be able to keep our rights and freedoms to be able to see what is fit for our own families, and if it means something as small as raise our own meat and eggs then let it be it
198	I hope people realize that taking care of chickens is practically a full time job. You can't just leave them alone for any length of time. There is also the real potential threat of disease and noise. I think people should take a real hard look at the pros and cons of the ownership of chickens.

199	<p>We are moving into the Chatham area in the next few months and we're hoping to continue having chickens (3-4 of them) for our own food security and neighbourly connections. Although this is a draft bylaw, I tend to presume it's a "catch up" policy to make those in the designated communities'legal'. I am disappointed that residential properties in Chatham and Wallaceburg aren't included AND that this is becoming a taxation model that impacts greatly on people's current food sourcing personal budget!</p> <p>You are not supporting the current reality of food costs; and then, in the places you are, slapping a user fee on families that digs right back into their food budget.</p> <p>I would propose two important amendments:</p> <p>1) limit residential hens to 4 within Chatham and Wallaceburg limits. That is enough eggs for a small family to really help secure an affordable daily food source.</p> <p>2) completely remove the taxation basis of this proposed bylaw. You need to be seen as a council that supports residents living budgets not to penalize and in fact dissuade tax-payers from having food security! Your proposal will be & is seen as bureaucratic road-blocking. A family can buy a lot of eggs with the user fee structure you propose.</p>
200	A good first step. As a resident of chatham I would also like the opportunity to have chickens in my backyard.
201	Every house should be aloud a certain amount. They aren't hard to raise and can save every house a good amount on groceries if they eat eggs and chicken regularly.
202	I am against backyard chickens. If we allow them, then what's to stop people wanting backyard cattle or pig enclosures. The chicken enclosures would be unsightly in any neighbourhood. They should be kept on the farm or in rural areas.

	<p>Inflation is at previously unimaginable heights and denying people the ability to raise certain food sources at home is simply making the problem worse. Aside from the obvious benefits to food security, chickens help control ticks, mice, and other undesirable pests in a way that does not require chemicals, and their droppings make excellent fertilizer for gardens.</p> <p>It's worth emphasizing as well that this isn't an all-or-nothing proposal—measures would need to be in place to control things like the number of chickens per property and ensure a standard of animal welfare, which could be funded through a program that requires a yearly license to keep chickens the same way that dogs need to be licensed. Other ideas for funding include creating a program to allow people to purchase chicks and/or certain materials like basic feed, small henhouses, chicken wire, or wood shavings from the county itself; it would not only bring in funding, but also facilitate property owners starting out on the right foot with regards to basic standards of care and containment.</p>
203	<p>There is also potential for benefits to other programs currently running in the county. For example, if the council set up locations where people can drop off bags of chicken waste for composting, it could be then used in the community gardens or even redistributed to gardeners to use at home for a nominal fee. The libraries could host basic info sessions on handling and care of chickens with an overview of the general bylaw guidelines to impress the rules of the program upon aspiring chicken raisers.</p> <p>I also want to strongly suggest that the suburban residential areas of Wallaceburg and parts of Chatham should be included if this bylaw is passed. The population of homeowners with financial and food insecurity issues are more likely to be found in these areas and they are the people who would arguably benefit the most from being able to raise their own eggs and meat at home. Giving these areas greater total chicken population per property limitations and prohibiting roosters would do a lot to preemptively deal with neighbourhood noise and scent complaints while still allowing them the benefits to their food security.</p>
204	<p>I believe allowing people to have Chickens is highly beneficial. I would allow people to grow their own food and have an experience that many people don't get in the modern world.</p>
205	<p>I can't wait for this to be past and start to raise my own heathy chickens that can provide me the best eggs</p>
206	<p>This is just another example of governmental overreach and control. I understand the need for urban bylaw's where properties are small and neighbours are close, but rural bylaw is rediculus. At times when food prices are high, and cost of living in through the roof, more people may rely on having chickens for food, and possibly some income, of course CK would take the opportunity to add yet another fee/tax. Is this lobbied by big food companies who aren't getting the sales, higher levels of government, or just sheer incompetence of municipal officials?</p> <p>This also takes away the entrepreneurial spirit of some young children, who tend to backyard chickens as a good work/life experience, and to make a little bit of money. I guess we should just tell them to sit inside, watch tv and be unproductive because that's what CK wants.</p> <p>The only people who would benefit from this bylaw are, the odd person who has nothing better to do in life than complain, and those who want more money and control from/over citizens.</p> <p>I don't even have chickens, just believe this is another ridiculous waste of time and money that does more harm than benefits and citizens of CK.</p>

207	This is crazy!! Any one with a small homestead now would have another tax and fee for something they are doing to try saving money to feed there families. The costs of this proposal, are outrageous. Who ever wrote this up, wants the little guy to suffer more. Tax tax tax to death! I can understand having them fenced in, but fees and regulations. Come on, really!!
208	Hello now you are going to take away our food too what is next people are having pigs but we can't have chickens the chickens can eat all the left over so we can raise a few chicken's and get rid of our left over at the same time so what is your problem stop complaining and let the people be who are just trying to make ends meet
209	This is the dumbest thing! Even when families try to live off their own land our being taken away, stupidities such as this make groceries and simple living unaffordable. Whoever came up with this should be deeply ashamed!
210	All of council are too young to remember during the war years, because of rationing, (and following the war), many residents kept chickens just to be able to have eggs. Ration was one (1) egg a week! Bake a cake! Not often, or someone in the family went without their egg ration, plus sugar ration. AND the front yard was probably a 'victory garden' full of vegetables. Bless us all that none of us has ever suffered rationing or the other effects of a war on our homeland.
211	Why would rural areas even need a permit? Seems unreasonable. Most rural homes are not surrounded by other homes for anyone to actually be bothered by them. They are like pets and we don't need permits for other animals like dogs, cats, fish, etc... just seems outrageous to have permits or a limit of how many chickens.
212	I don't think it makes sense especially not the part about the expensive permits crazy, I don't have chickens but my neighbours do and they don't bother me.
213	There should be no bylaw about chickens if owners take care of them and clean up after them there should be no problem
214	I understand chicken bylaws may have a purpose within city limits, but city folk have no business at all determining what animals or quantity of animals a farm can consist of
215	People have the right to have privacy on their own property and that includes being able to have chickens!
216	The initial permit fee is very discouraging.
217	Residents should be permitted to have chickens anywhere they live without having to get a permit first provided they have proper shelter for them. They are very beneficial for taking care of table scraps among other things reducing the amount going to the landfill. And also much less annoying to the neighbors than a lot of peoples dogs.
218	This is an absolute infringement on our rights and just a money grab from the city. Get your money from somewhere else and leave our chickens alone. Going to the store and buying groceries is expensive enough and now you want to make us pay for trying to be self sufficient? Have yoU no morals or kindness in your hearts? Your pockets must come before the happiness of anyone else. Selfish and greedy- that's all this is. Monitor the people in town and fine them if they can't keep up with their chickens or have more than they should. Leave the rural people alone unless someone has a legitimate complaint.
219	I am in favour of a by-law permitting owners of residential homes in Chatham to raise chickens in order to produce eggs.
220	I don't agree we need a by law. I want our children and their children to have the freedom and rights to grow their own food without fees, fines or penalties! Please do not make a motion to move forward with this.

221	The law should have nothing to do with how you grow your own food for your family ,your yard your choice!!! NOT TOWN
222	I think it's ridiculous. People should be able to grow their own food without permits, laws, and penalties.
223	I do not support this by-law. It is taking away our freedom. As someone who grew up always having chickens and hope to have some of my own some day, the ridiculous requirements don't make it feasible to do so. I'm assuming that's the goal with this by-law
224	I believe we should have the right to grow our own food. It should never be illegal.
225	I believe everyone should be allowed to have chickens in there backyard if they want to .
226	Absolutely stupid!
227	I am really disappointed in this draft. Is it driven by corporate food interests? It would seem like it, in the way it wacks down food choice freedoms we have always enjoyed. Probably drawn up by people who have never stepped in any barnyard mess, including chicken poo. Please dispose this draft, and just focus on those who abuse farm animals, and the rights of neighbours.
228	I think this bylaw is completely ridiculous. The economy is bad enough as is now taking away our freedom to have chickens and roosters to be able to feed our family is crazy! This is just another form of control from our government/town about making life harder for us. Unless we are causing an outright nuisance our chickens shouldn't be any of your concern. Like just let us grow up our chickens and feed our families. Honestly there are much more concerning things that should be focused on. These rules are completely unreasonable. There is so much to be learned from having chicks and then chickens for our next generations. I truly hope you all see that this is completely uncalled for and drop this unnecessary bylaw.
229	I believe that Canada is to be known as a country of freedom. Having lived here all my life, reading books of people living in communistic countries, I have always been grateful for a free country. But gradually small freedoms have been taken from us, and this is no exception. As Mayor of a majorly populated area, it is a shame that you would imply that freedom would exclude the freedom to raise our own food. Owning chickens is known to reduce land fill and waste production, which is not only economically beneficial but ethical. Before taking this step, possibly perceived by the majority as small, but in your eyes known to be a major step to complete control of the people in your vicinity, be sure to understand the affects of this on the future of your own children.

230	<p>I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed bylaw requiring a permit to keep chickens. This measure represents a significant overreach of governmental authority and undermines our fundamental freedoms. By imposing restrictive regulations on a practice as personal and beneficial as urban chicken keeping, we are witnessing a troubling shift towards increased state control.</p> <p>The necessity for a permit to keep chickens can be seen as an act of authoritarianism, where personal liberties are sacrificed for bureaucratic control. This move not only encroaches on our right to make decisions about our own property but also embodies principles akin to socialism, where individual freedoms are subordinated to state mandates.</p> <p>Our community thrives on the principles of personal responsibility and self-reliance, and imposing such regulations contradicts these values. We should be fostering an environment that supports autonomy and discourages unnecessary governmental intrusion into our daily lives.</p> <p>I urge you to reconsider this bylaw and stand with those of us who believe in preserving our freedoms and opposing unnecessary regulation.</p>
231	It is wrong to take away the right of having chickens for free for ourselves, as long as proper care is taken for them, it shouldn't be a problem
232	We don't have chickens at the moment, but would love to raise them in the future. To be self-sufficient in raising chickens, providing good quality meat for our family is very important! Please don't take this away from anyone!
233	It is an unnecessary by-law
234	I vote to to leave the residents of Chatham Kent alone with their chickens. No imposed law is necessary. All humans have the right to provide their own food without fees or permits!
235	This by law should not pass! People are already struggling today with money why add more permits for people, so many people won't be able to afford it and they rely on these chicken to feed there families
236	It's very important to be able to grow our own chickens, have our own eggs, it's what's right and healthy.
237	I think everyone should be allowed to have chickens if the want to
238	<p>Limiting the amount of chickens, and refusing to let people have roosters out in the country where we have no near neighbours will reduce the quality of the chickens breeding stock?why is there a fine for chickens younger than 20 weeks old? Are we no longer allowed to hatch our own eggs? It won't work if we can't keep roosters.</p> <p>We are no longer allowed to sell excess eggs? The permit far exceeds the dog tags amount. Why? This will keep families with low income from being able to keep their own chickens. Are actual free range chickens no longer allowed at all?</p> <p>Chickens love to perch high up, why is there a height restriction on the coops?</p>
239	This is taking away our rights
240	I don't agree with charging fees to have chickens. The whole thing needs to be scrapped.
241	It should be anyone's rights to having chickens in their backyards, as long as they aren't causing problems like running all over the place, it should be Ok. We should be allowed to be able to have our own livestock, and be able to grow our own food.
242	Please don't ban home grown chickens and eggs for our personal use.

243	I think it is not right. We should be able to have chicken on our own yard
244	Government needs to stay within their boundaries. Growing our own food is a human right, and is none of the governments business. It's all about trying to control us.
245	We should be able to have the freedom to have chickens in the country without the municipality dictating how many chickens are allowed, demanding expensive permits, and potential fines for not following the by laws! The unnecessary costs would outweigh the benefits of having chickens in the backyard and many people would lose not only a small income but the right to free- range, fresh eggs and meat for their families. Please do not allow this Backyard Chickens By-Law to pass and become a dreadful reality.
246	We would love to own a few backyard chickens in the Tilbury area.
247	This is taking rights away. We already pay property tax, at least let us do what we desire on our own properties!
248	It's a total Tyranny.. a governmental control system.. residents should be able to make those choices themselves and not have to pay a permit.. yes I completely agree on if the animal is not taken care off that their should be steps taken .. and also on if they cause trouble .. just like a dog or cat but this is just outrageous that amount on a few chickens
249	I believe the draft by-law is reasonable. However, the initial permit fee is rather exorbitant.
250	I think it's a great idea to let people in these communities keep hens. It allows food waste to be used as feed instead of going to landfills. It also provides families with a good source of protein from the eggs or the hens as meat. I do think the almost 600 dollar permitting fee is too high and should maybe even be free while still requiring a permit. The high fee would make keeping hens out of reach for low income households who would benefit the most. Thank you for considering this for rural residential communities.
251	Ridiculous
252	I am an Ontario egg farmer. I provide affordable, sustainable, healthy, and nutritious protein from my commercial egg farm. While backyard flocks might feed their owners and a few neighbours, I produce eggs for the entire province of Ontario. Having back yard flocks in Chatham-Kent jeopardizes the entire food system of this province because disease is much easier transmitted where there are are back yard flocks. Commercial egg farms follow a rigid code of practice that ensures properly cared for hens and safe food being produced. Back yard flocks have no code of practices that ensures hens are cared for and safe food is produced. Backyard flocks only increase the risk of an avian influenza outbreak while doing very little to advance the mission of this municipality and province. Please allow commercial egg farms to continue to do what they do without jeopardizing this entire province's food supply.
253	This is crazy. With the price of everything going up, now you want to make us pay for trying to be more self efficient. We are trying to provide for ourselves and our families. And now let's tax it too. I understand being in town/city/village what ever you want to call it, but come on. Let's be real here. Some of us are on a farm. Raising our own stuff, growing our own food, and now we have to pay you to do that? What is next? Gotta get a permit to raise my own beef to feed my family.

254	1 month ago a rooster matured enough to start crowing at sunrise and sunset close enough to my home to set off my dog who barks every time the rooster crows and then all the outside neighbouring dogs start up a cacophony of barking. I feel so bad for neighbours still trying to sleep or with children still in bed or trying to go to bed. Every cockadoodaldo sets off a round of barking. And this is a newly matured rooster where there wasn't one before. I am against the by-law.
255	I think it's ridiculous, we should all have the right to own chickens and grow food in our own backyard without having to buy a permit. We pay for the land we should have the right to do whatever we want with it including having animals. You are trying to steal the rights of the citizens and it's horrible. Do better.
256	I think 4 chickens is ok
257	Everyone should be able to grow/provide their own food without paying fees for it
258	This is an unacceptable bylaw. This plan shows that it will be too expensive for people to grow their own food, providing nutritious food to their families that are not just better for you but taste better. I feel that this bylaw is encroaching on our rights as Canadians to provide for ourselves in healthy ways. The idea of this bylaw is absurd.
259	We need to let people have chickens. Period. This is government overreach. We want to grow at least some of our own food, and our children need to learn where it comes from.
260	I think families should be allowed to have a few chickens on their yard without having to have a permit. Children love to have fresh eggs.
261	I believe no one should have to pay for having a few laying hens, as the egg market is crazy right now. In our small towns especially, anyone should have the free right to own pets, including chickens, as long as they don't pose any threats to others. Chickens are not "dangerous animals" and I don't believe that imposing fines will be of any benefit to us, only another way for the government to make more money off of us... Thanks for your interest 😊
262	I think it is a money grab and is an infringement on what I am aloud to do on my property.
263	By-law looks thorough. I feel Fees are expensive
264	Scrap the by law everyone should have free rights to chicken and as many as they want!!!
265	I think it's unfair to residents. Pls consider the effect on people that just want to have some chickens and know where their eggs come from. And the proposed plan is not afford to most people. Thank you
266	It is disappointing to see the extremely high permit fees to allow backyard chickens, along with an annual renewal. Most residents that were hopeful to have the right to backyard chickens will not be able to afford this. I know every single resident of Chatham-Kent is feeling the sharp increase of food cost right now and backyard chickens was suppose to be a source food for your residents. I hope you reconsider.
267	Since I am a commercial egg producer, I am concerned about additional backyard chickens around the community from the perspective of disease source and spread (Avian Influenza, Laryngotracheitis, Bronchitis, etc.). The by-law itself adequately covers such concerns as bird welfare, neighbor disturbances, coop specifications, etc. which are very important if the bylaw is passed.
268	It is the most stupid thing I have ever heard how about fixing are roads Instead of putting stupid bylaws out
269	We should be able to have Freely chickens shouldn't have to pay for it

270	I am against the Backyard Chickens By-law.
271	Who's absolutely stupid idea is this by law? What's it to anyone if someone has chickens in their backyard? As long as they're fenced and not bothering anyone, why should anyone have to pay for a permit? Caring for chickens teaches children to care for animals and it provides a necessary staple for every home. Feed is already so expensive, who could afford another couple hundred dollars a year just to have a few chickens?! Everyone is struggling to buy groceries, homegrown eggs are so much better, why is it becoming more and more difficult to make ends meet? It's no one's business if a family living in the country wants to have a few chickens for eggs!!!
272	I think that it's absolutely ridiculous, find something better to do than trying to make inflation even worse.
273	Please don't take away our freedom of raising what we eat the way we see fit for our own family, We should all be able to choose for ourselves what we have in our own yard
274	As long as the chickens are well cared for I don't see a problem with it. Roosters also don't bother me that much. Let the people have their chickens
275	This is crazy. First off, That is a high initial cost and then on top of that the yearly cost. Secondly, the amount of demands on the actual chicken raising. It makes me wonder if raising chickens something that Chatham Kent is trying to deter people. Eating non pasteurized eggs and meat is good for you. Why is it being made harder to get? We want to know where our food is coming from, and that means raising them ourselves.
276	Slowly they are taking our freedom away, every single person who wants to should be able to grow his own food in this country, it's all about control.
277	We as the people deserve to have the right of raising our own chickens and eggs. It's unlawful and unconstitutional for the government to come in and regulate our chickens and eggs. I do not agree with the new bylaws you're trying to put into place along with many many other residents of Chatham Kent. I do not support this bylaw in any way shape or form. I hope you as a committee will not proceed with this bylaw and see that we as a community are respectful of our chickens and don't need help raising them or being made to jump through so many hoops when it's been a human right to keep animals since the beginning of time. Thank you.
278	How are we supposed to feed our families healthy food if we can't even have chickens! I think it's absolutely unsmart making people pay that much for having chickens! I thought they would look into letting us have chickens in town. Absolutely not a smart move on council, I can see a lot of people leaving Chatham Kent for this unsmart choice council is making!
279	Having some food security and independence is a right, not a privilege. Covid showed us just how fragile the system is. With many food and egg shortages at the grocery stores. So many people decided to get closer to their food sources. Whether supporting a backyard chicken owner or they themselves got some hens. This bylaw is just another ploy to get more money in the pockets of the government and more control in their hands. While stripping more and more freedoms from the citizens of Chatham Kent and of this country. We all know China as a dictatorship and communist nation. But there was a time they weren't. Before they became communist, they started with more and more rules and regulations, with citizens requiring permits and permission for simple things like chickens. Now here we are. A few decades later, doing the same thing in Canada. The true north strong and TAXED.
280	I think everyone should have the right to own chickens on their own property as they please.

281	I'm looking forward to hearing it. Humans have raised chickens for hundreds of years for personal consumption and with all these silly tax hikes, cost of living and grocery increases. As well as the difficulty of keeping food on the table, I feel like it will give the community another reason to come together, just like it was in the old days
282	Please allow back yard chickens, at least to rural residents. This allows me to provide a healthy and affordable food option to my 3 children. In todays economy, it is hard enough to afford groceries, but to find things that are organic or healthy for a good price isn't realistic Having back yard chickens, allows families to provide a safe, affordable and healthy food for their families
283	No, Too noisy. Many that I have seen try ended up getting rid of them because they were too noisy.
284	I think this is crazy! If I wanted to live in the country, I would have purchased a house there. The noise at 5am and on is not enjoyable and the wild animals it brings to the neighborhood is crazy! They should buy out in country if they want to have farm animals
285	Rural residential people that live on a back road with neighbours at almost 1/2 kilometre away should not have the same rules as in town residents
286	Chickens should be allowed in rural areas. Chickens and other small birds provide affordable food for families.
287	Should run a pilot program for urban. Even a couple of Chickens.
288	I am in support of backyard chickens - we live in rural communities and should not be restricted from having backyard chickens
289	No chickens in city limit, neighbors have enough trouble cutting grass let alone care for chickens in back yard. The insects, smell and decrease in property value are my biggest concerns,
290	Hope residents are able to have chickens in backyard.
291	I see no issues with rural residential or village chicken keeping. I believe it should be allowed.
292	I don't think chickens should be allowed within 5 km of agricultural chicken farms. Food Biosecurity is too important to sacrifice for a few chickens.
293	our next door neighbours have chickens and a few guinea hens. The guinea hens screech very loudly when they are gathered and of course the roosters crow this is very noisy. They also do not stay in their fenced area and come into our fenced yard. I have 2 dogs that chase them when I have the dogs outside. I do not want my dogs to kill them. They should have to clip their wings so they can't fly.
294	I already filled out the survey, but thought that I should tell you that you did not include Charing Cross in your listings of villages.
295	This is the dumbest proposal I have heard in 25 years. The mess, the sound, the predators ... when the fighting starts between neighbours due to the sound and the disagreements over the chicken's care ... the police and animal control will need resources to maintain the peace for this ridiculous path forward.
296	Why do you feel the need to put so much control on people? This is obviously a taken opportunity to reduce the amount of people who want any amount of self-sufficiency. You are purposely making it so expensive for so few birds, most people will get rid of their flocks. The amount of permits you want is absurd. Pay for a permit to GIVE eggs away?? This is absurd.

297	I think this is a stupid law, put in place only to gain more control over our food. A few backyard chickens cause no more noise or smell than a few yapping chihuahuas or terriers. Stop trying to control people's homegrown food and forcing fake supermarket foods down our throats!!
298	I understand the bylaw in town with close neighbors but, out in the country makes no sense.
299	It's an opportunity for residents who want chickens to provide food for the family. The price of food is constantly going up and growing/producing/commitment to having your garden and chickens/garden for food is opportunity to keep up with the demands of feeding your family.
300	I think is a horrible idea. It's an infringement on people's property rights and right to food security. The fact that this is even being proposed is ridiculous. People should be able to own chickens and have eggs without this nonsense!
301	We should be aloud to have 3 or 4 hens
302	People should have the freedom of choice to own chickens without a permit, I don't agree on government control for owning a chicken to simply provide eggs for one's family. What's the next thing they're going to take from us if we let them take control of our chickens. No food freedom anymore.. do I need to have a garden permit now to to grow vegetables for my kitchen?
303	It's ridiculous. Let people have their own chickens in peace! Why must you people make everything an issue. Let it go, and let us freely have our chickens with freedom and peace. Thanks
304	This proposal is one that has me losing faith in the government leadership within our country. It may seem like a small thing, but it is the start for residents of the Municipality that I grew up in, losing their own personal rights and freedom. This is a direct move to take control over people and what they can/cannot do with their own property. We already pay a property tax, amongst all the other things that we are taxed on, and this is just another way to make Canadian spend more money on trying to build up their livelihood. Raising small animals/birds like this allows those in our community to provide their own food, reduce living cost by reduced trips to grocery stores (gas prices are too high), and the ability to show children what it is like to provide for themselves, which is something everyone should have the chance to learn. This proposal puts too much restrictions on people's right, and too much power in the government, and only allows for people to rely more on government, which is socialism, not Democracy. Democracy means "Power of the People". why are we taking that power away from people? stop trying to control the residents of this country, and allow for Canadians to display their freedom, as our national anthems states, "our true north strong and Free". Canada should show the world we have freedom, not that we can't even raise chickens freely on our own yards. Consider what is truly best for people in our municipality, and what this municipality is built upon.
305	Agree should be allowed chickens
306	Who will be paying for the extra staff and vehicle needed to police this new bylaw? All cost associated with this new plan should be divided between the users. No need to add additional taxes to our already high rates. This is a program for a limited number of users and they should not expect the rest of the community to pay for it. It seems like we are jumping the gun on this, not enough research has been done on the impact on the community.

307	<p>This bylaw is not sustainable and will negatively impact the lives of the constituents of Chatham Kent and surrounding areas. I do understand the fines for the safety of the structures (E.g., to keep out pests, reduce exposure to elements and illness), but only for safety purposes. The permit fees, renewal fees, specific age of hens, and limit number of hens is outrageous. Every summer my family and I would raise 10-20 chickens for the purpose filling our freezer with meat that we knew was safe for consumption (free of growth hormones and antibiotics). These chickens become full grown as early as 4 weeks and as late as 12 weeks, at which point they would be butchered. This would not be possible under the proposed bylaw.</p> <p>If the purpose is for the constituents to only have chickens to sustain their own lifestyle then there should be appropriate amendments made. Everyone should have the right and ability to healthy and affordable food in a sustainable way.</p>
308	This is just another step to take away our freedom
309	I think it's great for the rural area. I think the fines are extremely excessive and ridiculous.
310	<p>I do not to be trapped between neighbours with chickens and roaster. Yes I am living in a Hamlet but I don't want to hear farm animals. I have already seeing ppl with chickens and a pig in my area, to make it legal I can only imagine.</p> <p>How would you be able to control such a project when we barely have police let alone animal control.</p>
311	No
312	Understand that the bylaw in towns and villages but the rural areas should be left as it's been for years. almost all rural areas have had animals for years with no complaints.
313	I live in a small town.. Where I can leave my window open at night for fresh air... I do not appreciate hearing a rooster crow and getting me up when I could be asleep.. I agree that on a farm is where they belong. not in a town getting people up when there is no need to be
314	I think chickens should be allowed for personal consumption such as eggs or possibly meat chickens
315	<p>I think everyone should have a right to these animals. Even if people do sell their eggs. The cost of feeding them outweighs the cost of what they sell eggs for.</p> <p>Rural areas shouldn't even be a debate. If someone lives outside city limits. Chickens should definitely not even be a debate weather or not someone can have them.</p> <p>As for inside city limits. As long as they at least obey maybe the following criteria:</p> <p>No rooster</p> <p>Regular coop clean up, A certain amount of chickens, A certain breed of chicken's,</p> <p>Proper dwelling for chickens</p> <p>Proper disposal of any carcass of the chickens</p> <p>Be courteous of your neighbours.</p>
316	I would like to be able to utilize my own eggs
317	I would like to have access to my own eggs for protein. raise my own meat for protein just as I grow other Foods for nutrition. I understand not wanting chickens within city limits however in rural areas and regulations in place we should be allowed to raise our own food
318	6 hens maximum, cleanliness, etc. make sense. The permit fee is too expensive.

319	<p>Chickens are great. Healthy communities should promote families growing their own food, growing vegetable gardens and having laying hens. Chatham Kent has done nothing to promote sustainable living, yet instead endorse Mc Donald's food chains in our cities in which promote unhealthy children.</p> <p>Chickens are rewarding. Being sustainable and having a couple chickens and vegetable gardens saves families money, encourages time outside, promotes team work, provides tasty, more nutritious foods without the hormones and chemicals in the food preservatives. It is much healthier alternative to buying food from these large corporations. Parents in which are more conscious and pay attention to ingredients in the grocery store bought foods prefer knowing what they are eating. Chicken do not bite, bark, or crap like dogs do.</p>
320	Raising chickens for sustenance is a basic human right, so any bylaw against it is illegal, any bylaw allowing it is not necessary. This is 100% about total control. Stop being tyrants.
321	This is an absolutely ridiculous by-law. Most of the people that have chickens are trying to save a few dollars and get away from hormone pumped meat/eggs. Now you are forcing them to spend hundreds of dollars more or eat meat/eggs with who knows what in it. Taking freedoms away from Canadians is not very Canadian at all. I strongly oppose this by-law.
322	I think it should be allowed there pets as long as they keep up everything they need and clean space.
323	Shouldn't be allowed in a town. Already noisy enough with some having roosters.
324	Rural residential and village residential properties should be allowed to have chickens on the property, excluding roosters. Number of chickens should depend on lot size and permit fees should reflect number of chickens.
325	Don't agree with the by law, as it would be unaffordable, unrealistic, and doesn't make any sense, I agree to backyard chickens, but not this insane by law
326	Live in Louisville on over an acre of land. We provide for our family by means of chickens and enf eggs. \$600 permit for 6 chickens over the age of 4 months is not acceptable. Our saving is by rasing chick's (purchased from peavy mart or mcbaynes). I understand in thw city with neighbors for smell an noise, but no reason rural can't provide for themselves.
327	No permits, no limits, no inspection . Rural property should be able to raise and provide for themselves
328	This by law is over the top and financially restrictive. Children love the chickens and learn so much by caring for them and collecting eggs. Do not take this 200 year growing up experience away from kids!
329	I think that chickens should be allowed in residential areas were they have appropriate housing and fenced in outdoor areas . No roosters should be house in populated areas. Schools should be exempt from the chicken laws for teaching purpose. The fees for chicken ownership is outrageous/ ridiculous/ money grab.
330	I already submitted one, but just thought about it, I don't understand why they try to impose such strict rules regarding chickens, when dogs and cats and rabbits etc, can go onto other people's properties and poop allover their yards and it's supposed to be just fine, which is not fine at all, as there's people that have children that play outside, so if that's fine, chickens should be fine just as well, without this by law, chicken and Roosters are no where near as load as dogs can be, so why impose this by law, makes no sense whatsoever
331	Should be allowed more than 6 hens on a property

332	<p>Raising backyard chickens for meat production and hens for egg production has become increasingly popular as the cost of food has been increasing faster than have wages. It is a means to guarantee that one's birds are naturally raised on non-medicated feed. A 6 hen limit is impractical, as are the proposed permit fees. If the intent of this By-law is to discourage people from keeping their own birds for meat and eggs, this number and these fees will certainly accomplish that. As livestock production becomes more concentrated in the hands of the very large operations that house thousands of birds and pigs, raising one's own hens and chickens assures that they are raised as naturally as possible. I personally would prefer to buy our eggs off farm from an individual rather than from a grocery store. Individuals who raise hens to sell eggs always supply fresher eggs than what the public can source from any store. I am told that it could take up to three weeks from the time that fresh eggs are picked up from a commercial barn until they're cleaned, sized, packaged and sent out to a grocery store for resale. The farm eggs have been consumed long before the commercial eggs even reach their destination. Another consideration that seems to be overlooked is the negative impact that an excessively strict By-law will have on local businesses that depend on those who purchase their feed and supplies from them. Small businesses are the backbone of the economy: they are here for the long run. There are currently only three farm feed dealerships remaining in all of Chatham-Kent to my knowledge. Just 15 years ago there were six in North Kent alone. Naturally, the fewer the number of folk who raise chickens, the less demand there will be for these companies. I encourage you not to impose such strict regulations in the proposed By-law that the hundreds of people who presently enjoy, and depend upon backyard birds to enhance their lives will be unable to justify raising them. Thank you for considering my comments on this matter.</p>
333	<p>This is a terrible idea and will cause compounding issues within the municipality. In general people are not smart and will not comprehend the zoning in which they live. People will read a headline on social media that chickens are allowed, not pay attention that it is only in certain zones and go buy chicks to keep in their shed. I would suspect with this proposal there are already residents within the city that own chickens thinking backyard chickens are becoming legal. So few people read further and pay attention to the minutia. Neighbor disputes will be on the rise based on smell and noise complaints. There are by-law requirements that will be unreasonable for most to meet (disposal of dead chickens). We have a plethora of by-laws now that people knowing violate. Maybe we should focus on those instead of adding more by-laws to be violated.</p>
334	<p>The draft sounds good but I am concerned about enforcement, I currently have 2 neighbors with chickens, they let them out everyday and they are always in my yard</p>
335	<p>Chickens are noisy, dirty and stinky. They do not belong in residential areas. If this is allowed what will be next? People are going to want 'just one' pig, or goat, or donkey. If you want to have livestock move to a farm!</p>
336	<p>We live out in the country our chickens do not bother anyone we are free people we will not be told what to do We will not be controlled by regulations like the people in China Do not make us protest this You will not have a job</p>
337	<p>I don't agree with the backyard chicken By-law extended to rural and villages at all for any reason. I agree with health official that chicken coops should remain only in agriculture areas.</p>
338	<p>I do not support the backyard chicken by-law. I want the freedom to own however many chickens I want and what kind of chickens I want.</p>

339	I do not support the backyard chickens by-law. I want to own however many chickens I want and whatever kind of chickens I want. I strongly believe that this by-law is unnecessary and an inconsiderate way of using my tax money. Thank you
340	I used to go to the Cayman Islands frequently on business. Everyone there had chickens. When the hurricane went through there a few years back, the chickens all got loose and now they are everywhere. they adapt well to free range. They make a lot of noise and are a real nuisance.
341	The fees are outrageous. The high level of oversight is unnecessary. The entire bylaw should be scrapped. Replace with a 2 sentence bylaw. Runs are to be kept in a clean manner. No roosters. Run size limits, # of hens, ability to sell product etc are not the business of the Municipality. This is government over reach at its finest.
342	I think this is a bad idea to give non-rural residents the approval to have backyard chickens. Speaking from experience on a large rural property with birds of my own: they are messy, noisy, stinky animals. There will be noise complaints that the municipality will have to compensate their employees for handling when people start buying roosters, not to mention the complaints about the smell of a dirty coop in a residential area, and there will be more incidents of neglect and mistreatment of the birds. Our municipality frowns upon the number of feral cats in the area, yet what is stopping residents from releasing birds the same as they do when they get sick of these cats and dogs that are currently overflowing shelters? What is the plan when town residents start to believe in "free range" backyard chickens and their birds start running about town and flying over neighborhood fences? I do not believe that our society has enough education, knowledge of care or motivation to properly maintain birds in residential areas. I think that it will be a waste of time and money for the municipality and its employees including police officers, animal shelter employees, animal catchers and wildlife officers. To prove my arguments true I implore the municipality to read posts on Facebook page Blenheim Rant and Rave just to see how divided a small town can be in regards to any given topic. There are constantly people concerned about noise and what their neighbours are up to- don't give them reasons to complain further and have paid employees solving these disputes.
343	The rules, regulations, and fees are stringent enough that very few will participate. Problem solved.
344	It is a very basic right and privilege to have chickens in your backyard. People need to be left alone on their own properties
345	How can this be a thing for country residents who have the closets neighbor 1/4 mile away they can't even hear the birds. And to only Have hens ? Some roosters can't be determined til they are older aside from bein a chick
346	I just think that it should be a personal option. I don't agree with the by-law.
347	Should be allowed but definitely no roosters . Need some sanitary controls as unkept chicken coops are a haven for rats.
348	There should be no permits required. RR and VR should be able to have chickens (within reason) without the requirement for permits just as A1 zoning is allowed.

349	We cannot have chickens taken away from us. They are my favorite hobby on the farm. I love going out to my chicken coop several times a day and just feed them and look at them. And take out my eggs wash them and refrigerate them. And the best part feed healthy eggs to my husband and children. 6 chickens would never produce enough eggs to feed our family. This is just another way to take freedom away from us Christian families. We all know that this world is corrupt and heading toward communist. This should never pass the law or even have been talked about. The chickens are so good for soup once they reach a year old. And a very healthy nourishment. Please Don't do this to us Mennonites we are hard working people taking good care of our chickens and gardens.
350	No by-law
351	I would love to have backyard chickens, they are great for the environment and have lots of great benefits
352	Fees are astronomical for 6 hens.
353	We need our chickens for food and pets.
354	I believe that we should have the freedom to own and raise as many chickens as we see fit. We own chickens as pets, and because they provide us with eggs. Since I have a large family, six chickens would not be sufficient for egg production for the family. Our chickens are well-taken care of, and very happy and healthy. I am opposed to the backyard chicken bylaw. Thankyou for reading.
355	I don't agree with slaughtering not being allowed, the outrageous high fees, the chicken limit and being inspected all the time!
356	My # 1 concern is the cost , since food prices have sky rocked in the last couple of years,, in a few cases have doubled, how are families going to start having 6 chickens with almost 600 fee than 180 pr year after , to Me it sounds like you're promoting people to Rely more on store bought chickens and eggs ,, I also want to make clear the ppl that butcher their own chickens have experienc from their child hood I was one of them I'm still alive and well we do it cleaner and better than butchers shops do ,, I would highly recommend if you want more ppl to start raising chickens to please wave all fees or don't start with this at all they rely on friends and nabours for eggs they will be fine ,, thank you
357	I believe that I should be able to choose how many chickens my family needs and nobody should say anything about it. Six chickens is by NO MEANS enough for my family. I do NOT agree whatsoever with the backyard chicken bylaw.
358	<p>If this pilot is to encourage residents to have chickens than the initial fee needs to be dropped. If people don't follow the rules then fine the people, but don't discourage people from having chickens if they want them by imposing the high permit fee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I don't agree for people to not be able to slaughter their own chickens especially for their own personal consumption. - Allow more than 6 chickens especially for larger families that depend on chickens as a food source.
359	Chickens make me happy, I don't think that anyone should be able to say how many I can own. My chickens are happy and healthy, and they would hate to be separated from their friends. Please dont make me separate my chicken family. Thankyou for understanding.

360	<p>Allowing backyard chickens in rural and village residential zones offers a range of environmental, social, and economic benefits that can significantly enhance community well-being. Chickens are natural foragers, and their ability to thrive on a diet that includes kitchen scraps and garden waste makes them valuable contributors to waste reduction. Families can feed chickens their food scraps, which helps divert organic waste from landfills while providing nutritious food for the chickens. This practice minimizes the carbon footprint associated with waste disposal and reduces the environmental impact of transporting food waste, promoting a more sustainable lifestyle.</p> <p>In addition to waste reduction, backyard chickens support the strengthening of local food systems. By producing their own eggs and meat, residents can rely less on industrial agriculture, which typically involves long supply chains and a considerable environmental impact due to transportation and factory farming practices. Supporting local food production helps to lower greenhouse gas emissions associated with long-distance food transportation, fostering a more sustainable and self-reliant community. In many cases, neighbors can also share knowledge and resources related to chicken care, further promoting a sense of community while encouraging sustainable living practices.</p> <p>Chickens can also play a vital role in promoting biodiversity and healthier ecosystems. Their natural behaviors, such as foraging and scratching, help manage pests in gardens, reducing the need for chemical pesticides, which can harm beneficial insects and local wildlife. Chickens' scratching and foraging also improve soil health by enhancing its aeration and nutrient content, creating a more fertile environment for growing plants. This integration of chickens into rural and village life contributes to the overall biodiversity of the local ecosystem, which supports long-term environmental sustainability.</p> <p>In addition to their ecological benefits, chickens offer opportunities for improving food security and fostering personal well-being. For rural and village residents, especially those with an interest in homesteading or self-sufficiency, keeping chickens allows for a consistent source of fresh, homegrown eggs and meat. These food sources are not only healthier and fresher than store-bought alternatives, but they also come without the negative environmental impact often associated with large-scale commercial farming. By raising their own food, families can take greater control over the quality and sustainability of their diet, while reducing their reliance on industrial food systems.</p> <p>Raising backyard chickens can also strengthen the connection between families and nature, particularly for children who may learn valuable lessons about responsibility, animal care, and food production. Chickens, being social animals, can bond with their owners and become enjoyable pets, offering companionship and fostering a greater appreciation for nature and agriculture. The educational value of raising chickens is significant, as children gain firsthand experience in sustainable living practices and develop a deeper understanding of where their food comes from. This connection can inspire more thoughtful consumption patterns and a greater appreciation for the agricultural roots of rural life.</p> <p>However, despite these numerous benefits, several barriers prevent the widespread adoption of backyard chickens in rural and village residential zones. One of the most significant obstacles is the high permit fee, often around \$600, which can be prohibitive for many families. This financial burden discourages households, particularly those on tighter budgets, from pursuing chicken ownership, even though the potential rewards in terms of fresh eggs, meat, and sustainability are considerable. For many families, the high upfront cost of obtaining a permit undermines the feasibility of raising chickens, and as a result, the potential environmental and personal benefits</p>
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	<p>go unrealized.</p> <p>Another challenge is the limitation on the number of chickens that residents are allowed to keep. In many areas, flock sizes are capped at six chickens, which may not be sufficient for larger households. This restriction limits the extent to which families can benefit from raising chickens, particularly when it comes to egg production. For those interested in raising meat birds, a small flock is unlikely to provide enough protein to meet a family's needs over an extended period. As a result, the potential for backyard chickens to support food security and self-sufficiency is constrained, reducing the incentive for families to keep chickens in the first place.</p> <p>Moreover, the prohibition against home slaughter adds another layer of complexity to the issue. Many residents who choose to raise chickens value the transparency and control over their food sources that comes from raising animals from chick to table. However, the inability to process chickens at home limits their autonomy and discourages people from raising meat birds altogether. This restriction diminishes the sustainability and self-sufficiency that many rural and village residents seek, as they are forced to rely on external processing services or forgo raising chickens for meat entirely.</p> <p>In conclusion, while allowing backyard chickens in rural and village residential zones offers significant benefits in terms of waste reduction, local food production, biodiversity, and personal well-being, several regulatory and financial barriers must be addressed to fully realize these advantages. By reconsidering high permit fees, relaxing restrictions on flock size, and allowing for home slaughter, communities can create a more supportive environment for chicken ownership. In doing so, they can unlock the full potential of backyard chickens to contribute to environmental sustainability, food security, and a stronger sense of community. Embracing backyard chickens is not just a step toward healthier and more resilient local food systems, but also a way to foster a deeper connection to nature, agriculture, and the sustainable practices that support long-term community well-being. thank you for your time</p>
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362	<p>I don't understand that I am not allowed to have chickens. I live outside a town on Longwood Road. I don't see why everybody else can have chicken lives in a country as I do you shoes my area. Tell us not to have chickens. We are human beings too we like to raise our own chicken too, we like to have our own eggs, family of eight use lotta eggs. I don't know why you think that we shouldn't have chickens. All our neighbours have chickens now you try to take that away from us Sharjah \$600 to have chickens should we not have some rights? We don't live in town we don't bother anybody we have a be backyard lots of room for chickens try to reduce cost on groceries. What's wrong with that?</p>
363	<p>I don't think this law should be passed it is kind of taking away our freedom and it is making times tougher like financially. Everything is already expensive enough this just piles on top of that.</p>
364	<p>I am concerned with the excessive intrusion of the Municipality into the community's ability to afford a sustainable food source. The by laws as presented will create financial hardship for individuals attempting to raise chickens for eggs or meat. The by law demonstrates a narrow understanding of production of eggs and meat for personal consumption. The by law only allows for penalties and persecution of people wishing to grow and cultivate their own food. There are no recourses outlined to hold the Municipality accountable for over sight and biohazards from intrusive measures. I'm not convinced that the by law supports the community in it's endeavours to create an affordable sustainable food source and resources.</p>
365	<p>People should have as many chicken as they want.</p>

366	It's simply our choice if we want chickens or not, eggs are healthy and delicious and grocery store eggs are fake and don't taste good, Canada is suppose to be a free country so stop trying to control us like if we're your pets. I will never pay anyone for having chickens and I will have as many as I want. Thanks for giving everyone a chance to say no
367	I don't think this bylaw should be put in place and people should be able to have as many chickens as that'll like.
368	we need to be able to slaughter our own chickens at our own risk. It is cleaner than any butcher shop or grocery store chicken. We understand that the meat coming from the chickens would be for our own family and not to be sold . Let the families decide for themselves how many chickens they want. Some families are big some families are small. We want baby chickens. This is a good teaching opportunity for children from raising them as babies and hatching them, and also being able to learn how to slaughter chickens properly and cleanly. The fees associated with the bylaws are way too high, and the renewal cost is too high as well. If a bylaw is being broken, consider a warning before a fine. should be able to share eggs at your own risk to other family members, and they understand that risk.
369	First of all 592 dollar permit is unnecessary and 6 hens is not enough like for breakfast we easy eat 12 eggs and it takes like 2 to 3 days to get that . I do not approve of this bylaw. It is kind if taking away our freedom and we are supposed to be a free country
370	Ridiculously outrageously expensive! Not enough chickens to sustain the family! I would like to be able to butcher my own chickens. I've been doing it all my life and never got sick! Our chickens are cleaner when we butcher than when we get them at the grocery store. Not being able to breed your own chickens, makes it way more expensive to have chickens, and making it even more costly for families who are trying to provide a source of food for their family. Sharing extra with friends and family if there were extra.
371	Stop trying to take our freedom
372	That permit cost is outrageous. I can not afford to pay that plus the cost of 6 chickens. Getting baby chicks would be a lot more economical. (6 chickens for my family is not enough to supply us with eggs. We are a family of 7)The concern of getting roosters with the baby chicks is not a concern because we should be able to butcher them ourselves since roosters don't crow until they are mature so there is no need to have the no chicks in the by law. All our previous generations have raised and butchered chickens. This is a skill more of us need. We need to get that back as a society.
373	Too costly. Don't like the idea we can't have chicks because they are way cheaper to purchase. Can butcher my own stuff, our local butcher shops don't even take chickens and the ones that do probably wouldn't be willing to take on small families. Who will butcher them then? Want more real natural food. Can't afford to buy all we need right now as it is, how are we supposed to be able to afford all of this?
374	Get rid of the start up permit fee. \$600 is not affordable for the average family. Keep all the rules and regulations but don't make people pay the permit fees or renewals each year. - Allow people to slaughter chickens for personal use. -Allow more than 6 chickens especially for families that depend on it as a food source.
375	Alright so here's my deal first of all this is a dumb law I don't even know where you came out with this idea but here's my concern why do we have to get a damn permit I think it's pure stupidity I think but what ever that's my concern anyways thanks for now

376	I attended the meeting tonight and learned a lot. There was a large presence from the Mennonite community with information of their lifestyle. I grew up quite differently, living in town my whole life. I think there is a lot of misunderstanding when it comes to the rules of rural versus urban property. As soon as the announcement was made that there would be a pilot project for backyard chickens in Dresden, chicken coops and chickens appeared and are still here. I don't think these folks understand there are fees attached, which seemed to be a big factor at the meeting. I don't feel the fees are too high, it just makes sense for the owner to pay, not the taxpayers as was pointed out. There are no fees for the rural community, and that seems fair. There already is a bylaw for the town of Dresden regarding no chickens. I'm sure this bylaw was in place when a lot of young folks bought their property in town. Thank you.
377	From this bylaw, all I can see is that you are asking us to pay you to control us and take away more of our freedoms The fee is absurd if there is an issue with one in particular person who is not taking care of their chickens, they should be fined at that time. I come from a family who For generations has always had chickens and killed their own chickens Telling us that the health unit says it's unsafe is a lie. We have never gotten sick from doing our own and I can guarantee you it is cleaner than any place where you get your food from, but we and others have gotten sick from stuff that we have gotten at the grocery store that was supposed to be government and federally cleared. All these places in facilities that you deem safe has recalls on unsafe food all the time. And I can understand not having roosters in town, where they would disrupt your neighbors. All these people who have chickens are important to the community because they help provide food for themselves that they might not be able to afford at the grocery store and asking the chickens to be four months. Old is ridiculous. Do you understand the price of a full grown chicken, I don't think you do. There are so many issues in Chatham-Kent that I can't believe you are focusing on chickens on food. Maybe we should look at taking care of our homeless people and maybe if there weren't so many rules on everything we could actually provide food for them but we can't because of your so called safety rules. It's like you think that we would just poison ourselves, Do you think if the food was unsafe, we would eat it? So my opinion is, this is ridiculous and all you're trying to do is make it harder for people to take care of themselves consume, healthy, organic food. Take away more of our freedom and that you were asking us to pay you to control us
378	My question is. For the people in town if they wanna have chicken. The cost for the permit should be. Reasonable. I know my parents. They like to have chickens and they're. Raising their own chickens. My mom, she is not healthy enough to go to work. She lives on retirement plan. She probably couldn't afford this. Fine to have chicken. You guys should do something about this permit price.
379	I think people shouldn't need to go thru permits and be restricted on how many chicken they want in these small towns.
380	Every one should have chickens to get eggs
381	Let us have chickens

382	<p>Hi, thank you for taking the time to read my survey.</p> <p>I just don't know where to start but let me just say I am extremely upset to hear such a bylaw as this is even being considered! I mean this is unheard of! Or wait no its actually common practice in places like China!!</p> <p>Not only does our property tax keep going up but talk about adding insult to injury! Yes keep raising our taxes every year, YES YES we need more bylaws involving fines! YES THATS WHAT WE ALL WANT ISNT IT??</p> <p>Seriously! I mean I can maby understand why you might want to keep chickens of town but RURAL communitys? What!? What business is that of yours anyways? Who are the chickens bothering? That one sore neighbor who's on welfare has nothing better to do then complain about a few chickens down the road?? Or is the more likely scenario another quick cash grab for the township ?? I mean why not add another reason to invade private property right? Yes thats right, be invasive! add more fines, fees, permits for the folks who are just trying to get by, struggling to pay the rent, groceries and eat a somewhat balanced diet, yes the folks who are already struggling to get by, working that minimum wage, watching they're jobs being taken by foreign immigrants, watching the rich get richer the poor getting poorer, yes take away the few things they can depend on for breakfast in the morning eh?</p> <p>Yes I have ask myself how some people are able to sleep at night sometimes, but may this short survey find you well and at least give you a thing or two to consider.</p>
383	The permit costs are by far to high, and I believe people should have the right to raise chick's.
384	These are way too high and regulation on number of chickens and butchering at home is also unacceptable.
385	We should be allowed to have as many chickens as we want in our yards
386	I highly disagree on the price, the limit to the amount is unreasonable to put it lightly. Let Canadians raise, slaughter, and eat thier own chickens. Less government more freedom!
387	<p>I think the Permits should be dropped, and it should be up to each an individual to butcher their own chickens, and how many they want. It should not be up to somebody else to decide that decision. or how many chickens families need just because you don't eat chicken, so it doesn't mean other people don't</p> <p>I think you're asking for too much money from the public</p> <p>We are not living in a communist countries, so we as people have our rights to do our own backyard chickens without the government putting in their input So mind your own business Have a great day</p>
388	This is ridiculous, I believe everyone should be able to raise their own chickens without the crazy rules and fines.
389	<p>Hi, first thing: they take our rights away from growing our own animals and food. 🐔 I am a widow with seven children and our organic eggs and meat is one of the few nutritional foods I can provide for my kids. I feel like they take our homegrown food directly away from our table. I feel very bad for anyone whom these dumb chicken rules apply to . Times are hard as it is, and making people pay permits and things in a land of freedom is VERY unfair and unbelievable! 😞</p> <p>Especially for those who are barely scraping by in making a living.</p>

390	We understand roosters in the city or town are not wanted because they are loud. But we live out in the country we do not want to be bothered while we're doing our own meat birds slaughtering our own way don't want to be told what to do we feed them organic wheat and corn and is a lot healthier than so-called government approved meet from grocery stores bottom line is leave us alone
391	The cost of this is way too high six hens is not enough we need a lot more than that plus a rooster. the other thing is we raise our own meat chickens and if this law comes in we will not be able to do that and this will affect us greatly this is about total control. And we don't want that we have chickens to teach our children where food really comes from and having this taken from us or Limited would really affect our children and ourselves
392	<p>Few things: The fees are too much. It would be hard to afford to have 6 chickens. Fines are understandable if the chickens were not taken care of. Please allow for warnings before slapping fines. Chickens are a source of therapy for the elderly and great for children to learn! Let people buy pullets (baby chicks) from a feed store. Allow families to butcher their own chickens (also a learning opportunity for children) What about raising meat chickens?? These are raised for food and will need to be processed. Allow families to process their own meat and not for selling. People have been doing this for generations, and it would be sad to lose this part of our history. Especially in RR areas. Larger families will need more than 6 chickens. Let them choose or consider more case by case. Allow more chickens and less rules in RR areas. I want my children to have the opportunity to raise their own chickens when they're grown without having to pay for permits and Renewals. The cost of everything is going up and chickens are expensive enough to raise without the permits. I understand those in town who are concerned about chickens and noise but there's always someone who won't be happy. We have lived in Chatham Kent for 31 years and never had to worry about permits for chickens. I love our small town and I want my kids and their future kids to say the same. Thanks for taking the time to read my concerns.</p>
393	Hi, first thing: the government is taking our rights away from growing our own food. I am a widow with seven children and our eegs and meat are one of the few nutritional foods I can provide my kids with. This is also on behalf of all my friends and anyone who would like to have our rights back. I feel like these new rules are stealing a lot of families' food directly off the table. Times are hard as it is, and the prices of the permits are UNBELIEVABLE and VERY unfair. I think anyone who wants to should have the right to have chickens without having to pay an insane amount of money. After all this is a free country, not communist. Dankeschön 🙏🙏🙏🙏
394	I absolutely disagree with the by-law with having only 6 chickens. I will still buy chickens and eggs from a yard and not from the grocery store. It is impossible to stop people like me from buying completely organic. I disagree with having to pay to have chickens as well. You have no sympathy for us who are trying to make a living and doing our best in feeding our children. You just care about yourself and your money. Grow up!!!!

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This is a gross overreach i wholehearted disagree with these bylaws permits and fines. These bylaw permit fees would make it for many impossible to even attempt to have chickens .These fees and fines would not even allow many families to even have 1 egg per person a day .This bylaw does not account for the fact that chickens molt and stop laying eggs in winter , the bylaw not allowing for home processing would make this more costly than buying chicken in a store also the wait times to get your chicken butchered can be months if not a year wait time as we seen happen these last two years thus making people house a chicken that does not provide eggs and that they cannot butcher and if they bought more hens to produce eggs would be in breach of their 6 hen limit and face outrageous fines .This bylaw would make it more expensive to own a chicken than a dog since you are only required to have a dog tag and rabies shot to have a dog , the presentation at the meeting tonight that these monies need to be collected in order to pay bylaw officers to inspect and enforce these bylaws is ridiculous pawr does not require dog owners to have a permit yet do go and check up on dogs and cats when reported without making people pay up front first .if people are in breach of the rules and regulations then they pay fines after they have been proven guilty of neglect not before .It is ridiculous that we are told we cannot process our own birds yet have hunted deer ,ducks, rabbit other birds but now are told we can't process our own chickens ??? This bylaw would not allow for people to raise their own meat birds as it only allows for chickens over 20 weeks and meat bird chicks are largely processed before 12 weeks before they even start crowing with argument that they want to make sure we don't have roosters many chicks are sexed before purchase so you know what they are before you buy. The survey said not to allow roosters due to noise yet dogs can bark within certain hours of the day that is permissible but a few crows here and there is considered to much a nuisance? This bylaw and these fines have gone to far we should not be penalized for providing for our families and wanting a sustainable organic way to feed and provide for our families. Grocery store prices are so expensive that for most it is too costly to buy meat .with the crisis we have already with homelessness food insecurity the amount of people using the food banks and free food pantry I thinks it is clear we need a way to have food security not be even more reliant on others in ways we can provide for ourselves .Chatham kent is a farming community and it would seem that we are being punished for trying to keep with the ways we have been taught and raised to live growing up on farms teaching our children how to take care of animals having the knowledge how to properly process an animal .Having a hen have her own clutch of chicks or getting a few chicks given to you is more affordable ,raising your own meat birds more affordable, processing your own birds more affordable and in a timely manner than waiting on an already overrun processor to process our food .Not being able to give away chicken manure when manure can be sold out of a store ? Having chickens ,processing chickens ,using the manure in gardens and flower beds is a sustainable way to dispose of manure to reuse it for another purpose but it seems that chatham kent council rather fine people any way they can .It seems as though chatham kent council is not for farming families nor for people trying to teach their way of life or dare I say rather want to be able to profit on any level off the backs of already hard pressed citizens. This bylaw fines and permit fees has made me loose confidence in council it does not make sense at all and would appear that the community's best interests are not thought of here .This is an attack on our human riguts to provide for ourselves .next up will be changing A1 zoning so that small homestead cannot have any animals or perhaps we won't be allowed to have a garden who knows .Council need to focus on the real issues at hand with non stop crimes drugs the homelessness and housing situations not penalize people for having chickens .

396	I support chickens being allowed, they are welcome addition to allowing people to produce for themselves and I see no difference from having a small much less a large dog
397	This by-law is not at all Reasonable. The priced of it is unbelievable unreasonable. 6 chickens is not enough to provide most families with eggs that they need. The price of it is unreasonable, to families with a needy child and older folks having egg Chickens for pet's helps them get up and out in the morning have a bit of exercise and refreshing. It has been proven to keep depression down and It should not be taken away from them.
398	I do not believe that this by law is good for the people! I do not agree with the financial strain it can casue just to own chickens. My hope is that this will not pass and our voice, the people of the community, will be heard!
399	As an resident in a more urban area I am in favor of letting people ha e chickens, this is good. Oversight and regulations need to be minimal, far less than the draft currently contains.
400	I'm very disappointed that ward 6 Chatham are not included in having backyard Chickens. I'd love to have some chickens they are such amazing animals. It's a big shame.
401	Twice the Council has turned down the issue of people having chicken in back yards. There are so many things against it besides bird flu. Which the health people have said no. Just recently racoons have been found to have rabies, they can climb a high fence into anyone's back yards, where children may be playing. Another reason is rats, crows. A case just recently is three (coyotes) tried to surround a man walking his two German shepherds. There's too much at stake for a few free range eggs, even if there are suppose to taste better. With houses in subdivisions so close and back to back. I would hate to think what the smell would be like in our hot weather. Who keeps mentioning environment. Especially if Council passes, chickens in backyards, when they can do something about it say no!! A coyote attacks and injures a 11 yr old in Alberta, we don't need that, when there's enough of them. They are noisy also (chickens that is).
402	<p>Housing needs to be large enough to fall under a building permit. It should have a minimum distance set aside. It must have rodent and bird proof floor, walls and roof. Written consent would be needed from all landowners for the minimum distance set aside to be approved not just an ad in the small-town paper that is 20 miles away. This is following the legal requirements needs for posting but the posting normally does not reach the adjacent owners.</p> <p>It was just announced on the Detroit news, Channel 4, on September 25, 2024, a historic increase of 28% in the price of eggs. This was directly attributed to the Avian Bird Flu.</p> <p>All birds can be carriers of this flu. Two of the worst carriers are geese, that go south and bring it back with them in the spring, and our resident crows that are scavengers. Chatham-Kent is recognized for its crow population and these birds are always looking for food. This must be taken into consideration. Chicken feed is a great attraction.</p> <p>Chatham-Kent agriculture is the number on GDP. This request for backyard chickens falls through the bureaucratic system, as they are not a registered farm.</p> <p>This should not be overlooked, particularly here in Chatham-Kent, where we have a mixture of rural and urban populations. C-K should not allow our livestock industry to be put at risk because of the urban dwellers wishes.</p>

A new broiler operation setup is for the next generation on the farm. Current quota, building permit and building standards are 23 years before a profit is realized.

Less than 1 % of C-K's population are farmers that own more than 90% of the land base. The urban sector and government agencies control what and how we operate our businesses.

Chatham-Kent boasts that we feed the world with a diversified industry without irrigation. This cannot be matched anywhere else in the world. This is a high-risk project that Chatham-Kent is undertaking for the spread of Avian Bird Flu to livestock, especially the feather and dairy industry. At this time, there is a small population of humans who have contracted this disease. These mutations could be a ready-made disaster.

We cannot afford this risk to our community.