

Agricultural Advisory Committee Report

The Agricultural Advisory Committee makes the following recommendation from its meeting on January 27, 2025:

1. That nominations for the position of Chair be closed;
And that Member R. Miller be declared Chair of the Agricultural Advisory Committee.
2. That nominations for the position of Vice Chair be closed;
And that Member Vos be declared Vice Chair of the Agricultural Advisory Committee.
3. WHEREAS Council initially directed Staff to investigate permitting chickens in all residential areas of the County (Option 3 of [RPT-0454-23](#)), subject to specific regulations, licensing, inspections, and public consultation;

AND WHEREAS Staff identified potential additional operational costs and resource needs for Enforcement Services under Option 3, as outlined in [RPT-0270-24](#), to address complaints and safety concerns;

AND WHEREAS public engagement concluded in 2024, and Council subsequently directed Staff to proceed with Option 2 of [RPT-0454-23](#) to permit chickens only in non-urban residential areas, subject to regulations and required by-law amendments;

THAT Committee receive RPT-0538-25 – Chickens in Residential Areas for information;

AND THAT comments on the newly drafted 'Backyard Hen By-Law' be included in a recommendation report for consideration by the Policy Development Committee in February 2025;

AND THAT Staff provide further project updates to this Committee via email or memorandum.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ross Miller
Chair