

Minutes of a Public Hearing regarding Clearwater County Chicken Bylaw 1020/17, held in the Clearwater County Council Chambers on June 13, 2017.

The Public Hearing was called to order at 11:00 AM with the following being present:

Reeve:	Pat Alexander
Councillors:	Earl Graham
	John Vandermeer
	Theresa Laing
	Kyle Greenwood
	Jim Duncan
	Curt Maki
Chief Administrative Officer:	Ron Leaf
Director, Planning:	Rick Emmons
Manager, Planning:	Keith McCrae
Planner:	Dustin Bisson
Recording Secretary:	Tracy Haight
Media:	Laura Button
	Helge Nome
	Keanna Nelson
Public:	Brian Campbell
	Brad McFarlane
	Michelle Swanson
	Dan Warkentin

Reeve Alexander outlined the process to be used for the Public Hearing.

D. Bisson provided history and an overview of the proposed Bylaw #1020/17 to license and regulate a maximum of six (6) chickens, excepting roosters, on Country Residence "CR" properties and Hamlet Residential "HR" properties in Clearwater County, excluding multi lot residential subdivisions with restrictive covenants that do not allow for the raising of fowl or livestock and multi lot residential subdivisions located in or west of range 9.

He provided a summary and reviewed provisions of the bylaw for bi-annual licensing, confinement and placement of chickens, size restrictions for chicken coops and runs, slaughtering and/or disposing of dead chickens; compliance inspections; and fees and penalties for bylaw violations.

D. Bisson noted on April 25, 2017, Council reviewed and granted first reading of the bylaw and scheduled a public hearing, although not required by legislation, to provide opportunity for public input.

D. Bisson requested that Council consider granting second and third reading to Bylaw 1020/17, upon consideration of the representations made at today's Public Hearing.

**The Chair invited questions of Administration regarding the proposed bylaw.**

D. Bisson responded to question and explained current practice allows for chickens on standalone properties zoned "CRA".

**The Chair invited comments from the public in favour of the proposed bylaw.**

B. McFarlane noted chickens are not as noisy as barking dogs.

**The Chair asked for written submissions from the public in favour of the proposed bylaw.**

No written submissions in favour of the proposed bylaw were received.

**The Chair invited comments from the public in opposition of the proposed bylaw.**


Brad McFarlane noted chickens are already in Leslieville and asked why this is an issue.

Reeve Alexander asked if B. McFarlane is in opposition to the bylaw and B. McFarlane responded no.

**The Chair asked for written submissions from the public in opposition of the proposed bylaw.**

No written submissions in opposition of the application were received.

**The Chair closed the Public Hearing at 11:08 am.**

  
REEVE  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER