



**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST HANTS
INFORMATION REPORT**

To: Members of Hantsport Area Advisory Committee

Submitted by: _____
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Date: 07-11-2018

Subject: Hantsport Household Livestock Land Use By-law Amendment

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1.0 BACKGROUND

The initial request was made by the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) to investigate the lot size requirement for household livestock in both the Hantsport and West Hants Land Use By-laws. At the request of the Hantsport Area Advisory Committee (HAAC), Staff held two Public Information Meetings on June 6, 2018 at Churchill House in Hantsport. At both meetings, two options for household livestock regulations in Hantsport were presented to the public:

1. Size of Property: the number of animals would be determined based on the size of the property which would allow for a greater number and variety of animals on larger lots; and
2. Small-Scale: only five (5) chickens and five (5) rabbits would be permitted on all lots in Hantsport.

In total, six (6) members of the public and several HAAC members attended the meetings.

2.0 DISCUSSION

In general, members of the public who attended were in favor of the Small-Scale option.

Residents at the meetings raised concerns about:

- roosters, rats, and noise;
- Hantsport being too densely populated and not suitable for farming;
- disease transferred from household livestock to commercial operations;
- why the 4-H program is a consideration when no 4-H members from Hantsport asked to change the household livestock regulations;
- the number of animals that would be permitted on Maple Avenue if HAAC recommend option 2; and
- the ability for residents to have a say in what their neighbors can have which is why HAAC should consider pursuing an option that would require a development permit or involve the public similar to a development agreement.

3.0 Options:

In response to the Public Information Meetings, HAAC may:

- request Staff proceed with option 1 or option 2 as drafted or as specifically revised by direction of HAAC;
- request Staff investigate regulating household livestock by development permit, site plan approval, or development agreement (this is not a recommended option); or
- provide alternative direction, such as requesting further information on a specific topic.

4.0 ATTACHMENTS

- Appendix A Options for Household Livestock

Report Approved by: _____
Madelyn LeMay, Director of Planning and Development

Appendix A Options for Household Livestock

Option 1: Size of Property

Regulations for household livestock can be based on the size of the property. The number of animals listed below is the maximum number of animals for that lot size. Property owners can have a combination of animals if the maximums are not exceeded.

For lots less than ¼ acre (10,890 sq. feet):

- 12 rabbits; or
- 15 chickens.

For lots between ¼ acre (10,890 sq. feet) and ½ acre (21,780 sq. feet):

- 20 rabbits;
- 20 chickens; or
- five (5) turkey broilers.

For lots between ½ acre (21,780 sq. feet) and 2 acres (87,120 sq. feet):

- 20 rabbits;
- 40 chickens;
- 10 turkey broilers; or
- two (2) sheep.

Lots greater than two (2) acre (87,120 sq. feet) shall be limited to one Household Livestock animal unit for the first two acres and one (1) additional animal unit for each additional full acre to a maximum of eight (8) animal units.

	Household Livestock Animal Units
Cows	1
Dairy Heifers	1
Beef Cows	1
Beef Feeders (150 - 500 kg)	2
Veal calves	3
Horses and ponies (225 kg)	1
Miniature horses and ponies (<225 kg)	2
Sheep	4
Sows (Breeding/Gestation)	2
Sows (Farrow to Finish)	1
Sows (Farrow to Wean)	2
Weaners	3
Hogs (Feeders)	2
Laying Hens (whole year)	80
Broiler Chickens	80

Turkey Broilers (5 kg)	25
Mink (female including young)	10
Rabbits (female including young)	20
Llamas/Alpacas	1
Ostriches/Emus	1

Option 2: Small-Scale

This option would allow for a small number of animals on all residential properties.

- a maximum of five (5) chickens and five (5) rabbits.