



**TOWN OF CRESTON
REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AGENDA
HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH MINISTERIAL ORDER NO. M192**

Tuesday, July 21, 2020, 4:00 P.M.

Council Chambers, 238-10th Avenue North, Creston, BC

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA (and additional items if necessary)

3. DELEGATIONS

- a. TC Energy Public Affairs West, regarding an update on the proposed West Path 2022 Project
- b. Marnie Temple, Empire of Dirt Residency and Tilted Brick Gallery, regarding mural installations at Northwest Blvd and Vancouver Street and 101 Canyon Street
- c. Carey McIver & Associates, regarding an update on the organics and recycling curbside collection program

4. BUSINESS

- a. TC Energy Public Affairs West, regarding an update on the proposed West Path 2022 Project
- b. Marnie Temple, Empire of Dirt Residency and Tilted Brick Gallery, regarding mural installations at Northwest Blvd and Vancouver Street and 101 Canyon Street
- c. Carey McIver & Associates, regarding an update on the curbside collection program for organics and recycling
- d. Council Direction Request from the Municipal Services Coordinator, regarding the results from the Backyard Hen Questionnaire
- e. Council Discussion regarding the Union of British Columbia Municipalities 2020 Virtual Convention

5. QUESTION PERIOD

6. ADJOURNMENT



TOWN OF CRESTON DELEGATION REQUEST

File: Council File

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@ 4:00 p.m. First and Third Tuesday of each month

REGULAR ☐ **CLOSED COUNCIL MEETING** **ON** JULY 28, 2020
@ 4:00 p.m. Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month

NAME OF DELEGATION: TC Energy Public Affairs – West	
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TELEPHONE NO.: 403-404-8298	EMAIL: mayumi_murabayashi@tcenergy.com
DETAILS OF ISSUE TO BE DISCUSSED: To provide updates on the proposed West Path 2022 Project to the Council.	
Your Delegation Request for Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 4 p.m., is <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Confirmed <input type="checkbox"/> Declined	

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July 15, 2020

To the Town of Creston,

This letter is as a request for the blessing from the Town of Creston to allow two mural installations during the month of August. One site is located at Northwest Blvd-Vancouver Street (sometimes referred to as the Bunker) and the other is located at 101 Canyon Street (new location of the Tilted Brick Gallery).

As you are aware the Empire of Dirt Residency has secured some funding through CIP/APP, and waiting to hear from CKCA for additional funding to move forward with a proposed Mural Festival in Creston during August. Besides funding, the Residency needs approval from the council to proceed with the project.

Professional artists Daniel J. Kirk and Lane Shordee are the artists heading the Northwest Blvd mural project. A brief proposal and mural rendering are attached. Samples of their work can be found online. Websites: www.danieljkirk.ca and www.laneshordee.com. Creston community of artists, headed by Marnie Temple, will create the murals on the property of 101 Canyon Street, adjacent to the building of Tilted Brick Gallery. All artists will not be permitted to paint unless they are in good health. The participating muralists will have minimal contact with community members, spending their time at their wall or residence. Our messaging will remind community members wishing to view the murals in-person to respect the provincial physical distancing guidelines

Written permission from the property owners, Michael Chaplin (Northwest Blvd), and Tyler and Adam Casemore (101 Canyon Street) are forthcoming.

The Empire of Dirt Residency releases the Town of Creston from any liability for any action or inaction resulting in the harm to any person or corporate entity relating to the Northwest Blvd mural. The Empire of Dirt Residency will ensure durability which includes a suitable concrete primer, the use of acrylic exterior latex paint, and the ongoing maintenance of the mural.

Multiple parties are involved in the production of this mural and to protect these individuals, insurance will be obtained. Artists will be asked to obtain personal accident injury insurance and/or sign a waiver of liability. Empire of Dirt Residency/Tilted Brick Gallery will have third party liability insurance. All volunteers will be asked to sign a waiver of liability.

The benefits of murals are plentiful: not only do they beautify and enhance the urban environment, they deter costly tagging, foster community partnerships and pride, and they're fun! It is our intention to create an opportunity for future Mural Festivals in Creston in years to come.

Marnie Temple

Empire of Dirt Residency and Tilted Brick Gallery, [REDACTED]

July 13, 2020

Mural Project - Creston BC - Northwest Blvd concrete wall

Artists: daniel j kirk & Lane Shordee

Contact:



Proposed painting dates: August 03 - 07, 2020

Mural concept:



This concept is based upon a reflection or a memory of the Creston Valley.
An exploration of colour and light, this work looks to a time before the river was “tamed” and the town was established.
A marsh, a flood plain, a place of movement and change.
We intend to bring vibrancy and colour to the Main Street scape.

Mural render:



Creston Mural Festival August 2020

Letter of Consent, Agreement and Understanding

This letter is a letter of agreement, consent and understanding between Michael Chaplin (the Owner), the owner of the concrete foundation structure (the Structure) at the corner of Northwest Blvd and Vancouver Street, Creston BC., and Empire of Dirt Residency Association (Artists), Creston, BC. to create a mural on the above noted Structure, in August of 2020, commencing on or about August 1, 2020.

The Owner provides and declares consent to the artists to install a painted mural on the outside northwest, west and southwest facing aspects of the Structure according to the acknowledged sample mock-up exchanged by email.

The Artists agree to provide all materials to execute the application of the mural and agree to limit activity of installation to the exterior only of the above noted faces of the structure. In the circumstance that the mural is incomplete during the allotted time, the Owner and the Artists agree to negotiate an extension of this agreement, in good faith, to achieve completion.

The Artists will sign a waiver of liability to be on the property of the Owner. These documents will be exchanged by email.

It is understood that the mural will deteriorate overtime and this will be considered normal due to exposure to the elements. Other wear to the mural, such as graffiti, is understood to be fixed or rectified by the Artists.

Signed,

Michael Chaplin

Date

Marnie Temple

Date



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DETAILS OF ISSUE TO BE DISCUSSED: Carey McIver & Associates has been retained by the Town to assist staff in designing a new expanded curbside collection program to include organics and recycling. Our presentation is in support of a Technical Memorandum included in Council's meeting agenda package. We request the opportunity for up to 40 minutes for the presentation with anticipated Q&A to follow.	
Your Delegation Request is <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <u> X </u> Confirmed <u> </u> Declined </div>	

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Carey McIver & Associates Ltd.
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS

TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Colin Farynowski, ASCT
Manager of Engineering, Town of Creston

FROM: Jeff Ainge
Senior Advisor, Carey McIver & Associates Ltd.

DATE: July 15, 2020

PROJECT: Curbside Collection
Program Design
Assistance

SUBJECT: Curbside Collection Options

1. Introduction

The Town of Creston (the Town) has engaged Carey McIver and Associates (CMA) to assist with designing a new expanded curbside collection program to incorporate residential organics and recyclables collection along with household garbage. CMA involvement includes reviewing the current collection system, developing and presenting collection options for Council consideration, preparing a curbside collection Request For Proposals (RFP), drafting a community consultation program, providing a summary of the procurement and consultation results, and offering recommendations to Council to assist in decision making.

The timeline and process to guide program design assistance is outlined in Figure 1.

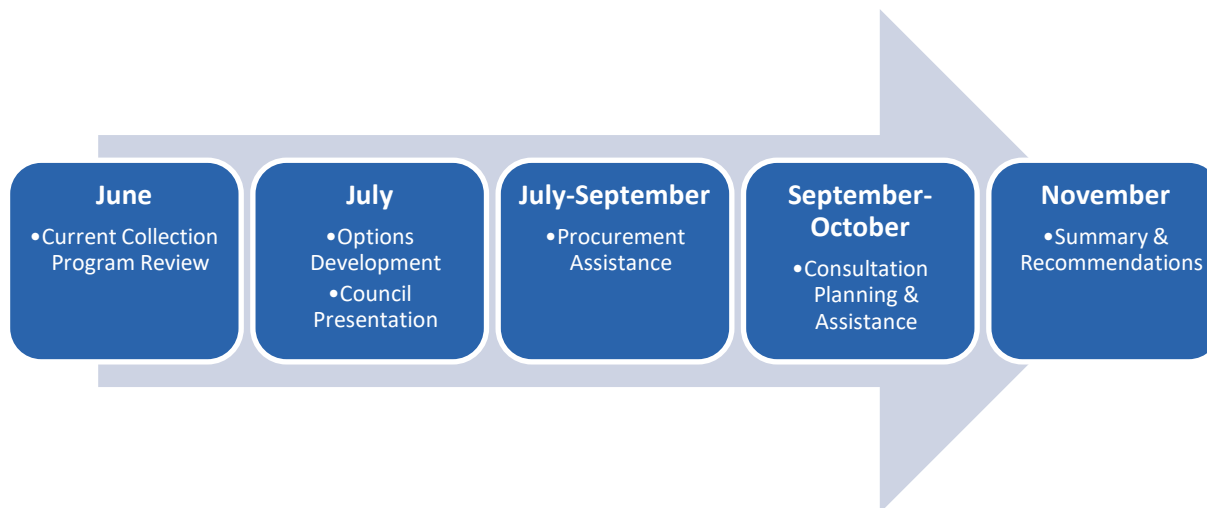


Figure 1: Workplan and Timeline for Curbside Collection Program Design Assistance

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide Council with background on the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) organic waste diversion strategy, discuss the merits of the Recycle BC offer to join their collection program, review the Town's current collection program, introduce curbside collection program design considerations, and provide a summary of the key components of the RFP.

2. RDCK Organics Diversion Strategy

The Town of Creston has been an active participant in the RDCK Organic Waste Diversion Strategy development as part of the Resource Recovery Plan update process. To facilitate the diversion of organics (yard waste, food waste and food soiled paper) from landfill disposal, the Strategy proposes to establish



organics processing (composting) facilities at both the RDCK Central Landfill and Creston Landfill. In January of 2020, the Province announced the RDCK was successful in its application to the Organics Infrastructure Program for funding to construct the two composting facilities.

The RDCK has secured a contractor to finalize the detailed designs for the organics compost facilities and transfer station upgrades, and to complete the required regulatory submissions, construction administration and facility commissioning. At this time, it is anticipated the Creston facility will be ready to receive organics material in the Fall of 2021.

A key component in developing the Organics Diversion Strategy has been securing commitments from the municipalities of Castlegar, Nelson and Creston to collect and deliver organics to the proposed facilities. To meet this objective the Town has committed to introducing curbside collection of separated residential organics as part of its current garbage collection program.

The RDCK will work with the Town to coordinate their facility construction and commissioning timelines with the Town's proposed new collection program rollout.

3. Recycle BC

On March 24, 2020, the Town received a formal offer from Recycle BC, the stewardship organisation responsible for residential packaging and paper product recycling throughout British Columbia, to join their program as a contracted collection partner for residential printed paper and packaging (PPP).

As a collection partner, the Town would be responsible for providing recycling containers to all residents and for performing curbside collection services to households. This can be achieved either with Town staff or through a private collection contractor. In return Recycle BC provides monthly incentive payments for the collection service, as well as a facility located within 60 km to receive collected materials. Recycle BC then takes on all responsibilities associated with receiving, processing, and marketing collected materials.

The financial incentive that Recycle BC provides to collection partners is based on whether collection is manual or automated. The incentive rate is currently under review, but for reference the current rate paid for manual multi-stream collection is \$38.45 per household. For manual single-stream collection the current incentive is \$34.50 per household. Automated single stream collection is currently \$33.40 per household. Recycle BC also pays contracted collection partners \$1.75 per household as an administration top-up and \$0.75 as an education top-up.

Currently, residents are encouraged to manage their recyclables by taking recycling to drop-off depots. In late June, the RDCK opened a new recycling drop off facility at the Creston landfill, and a new depot located at 412 Helen Street. Introducing curbside recycling collection adds a level of convenience to the resident's household waste management, and the opportunity to introduce this change concurrent with the introduction of organics collection means efficiencies in collection, program administration, and less disruption for the resident.



Figure 2: Recycle BC Blue Box



Town staff have advised Recycle BC that the Town is extremely interested in joining the program but will not be able to confirm the collection method or launch date until after completing a review and redesign of its current curbside collection program. When the Town is ready to join the program, it will enter into a formal service agreement with Recycle BC. Meantime staff will be reviewing the Recycle BC Master Service Agreement and Statement of Work for Curbside Collection Services to ensure that the Town's obligations to Recycle BC are incorporated into the new collection services contract.

4. Town of Creston Curbside Collection Review

Residential solid waste collection in the Town is regulated by the Solid Waste Management Regulations Bylaw No. 1900, 2019. The program is limited to garbage collection only at this time. Participation in the program is mandatory for residential dwelling units, such as single-family homes and other dwelling units such as duplexes, triplexes, four-plexes, secondary suites, condo and apartment units up to a maximum of four units on the property.

Properties with more than five residential dwelling units may apply to opt-in to the program. In addition, commercial properties with or without residential units attached, and that can meet the established container set-out limits, are required to participate in the program unless approved to opt-out with a private collection system in place. Approximately 2,610 total units are being serviced, made up of 2,350 residential dwelling units, 158 units in multi-unit properties, and 105 commercial units and community facilities.

Weekly garbage collection is provided on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays using a manual system. The collection is contracted out to a local hauler (Tip-It Waste Solutions). Tip-it Waste Solutions is currently operating on a verbal month-by-month agreement.

As established in Bylaw No. 1900, residents are required to provide their own garbage containers with a maximum size of 80 litres. The maximum permitted weight at the curb is 23 kgs. Collection is limited to two containers (or bags) per week, however additional garbage can be set out with a \$2 tag purchased from the Town. The cost to provide the service has recently been removed from general taxes and replaced with a utility fee model. The 2020 utility fee for curbside garbage is \$90 per year per household (and \$97 for commercial properties receiving this service).



Figure 3: A Tip-It collection truck

When the collection program expands to include recycling, the inclusion of commercial properties may pose a challenge for Recycle BC whose responsibility is confined (by legislation) to residential recycling collection only. A discussion with them may result in an arrangement whereby the commercial properties can be included, but even if they do permit it, they will not pay a collection incentive for materials from commercial sources.

Likewise, collection of recycling from multi-family properties (the properties with more than four dwelling units with centralised collection) will require a separate agreement with Recycle BC, however they do allow this and there are examples of programs with blended single-family and multi-family collections.



In addition to curbside garbage, the Town offers a limited seasonal yard waste collection service (provided twice-a-year by Town crews). Branches and leaves are chipped and used as mulch in municipal operations; leaves and grass are composted and mixed with topsoil for municipal operations. A year-round self-haul yard waste drop-off location operated between 2010 and 2019 but is not currently operated due to budget concerns. A backyard composter rebate program is also offered to residents.

5. Program Design Considerations

In BC, best practices for residential curbside collection consist of three stream collection programs (recyclables, organics and garbage) where Recycle BC pays for recycling collection. These programs also provide waste diversion incentives by means of can limits on garbage as well as user pay approaches where residents that generate more garbage pay more for the service. Best practices also include on-going education and engagement as well as climate change considerations with respect to vehicle emissions.

Due to the existing use of drop-off depots for residential recycling, introducing residential recycling collection would change how residents handle the bulk of their recyclables. Experience shows that curbside collection of recycling provides convenience which in turn improves the capture rate of recyclable materials and increases diversion of materials from landfill.

Experience in most jurisdictions that have introduced organics collection would suggest that collecting organics weekly, with garbage and recyclables collected bi-weekly, greatly assists in building participation for organics diversion. Along with collection frequencies and consideration of set-out limits to boost participation, program design considerations for the Town include whether the expanded collection will be manual or automated, and whether to consider expanding organics to include curbside collection of yard waste as well as food waste.

Including yard waste is more prevalent in an automated collection program, where a larger cart for food scraps is required to be compatible with the lifting mechanism, meaning there is excess capacity in the cart for more material (i.e., the yard waste). This can reduce the “ick” factor associated with food waste collection (odour, insects), but also increases the amount of material collected in the organic stream (and thereby increases the amount paid for processing the organic waste). It may not be practical for winter climates with shorter yard waste “seasons”.

Manual Collection

The current collection for the Town is a manual system, whereby the collector leaves the cab of the truck to lift and empty the garbage containers into the truck hopper. This type of collection is also applicable for multi-stream collection, where recycling and food waste organics are also collected. Split-body trucks, which have a partition in the body of the truck to keep different materials separated, allow for two material streams to be set out at the curb for collection on the same day in the same truck.

**Figure 4: Recycling & Organics Manual Set out****Figure 5: Manual Recycling Collection**

In a manual system, curbside collection containers tend to be smaller and therefore less expensive to purchase and are often available through local hardware retail stores.

- The permitted 80 litre garbage container size works well for the current manual system.
- For organics, curbside containers with 45-50 litre capacity are ideal for residential food waste. Smaller under-counter/counter-top containers (*aka* kitchen catchers) could also be provided to assist in the collection and transfer of kitchen scraps from the home to the curbside container.
- Blue boxes, large reusable poly bags, or a combination can be used for manual recycling collection.
- Yard waste collected under a manual program would likely be in kraft bags, or in 80 litre containers.

Automated Collection

In recent years, many municipalities have switched to cart-based (automated) collection. This has often been precipitated by a desire to reduce worker injuries and increase the size of the labour pool for waste collectors. This can be an attractive proposition for a community already considering expanding their collection system to include recycling and organics, although it is not without its challenges. The larger cart sizes, and the ability for the lift arms to handle bulkier and heavier containers makes this type of collection suitable for yard waste if that is desired.

Carts for automated collection range in size and capacity from 80 litres to 360 litres. It is becoming more common to see larger (240 litre) carts used for recycling, with residential garbage carts ranging from 100 to 240 litres. Smaller 80 to 120 litre carts suit the organics stream, although as discussed above even these smaller carts are typically too big for food waste only organics programs. Automated collection programs which include yard waste typically promote the 240 litre cart for the organics material stream.

Some programs offer residents the option to select-a-size, so that those who generate more waste (of whichever stream) can have a larger cart. Swap out fees are usually applied for residents who request a cart size different from the default size initially provided, and the municipality would tailor the individual utility bills accordingly so that those who do have the larger carts pay a higher fee.

Table 1 below summarizes the pros and cons of cart-based collection based on the feedback gathered from work on other waste collection projects.

**Figure 6: Automated Carts****Figure 7: Automated Collection****Table 1: Automated Collection Pros & Cons**

Automated – PROS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less worker injuries • Increases labour pool for collection staff • Often lower operating cost per household • Considered easier for resident to move (no lifting) • Carts are animal resistant (e.g. raccoons, dogs, crows) • Carts can be made bear resistant (with clips) • Less potential for litter • Can add yard waste to the collection program • Improved data gathering • Enhanced community aesthetics on collection days 	
Automated – CONS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital cost of the containers (typically \$60-\$150 dependent on size & purchase quantity) • Space required for cart maintenance, and storage of carts for new customers • Can be challenging to service the carts in areas with steep or narrow streets, or in communities where parking on the road is prevalent • Residents must set out the containers properly in order for them to be picked up by the truck • Does not easily accommodate times when a household has extra garbage • May increase contamination of recyclables and organics (Recycle BC reports that cart-based programs have double the amount of contamination than other collection methods) • Smallest cart size may be larger than current manual containers = May increase the amount of garbage set out per household • May increase the amount of container storage required at each home • Challenging for residents who usually drive their containers to the end of the driveway (e.g. long, rural driveways) • Significant staff time required to implement and administer a cart-based collection system • Service providers must have a “spare” cart compatible collection truck for days when the primary truck is out of action, increasing the capital cost associated with truck procurement 	



Combination (Hybrid) Collection

Although not common, a combination of cart-based and manual collection is possible. Under such a system, the heavier material streams such as garbage and organics (particularly yard waste where it is included in curbside pickup) would be collected via automated carts, and manual collection would be retained for recycling. The reason to collect recycling manually is the compliance rate is higher (collector intervention at the curb removes the non-compliant items) and Recycle BC pays manual collectors a higher incentive.

For a combination system, the collector would need to have trucks capable of both manual and automated lifting. This might mean a hybrid truck or a fleet of separate trucks dedicated to each collection method

Figure 8: Example of A Combination Collection Program Curbside Set Out (City of Burnaby)



Container Procurement

Selecting the appropriate containers is an important component of program design. Ease of storage and use, consistency at the curb for the collector, appropriate sizing for the different material streams, and aesthetics can influence the decision-making process. While manual program containers such as blue boxes, garbage cans, and green bins are relatively easy to locate in hardware stores at affordable prices, it is less common to see automated carts in a retail setting. A local government procurement process for containers or carts will generate interest from several suppliers, resulting in better-than-retail prices.

For consistency, convenience, and the ability to hot stamp a program or municipal logo onto containers or carts (such as the Regional District of Nanaimo Zero Waste and Beyond Composting branding shown in Figure 9), CMA suggests the Town plan on a container procurement process regardless of the collection option selected.

Distribution of the containers can be handled by Town staff, seasonal staff, the collection personnel, or bundled into the procurement contract for the vendor to handle. Ownership of the containers, and storage and coordination of replacements are issues to be resolved.



Figure 9: Examples of Program Branding on Curbside Containers



Estimated retail costs for manual program organics containers are in the \$40 range, while blue recycling boxes range from \$10 to \$15 dependent upon the size chosen. The estimated costs for automated carts span a range from \$60 to \$150 dependent on size, quantity purchased, origin of manufacturer (US currency exchange and transportation to destination), and specifications of the finished product.

Collection Frequency

Adjusting the frequency when certain materials get collected can be very effective in building participation, especially for organics collection. As mentioned previously, many other jurisdictions that have introduced organics collection would suggest that collecting organics weekly, with garbage and recyclables collected bi-weekly, greatly assists in building participation for organics diversion as well as allowing the allowable garbage limit to be reduced.

Regardless of the collection method selected, we would recommend retaining the current Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday fixed day collection schedule. We would however suggest the collection frequency follow that as outlined here:

Week 1	Garbage & Food Waste
Week 2	Recyclables & Food Waste
Week 3	Garbage & Food Waste
Week 4	Recyclables & Food Waste

Considering in-house service

Just as collection programs and methods differ across jurisdictions, so too do the personnel responsible for the collecting. From recent experience with municipalities redesigning or renegotiating collection programs, several have used the process to consider who is best positioned to provide the service at the curb. Those considering bringing the service in-house are usually already providing some component of the curbside collection and have the capacity to expand their service.

As an example, until 2018 the City of Nanaimo had been providing garbage and organics collection with City crews, and recycling collection was provided by a contractor to the City. When the City introduced their new automated collection system, they brought recycling in-house and now provide collection of all three curbside streams. The move to automated was very much driven by the need to reduce WorkSafe BC claims and related expenses incurred by the City's manual collection program operators.

As a counter to that, in nearby Town of Qualicum Beach where the Town staff provided manual garbage collection and the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) contractor collected organics and recycling with a manual program, the Town recently handed responsibility for garbage collection over to the RDN for it to be provided by their contractor. The Town staff who had been on the garbage crew were redeployed in other Public Works roles.

Considerations include the capital costs for vehicles and the capacity to provide ongoing maintenance on what can be reasonably complex machines (especially the lift arm mechanisms). Relations with the municipal workers' union and the ability to have guarantees of service may influence a decision on bringing a service in-house. Having experienced staff available, or the ability to staff up and manage those staff to provide the service may prove challenging if this will be a new service for the municipality.

The ability to provide the service at an affordable cost to the taxpayer needs to be weighed, particularly in areas where a competitive procurement process could result in several private firms bidding on the



work. Finally, economies of scale do come into play whereby a private firm in the business will have mechanics, spare drivers and spare trucks, plus support staff who can all be quickly deployed to respond to any incidents to ensure their client is kept happy.

Collection Program Support Mechanisms

As mentioned previously, curbside collection best practices rely on regulation, education and enforcement as well as direct engagement (face to face) and the use of apps and social media.

Examples of effective regulatory mechanisms are bylaws, garbage set-out limits, disposal bans on recyclables and compliance and enforcement activities.

For the Town this could mean that if a three-stream collection service is implemented, Bylaw No. 1900 could be amended to establish garbage set-out limits of perhaps one can every-other-week rather than two cans weekly. The Bylaw would also be revised to ban from disposal residential food waste (and possibly yard waste), and Recycle BC's approved recyclable packaging and paper products.

Examples of effective public outreach and education materials used in other communities are numerous, and in our experience others are pleased to share their resources for use by programs just starting out. The RDCK has indicated it will prepare organics diversion information material specific to the region for its partners to use. The Town's current contractor uses an informative notice on garbage containers left uncollected as a compliance and encouragement mechanism. Tracking and monitoring of what is set out for collection is also essential to program success, particularly with respect to reducing material contamination to meet Recycle BC requirements.

6. Request For Proposals

The cost to collect and manage residential waste varies across the Province. These variations are the result of the type of collection method used, material types and volumes collected, disposal and processing fees, recovery of municipally provided collection container costs, Recycle BC incentives applied, competitive bidding, and so on. For these reasons there is merit in going to the marketplace with a competitive procurement process.

The benefit of a competitive Request For Proposal process over an Invitation to Tender is that the selection is not based on price alone, and it allows the proponents to include information on their relevant qualifications or experience, their proposed approach or methodology, and the price they would charge to provide the service requested. Given that the Town has not predetermined a collection method (manual or automated), nor types of containers to be used, an RFP is the preferred process for this project.

With the assistance of Town staff, the intent is to issue the RFP in late July with a late August closing date. A proponents' meeting will be held (likely via video link) to provide information and answer questions of those interesting in submitting proposals.

The key features of the RFP will include:

- Five-year term + two optional one-year extensions
- Contract will commence in January 2021 with Phase 1 Business-As-Usual collection of weekly garbage



- Phase 2 will implement recycling and organics collection when the RDCK composting facility is open (Fall 2021), allowing for the Town to procure the collection containers by way of a separate process
- Proposed Phase 2 service frequency:
 - Weekly organics collection
 - Alternating bi-weekly garbage and recycling collection
 - Potential for introduction of can limits for garbage
- Proponents are welcome to provide pricing and methodology for manual and automated collection systems
- Per household/month pricing

7. Summary & Next Steps

This Technical Memorandum reviewed the work completed to date with the RDCK organics diversion strategy, discussed the Recycle BC offer, reviewed the Town's current collection system, discussed curbside collection program design considerations, and outlined key features of the RFP which will be issued later this month.

Once the RFP has closed, CMA will work with staff to evaluate the proposals received and calculate estimated annual utility fees based on the pricing and collection methodologies proposed. This will be the focus of the next Technical Memorandum. With the RFP proposals in hand, CMA will work with staff and your local communications resources to prepare a draft community consultation program and work plan for the purposes of seeking community input on the preferred collection method and anticipated residential utility fees.

If community open houses and meetings are possible (assuming COVID-19 restrictions are lifted), CMA would recommend that a public open house be held where the details of the proposed collection program (collection options and anticipated residential utility fee) are available for review and public discussion.

Following the consultation window, CMA will provide Council a Technical Memorandum summarizing the feedback received through the consultation process. This Memorandum, along with a final Memorandum summarizing the procurement process, will assist Council in selecting the preferred collection design and moving ahead with planning for a new collection program.



Regional District of Central Kootenay

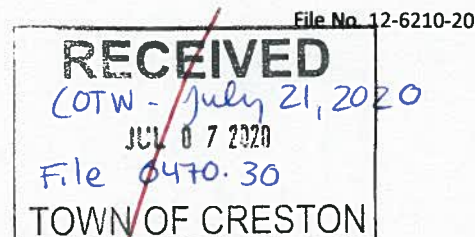
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June 22, 2020

Colin Farynowski
 Manager of Engineering
 Town of Creston
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Dear Colin Farynowski:



RE: Town of Creston ORGANICS COLLECTION PROGRAM PROGRESS

The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) has secured a contract with Tetra Tech Canada Inc. (Tetra Tech) to finalize the RDCK's organics compost facilities and transfer station upgrades detailed designs, and complete the required regulatory submissions, construction administration and facility commissioning.

The current schedule set out by the RDCK and Tetra Tech has the construction of the Central Landfill and Creston Landfill Composting Facilities and the Grohman Narrows and Ootischenia Transfer Station upgrades occurring between June and October 2021. The RDCK would like to start accepting material at all sites in the fall (September through November) of 2021, with full operations by March of 2022; however, the specific sequencing of facility construction and ramping up of operations can potentially be tailored depending on the feedback received from partners, and there may be options for earlier, later, or staged starts at each facility. The RDCK's consultants, Maura Walker and Associates Environmental Consultants (MWA), have advised that starting a composting collection program in the summer can be difficult due to summer holidays and odour issues as residents learn to effectively manage their compost, and that fall is often the best time to rollout a new program. A fall start will also allow for a widespread communications program throughout the spring and summer to ensure consistent messaging has reached all those who are participating in the program. MWA has also advised that it is not ideal to start a new composting program too late or too early in the year due to winter conditions and the challenges this poses while starting a new collection program and training new staff on the composting process.

Due to seasonal and grant funding constraints on project timelines, the RDCK is hoping to work with program partners to develop facility construction and commissioning timelines that work with your municipality's proposed collection program rollout. The RDCK is interested in any updates to the Town of Creston's curbside collection plans since the Regional Composting Workshop, held at the RDCK's head office on March 4. Questions of interest that will help the RDCK refine project timelines include but are not limited to:

- Where are you at in your program planning?
- When is your preferred date that you would like to start collection?
- Have you made any decisions on hauling frequency, truck type, bin type?
- Have you determined if you will be collecting just food waste or both food waste and yard & garden waste?
 - If you have opted for both food waste and yard & garden waste, will it be delivered separately or co-mingled?
- Does the Town of Creston intend to start a smaller collection pilot program, or start full operations all at once?
- Is there any assistance or information the RDCK can provide that would help you with your program development?

As a result of feedback from some partners, the RDCK is also investigating the assessment of a regional curbside collection program. A scope and cost estimate for this assessment will be brought to the July JRRC meeting to request direction. The RDCK will provide an update to partners on this potential initiative by July 17, 2020.

We look forward to your response, and respectfully request that a response is received via email by July 24, 2020. Please contact Alayne Hamilton, Environmental Technologist, at 778-317-1272 or ahamilton@rdck.bc.ca should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Amy Wilson
 Resource Recovery Manager



Colin Farynowski

From: Jordan Best <jbest@recyclebc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 9:59 AM
To: Colin Farynowski
Cc: Carmen Fennell
Subject: Creston - offer to join the Recycle BC program

Colin,
 Thank you for your interest in the Recycle BC program and request to join as a collector for residential packaging and paper material.

Recycle BC is pleased to provide a formal offer to the Town of Creston to join the Recycle BC program as a contracted collection partner for curbside and, if applicable, multi-family collection services.

As you may be aware, Recycle BC's Program Plan outlines the following criteria for new curbside recycling programs:

Local governments, in communities that did not have Packaging and Paper Product (PPP) curbside collection programs as of May 2014 when the program was first launched, are eligible to join the Recycle BC program as contracted collectors if they implement a PPP curbside collection program, provided each of the following criteria is met:

- *A curbside garbage collection program was in place for a minimum of two years in advance of the new curbside program for the same households;*
- *The community represents an incorporated municipality; and*
- *The community has a minimum population of 5,000 residents.*

According to our records, your community meets the above noted criteria and is therefore eligible to establish a new curbside recycling program under the Recycle BC program.

Under this model, the Town of Creston would be responsible for providing recycling containers to all residents and for performing curbside and, if applicable, multi-family recycling collection services to households. This can be achieved either with municipal staff or through a private collection contractor. Recycle BC would, in turn, provide monthly incentive payments for the collection service, as well as a receiving facility within 60 km for collected materials to be delivered. Recycle BC would then take on all responsibilities associated with receiving, processing and marketing collected material in a responsible and transparent manner.

For more information on the Recycle BC program, please visit our website at [RecycleBC.ca](https://recyclebc.ca)

To review sample collection agreements that would be signed between your organization and Recycle BC if you wished to move forward, please review the Master Services Agreement, the Statement of Work for Curbside Collection Services and the Statement of Work for Multi-Family Collection Services here: <https://recyclebc.ca/collectors/prospective-collectors/>

Recycle BC is open to discussing a launch date for inclusion in the Recycle BC program as early as September 1, 2020. In addition, Recycle BC requires a minimum period of 90 days between receipt of signed collection agreements, as well as receipt and approval of a final version of an implementation plan, and the actual launch date. This timeline ensures there is sufficient time for Recycle BC to make the necessary arrangements for receipt of collected material and that all parties have sufficient time to plan for the launch.

We are in the process of developing a detailed implementation planning document that outlines Recycle BC's recommendations on how best to establish new curbside and multi-family collection programs, as well as the information we will require in an implementation plan. In the meantime, I encourage you to respond to this email to indicate your level of interest in this offer and to set up a meeting with myself to discuss this in more detail and answer any preliminary questions you may have.

Thank you.

Jordan

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COUNCIL DIRECTION REQUEST (CDR)

Town of Creston



ACTION DATE: July 21, 2020

SUBJECT: Backyard Hens Questionnaire Results

SUGGESTED FOLLOW-UP ACTION: THAT Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report from the Director of Community Services regarding backyard hens AND FURTHER THAT Staff be DIRECTED to maintain status quo with respect to “backyard hen” prohibitions.

CAO COMMENTS: Staff capacity is not available to engage the public, research regulations, develop licensing and/or develop a pilot project until fourth quarter 2022 based on current work plans.

BACKGROUND

Staff Briefing Note:

Attached ☒

Available ☐

Nil ☐

1. DEFINE THE TOPIC

KEY INFORMATION: Council directed Staff at the Dec 10, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting to conduct public consultation on the regulated keeping of backyard hens within the Town of Creston. In May and June of 2020, Staff solicited feedback from residents on this subject via an online/paper survey distributed to all residents. The attached briefing note summarizes the 688 responses received. There is limited information in understanding implications of allowing backyard hens with stringent or moderate regulations.

RELEVANT OBSERVATIONS: Resident opinions on the regulated keeping of backyard hens are diverse.

STRATEGIC QUESTIONS: Does Council require further public consultation and research to make a decision?

ESSENTIAL QUESTION: What is Council’s preferred direction regarding continued public consultation, and/or research?

2. DETERMINE DESIRED OUTCOMES if the essential question is addressed.

KEY RESULT: Staff direction regarding the removal of the prohibition of backyard hens in the Town of Creston.

DESIRED BENEFITS OF KEY RESULT: Council obtaining enough information to make an informed decision.

REQUISITES: None.

UNINTENDED OUTCOMES: “Backyard hens” becoming a divisive community issue.

3. EXPLORE RESPONSE OPTIONS to achieve the key result (Pros & Cons)

1.	Status quo – continue to prohibit backyard hens.
2.	Development of a pilot program with a temporary use zoning bylaw amendment, and preparation of licensing by-law for Council’s consideration.
3.	Implementation of a permanent, Town-wide “Backyard Hens” program by amending the Town’s zoning by-law and preparing a licensing by-law for Council’s consideration.

Submitted by:

Ross Beddoes, DCS

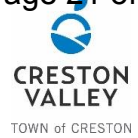
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CAO

Michael Moore, CAO

STAFF BRIEFING NOTE

Town of Creston



DATE: 7/21/2020

TO:	Michael Moore, Chief Administrative Officer
CC:	Joel Comer, Municipal Services Coordinator
FROM:	Ross Beddoes, Director of Community Services
DEPARTMENT:	Community Services
SUBJECT:	Backyard Hens Questionnaire Results
APPENDIX:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ATTACHED <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER DOCUMENT <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE

PURPOSE / ISSUE:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a summary of the completed public consultation process associated with 'Backyard Hens' and to provide options for the implementation of a revised domestic animal pilot project.

BACKGROUND:

At present, the Town of Creston's animal control by-law prohibits backyard hens.

Council directed Staff at the Dec 10, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting to conduct public consultation on the regulated keeping of backyard hens within the Town of Creston.

On May 8th 2020, 3200 questionnaires were mailed to Creston residents requesting feedback on the potential regulated keeping of backyard hens in the Town of Creston. Residents were requested to limit responses to one per household. Responses were accepted until the June 7th 2020 deadline. 709 responses were received. 21 responses were removed due to completion by non-residents/property owners. In total, 688 responses were included in the results and analysis.

The response rate for this questionnaire was 21.5%. Assuming a random sampling of the population, the margin of error for the results is +/- 4%, 99 times out of 100 (99% confidence interval). However, in the case of this questionnaire the sampling was not truly random, as it was distributed to all residents and response was not mandatory.

CURRENT SITUATION:

For Questionnaire results see Appendix A.

Overall, there was a general consensus to allow backyard hens from the survey. The question related to what Council should consider resulted in the following:

- 41.7% respondents said "no backyard hens"
- 14.7% respondents said "yes, but with stringent regulations"
- 33.6% respondents said "yes, but with moderate regulations"
- 9.3% respondents said "yes, but with few to no regulations"
- 0.7% respondents did not complete

STAFF BRIEFING NOTE

Town of Creston



KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

1. Resident opinions regarding the regulated keeping of backyard hens in the Town of Creston are diverse **with no clear direction stemming from the online resident survey.**
2. On single family residential properties, results indicate that smaller numbers of permitted hens would be more supported than greater numbers.
3. On multi-family residential properties, the majority of responses indicated that no hens should be permitted.
4. On rural residential properties, residents appear to have greater support for larger flocks.
5. Support for backyard hens appears to increase with property size.
6. Support for backyard hens also appears to increase with more stringent regulations.
7. Staff capacity is limited to investigate and research the cost implications and resource allocation for having “stringent regulations” to allow backyard hens.
8. Public education and engagement needs to be undertaken (staff capacity limitations) to ensure that residents have understanding of implications related to backyard hens. This would include public open-houses to increase the level of public engagement.
9. Based on survey results, the topic could become divisive within the community based on the level of regulation associated with allowing backyard hens. With 57.6% support (varied among the level of regulation) could change based upon the implemented regulation.
10. Zoning amendments, and animal control by-law amendments are required to allow backyard hens.

OPTIONS FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTION:

Option 1 (Status Quo)

That staff be directed to maintain status quo with respect to ‘Backyard Hen’ prohibitions;

Option 2 (Pilot Program)

That staff be directed to undertake a limited ‘Backyard Chicken’ pilot project through a Temporary Use Zoning By-law and preparation of a licensing by-law for Council’s consideration.

Option 3 (Permanent Program)

That staff be directed to implement a permanent and Town-wide ‘Backyard Hen’ program by amending the Town’s Zoning by-law and preparing a licensing by-law for Council’s consideration.

Submitted by:

Ross Beddoes, DCS

Reviewed by:

CAO

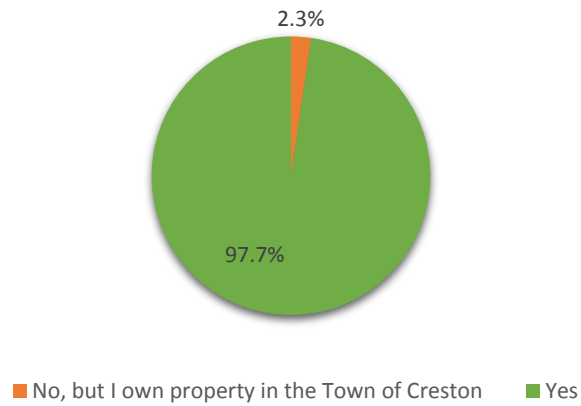
Michael Moore, CAO

APPENDIX A

TOWN OF CRESTON

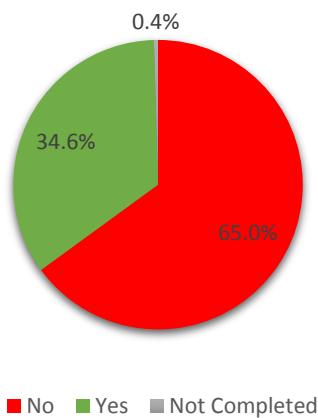
**2020 BACKYARD HENS
QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS**

1. Do you live in the Town of Creston?

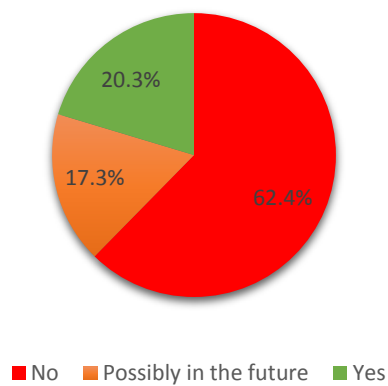


** Note: 21 responses were removed due to lack of postal code and/or selecting "No" to the question.*

2. Have you kept hens in the past (perhaps at another location)?

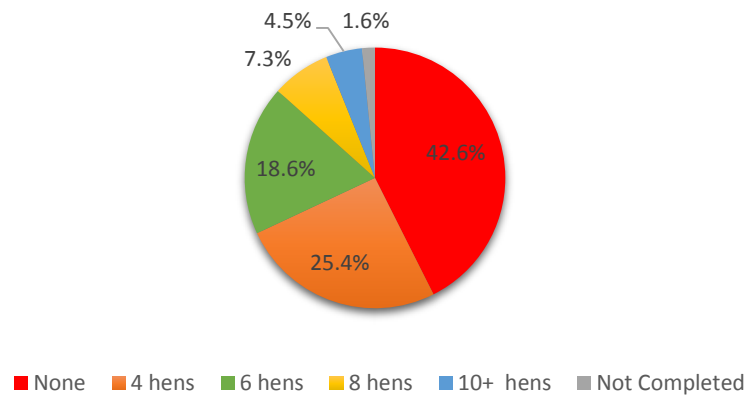


3. Does your household want to keep backyard hens?

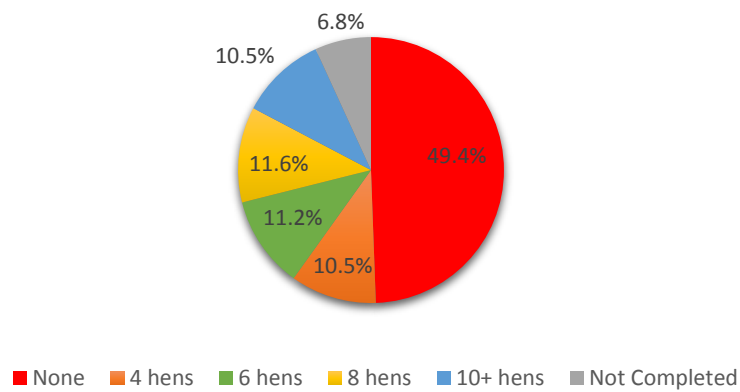


4. If backyard hens are permitted, how many hens should be allowed in the following areas?

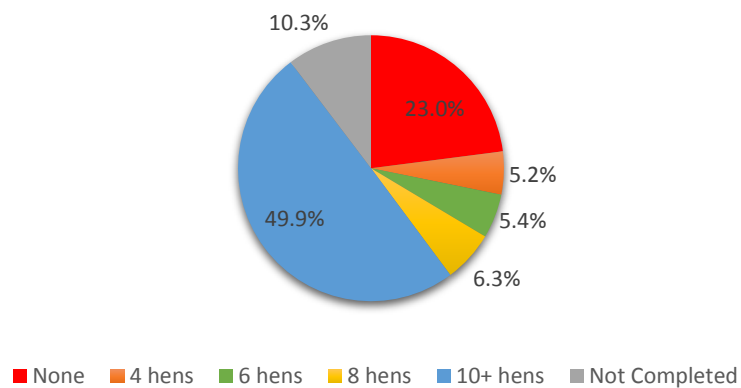
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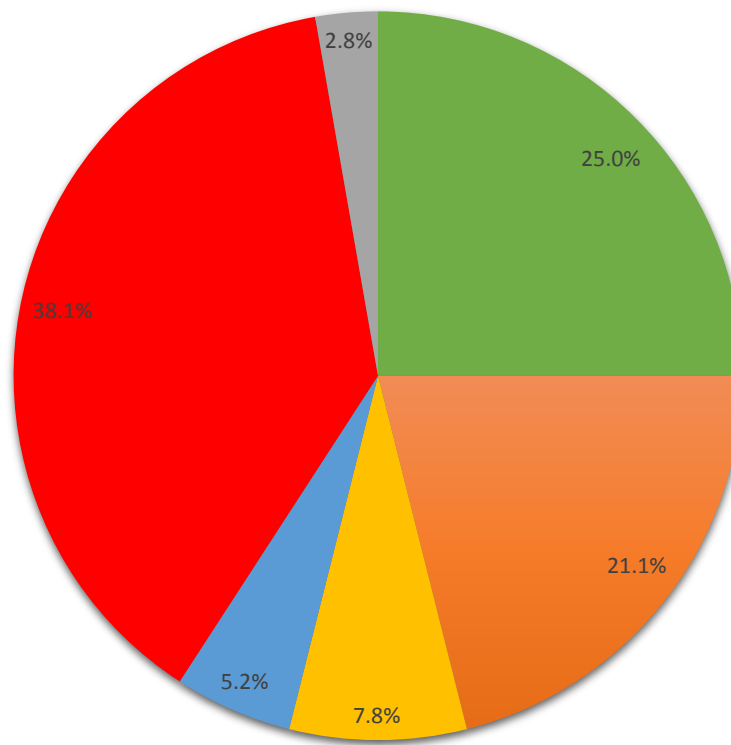
Multi-family Residential Properties



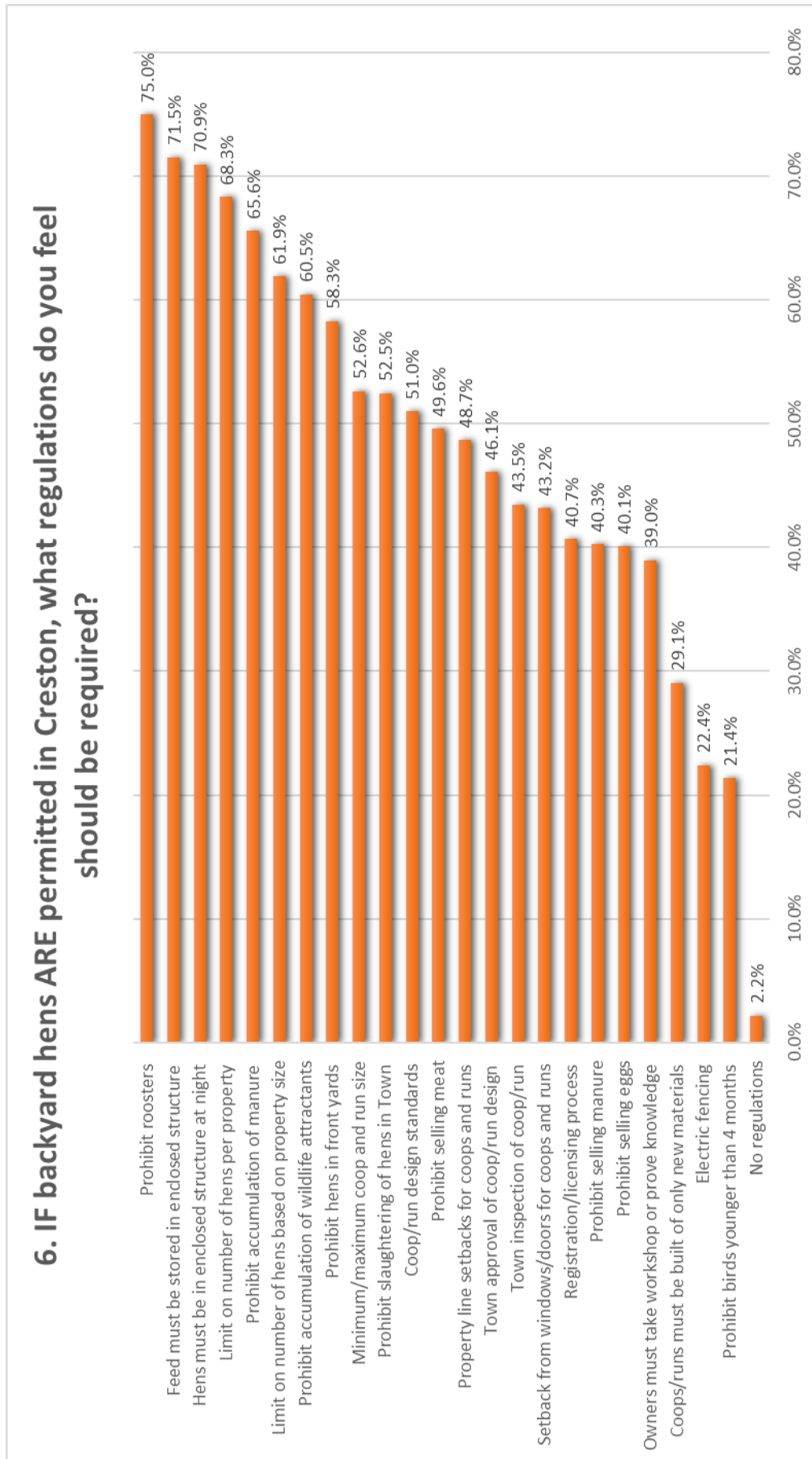
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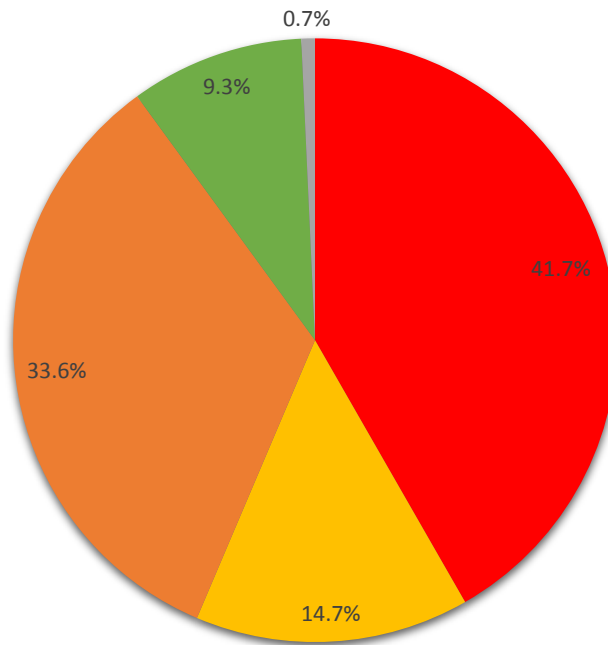
5. What is the MINIMUM property size you feel would be appropriate for backyard hens?



- Small (up to 500m2 / 0.125ac). Includes 100% of all single family lots.
- Medium (minimum 500m2 / 0.125ac). Includes 80% of all single family lots.
- Large (minimum 1000m2 / 0.25ac). Includes 25% of all single family lots.
- Very Large (minimum 2000m2 / 0.5ac). Includes 10% of all single family lots.
- Backyard hens are not appropriate on any property in the Town of Creston.
- Not Completed



7. In your opinion, Council should:



- Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.
- Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.
- Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.
- Allow backyard hens in Town, with few or no regulations.
- Not Completed

Question 3 - Long form responses

Does your household want to keep backyard hens?	Please provide the primary reasons for your selection:
No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - concern for safety and well being of hens - noise from chickens absolutely disturbs beautiful bird sounds - concern for smells and visibility of shoddy bird sheds <p>I have fairly strong feelings on this!!</p>
Possibly in the future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eggs - Animal companions - Responsibility for kids - Connection to agriculture
Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - food source for eggs - rural lifestyle - commitment to self reliance - environmental responsibility - chicken eat most vegetable and starch food waste
No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hens attract predators. Raccoons, coyotes, cougars, skunks. - Enforcing the rules will be impossible.
No	People should move to a farm if that want hens, pigs, goats or horses.
Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - self sufficiency - enjoyment - learning for children
No	\$3 for a dozen eggs, towns are not the place for chickens. What is next cows, sheep, pigs if one is okay, no rules.
Yes	1) I think many families are concerned about food security at the moment and becoming more self-sufficient. 2) I have always wanted to have chickens (my husband has had them before we were married).
No	2. I kept 500 hens + sold hatching eggs on a FARM
Yes	A few chickens gives on a feeling of freedoms; having some control over one's life. Seeing chickens pecking at the ground and clucking :) brings back memories and helps one forget how fast the world is changing. Makes our days a little brighter.
No	Absolutely not.
Yes	Access to healthy, local eggs and meat.
Possibly in the future	Affordable organic eggs
No	Although I thought it would be a good idea on considering some of the problems I have decided against it. I think it would create a nightmare with too many irresponsible people getting a few chickens. They need to be very well cared for and I fear too many people wouldn't or couldn't do it properly. In a perfect world this would be great but I can just imagine my neighbors having stinking chickens right at my back door. No thanks
No	As much as I would like chickens I think they will attacked wildlife raccoons, skunks, bears ect
Yes	AS PETS
Possibly in the future	At this time I will not want hens. But in the future I may.
No	ATTRACT'S RODENT'S - RATS - MICE -
No	Attracts rodents, possible health & sanitation problems.

No	Backyard hens will attract predators and create odor/noise problems for neighbors at the very least. The ways this could go wrong without enforceable restrictions (and willing staff to enforce them) are many.
No	Based on previous neighbours: rabbits, chickens and open compost (bad). These all draw skunks, raccoons, rats, crows into town
Yes	Because hens are great...pets that give back!
Yes	Because of COVID-19 and shortage of available food and supplies - really considering becoming more self-sufficient where possible.
No	Because the regulations listed bellow will just simply not be followed by the owners. Odor, noise, predator attraction will all become an issue. Farm livestock belongs on farms and if residents wish to raise livestock, they should relocate to rural areas outside the Town of Creston limits.
No	Because they draw in rats there's enough rats already in Creston without that
No	Been there, done that. Eggs are easily accessible locally.
Yes	Beneficial to enzymes/flora + fauna
Yes	Better quality food. Pleasant animals. Good experience for the kids.
No	But we greatly support the idea
No	Buy eggs at the store and chicken meat.
No	Chicken coops can & do promote rodent infestations....and we already have a rat issue.
No	Chicken manure has a sickening odor, especially in hot weather. Chickens do not belong within the town limits. Chickens in town also have the potential of attracting coyotes and bobcats into town.
No	Chickens are noisy when laying, then neighbour's dogs will start barking, then the chickens get scared, and louder. It doesn't end. Who will deal with the noise complaints?!
No	Chickens belong out on a farm in the country. Not in a small town.
No	Chickens can be very nice pets. They can come to your door and beg for food. They can learn to wake you in the morning. Newborns can be fun
No	Chickens Do Not BELONG IN TOWN!
No	Chickens do not belong on Town Properties Besides people have a hard time looking after their yards and clean-up after dogs
Yes	chickens eat food scraps (less for garbage & compost), and produce fresh eggs. They also eat detrimental bugs in the garden!!
No	Chickens in town yards will help the rat problem spread. It's the truth.
No	CHICKENS SHOULD BE RAISED ON FARMS
No	Chickens should have free range. Stored feeds for chicken manure encourage rats.
No	common sense and personal experience . Always were a problem with dogs , skunks , smell ,noise , etc
No	Concerns about noise, smell, predators, vermin, containment, welfare of animals (chickens), enforcement, RELATIONS BETWEEN NEIGHBORS.
Yes	cost effective, eggs for the family , sustaining, chicken waste for garden...fits the idealism behind an agricultural community... a real positive
No	Creston is a city now and if hens are allowed there will be chicken feces. Chicken feces has a vile smell, but worse it does and will attract rats. We don't need to be creating a rat problem. Hens will also attract coyotes and cougars, which will inevitably end up killing peoples dogs and cats. This is a very very bad idea! There are many areas outside of city limits for this kind of activity. Not to mention the

	possibility of avian flu...we have gone thru enough with Covid-19, we don't need to be creating a breeding ground for avian flu!
Possibly in the future	depends on regulations and our personal circumstances in the future.
Yes	Dietary issues. Poultry and eggs are the only proteins tolerated. So it's cheaper to have them on hand.
No	Disturbance of noise & smell to neighbours. Caring for them while away. Attract predators.
No	Do not need to add to the RAT problem
No	Do not need to smell chicken shit all over town or in my neighborhood.
No	Don't need to. Eggs and chickens are readily available to buy in this town without the noise and filth being in my yard
Yes	Education for Grandchildren, share eggs with family.
Possibly in the future	egg and manure production Have you considered ducks? They are easier to contain, they are not as loud and destructive as chickens
Possibly in the future	Egg production, Garden fertilization and pest control, food security
Possibly in the future	Eggs
Yes	Eggs
Yes	Eggs
Yes	Eggs
Yes	Eggs
Yes	Eggs + pest control in organic urban garden.
Yes	Eggs and chicken
Yes	Eggs and fried chicken
Possibly in the future	eggs and I love chickens
Possibly in the future	Eggs and love chickens and their ability to eat bugs etc reducing pesticide need.
Yes	eggs and pet for kids
Yes	Eggs and pet freindship
Yes	Eggs and pets
Yes	Eggs and they make awesome companions.
Possibly in the future	eggs for food
Yes	eggs for food source
Yes	Eggs for our family and pets
Yes	Eggs for personal use
Possibly in the future	eggs for us and consumption of compost and mice. (will keep rats away too)
Yes	eggs also, kids will enjoy it
Possibly in the future	-eggs -basic farming responsibility for our children -fertilizer for the garden

Yes	-eggs -manure for garden -non herbicide weed control
Yes	eggs, learning new skills
Yes	Eggs, learning opportunity for kids, composted manure production for garden, pest control, lawn mowing, lawn fertilizer and maintenance, productive use of kitchen scraps, companionship, closed loop gardening system,
Possibly in the future	Eggs/pets
Possibly in the future	EGGS< GOOD WHOLESOME FOOD - WE SHOULD DO IT OURSELVES.
No	Enough local eggs to make me happy
Yes	environmentally friendly no roosters therefore chickens very quiet
No	Farm animals
No	Farm animals do not belong in towns.
No	FARM ANIMALS DO NOT BELONG INSIDE THE TOWN OF CRESTON
Yes	Farm fresh eggs are wonderful! And hens are fun and relaxing to watch, and easy to care for.
No	Felt it was important to weigh in as i worked for the city of calgary for 25 yrs and 13 was in with animal control/bylaw.
Yes	Food
Yes	Food (eggs), Weed maintenance, pet therapy, keep bugs down, compost
Yes	Food and pets
Yes	Food for us and neighbours
Possibly in the future	food security
Yes	Food Security for families
Yes	Food security, education, emotional destressor/mental health, lower carbon footprint, support sustainable practices
Yes	food security, eggs all summer and meat for winter
Yes	Food security, interest, EGGS!!
Possibly in the future	Food security.
Possibly in the future	Food security. Below you have multiple family. I think if they own it or have written permission by the landlords. As long as there is room for them yes they should be allowed. Up to 4 hens. None only if not allowed by landlord or it is an apartment.
Yes	Food security. More affordable meat/eggs than local grocery stores.
Yes	for eggs
Possibly in the future	For eggs
Yes	For eggs
Yes	For eggs and fertilizer
Possibly in the future	for eggs, backyard insect and pest control
Yes	For the eggs
Yes	For the eggs and as pets

No	For the residents in town they should have their property taxes raised if they want chickens - special coops should be required to purchase
Yes	Fresh eggs
Yes	fresh eggs
Yes	Fresh eggs
Yes	Fresh eggs & compost
Yes	Fresh eggs and pest cleanup
Yes	Fresh eggs and pest control.
No	fresh eggs and poultry are available locally from farmers that include this in making their living
Yes	Fresh Eggs are healthy and a way to provide for your family when there is a food shortage in stores. It is also a reason to not have to go to the store and expose yourself to COVID 19. A family can live on 10 or 2 hens.
Yes	Fresh eggs for food security
Yes	Fresh eggs teach children food security enjoyment - is the next step in gardening
Yes	Fresh eggs!
Possibly in the future	Fresh eggs, healthier family, teach skills to the kids, manure for garden
Possibly in the future	Fresh eggs, teaching children about food sustainability.
Possibly in the future	fresh eggs, use kitchen waste
Yes	Fresh eggs.
Yes	Fresh eggs.
Yes	Fresh eggs. learning with my children.
Possibly in the future	Fresh eggs; meat birds
Yes	Fun and educational for our children, and also to supply our family with eggs.
Possibly in the future	Future uncertainty COVID
No	Giting up in age. no hens or any pets.
Possibly in the future	good local food source (eggs)
No	GOT RAT PROBLEM NOW. IT WOULD GET WORSE
Possibly in the future	Great tasting eggs. Free fertilizer. Educative for children. They eat ants. Easy to care for...
Yes	Health Urban survival in future to keep fresh eggs available
Possibly in the future	healthy chickens make good eggs but we don't own our house yet.
Yes	Healthy eggs. Fresh
Possibly in the future	Help people be more self sufficient and provide more food for themselves, great pets instead of dogs that need more work. Great hobby for people and seniors and hens are very engaging, project for kids too!
No	HENS + FEED = RATS

No	Hens and all other farm animals are meant to be for farms or large acreages. Not for in town. If I wanted farm animals I would move to the country.
Yes	Hens are a positive addition to the eco-systems on the property. They eat bugs, weeds, garden "waste" and their presence benefits a permaculture environment. The eggs are an added benefit.
No	Hens are farm animals and do not belong in a town. They are messy, and their pens are smelly if not kept clean. There is no reason to keep backyard hens in town when we have access to farms and acreages who raise an abundance of chickens and eggs locally. Feed will attract rats and other rodents.
Yes	hens are very enjoyable to have around and become good pets. nice to feed them household scraps and get fresh eggs in return
No	Hens belong on a farm not in town You will have big problems with dogs Believe me I have seen it
No	Hens belong on a farm. They can be noisy and they do smell. It also displays a very messy yard that a neighbor may have to look at. Not fair to surrounding people. I would like to add that Eggs are not that expensive.
No	Hens belong on farms in rural areas in my opinion! also another attraction for wildlife in town!
No	Hens belong on farms not in town limits
No	Hens do not belong in residential neighbourhoods.
No	Hens do not belong in town. If you want to keep chickens move out into the country.
Yes	Hens for eggs spring and summer, harvested for meat in October
No	Hens should be kept out of town. Not everyone will keep them fenced properly or keep their area clean and free from smell.
No	I agree that it should be allowed
No	I am former member of Calgary Racing Pigeon Club. Pigeon keeping is allowed, and should a problem occur, the club asked by city and to resolve. If club could not fix problem then matter turned over to a councillor.
No	I am retired. Lived on a farm.
No	I believe the keeping of these types of birds should be limited to Rural areas (farm land) only outside of the Town of Creston.
No	I believe there is enough chicken and eggs that are easily sourced locally without having to raise my own
No	I cannot believe we are as a community council unable to make the obvious simple decision on this topic rather than spending tax payer funds! wow!
Yes	I currently live up the lake but own property in Creston and possibly plan on retiring there. The allowing of backyard chickens is one of the factors that will be crucial to my family's decision as to where we will eventually live. While we currently live in a rural area, our neighborhood lots are small and the houses are close together. We've had a small flock of birds (between 4 & 8) for the last 16years. There is very little smell in a well maintained coop, and the chickens haven't attracted more vermin or other wild life. In these current times food security is a critical issue and anything one can do to help secure that is important.
No	I DO NOT BELIEVE A TOWN PROPERTY IS ANYWHERE FOR CHICKENS.
No	I do not see an option of any properties greater than 1 acre as a Minimum property size in Question 5.
Possibly in the future	i don't know much about keeping hens. I have some learning to do

Yes	I don't like store bought eggs
No	I don't want to have pigs, hens, cows, or sheep in my yard
No	I don't believe chickens should be on Town property.
No	I don't eat eggs.
No	I don't need the extra work.
No	I don't see why a household in the town of Creston would need to have backyard hens...if you want that move to rural...
No	I don't think hens should be in town. I feel they will attract wildlife and rats. And the smell if people don't keep them cleaned properly.
No	I don't think that if kept properly an under control having hens will cause much disturbance. I won't be having hens though but that's me.
No	I don't want to maintain the upkeep of hens.
Yes	I eat a lot of eggs and want my own.
Possibly in the future	I hadn't considered it before because it wasn't allowed
No	I have an autoimmune disease and each specialist that I have seen has warned me about being close to chickens as they carry so many viruses. So, just not in my backyard or close neighbors.
Yes	I have had chickens in the past, enjoyed the fresh eggs.
No	I have no desire to be a farmer...small scale backyard or otherwise.
No	I have no interest in any barnyard animals. If I want food I will purchase it.
No	I have no room, no desire
No	I like chicken but am content with buying it at the supermarket
No	I live alone and not interested
No	I live alone and wouldn't need them
No	I live in an apartment.
No	I live in apartment
No	I live in town, not a hen farm. Some people will not care for the hens. Brings wildlife close to home, I do not want that. Noise!? Got enough with lawnmowers every week.
Yes	I live outside of town, but am a town of Creston property owner. I am interested in hen-keeping as an option for my tenants and in the value it would add to our community. I am also concerned about local food security in the face of shortages and the global pandemic. I deeply believe in empowering local residents to grow and provide their own food sources. Chickens is a critical step in this direction.
No	I no longer want the responsibility and extra work of properly caring for chickens.
No	I think backyard hens are for those who live outside of town limits. I don't want the smell, noise, or atmosphere from a possible neighbour who has backyard hens.
No	I think there is enough noise with barky dogs without adding eternally clucky hens. Properties are just too close together! I can see on some of the bigger Erickson properties - chickens belong on a farm.
No	I think they should stay on the farms outside of town, that way they will help the farms out with extra income if they wish.
No	I think they'll attract more rodent into the town.
Yes	I used to raise hen's in Iowa for eggs and pet aspects
Yes	I want Fresh Eggs and weed control on my bank in the back yard
No	I was raised on a farm - I know all about chickens. No a good idea -

No	I wish to avoid neighbourhood conflicts and I also do not want the smell and feather dust issues (re: allergies). We also have dogs... and their yard is their kingdom.
No	I would be concerned about attracting rodents and other wildlife
Possibly in the future	I would like to be able to have chickens on my property for eggs.
Possibly in the future	I would like to have hens to supply eggs
Yes	I would like to house 2 hens for eggs and pest control in my garden space. As I'm currently looking at properties to buy, I'd like to know I'd be able to accommodate a couple lovely ladies in the future. I believe it is a worthy self-sustaining idea for the community of Creston to allow, with guidelines in place to keep noise control to a minimum (eg. Limit roosters), qty of hens to lot size, upgrading of property owners fences to lessen chances of escaped chickens.
Possibly in the future	I would love to be able to have 2 hens in my yard thought the warmer months for eggs .
Yes	I would love to get my own eggs
No	I would not buy property in Creston if the next door neighbor had hens
Possibly in the future	I'm trying to be open minded. Could become a hobby
Possibly in the future	If I had a larger property I would definitely have chickens to supplement my compost and for fertilizer in my garden. I would also enjoy eating the eggs.
No	If I wanted a farm (or hens) I would have buy in a rural property.
No	If I wanted to have chickens I would own a farm or rural property, neighborhoods do not need the noise , smell or unsightly chicken coops
No	If I wanted to have chickens, I would buy a FARM!
No	If people want to raise poultry, they should live outside the city of Creston.
Possibly in the future	If unable to buy at store, I would like the option to have my own chicken if needed
No	If you want hens, have lots of land in the country. Farmland, that's what it's for. Hens are farm animals.
No	I'm a senior.
No	I'm too old, chickens run faster than I do.
Yes	Improve food security. Better for the environment. More humane way of getting eggs compared to commercial farms. Great learning opportunity for children. It is another way for the town of creston to stand out to people considering a move to the area. It just makes sense for a farming community to allow hens.
No	It attracts to many other animals and rates, mice, skunks, BEARS etc. also the smells.
Yes	It provides healthy dark yoke eggs. They are entertaining to watch.
No	It smells, noisy + belongs on a farm
Possibly in the future	It would be nice to get eggs daily, feed our food scraps to them and give my children more responsibility, teach them to be accountable.
Possibly in the future	It would be nice to have this option, in the future!
Possibly in the future	It's a thought we have, but would have to research it more. Never have because you can't have chickens, but if could I might do more research
Possibly in the future	It's easier to control insects on fruit trees with a movable fence for chickens.

Yes	I've raised chicken before & I like to feed the garden waist.. And like the taste of the eggs
No	Just not interested
Possibly in the future	Keeping options & my freedoms open
Yes	Laying eggs
Possibly in the future	Laying hens for food security
Possibly in the future	Like to have my own eggs
No	live in a condo
No	live in strata
No	Lived on a farm, retired off the farm - chickens belong a farm in agricultural designated areas. They are noisy, dirty, attract mice/rates, skunks, foxes, coyotes, cougars, etc.
Possibly in the future	local eggs, know they are fed healthy feed + using up excess garden scraps
Possibly in the future	Love fresh eggs
No	May cause problems between landlords + tenants or neighbors Atract skunks - cougars etc. People that have health problems live in town and it could affect their health
No	messy, stinky, noisy
No	Mice and rats will increase no board floor cement floor and tight strong wall no 1/4 inch opening in ceiling for mice
No	most ridiculous survey I can think of - perhaps spending time on getting new businesses into our town would be more appropriate
No	Moving from rural area to town/city conveniences, there is no need for animals. Chickens whether penned or not are noisy & messy & smell! T of C does not check on dogs whether on lease - just get the licence fee && forget anything else.
Possibly in the future	My husband has extensive experience with raising domestic birds but we do not want any right now. Perhaps in the future.
Possibly in the future	My land is in the Land reserve. May as well use it even if it is in town boundaries. Which I do not agree with land being in the land reserve within town limits. Makes no common sense!
No	My neighbour does
Yes	nice eggs - good garden fertilizer
Yes	Nice to have fresh eggs Chickens eat a lot of table scraps Chickens eat bugs in your yard They make delightful pets
Possibly in the future	Nice to have your own eggs.
No	No back year! Too close to neighbors.
No	No backyard hens because we have so many other choices for eggs and meat rurally.
No	No chickens, geese, ducks, etc in town limits! Next will be goats + sheep, No, No, No!

Possibly in the future	No coop, hens are pricey to feed properly. Fresh eggs and meat once per year would be nice.
No	No harm when under control + cooped
No	No interest!
No	no room
No	No. I am not in favour of having gems near me. They r noisy & dirty!!
No	Noise & smell Flys & Disease
No	Noise & smell NO NOT stay in own yard and chickens wander.
No	noise and smell and another home for rats
No	Noise! Smell. Predators. Rats.
Yes	Noise, Rats. Mice Skunk
No	Noise, smell,
No	Noise, smell, mess
No	Noise, smell,unattractive structures. Offers food source for other wildlife, skunks coyotes. Devaluates surrounding property
No	noise,stinky,would bring in coyotes and fox
No	Noisy and dirty They belong in the country , not people's backyards!!
No	Noisy, attraction of animals. I love chickens but would not like to have them in town
No	noisy, messy, stinky
No	Noisy, smelly
No	Not at this point in time
No	Not enough room, big side yard but small back yard
No	not enough space; smell; pest/bear attractant
No	Not in city limits I wouldn't. It would be unfair for my neighbors having to put up with the smell and possible rodent attractants. Currently, my neighbor to the east of me has them (illegally apparently, although three years ago he assured me he had been too city hall and told he could have them), and they constantly fling dirt through the chain link fence into my yard.
No	not interested
No	Not interested
No	Not interested in having hens in yard.
No	Not necessary. They will draw more skunks and other vermin into town and we have enough here as it is. May devalue properties if you are trying to sell a property next to one that has chickens.
No	Not something I am interested in.
No	Old and lazy
Possibly in the future	People around us already have hens so it might as well be legal!
No	People do not control their cats never mind hens
Possibly in the future	Pest control, Moth larve, ticks, ants etc. Eggs and as pets.
No	physically cannot do it.
No	Please we have a "RAT" Problem, Please address this issue. Hens will attract more Rats.

No	Poorly maintained chicken coops can attract rodents such as rats. Chickens can carry harmful germs that make people sick. Human salmonellaspp infections have been linked to backyard chickens.
No	Possible lack of proper care and hygiene
Possibly in the future	Possibly future need of food security
No	Predators. Skunks racoons coyotes cougar..
Yes	Production of free range eggs & poultry, much healthier option. Adds as a hobby.
Possibly in the future	Pros: chickens for eggs/meat/consume kitchen waste/insects Cons: can be escape artists/manure & smell/attract predators in insects (flies)
Yes	Provide fresh eggs for ourselves and, possibly some fresh meat.
Yes	Provide organic eggs for family at an affordable cost.
Yes	Provide quality eggs and use of chicken manure in my already established garden.
No	rat attraction
No	regular sized lot doesn't provide enough ground space and we have a concern with it attracting rats etc.
No	Rental property in town
No	Retired and lazy now
No	Roosters and noisy - disease - if "hens" get loose - am I able to claim?
No	roosters are very noisy, very early in the morning
No	Same reason we have no pets, Travel + health does not permit.
Yes	Self sufficiency.
No	Severe allergies to most animals
No	Should only be allowed on larger properties in consideration for health and welfare for the rest of the population.
No	-Smell -Noise -Attractant for mice/Rats/Skunks/Raccoons
No	Smell Too congested in town Noise pollution Bear attraction
No	smell, rooster noise. Attracts flies & pests
Possibly in the future	Supply our own eggs
Yes	Sustenance
No	The answer is NO
Yes	The cost
No	The feed and manure created by chickens will attract more rats. Dont do this
No	The only reason I would want chickens in town would be for children as a pet. A person can have (raise) a pet chicken and keep it in the house. I guess they make good pets.
No	The price of a few eggs does NOT make sense to bring the birds into (urban) town. ALL OF THESE VIRUSES origin comes from BIRDS IN "URBAN AREAS". STOP THE MADDNESS!!

No	The questions below should really be posed to farmers or animal experts - the average person here would really be just guessing - do you really want to create bylaws on that kind of feedback?
Yes	The right to feed my family.
No	The storage of feed which attracts rats and mice is the number one reason.
No	Then could come goats, pigs, sheep, etc
No	There are already too many dogs in this town, loose and the owners not responsible
No	These are farm animals therefore should stay on farms. Attract non wanted animals like mice, snakes & rats.
No	These are farm animals and should be kept on the farm. The smell, the noise and the attraction of pests like rats, coyotes, skunks, bears etc. This could be unsightly, unsanitary and a complete annoyance to immediate neighbours. Town back yards are not farm yards. Covid is a very poor excuse.....we are not running out of food and this shouldn't last beyond this year hopefully. Allowing this by law to pass will not only affect us now, but for years to come. Very inappropriate for in town.
No	-these are farm animals -most yards are too small -noise & smell neighbours would have to deal with -how would by-laws be enforced? neighbours having to complain doesn't make for good relationships
No	They are dirty, smelly and noisy. No matter how much effort a person puts into them, they are livestock. The coops themselves can be fairly small, but they need room to roam and eat bugs and weeds and should not be confined to a small area. This would turn our backyard into a hobby farm. If I want a hobby farm I will buy rural property.
Yes	They are a great means of food and can help the community too, like your neighbours who can't afford much.
No	they are dirty, noisy, smelly, the dogs go after them and raccoons, they can escape from pens and run the neighbourhood.
Yes	They are Great for the garden and bugs and giving food!
No	They are noisy, dirty + I Fear if there area isn't kept clean they will attract mice, rats and even more scary predators. I hear the coyotes howling in the Erickson orchards + I Fear they will just come into town to check out the noisy chickens.
No	They attract unwanted Rodents as well as Raccoons and Skunks.
Yes	They make exceptional pets/companions with the added benefit of pooping out food! Hurray!
No	They should only be permitted in Rural Areas.
No	THEY STINK & COST TO FEED & PEN THEM ATTRACT MORE ANIMALS TO YOUR YARDS
No	They Stink!! Noise!! Skunks!! No regulations can control these.
No	Think about your neighbors!
Yes	To be self-reliable for feeding our family. We grow as much food in our property as possible while living within the town limit. Running out of eggs in this pandemic was one of the stressors for us. We compost, recycle, and create rich soil as much as possible. We also grow many fruit trees, vegetables and perennial food plants. Being able to keep hens will contribute and fill the gap in our food production.
Yes	to eat well and make money

Yes	to feed our family and give our children a learning experience
Possibly in the future	To have eggs in case another pandemic hits.
Yes	To have fresh eggs and to dispose of organic waste which chickens will eat
Yes	to not have to buy eggs, maybe sell off the extra or give away,
Yes	To provide eggs for my family.
Yes	To provide fresh eggs for ourselves and our elderly neighbors. Meat as well
Yes	To take care of food scraps, produce natural fertilizer for a garden, and provide a food source of eggs.
Yes	To: provide eggs. In winter - will use for meat. As the cost of groceries keep rising.
No	Too many to mention
No	too much noise, stench and activity. Chance of disease! it will attract other (wild) animals
No	Too much travel time and no one to consistently care for them.
No	Too much work
No	Too much work to raise hens and eggs properly
No	Too much work Our cat would love it, but the chickens wouldn't
No	Too small a property
No	Too Stinky!
No	Totally support backyard chickens as part of food security, just no interest in raising them myself. I'm vegan, but recognize the importance of availability of a variety of affordable and healthy foods. I believe households should be able to cultivate a level of self sufficiency and feel backyard chickens is far more ethical and ecologically sound practice than large agribusinesses. Chickens also have a place in pest management and healthy backyard and garden ecosystems.
No	Town limits not suitable for hens
No	Town size lots not suitable because of noise, smell, rats
No	Unsanitary- we live in town, not a farm. (Common sense!!?)
No	Unightly + messy. They moult twice a year so there are feathers everywhere. It's a big commitment & people won't look after them.
Possibly in the future	Using hens for eggs would be beneficial to our family, but just having a choice to have them or not is important as a citizen of Creston.
No	Vegan diet.
Possibly in the future	We appreciate fresh eggs and have a young child who would benefit from helping us care for animals.
Possibly in the future	We are in uncertain times, being more self sufficient is a asset. to the community. (garden's included)
No	We are on a small lot without Grass or garden so room to keep hens in an ethical way If we could, I would keep hens, but no rooster, ha ha. I love hens, I love eggs.
No	We are seniors, not interested in having hens.
No	We do not want to attract rodents. We no longer compost and keep our property debris free.
No	We don't have chickens however I do not object to a neighbor raising chickens. They have many benefits mainly eating insects and grubs thereby avoiding use of chemicals.
No	We don't have the space in our tiny yard.
No	We don't need the noise & smell. I fear chicken waste may attract unwanted rodents which are already a problem in Creston.

No	WE DONT WANT A FARM.
No	We dont want to get up at the "crack" of dawn whenever the wayward roosters decide!
No	We fear our neighbours will not care for them, subjecting us to noise and doors.
Yes	We feel that if kept properly hens add substantial value to small gardening operations by helping eat pests as well as providing high nitrogen fertilizer and having eggs is also a nice perk. We feel that looking at other municipalities policies for not allowing roosters and limiting hens to 4 or 6 per property, potentially depending on size would be a fair compromise with some concerns. The concern about wild life getting hens should be reasonably mitigated by peoples own interest in keeping their hens alive and healthy - given the number of fruit trees, poor garbage habits and other attractants already present in town I doubt that a few people having chickens would substantially alter the total number of attractants. Require permitting and have property inspections or follow ups if there are concerns however don't make it too onerous on city staffing time either.
No	We had chickens on the farm in Saskatchewan. I don't want them in my yard but I have no objections to others having them. They're too much work for old people like us.
Yes	We have 3 young children all who love animals. We'd like to use this opportunity as a learning experience with where food comes from. Also with the amount of eggs we go through it would be nice to have our own supply.
No	We have no interest in keeping hens as I don't think it should be allowed in town limits. If you want a farm animal then live out of limits.
Possibly in the future	WE HAVE THE FACILITIES WE LIKE CHICKENS WE LIKE FRESH WHOLESOME EGGS
No	We live in a large ALR area. Why is it necessary to bring agriculture in town limits
No	We live in an area of Agricultural Land Reserve. Creston area is a very small percentage of the total area and there is no need to bring agriculture into that small area.
No	WE live in town! Not the country. When people consider moving to this valley they buy in the adjoining communities because our taxes are too high.(Note that our population has not increased in the 40 years that I have been here.) Hens are appropriate in Erickson, Lister, Canyon, Wynndel West Creston etc. The idea of chicken coops in Creston is absurd! Is town council oblivious to the difficult times we are in? Do you not have more important topics to consider? (like how are Creston taxpayers going to pay their taxes this year!
No	we live in town, not on a farm
No	We thought the Town had by-laws, detailing the keeping of livestock and that all livestock within town limits were prohibited
No	We travel a fair bit, are seniors.
No	We will move to Creston within the next twelve months or so. Our property is not large enough to care for chickens.
Yes	We wish to produce our own own eggs
Yes	We would like to have hens for laying and to help dispose of some of our compostables.
Yes	We would like to have maybe 3 hens just for eggs purposes. No rustur.

Yes	We would like to keep hens for eggs. Also as a way to produce fertilizer on our own and a way to use scraps that would normally go into our compost as a way of closed loop production.
No	We would not want them next to us. They belong in a rural setting. Could possibly attract animals - domestic & wild.
No	We would object to flying feathers, roosters crowing, smell and the resulting flies.
Yes	Well we eat alot of eggs and hens obviously produce eggs. They do so (depending on how they are raised and what they are fed) for a much cheaper price than buying eggs from the store.
No	What is next! Pigs!
No	When we kept hens we were living on a farm. That is where they belong, not in town.
No	While I love the idea of having some chickens nearby, they are a conduit for the various forms of avian influenza. Backyard chickens will be in close contact with their owners. The risk is just too high.
Possibly in the future	who doesn't want fresh eggs?
No	Wife against it.
Yes	Would like to be able to have fresh eggs. To provide hens with a good life where they would not have to live in a box.
Yes	Would love to provide our family with fresh eggs
No	yard too small
No	You need to use wisdom. This is not wisdom.

Question 6 - Long form responses

Are there any regulations not listed above that you feel should be considered?
Again, bacteria. The town is not a farm
All and None of the above , as they should not be in the town limits
All of the above if hens are allowed
All of the above: Enforcement nightmare, too high a cost the non-chicken owning taxpayer.
all the above
Animal cruelty considerations- most are present in law, but should be included in bylaws also to facilitate enforcement: adequate access to water, food, shelter as well as the keeper or property owner being responsible for maintaining animal health. Public health policy should also be explicit (what happens if communicable disease presents in bird population, how manure should be managed etc)
Annual inspection of coop/run.
Maximum 4 hens per residential lot, regardless of occupancy.
Approved abattoir.
As long as a system is in place to place to ensure chickens are being treated humanely & coop condition are clean
As long as manure is part of a proper composting plan, it should be allowed to accumulate. Odor is the main issue. However Well managed chicken manure compost could be a boon to vegetable gardeners in town. Policing odor control would be the main issue.
-being able to request on site consultation for preplanning and troubleshooting -a basic handout on the hen to egg process.
Chicken coops/runs/feed must be keep in a way that minimizes attracting wildlife (bears, cougars, rats, coyotes etc.)
Clean up after hens daily
Concern as to whether they may attract rats.
Consult other towns having existing Hen Bylaws
Coop and run standards should prohibit keeping hens in cages or other inhumane environments.
coop/run must be (cute/pretty) look pleasing. not rundown or shanty looking. not slapped together and ugly.
coops should be rat and rodent proof
Coops/runs should not devalue neighbouring properties. Neighbouring properties should also not have to be subjected to smell from coops/runs. Any slaughtering should be done out of view of neighbours or passerbys (I can't imagine having to explain to a "city kid" what they witnessed...I get it because my grandparents raised chickens for eggs and meat and I had to help with the butchering). There is also a smell associated with butchering if people torch the pin feathers off (smells like burning hair).
cost to community need to be worked out before approved. including costs to places like PAWS where unwanted birds may end up
Covered pens & runs - some chickens can fly over 6ft fences
Do not allow on rental properties
DO NOT ALLOW!
Do not approve of it... period! Go visit or buy a farm or visit a zoo! Or go to Save On! Or Pelows! Get a chicken... invite a cougar, bear or coyote into town limits!
Eggs for personal/family consumption only
ENCLOSED STRUCTURE MUST BE LARGE ENOUGH FOR NATURAL BEHAVIOR OF CHICKENS. THEY SHOULD NOT BE LIVING LIKE CAGED CHICKENS.
Farm animals are for a farm

Feed must be enclosed in a rodent proof container
Fencing should be required but not electric. This is an unnecessary risk to other wildlife, children etc.
Fines for chickens at large. All chickens should be leg banded with a number that corresponds to the residence owners. They would buy leg bands from town and if they bought or sold leg bands have to be switched to new owners. No leg bands on chickens. Chickens to be confiscated and destroyed. Inspections should happen to those residence owning chickens
FREE workshop online would be okay. Chicken manure is great for composting and soil amendments for gardens. We should be able to compost on site. Number of chickens should be based on the size of each individual yard and it's size. If I have say..an acre and The Jones next door only have enough room for 4 chickens it should not affect my having the max or 10+..There should be at least one community processing plant we can take them to be done in a safe clean manner. See www.plantinabox.Com
Free short course on poultry husbandry - include - housing, runs, eggs - cleanliness.
health care regulations. Bird-Flu?
Hen owner use be property owner. No renters.
Hens are for egg production, not meat production.
Hens can be very very noisy when laying or on nests
Hens in Backyard if in coop/run are not any worse than people with more than one dog, and specially running at large at night
I believe a primary owner of property should be allowed hens. Perhaps look at restricting renters to having hens, though I believe most landlords will not allow it. In my opinion, dogs and cats are more of a concern than hens.
I don't know a lot about chickens - but I do about people and so many of them are idiots - you will need bylaw enforcing to me that would be additional funding do we really want to bear that cost with the already devastating cost of C-19-??
I first moved here from Surrey and one thing I was hoping is that I could have a few chickens.
I have no idea about the impact of hens in a neighbourhood,. I can't imagine they'd be any worse than many dogs, cats, etc. Already permitted.
I just moved to town last year. And sadly with the current situation I think any home food is a must if u ha e room and are responsible
I like the idea of having a course that is required in order to be able to have chickens in town.
I STRONGLY FEEL THAT CHICKENS(HENS) SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE TOWN. THEY STINK! AND ARE MESSY AND GET RUN OVER ETC-ETC-ETC.
I think coops and runs should be away from the neighbours fence line and not right up against the fence.
i think ducks should be allowed too but one or the other not both, not as noicey as hens can be.
I worry that the feed for hens might exacerbate the rat problem
IF hens are allowed there should be a three strike rule so that people who neglect their animals or cleaning up after their animals have their privileges to have them taken away.
If smells effect people or neighbors then unfortunaty if it can't be controlled the hens must go. maybe a signed contract if this would help.
If this comes about, then we should all have "farm" status and are taxes should be lowered tremendously!
In addition I feel a "variance type letter of intent" similar to what is applied for when you wish for instance, to perhaps, encroach on setbacks, or build greater than the allowable percentage of land to building usage or start a home based business etc. should be sent out to neighboring properties (those on either side as well as behind) letting them know of the plan to raise chickens in the yard near you.

In town dog barking is a unending problem and Town bylaw does not keep up. Now we could have conflicts between chickens and neighbours. Love Creston but living in town should be amicable for residences.
Incentives for proper management and upkeep of chicken raising. People will be more inclined to take better care of property and animals if there are incentives to raising the animal safely and properly. Example could be, free registration and licensing one month (like what they do for cat and dog tags). Another could be some sort of town run program where people are taught basic animal husbandry.
Inform direct neighbours about coops/runs and request their acceptance
Inspect if complaint occur similar to dogs & cats. EG. noise, smells unrestrained
Just no. Where there is grain there are rats
Keep foxes away! ;) lol
Keeping them well watered and fed and enclosed...
Laissez Faire. Read Ayn Rand Capitalism. (book)
Licensing should cover the cost of inspector / educator other home owners should not have to contribute to program. Also if they are selling should a whole bunch of rules & regs re-cleanliness sanitation, selling license (business license) need public health inspector?
Limit to 12 hens in town rural
live on a farm if you want
Make sure hens have adequate outside pen.
Manure accumulation for garden use allowable to certain amount.
MATTER OF REVISION
Min 100 m setbacks from property line
Minimum coop & run size: this is crucial - Hens should be treated ethically with enough space to roam (which is also why a property under 500m2 is not adequate to accommodate hens.
Minimum setback from property lines of 100 metres.
Must clean up offal & feathers from slaughtering & not create food sources for raccoons, rats, cougars, bears, etc.
Must have plan to dispose of manure. My husband thinks Roosters should be OK. I disagree + Think They Will be too Noisy + DISRUPTIVE. So we are split on this one item
Must not be roaming free on property.
N/a
Needs to be a certain distance between property lines. I feel the property really needs to be over .25 acres in order to hold a small number of hens.
Neighbour approval due to smell and noise.
no
No
No backyard hens - period!
No backyard hens at all.
NO BACKYARD HENS IN CRESTON
No backyard hens period
NO CHICKENS
No chickens in the town of Creston
No chickens, Fowl of any kind in Town Limitts of Creston, Rural properties and Farms are for that you WANT chickens - go elsewhere
No farm animals in town.....
no hens
no hens allowed out in the morning!
hens/roosters should not be allowed to cluck or crow until afternoon naps are over!

It is truly sad that we have "dog poop" all over our subdivision and cats running wild and marking their territory on our front door and the ToC has no control over this! How could the town possibly enforce any regulations regarding chickens!
no hens in Creston
No hens in town limits
NO HENS IN TOWN.
No hens or roosters period.
No HENS Therefore No NEED for Rules
No hens, chickens, roosters or any foul.
No Hens, so No Regulations required
No need
No neighbours with dogs within a block of the chickens
No regulations would make up for raising chickens in town. No chickens in town.
no roosters
No roosters
No Way
Noise, especially if there are roosters Shade and water for hens should be mandatory Smells should be within acceptable limits
None allowed in town of Creston *Houses too close together in town
NOT ALLOWED
Not in favour People will not comply with regs
Not that i can think of as this list seems to take all into consideration.
Nothing in Town. only on achers of land
number of hens to accomodate size of family.
Only allow property owners to have hens - no tenants
Only properties of more than 1 acre in size and even then it would be difficult to enforce. I do not want tax dollars going to enforce backyard hens regulations.
owners of laying hens - or meat birds - should be required to fence hens within property and this fencing must be able to prevent any birds escape - and prevent any predation and or harassment from domestic and or wild animals humane treatment of the birds is a must
People have to pay all costs the town inspections, etc incur
Personally I don't think chickens should not be allowed in town
Policing of back yard chicken endeavor should not cost the tax payers as a whole. Rather, individuals should bear the cost.
Prohibit accumulation of manure, i.e. this refers to the coop; composting chicken manure should be allowed. Also all chickens should be subject to BCSPCA Guidelines & regulations for animal welfare, i.e. no suffering, neglect, torture, etc.
Re slaughtering, selling eggs, meat (or manure?), I believe there are federal guidelines in place for these activities that would need to be adhered to.
Register & licences don't begin to pay for the inconvenience to neighbors Town office benefits - citizens don't. Feed issues in enclosed structure will only add to RAT problem in Creston. Address Rat Problems!
Regulations for disposal of dead birds.
renters pay the house insurance if they want chickens

Residents who want to have chickens need to discuss with neighbors. Putting up coop @ property line should be prohibited. How will manure smell be dealt with if odor affects neighbours? Will bylaw officers now have to be responsible for chickens?
Rural setting
set backs to be established from neighboring properties: if my neighbor wants chickens I do not want them near the property line
Should not be allowed "in" town limits, period!
Should not happen
Some properties are long and narrow, bordered by many households. These properties should not be allowed to house chickens.
STOP THE CAUSE OF VIRUSES!! FARM ANIMALS DO NOT BELONG IN TOWN!!
The above looks like a great list of reasons NOT to allow chickens. Neighbours will ignore the rules, the same way they do with their cats, leaving us and the town with another enforcement burden.
The pens must be kept clean and odour free.
The same regulations the City of Williams Lake adopted should apply to Creston.
The Town of Creston is not farmland and should not be treated as such. Hens will infringe on other peoples rights. Considering this is unfair to all the residents that don't want to be disturbed by the hens and all the issues that come with them. I would consider starting a class action law suit against Creston if this goes thru.
There are rules such as # of hens allowed which will ensure there is no accumulation of manure. The run sizes should also include moving around the yard to new spots.
There are way too many rules and regulations in Canada. I hate to see more added to an already heavily ruled society. Perhaps the Town of Creston can create or recommend a handbook, regarding good hen stewardship. You already have nuisance bylaws for pets, include under the same protocols. Thank you
There is no way to control the smell or noise. They attract skunks.
There should be cleanliness standards for the prevention of rats spreading from availability of food and manure. Properties should require fencing for areas with hens.
There will need to be a licence fee, their property should be inspected a few times per year, complaints will need a staff member to follow up on and also someone on hand for conflict resolution. I feel that all the surrounding neighbours should be asked to sign a release form as part of the licence fee.
They should just not be allowed.
They simply should not be allowed within the Town of Creston Limits.
Think of the time and cost THIS would take, to make sure everyone was in compliance. And because of health and humane issues, it would have to be monitored regularly and continuously. Not a lot of room for quarantine, like on a farm.
Think of the wild animals it would attract in town, raccoons, foxes, coyotes, cougars, bears. City limits is city limits with bylaws. Please no chickens.
To what needed to prevent smell issues and noise issues.
Town should contact City of Calgary or City of Seattle. I understand their are coops in Seattle as nice as some people's homes. Look at small coops available for sale South of us, in Idaho. Chicken are no worse than some people's cats and dogs.
What about fruit trees? (*note next to "Prohibit accumulation of wildlife attractants") Humane treatment of birds
What about the consideration of the neighbours who will ultimately have someone next door that is not doing the right thing? Should we tolerate this just so a few can save a few bucks on eggs? The problem is that the Town will not be able to manage problems, or managing problems take time, thus making those around people suffer.
WHAT HAPPENS WITH HENS THAT DIE? WHERE DO THEY PILE THE POOP?

Would you like YOUR area stunk up from free running fowl? There is no way to contain the smell.
Yes, please regulate No hens in the town of Creston
you can keep the food in boxes or bags enclosed but you can't pick up left over seed from the ground feeding outside

Question 7 - Long form responses

In your opinion, Council should:	Please explain your answer:
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - health concerns: disease, sick chickens: proper sanitation both in housing and butchering (if tha's allowed); attraction of rats; farming-type odours - fresh living meat attracts wild (and tame) predators, such as coyotes, raccoons, dogs, cats
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rural communities have lots of access to poultry & eggs - Please draw a line on saying No. I can't believe you'd even consider it. - You are opening up a "can of worms", that is VERY easy to be abused
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	as explained above
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I grew up on a farm and don't relish the thought of sitting on my deck with the aroma of chicken shit wafting over me. 2. ALL you have to do is look around and see all the neglected and abandoned dogs and cats - next will be chickens running all over the place with the excuse - sorry my kid left the gate open etc.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There will be people that will not do the right thing, regardless of regulations, creating a nuisance for neighbours. 2. Backyard chickens and hens canbe an attractant for wildlife and rodents. 3. Farm animals belong on farms due to the amount of work and care required to look after them, including managing manure and associated smells. <p>If a few people want chickens, then maybe the Town could consider, in partnership with a local farmer or property outside of town, to provide a co-op on sharing chickens like a community garden. It is not like this is a big city where rural farm property is an hour drive away.</p>
Allow backyard hens in Town, with few or no regulations	A few restrictions to keep rodents, etc under control
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	After 20 years living on an acreage and as many in town, in our experience people do not Look after their domestic animals, or farm Animals as it is. The last thing I want to deal with is a careless chicken owner who is lax in their care and control next door to me. If I wanted to live on or near a farm I would.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Again chickens belong in the country - not Creston
Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	allow 4 hens per .5 acre property
Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	Allow hens in town with more strict regulations however for rural areas more relaxed regulations providing they are kept safe from predators and yard is clean and well maintained.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	Allow hens, no roosters. Provided the yard is fenced and they have a coop with a door that can be shut at night.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	Amount of chickens per lot as noted on previous page. Must have knowledgeable person if any questions or problems arise, who can arbitrate or settle problems.

Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	Animal agriculture should be done properly with the environment and animal well-being in mind
Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	animal welfare
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	As a taxpayer and property owner, I should have the right to breathe clean air and not be subjected to the whims of a minority group. The smell of chicken manure in several places when I have been walking in town has made me nauseous. At first, I thought it must be fertilizer, but the stench has persisted beyond a layer of fresh manure. If chickens, why not geese, or goats, or sheep? Some in-town properties are probably large enough for donkeys. If people want to raise livestock, they should move to the countryside.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	As above
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	As above
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	As above (Next thing - there will be a survey for pigs)
Allow backyard hens in Town, with few or no regulations	As above, limit only the number of hens per property
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	As it is, you can't sit out or have windows open because of barking dogs, we don't need chickens also!!
Allow backyard hens in Town, with few or no regulations	As little regulations as possible unless there starts to be a problem.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with few or no regulations	As long as there well cared for, and away from living area.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	as per above
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	As we experience COVID 19 globally it is simply astonishing to me we are having this conversation!
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	Backyard chickens have worked in many other communities + they can work here.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with few or no regulations	backyard chickens is least of our problems. This town has become very unaffordable & the grocery stores are price gouging. COVID-19 has shown us food security should be one if not our primary concern.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	Backyard chickens will attract rats, raccoons, mice (near their feed) keeping coops clean (daily) involves work often not done, smells attract!
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	BACKYARD HENS ARE FOR CANYON,LISTER,WYNNDEL, ETC.

Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	because we live in a town, not out in the country
Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	Best to have two runs to alternate. One is rested + regrown with a green feed while other is being used. Must be kept clean + tidy - smell free with no unnecessary wildlife attractants.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Can I have a goat and a horse and a cow? Where do you draw the line.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with few or no regulations	Cats are licensed yet they come into my yard and dig up my flower and garden beds and leave their scat behind where I don't want it, whereas hens are low maintenance, would be contained to the owners yard and would not interfere with neighbors as they are quiet and unobtrusive. Having had chickens as a kid, they are amazing birds and mostly under appreciated. In these uncertain times, we should be encouraging self sufficiency by way of gardens, hens and bees.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	Chicken should have enough room to free range on the property using a moveable fencing.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	Chickens are a messy animal. May attract dogs to play with or other animals. We have no proper pick up of butchered chicken - remains, including manure.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Chickens are for farms and large acreages NOT in town. Love listening to chickens day and night? We don't (we have as my wife is from another country that permits). The manure, the flies involved and now the wild predators being attracted are not needed. Once the door is open to chickens we know then it will be a goat, pig or cow and it will happen. Just NO, period.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	chickens in town is a stupid idea
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Chickens should b raised in the country where there is lots of space. I don't want my neighbour having chickens. Noisy & stinky!
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Chickens should be kept to farms
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Chickens should only be allowed if they are on a minimum of 5 acres. They are noisy and they smell.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	Cleaning dayly after hens
Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	Consideration must be given to the neighbours and limit wildlife attraction.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Creston has dog "shit" problems & Rat problem. Don't add chickens to the list.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Creston is already overpopulated with dogs,cats (as well as crows and turkeys). Some owners do not obey the existing rules.

Allow backyard hens in Town, with few or no regulations	Dogs are far-more a nuisance on neighbors than chickens are. Less noisy and intrusive, that's for sure...
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Dogs are not allowed in the fenced yard when not home why should hens/roosters be allowed. They are messy & stink & noisy
Allow backyard hens in Town, with few or no regulations	Don't believe in too much regulations
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	Don't make the regulations so harsh that you can't do but that you have to do it responsibly. Too many people have pets in town with no responsibility to the pets. In some cases sad.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Don't want the noise, smell or mess. This is not farm land! Don't want wildlife attracted.
Not completed	Don't waste tax payer time & money on this issue please. Or have a "community hen farm" out of town
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	eggs meat & manure helps families eat, gardens grow & helps create community
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Enough problems with cats, dogs & raccoons, mice roaming around. Sufficient odor & excrement left to clean up after.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with few or no regulations	Every member of society who is willing and able to raise their own food should be allowed, as long as no ones health is being endangered
Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	Everyone has a different opinion of what keeping a chicken coop clean means and where the manure ends up and so to benefit the hens themselves and their care stringent rules need to be implemented not just written up as a bylaw. Also chicken coops CAN attract rats which we already have a problem of.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Except for rural properties only - larger than 3 acres
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Farm animals are for farms. Pets are allowed in town because they are pets. If chickens are allowed, then why not geese, pigs, cows, or sheep? No farm animals in town.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Farm animals belong on Farms.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Farm animals should be on farms - Losose cats & dogs are problem enough!
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Feces, rats, varmints, Avian flu. Creating a dangerous situation for residents by attracting cougars, coyotes and wolves. BAD IDEA!!! If you want to raise hens, buy a house out of the town in the valley where there are no issues and you aren't endangering others.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with few or no regulations	-few regulations, but strict consequences for lack of cleanliness, abuse, noise, odor -consequences such as no chicken allowed at property for a period of time
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	First it's hens. Then it'll be ducks, then geese, then rabbits and why not goats and pigs! We already have rats in the area so don't need attractants.

Allow backyard hens in Town, with few or no regulations	Follow basic GUIDELINES. This is an opportunity to help families with the growing financial pressure of providing healthy food . Not an opportunity for the Town to generate more taxes or fees which would be counterproductive. I propose a trial period of 2-3 years then revisit with accumulated data to come up with a permanent bylaw
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	For this to be a success, I think people need minimal guidance. The baseline philosophy should be this is for your families use - this is not a business opportunity. No roosters is important. To ensure not attracting other wildlife chickens need to be in at night and their food stored inside a structure. More regulations that that do not make sense as fruit trees attract bears, and we do not currently regulate owning fruit trees.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	From my experience it doesn't appear that Town has the staffing capacity to enforce stringent regulations and as such shouldn't implement anything that would create animosity between residents who follow and don't follow rules without repercussion. As such a balance of moderate regulation for the health and well being of both residents and the chickens must be implemented. Basic coup standards, maximum hens based on property size: 3-4 hens for smaller lots (sub 0.2 acres) and 6 for larger lots 0.2+ acres and 8 for rural areas. These numbers of hens should be sufficiently low to mean that they wouldn't be producing enough eggs for people to really be able to sell, thus reducing the need to police the sale of eggs by residential coups.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	GIVE IT A CHANCE
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	Have basic rules. Enforce basic rules. Don't be a heavy handed with rules
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	Health & safety for all our citizens while giving citizens the choice to humanely raise chickens, which may add to local food security, seems like a win /win situation.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Health concerns for both animals and neighbours
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	health reasons
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	Hens are not a sound or visual problem and the ownership of them should not be overly controlled as each family has their own needs. Town officials have other things taking up their time and shouldn't have the burden of regulating and controlling how people look after their hens.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Hens are still noisy, they can get into neighbors yards and destroy their vegetable patch and flower beds in no time. Their food attracts rodents and their droppings smell and can carry disease pathogens.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	Hens ate very vocal when nesting and when laying
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Hens belong in the country!!!!

Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Hens belong on a farm - not in Town. We are too close to our neighbors to have to put up with someone else's noise and stink!
Allow backyard hens in Town, with few or no regulations	Hens MUST be provided for adequately.....food, water, shelter, climate control ect... if found in violation that resident forever prohibited from owning hens no matter where they move. Renters only allowed with consent of landlord.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	Hens should be kept in healthy environment in which they thrive. Owner needs to do necessary study/research AND build adequate enclosure before acquiring the animals. (This issue comes up in almost every hobby whether it's rabbit-keeping or house plants.) It'll be nice if there's a regulation against animal cruelty and/or helpful website where new owner can prepare beforehand.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	I believe many people ambitiously build a coop with the best of intentions; be it to have more control of their food source, or just to enjoy some cute hens clucking around the yard eating insect pests. Past experience tells me that many people soon learn they are not inexpensive or as much fun as they had once thought and the chicken husbandry project is abandoned. The chickens are often given away and smelly coops left to rot. This is expected as part of the norm on rural property, but is not the expectation when we moved to a town lot.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	I believe that hens should be allowed. No roosters within town limits. I don't think there should be regulations on coop or runs, so long as the birds are not able to leave the owners property.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with few or no regulations	I believe we should have the right to produce our own food, as long as the hens are getting proper care and, manure is not so abundant that it is overwhelming for neighbors.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	I choose to live in an urban setting to avoid exposure to animals that affect my allergies. I can put up with dogs and cats as long as they are not in my yard. Luckily only two of my neighbours have pets and they keep them at home. If livestock is allowed in town, where would I have to move to feel safe?
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	I don't think there should be a whole bunch of regulations for the chicken owners. I honestly think only serious people wanting to do the work to raise chickens and who comply to the guidelines should have them.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	I don't believe we need backyard chickens in the Town of Creston as there are many people on farms within the valley that sell chickens and eggs. Maybe out in Erickson where the properties are larger and the chickens can be kept without affecting neighbors.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	I favour the least amount of regulation possible, while maintaining neighbourhood harmony.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	I feel allowing chickens in town would be taking a step backwards. Our bylaw officers already dont have enough staff to deal with current bylaw enforcement. It would strain town resources to ensure hens in town is enforced properly. Ex neighbour properties not maintained and well kept according to current bylaws. Ongoing cat issues in Creston. It will also take away from the quiet environment in Creston with chickens. Potential issues with noise, manure smell etc. There are enough properties close to town, just not in town boundaries where someone who wants chickens can live and have their chickens. Or else where is this beautiful valley.

Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	I have no objection to Creston residents having a few hens as long as they are properly housed and cared for, and as long as the Town is prepared to regulate and enforce.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	I have no problem with hens in anyone's back yard. But they need to be taken care of properly.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	I have no problem with people keeping hens in their yard for personal egg production. Not for profit or meat. Absolutly no roosters
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	I have seen very successful hen ownership in towns and it is a great benefit to families.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	I have the privilege of listening to neighbourhood dogs, putting up with neighbours cats dumping in my raised garden box.....don't need any other neighbouring livestock ! !
Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	I live in a neighbourhood with barking dogs, and neighbours having frequent "cooking fires" that last all night. Don't want chickens added without good regulation.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	I live on *redacted*. Neighbours across the street from us had free range hens (20?) in their front yard. One hot sunny day a truck with a tonneau cover gathered the birds into the back of the truck - they would have suffocated - who do I call for that? Animal cruelty??
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	I think chickens are better suited to out of town limit properties where there's more space and less chance of neighbour interference; smell noise allergens etc. There's also less chance of too many people jumping on the bandwagon, and then it growing old fast, and then how many chickens will be sold/abandoned/under cared for etc. There are more than plenty of options to find your local free range eggs already in town.
	I think food production is good, control of disease important (salmonella, etc) I do not known which controls necessary to minimize risks and disturbances to the community.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	I think if stringent regulations are not in place, it would be acae of â€œgive them an inch and they take a mile.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	I think it is a good idea overall but it needs to have moderate regulations or else people could abuse it and ruin it for everyone. Most people will keep hens properly but there is always the potential for people who care not of bylaws.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	I think it is good for people to be able to produce their own food. The could potentially save money and connect with their food system. It is rewarding and educational. Helping people save money and maybe even make a little money should have knock on benefits for the community in the long run.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with few or no regulations	I think it should be a complaints driven system. If neighbors can get along, it should be allowed. I also think complains should only be heard from immediate neighbours.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	I think it's important to ensure health + welfare of animals
Allow backyard hens in Town, with few or no regulations	I think only those who really want to take on the responsibility of hens will get them. But too many regulations may make it inaccessible to those who could

	benefit the most (ex. too many fees, paperwork, or money required for 'new materials', etc.)
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	I think people should be allowed to make the decision for themselves and their families to keep hens and raise them for eggs and meat. As long as the hens do not negatively effect their neighbors (hence moderate restrictions). If people had no guidelines to follow there could end up being some pretty bad cobbled together attempts to raise chickens in town.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	I think that many people due to the current situation THINK they want chickens for meat and eggs. I think that if allowed to have chickens many people will find that chickens are a lot more work than they thought and require daily attention. I think that if allowed there will be an issue with people neglecting their chickens and neglecting cleaning up after them that will cause many issues for neighborhoods.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	I think we need allow more ability for people in town for self-sustaining practices. If chickens are allowed there should be property practices in place for the safety of the animals and to limit the impact on neighboring properties. If people learn how to maintain chickens properly and there are enough regulations to make sure this happens then it will be a win win situaiton.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	I would like to know the Town made sure chickens were treated humanely but also not have chicken owners be discouraged by too many restrictions.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	I'm shocked that there is a questionnaire about this. Chickens/hens should not be allowed unless your home sits on several acres
Allow backyard hens in Town, with few or no regulations	If compliance is enforced with the number of hens as regulated per property (say 8), and no roosters, their should be no need to be involved with responsible property owners. I personally know 7 properties in town that have had hens in the last 3 to 4 years and still do. Do you have complainants? Obviously not, or no compliance efforts have been undertaken.Eight or less hens should have minimal or no impact on any adjoining neighbours.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	If folks want to raise animals such as hens, they should not do so in town. It is inappropriate and not fair to neighbors who do not share that desired lifestyle.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	If hens allowed what's next goats, pigs, cows, etc. There's a reason why people leave in town and not in the country
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	If I wanted chickens in my neighborhood, I would have move in rural countryside/farming area. I bought a house/home in the town of Creston, not in a farming area. Keep the chicken or any other farm animals out of the city limits.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	If I wanted to smell henhouses I would live in the contry!!!
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	If no regulations exist there will be more problems...but too stringent and it becomes a policing issue
Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	If people want to have farms (even small scale) they should live in rural areas not within Town boundaries. If they want to have hens in Town they need to follow rules just living having dogs, cats and other pets.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	IF RULES EXIST, THEY MUST BE ABLE TO BE ENFORCED.

Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	If someone wants hens they should buy in the area out of the Town.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	if the chicken owners show they are not willing and or able to care for the birds in a decent manner - and respect the neighbours concerns - then regulations ought to be more stringent
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	If the property is of more than 1 acre in size and setbacks are enforced. This would be difficult and costly to administer and enforce much like backyard fires which are often of any size and any time of the year, regardless of burning bans. If we cannot enforce breach of existing regulations, why would we want to support enforcing additional regulations?
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	if there is to many rules no one will want to get them
Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	If they aren't taken care of it could cause problems (smell, animal attractants, etc.), so the town needs strict regulations in accordance with backyard hens.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	If this were allowed it would need to be very stringent . Very large lots and lots of training a regulation. This has the potential to become a very bad problem . We already have a bad rat problem. That's the last thing we need more of is something more to attract them .
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	If we wanted to live next to livestock or own livestock we would have bought outside of town limits.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	If you allow chickens why not pig (etc).
Allow backyard hens in Town, with few or no regulations	If you put in to many regulations then low income families would not be able to benefit from this as a significant financial sum would be required to start up.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	If you want a farm move to one and I do not want the smell of chicken crap while I am outside. Not a nice smell and some people would not clean properly.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	If you want hens move out of town.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	I'm concerned about increased attraction for wildlife, as well as pests such as rats. I think the rural community is capable of providing sufficient supply of eggs and/or meat to Creston. I'm also concerned about the Town's ability to regulate hen keeping, hen coop structures, unwanted smells, etc without extra cost (taxes) to the community at large.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	I'm excited to see Creston residents empowered to grow their own food. I feel that any excessive regulations would increase the costs and barriers and would decrease participation. It would also provide added cost and delay to the town. However, some reasonable barriers, (perhaps integrated into bylaws?), would help make this successful and workable for all residents and neighbourhoods.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	I'm not opposed to people having hens for their own eggs/meat/pets, but I don't want potential roosters/odors/rodents with few regulations.

Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	In order to keep the birds healthy and safe some regulations should be put in place. Also to keep nuisances to neighbours a minimum.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	In town dog barking is a unending problem and Town bylaw does not keep up. Now we have screaming kids home all day in small back yards, now we could have conflicts between dogs, cats and neighbours chickens. Love Creston but living in town should be amicable for residences.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	In town should not be used for farm animals, possibly devalue your residence or have an impact on a decision on a sale of your property
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	It attracts wildlife, rodents - The odor would be offensive
Allow backyard hens in Town, with few or no regulations	It would be great to know this freedom to have hens would be there as an option for us. Thanks.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	It's a good to have regulations but the town falls short in regulating cats & dogs so how will the town regulate backyard hens? It should not be up to neighbors to report on each other.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	It's beneficial to community members to be able to have their own chickens. And it's good for them to cultivate their own food source.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	I've lived in towns with back yard hens. For people who know how to take care of them it is great. Lots of people think it is a great idea without understanding the work involved.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Keep hen on farms where they belong
Allow backyard hens in Town, with few or no regulations	Keep it simple. Focus regulations on issues with attracting wildlife & rodents, but otherwise keep regulations basic & easy for Town Bylaw officers to manage. Too many regulations = too much work = more expensive
Allow backyard hens in Town, with few or no regulations	Keeping it as simple as possible reduces the demand on town bylaw resources. Most of the listed possible regulations are covered by existing bylaws. (smell, messy yard, bear/wildlife attractants, noise, setback...) Others are covered by chicken behaviour, like being in at night. Also, if chicken owners have to take a workshop and prove knowledge then I'd expect the same for cat and dog owners :-)
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	Last thing we need is registration / licensing fee \$. \$100 for a un-neutered cat, \$150 to get cat neutered and enrich the only vet and still have to pay \$15 per year. Somethings are crookit/robbery
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Lets have back yard rabbits (one of my previous neighbors did), a couple of goats are cute, pigs as well. Let rural BC be rural BC. If you want to live in town, live in town, own a cat or dog. If you want to raise chickens move out of town, pay less tax and enjoy the lifestyle, simple.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with few or no regulations	Liberty not Democracy
Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	Limit number or animals per property, ie, 4 hens, 1 cat no dogs or 2 hens, 1 cat, 1 dog or..... Licensing would be good so there is oversight of living conditions for hens and humans

Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	Lot size is important: you need to have space enough for the chickens and to allow distance between the coop/run and neighbors. TOC should approve the location/living conditions (for the hens) prior to allowing chickens.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	lots of pet owners are not responsible
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	make it doable for people, rules to be mindful of neighbours, however not so strict its annoying process
Allow backyard hens in Town, with few or no regulations	Minimal regulations allow for more people to easily access food, cost is already prohibitive and excessive regulations will only mean the people that most need food security will have a harder time getting there, or not be able to access having hens at all. Restrict regulations to moderate size of flock, management of waste & feed to not attract pests, and basic humane treatment, none of the inspections should cost money if any must take place.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Minimal return, possible significant issues between neighbors as well as predation/vermin issues
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	Moderate Regulations!
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	Moderate to few...regulations. In my opinion no one is going to be willing to pay town hall for keeping chickens. Especially considering they are part of our food security.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	Most neighbours are the ones that will dictate the regulations. Somethings they don't like you'll hear about it and if that doesn't work, town council will hear.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	Needs to be regulated to some degree. Chickens can get to be a nuisance.....already bad enough that people's CATS end up in my yard, pooping in all my beds.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	No backyard hens as we have enough problems with domestic animals in our neighbourhood (ie cats & dogs) that can't be controlled
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	No chicken, geese, ducks, etc in town, Next will be goats, and sheep! No! No! No! More predators will come into town! Rats, weasels, mice, cougars, coyotes, bobcats etc will come into town for their free buffet!
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	No explanation needed
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	No matter how well meaning or original intentions the established regulations will be ignored and there will be no bylaw enforcement - just like cats! or dogs!
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	No roosters and not too many
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	NO ROOSTERS HOW TO CLEAN UP MESS
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	NO ROOSTERS IN TOWN LOUD definition...capable of producing much noise.

Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	NO To All Questions
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Noise + Smell
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Noise. Smell. Predators. Rats.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	noisy, can't count on everyone following the rules, attracts other animals
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Normally, we would not oppose this, at all. However, since we know we have a rat issue, I can't see any way that it could be done without becoming an attractant for rats, or even coyotes and such. The only way would be to inspect and enforce very stringently, and that would then become a cost issue for the Town. Enforcement upon complaint would NOT be enough in this instance. So ... sadly ... we oppose this option.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	not a good idea noise would not bennifit every on
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	not all regulations fit all circumstances
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Not needed, plenty of reasonably priced alternatives
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	Not so strict that people won't want to do it but strict enough not to be abused
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Noted previous page
Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	odors will become a problem without stringent regulations
Allow backyard hens in Town, with few or no regulations	On rural residential properties only. I would be VERY concerned about any Town resources being alloted to this.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Once had neighbor with chickens. Made our yard & lives miserable, but it was legal there!
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Once you allow 1 hen in town there will be on never ending regulation arguments and violations
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Once you allow it, there will always be some people who don't keep the pens clean and who don't take care of the feed so it doesn't attract rats. Those are the same people who basically ignore the bylaw officer.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	ONE THING TO CONSIDER IS THAT FEEDING CHICKENS MAY ALSO FEED RATS WHICH ARE ALREADY A PROBLEM.

Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	Only allow chickens on large acreages that do not interfere with other property owners
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	Only small homes no apartments. But with some reasonable rules I think this is a good thing
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	Owners must be responsible just as pet owners
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	People already do not keep their cats and dogs on leashes. These pets walk in to our yards. Thus I have little faith in people following town regulations and the regulations being enforced. With hens I cannot see how people can ensure that the hens do not break out. Furthermore, I worry about wild animals coming in to the town to capture, kill and eat the hens which become an easy source of food.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	People do not use common sense.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	PEOPLE IN CRESTON CAN'T LOOK AFTER THERE PETS NOW. I HAVE NO PETS BUT STILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH DOG & CAT POOP. IN MY YARD. DEFINETELY DONT NEED CHICKENS RUNNING AROUND.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	Permit backyard hens provided they don't become a neighbourhood detraction. (Noise, odour, unsightly coops/runs)
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Please see #3.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	Prohibit roosters. May, June, July, the roosters starts crowing 4:30-5:30, People in general has a window slightly open and it can be very annoying being woken up again and again. (have experienced it)
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Properties in town are too small. The only situation imho would be in properties exceeding 1 acre
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	Raising hens not that easy. Let people try. Those who fail will be satisfied they were allowed to try
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	rat attraction
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	RAT PROBLEMS NEIBORHOOD FIGHTS.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	RATS cause a lot of damage to vehicles and houses. Just no. Keep,them in the a rages away from people
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Rats, skunks, raccoons. What if neighbour dogs/cats get into coop? How will it be policed - current hens in town are not dealt with. It would take 1 person just to herd chickens.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	regulation must be in place and must be enforced. some people may decide to have chickens because of the situation at present and want to save money on food but when things calm down many will lose interest and not maintain as

	they should. I do not want to see it or smell it. or see chickens slaughtered in my neighbours yard. This belongs on a hobby farm in an appropriate setting
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Regulation of this would be a financial addition to the town budget & enforcement of rules difficult and time consuming.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	Regulations for containment, smell, etc. Also so that pens/runs do not have close proximity to neighbouring houses (within 15 ft)
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	Regulations on # of hens, type of enclosures, feed & storage & getting ride of manure in a timely manner are very important for success of this project
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	Regulations protect everyone.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Requires too many changes to bylaws and too costly with need for additional bylaw enforcement agents, additional trained staff at vet clinic, PAWS (or something similar), etc.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with few or no regulations	Rigid rules won't allow people to have them and as long as they are cared for, cleaned up after, and not allowed to run loose they will not bother the neighbours.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Rodent attraction. Disease spreader. Dead Horse Creek is right below us.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	Rules are necessary, however if there is heavy oversight who will do it? Could communities have input? Not all communities will have the equal/same conditions/esthetics.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Same as answer on front!
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Same as previous reason
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	See final answer below
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	See first question. Put agriculture in Ag area
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	See information about leg bands. This would increase town fees as bylaw or inspectors wpuld need to be found and fines established. Also method of humanely destroying and disposing would need to be established for caught/confiscated chickens
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	Short course Free.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Should be on farms only. I get my eggs from a local farm. It's so easy to run out every couple weeks and get eggs. I wish there were a farm that sold chickens ready for the freezer. However, the last farm I got chickens at cost about \$20 each for a 4 pounder. I can't afford that. I have 2 neighbours here in town that have very quietly and discreetly had about 6 hens in their back yards. Those birds were very well looked after and very quiet. they were fenced well and were brought in to their coop every

	<p>night. I did not have a problem with it at all, because they did a great job and the animals were very well looked after. However, I don't believe as a whole that people in this town will be as responsible as my neighbours. It just takes one idiot to ruin it for everyone else, as we have seen many times in the past over many different issues. Chickens can be very dirty birds, so I would worry about disease. We certainly do not need to worry about an avian flu being the next disaster.</p> <p>Plus, does the town propose to have a bylaw officer check everyone that we would expect to look after the animals properly? If there's another bylaw officer hired, where is their salary going to come from, other than licensing the chicken owners? The regulations could cover the questions of vet checks, feed storage (rat attractant), the smell of the poop, cougar and/or coyote attractant, etc. Big job. I don't want to see a tax increase to cover the cost of a bylaw officer for something that is of no benefit to anyone not raising chickens. If someone is not taking care of their birds properly and they are forced to surrender the birds, who will handle it? Where will the confiscated birds go? PAWS can't take them. Would the town want or be able to deal with this? Slaughtering- would there be a local abattoir prepared to kill and clean the birds? I would not want to see what kinds of messes there would be in town if there were no local certified place for this. The flies and hornets would be horrendous! I can just imagine the illegal dumping of waste in the woods. We have all seen it happen- animal remains just dumped anywhere. Talk about animal attractant! You think fruit trees are bad! The town would have to be prepared to handle complaints in a timely manner also.</p>
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	Should be permitted with some regulations so people know what they are doing and animals are being cared for properly and humanely.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Smell, noise. Attraction of unwanted predators.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	So people don't take advantage of the situation. So neighbours don't have to put up with chickens in their yards if they don't want or the smell.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Solve the Rat problem first!!
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Some properties resemble garbage dumps regardless of regular garbage pick ups
Allow backyard hens in Town, with few or no regulations	Start with less regulations and create more if necessary, in order to resolve disputes that may come up. More regulations cost more money.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with few or no regulations	Stringent regulations will only lead to frustration, fear and neighbours reporting neighbours
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	Stringent regulations would bring a lot of malcontents Take a lot of effort to enforce, and moderation will work. No regulations = TROUBLES

Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	Sustainable food security now, more than ever is an important part of our everyday life. A pragmatic and reasonable program of regulation for the keeping of hens can only enhance our communities livability and quality of life.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Thats why we have farms & farmers
Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	The chicken coop must be a approved coup, and so many chickens per family size, and care taken of cleanliness.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	The hens would invite predators into town. The feed if not stored in proper containers will invite ore rodents than we already have.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with few or no regulations	The most important thing is to maintain + keep you coup clean. Take care of you birds. Raising chickens is a good way to spend time with family + teach children values. Dispose of manure + lock up your pen at night.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	The resulting smells, flies, feathers and noise would totally degrade our living conditions.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	The same regulations the City of Williams Lake adopted should apply to Creston.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	The Town cannot deal with the cat problem in town and has no controls on cats. How do you think you can deal with hens and the problems they will cause??? Cats run loose all over town. We can't even have a garden because neighbors cats come in pooping in our yard and WE are having to clean it up not them. Can't eat vegetables with cat poop and pee around them. License the cats and have owners keep them under control in their OWN yards before taking on another problem. On Facebook today, a hen was found in someone's yard on 10th Ave. Why do they have hens now?? There is a problem already and it isn't legal yet? This place will become an undesirable place to live and our properties will go down in value if we have neighbors next door who aren't looking after chickens. DO NOT ALLOW THIS. Any chickens found in another yard will be fair game for that persons supper plate. Are you prepared to deal with this?????
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	The town of Creston seems to have enough difficulty with bylaw enforcment as it stands now, especially when it comes to dealing with residences owning the animals that are currently permitted with so called rules. Therefore adding more species is simply not appropriate.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with few or no regulations	The town should leave it to each family to decide where in the yard the chickens run, how they are cared for etc.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	The welfare of hens should be protected, and they should not be allowed to become a public nuisance.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	There are a few large lots in Town where up to 4 hens are acceptable, but for most residential lots there should not be chickens raised. The noise, odor, and food attractants make it something most neighbors would not want near their homes. It will likely cause more problems than it will solve.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	There are cats & dogs running all over this town. DO NOT BRING IN ADDITIONAL ISSUES!!

Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	There are people in town who are not responsible for their pets that they currently own. I can not imagine adding chickens to residential property to compound the problem.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	There are perks to living in town and paying much higher taxes in town and one of those benefits is not having a neighbour with a messy yard full of a hobby farm. If hens are allowed then it'll become something else such as a goat and it'll keep going from there.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	There are plenty of options to source locally grown eggs and chicken meat in the Creston Valley. Lots within the town limits are just not large enough to raise chickens. Chickens wander and people will want to have them free range in there yards. Chickens are more than capable of flying over 6 foot fences and the vast majority of people will not clip there wings. The town will have to spend resources policing complaints of chickens getting loose and adding yet more neighbor disputes.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	there are so many different kinds of chickens, and different sizes. Also different levels of knowledge and expertise. Regulations would ensure the health and safety of residents as well as hens
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	there has to be some rules or its going to get stupid
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	There is a rat problem in Creston & this will just add to the problem. Backyard bird feeders are prohibited, why would we allow chickens in town limits
Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	There is always someone that won't follow common sense rules. Avoids abuse of chickens, even though people start out with good intentions.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	there is no guarantee that the hens would be properly housed, completely contained in the owners yard, cared for and disposed of properly
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	there must be regulations to ensure safety but not so many that its impossible
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	There should be some rules in place stating enclosure sizes, qty of chickens to lot size and attractant/manure removal.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	THEY ARE NOISY, SMELLY + SHOULD BE KEPT ON AN ACREAGE. IF I HAD WANTED TO LISTEN TO CHICKENS I WOULD HAVE BOUGHT A RURAL PROPERTY
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	They are noisy, stinky and attract wildlife
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	They can be beneficial + educational for families
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	They don't belong in town. Need room to roam. We also don't want other animals around trying to get to the hens Racoons, skunks, dogs, coyote, etc.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with few or no regulations	They will keep ants, grasshoppers, etc under control

Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	This is a small rural town located in an agricultural area. Hens should most definitely be allowed but in single family residential areas there should be regulations to avoid pungent odours, rodents and unsightly coops.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	This is a town not a farm
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	This is not a necessary need in town as we have so many small farm choices in our agricultural valley
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	This is not the country. Smell Stinks. Noise sickness germs
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	This situation is not enforceable. The town cannot afford pro-active inspection to determine if the regulations are being complied with. Enforcement will have to be complaint driven, which by definition implies an existing dispute. In my experience, municipalities are notoriously unable to deal with disputes.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with few or no regulations	This would be a wonderful opportunity for people in town to be able to expand their own food production
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	TO HARD TO police.... Eggs are cheap Chicken is cheap
Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	To keep healthy animals and not overrun with the chance of disease of any kind
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Too hard to regulate - properties too close for farm animals. How do you keep a chicken quiet? People don't muzzle their dogs, I think chickens would be a disaster.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	TOO MANY CATS TOO MANY DOGS THAT'S ENOUGH ANIMALS
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Too many dogs in the town with owners not responsible. Backyard hens that person want for food in case of non on stores etc - It is not the end of the world yet
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	Too many regulations makes keeping chickens inaccessible to poorer households, and most keepers use common sense and have some knowledge of best practices. Coop and run design may be important for attractant management/ rat control, but costs should be subsidised if uniformity is required.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Too many times, owners of these hens start to neglect the care and maintenance once the novelty wears off. Neighbors should not be subjected to noise, smell or lack of other care by the hen owners. There is also major concern of this enticing predators to come into areas where humans, especially children, may be.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Town is not a farm
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Towns are for humans, hens belong on agricultural land.

Allow backyard hens in Town, with few or no regulations	Trust your community, don't over regulate, it only serves to polarize neighbourhoods.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	use common sense with alot of this stuff
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	We already have a rat problem in Creston. Permitting chickens will make it harder for residents who don't have chickens to keep their properties rat free. The feed required for chickens will draw rodents of all kinds.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	We already have problems with property's that have more than 2 dogs. Also cats let go off of their property.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	We are a town not a Farmyard - Smell, noise, disease
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	We are a town not an acreage or a farm not to mention the blunder it would be on the town & added expenses
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	We are told not to have bird feeders in the spring & fall because they may attract wildlife into Town. Don't you think having hens in the backyard will attract wildlife to Town? The Smell! The Noise!
Allow backyard hens in Town, with few or no regulations	we desperately need food security and chickens are a low maintenance and sustainable option for many families. Normalize food production everywhere!
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	We have a wide farming community with no shortage of fresh eggs. Chickens are noisy & smelly and require space. Downtown / town limits doesn't have it.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	We have enough rats & friends already! Chicken coops, poop & feed and all the trimmings!
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	WE live in a municipality, not the country! It would certainly discourage people from moving to Creston!
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	We live in an agricultural area. No need to bring agriculture into town
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	We need eggs and children need to enjoy these funny creatures. They are my favourite farm animal. P.S. Dogs are needed in the neighbourhood to keep away the bears. Roosters would guard but are too noisy at 3 a.m. onwards, it's awful. In the soup pot they would go! ;)
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	We purchase our property to follow bylaws / standards. If people choose to have several pets like cats, dogs, rabbits, chickens, then stay in the country.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	We wouldn't want our town to be called an open farm, town is town & rural property is the most appropriate place for a farm. If it isn't regulated properly it will be a farm town.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	what will happen to hens when they no longer produce eggs, will people still keep them as pets or dump then in the country, setting them 'free'? Is the town vet prepared for more avian business, will PAWS take in unwanted birds ? Chickens are livestock so enforcement of humane living and dying regulations

	are already minimal at best. Its hard enough to prove and informs animal abuse in dogs and cats, is the town able and willing to take on livestock in town too ?
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	What's to explain - NO IS NO.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Where does this type of crap end
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	While I do appreciate the concept, houses are, for the most part, too close in city limits and as such egg layers would disturb another person's sleep, wake their child, freak out their dog, disturb their backyard peace and quiet, disturb shift workers, up set people with the smell and affect sensitive people's allergies.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	Why have a market? Hens for personal use? How could this be monitored?
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	will attract mother natures predators - fox, coyote, skunks, prey birds into town. I suspect it will be nothing but problems. I actually really like chickens, but it is inappropriate for town.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	will bring wildlife to our back yards. I often have children in my backyard. I do not want to hear them, smell them or be concerned about neglected (the hens not the kids) animals.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	With all the rural property available why is this even a question! We should be trying to beautify the Town of Creston - not send it back to "hicks-ville"!
Allow backyard hens in Town, with moderate regulations.	Within reason
Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	Without stringent regulations there will always be abuse of the refs and the animals.
Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	Worry about rats
Allow backyard hens in Town, with stringent regulations.	You can always relax regulations after a trial time period but it's next to impossible to tighten after the fact.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	You can't deal with all the cats, so you would be unable to keep chickens in check.
Not allow backyard hens in Creston. Period.	You do not have to do a lot of research on this topic to know that hens in municipalities create more issues then benefits for the community. There are the obvious chronic problems such as smell, noise and the attraction of pack rats, skunks, racoons, coyotes and other predators. Creston already has a rat problem which could make an existing problem worst if hens are allowed. The proper, safe disposal of the poop is another issue. Spread it on the grass, the garden, throw it over the fence, let your kids play in it? Poop is toxic whether it is from a dog, cat, hens etc. Probably the biggest challenge to municipalities is by-law enforcement. Animal enforcement (cats, dogs etc) is already difficult to do in a timely, effective manner in cities and towns. Add to the list hens (and there will be complaints) the result will be poor enforcement already spread too thin and frustrated complainants.

Question 10 - Long form responses

Please provide any additional comments:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This cannot be an additional responsibility for PAWS - Cannot be an additional responsibility for bylaw officers (community enforcement officers) - Who would educate people to look after the hens??
Thank YOU for asking!!
Our strata does not allow backyard hens currently. It would elicit an interesting discussion if the Town permits backyard hens.
A good idea, although chickens might attract unwanted predators. People having them must take care of them (food, water, shelter, room to move around).
Escherichia coli (E.Coli) lives in the intestines of chickens.
All Good
Allow on a trial basis - if this beomes problematic it could be cancelled
ALREADY HAVE TO MANY CATS IN OUR AREA CHICKENS WOULD ONLY MAKE EVERYTHING WORSE AS NO ONE KEEPS THEIR CATS INSIDE SO WHY WOULD THEY KEEP TO ANY RULES/REGULATIONS FOR CHICKENS?!!
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Already Rat problem in parts of town -will attract other wild life into town.
As a town council, have the fortitude to say "No". This is a very poor idea. This will keep our mill rate down - you don't attract interest in maintaining your home when your neighbour has a chicken run next door!
ATTENTION Please take care of the stray cats on 6th Ave. South off Erickson - using all neighbors gardens as litter boxes. I love Creston but this is a huge problem!
back yard chickens should be allowed for personal use only not to sell
Backyard hens are for rural areas.
Barking dogs and cats in our flower beds are enough uncontrolled animals within Creston. Even in the rural areas we have heard complains of barking dogs all night. Unfair!!
Believe most primary home owners would keep hens in a respectful way. Think its a great idea. Bylaw officers who can ticket because of manure accumulation would work. If there's a compost facility to come to Creston, look at ensuring it can allow manure, and with weekly pickups, that will solve much of that.
Bylaw officer would have to be very busy keeping all the regulations in place - probably need more than one Bylaw officer.
Check with SPCA's in other municipalities who have allowed this. Learn from them the problems that come from allowing this. People don't look after them. Check with them also in other provinces, not only in BC. There are many problems that arise from this.
Chicken coops become ugly sheds. We have enough problems with dogs and their poo. Owners don't pick poo and it gets very smelly.
Chicken feed will attract mice and rats and they carry diseases (loss of property value) If the town passess this any damages incurred by a tenant on a rented property be deducted from the property taxes without argument and the town can deal with the tenant. Keeping heat on in winter for chickens could make for a fire hazard.
CHICKEN WILL JUST BE THE BEGINNING. NEXT PEOPLE WILL WANT TO RAISE DUCKS AND THEN THEY WILL WANT TO RAISE PIGS IT WILL ALSO ATTRACT WILD ANIMALS AND BIRDS. BIRDS WILL POOP ALLOVER YOU HOUSES.
Chickens are amazing and provide many benefits and can be comparable to owning other pets such as dogs and cats. (Which are currently allowed under the bylaws) Residents should be allowed to utilize their property to raise them and reap the benefits.
Chickens are dirty filthy animals and should be kept only on a farm. They attract raccoons and skunks.

Chickens belong in the country not in town! Consider birds of pretty. Eagles, hawk, owl, they all take chickens. Creston town of birds for tourism (no ring there!)
Chickens belong on farms, where they should be able to have a more suitable environment.
Chickens can lead to additional "rat" problems.
Chickens help to keep bug populations in control.
Chickens really help with pest control - carpenter ants etc.
Chickens should not be allowed in town!
Chickens stink really bad!!! and are stupid - can't be trained
Chickens would be great but they would have to be stringently monitored. Thanks for your time.
chickens would look after most of the household composts and manure be worked into the gardens and landscape.
cows, horses, ducks, chicken + geese & pigs belong on a farm not in TOWN. end of story.
Creston has the ability to be a town that promotes being more self-sustaining and supporting local as much as possible. Having chickens would be a step in this direction.
Creston is located in an agricultural area and it makes sense that the town should allow backyard hens. Many other municipalities in Canada have allowed them with no very few issues being raised.
Each lot should only have enough hens laying one egg each, each day to supply the household only! No sales!! The hens should be considered PETS!!
Exciting! Hope goes through!
Given that a majority of properties do not have proper fencing, allowing hens in town would be quite problematic. In addition, better training and more bylaw officers would be required in order to properly regulate this scenario and to deal with an increase in neighbour disputes. I see this as being a huge cost to the city (and its taxpayers) and an unnecessary cost given that farm fresh eggs are so readily available here.
Great idea! Long overdue! Particularly under the current circumstance, local government should support initiatives and bylaw amendments that align with the strategic priority of promoting local food security.
Great to see that this is being considered. My primary concerns are providing an attractant to wildlife and increasing conflicts and the health and welfare of hens.
Hens can be good pets, but will attract raccoons, ferrel cats, skunks, foxes, owls, little boys with rocks. How about a goose
Hens eat grain which will attract rats. We already have a rat problem in Creston. Lets not add too the rat problem that we now have.
Humane treatment of the animals is paramount, and this includes allowing owners to be able to slaughter sick or injured animals. Allowing backyard hens will help low income families with food security. Hens do sometimes make noise, but have found them to be no worse (and actually less irritating than) dogs barking in the neighborhood.
I am in shock that this is even being considered for one minute!
I am not sure what size Rural Residential Properties are but if they are large enough to not affect neighbours, I suppose a small number might be ok.
I am pleased that the town of creston is allowing changes to support local citizens to become self reliant and growing their own food with the use of chickens to amend the soil.
I believe hens belong on a farm not in Town limits. We have a rat problem and hen feed can contribute to feeding those rats. If I wanted/didn't mind living near hens I would be on a farm. I would hate to pay good money for a home in town then find out my neighbors bought chickens, then had the noise and smell.
I believe it's a great idea with town regulations
I can't believe you are even considering this idea. Chickens belong on a farm with room to run.
I don't want to restrict people from food sources (eggs and meat) but I believe chickens only lay 1 egg a day and not all year round. Their laying life, I believe, is also only a few years so the birds would

eventually be slaughtered for meat/food. I wonder if people have done cost comparisons to their home grown eggs to those that can be purchased in the store or another small farmer in the area.
I feel allowing backyard hens in town would be an exceptional addition to our rural minded community. It would allow those who live "in town" to still be part of that important self sustaining lifestyle
I feel anyone should be able to have chicken as long as they own the property.
I find it inconceivable that the town of Creston council would even consider such a regressive motion to allow chickens within town limits
I foresee potential friction between neighbours, who already have cats and dogs as pets, and new keepers of chickens. For this reason, perhaps as a preliminary to the process, the aspiring chicken owners should notify and seek an agreement with any neighbours with pets.
I fully support this move, and applaud the town of Creston looking into this long overdue initiative. Bees and chickens can give people food security, as well as providing joy similar to a garden. The small risks can easily be managed as above.
I grew up in a city of 250,000 when this was being debated at town council there in 2009 and saw a lot of concerns be brought up that ended up having very little merit once a trial took place. Being a bigger city next to the rocky mountains we had plenty of wild life concerns that seemed to be adequately balanced with the bi-laws they put in place. If you're curious it was Fort Collins, Colorado but I'm sure there are plenty of other municipalities to look up models of.
I have had laying hens for decades and always enjoyed caring for them - knowing the eggs were fresh and safe to eat was very important - chickens can control weeds and insects and provide quality manure (if managed properly) and can be a wonderful learning experience for children - and for older folk too Thanks for considering this possibility. Good luck.
I have no problems with chickens in town just as long as they are not right against the neighbouring fence, it is kept clean and they are contained at night
I honestly can not believe this is an issue!!
I hope a decision is reached quickly after the deadline!
I personally think lawns/grass is an idea that would be better modified. So my idea of harmonizing land use for food production is a better use of resources. Thank you for offering me a chance to air my views.
I really am wondering how the Town of Creston will enforce any regulations with backyard hen keeping since they either CANNOT or CHOOSE NOT TO KEEP ON TOP OF EXISTING bylaws they already have for things like dog barking, property clean up, number of pets per property etc. ????
I sincerely hope we follow suit with the many towns and cities that have already put these bylaws in place. Thank you for your hard work.
I suggest the Town begin with a pilot project of a limited number of licenses under strict guidelines, with approved plans and inspection. The project could be discontinued or expanded as needed. My main concern is people not caring for their birds and creating a problem for everyone (much like some people care for their cats, letting them roam and defecate anywhere and damage other people's property). It may seem fun to get a few chickens for the backyard, but like any other domestic animal they require a lot of care. Chickens will attract predators, manure can be smelly, feed can attract rodents. All of these issues must be addressed and enforced. It can work, but please start small and enlist the help of existing organizations like 4H, Food Action Coalition, or other jurisdictions to set guidelines.
I think allowing residents to have a few hens would be beneficial for a lot of people
I think Hens would be an asset to home gardening a providing food for families.
I think if you are interested in raising chickens, a rural setting or small acreage is where it should be happening, not in town. My neighbors illegally kept chickens have gotten over the fence into my yard once, laid eggs outside of their coop from time to time, throw dirt through our shared fence into my yard regularly as that is where they are "penned" get fairly vocal sometimes and are pungent too.

I think it would be a real mistake for the Town to approve this. I can see increased conflict; bylaw officers, RCMP involvement on occasion.
I think people like the concept of chickens and i understand as i love them however they are not a profitable bird kinda like a dog or cat. So their are costs and if they are getting them for laying purposes they need to understand chickens dont lay till 6 months of age and they slow produxtion in winter. They also live to be 8 to 9 yrs but only are productive for eggs for a few years. Education is essential as i dont think all people are knowledgeable about them. Water and feces freezes in winter
I think people pay a lot of money in taxes for essential services we need. I think people should be able to do what they want on their own property as long as it does not harm others or animals.
I think that if people respect simple guidelines, we should be ask to have chickens. I am in favour and my family is also. Thanks.
I think the Corona virus pandemic has created a new awareness of the need for food security and food sovereignty in the valley. With town and district support and prioritising, I believe we can thrive and have both healthy food security and financial security. it's the small initiatives like backyard chickens, farmgate sales, local abattoirs, community gardens and town composting that will offer the strongest future for Creston and the area. Thanks for this.
I think they should be allowed but under strict rules so neighbours that don't want them don't have to deal with the consequences of people abusing the system or not taking responsibility
I truly believe that this is a must also putting into consideration of the pandemic and how hard it was to get some items. We all need to get back to the basics of being able to provide or produce enough food to survive and not have to completely rely on big grocery corporations for the easy things like chicken's or growing our own food. Or anything that we can do for ourselves. Thank you for the consideration in this matter. Have a great day.
I understand the desire to 'keep chickens'. I just do not want them in town and I do not want my neighbors to have them either.
I would love to take a course on how to properly raise chickens! Thank you
If any of my neighbors gets chickens in their yard, I will be moving out of Creston, end of discussion.
If available, also health, I would be willing to investigate. *personal information redacted*
If hens are allowed, studies have shown compliance by citizens who choose to have them is poor. If the bylaw reads 4 hens, what's the big deal if they add two more then two more and so on who's going to find out or complain? Another scenario is if the by-law reads 4 hens, what if a citizen adds 4 chickens, what is a chicken compared to a hen? The by-law might not address the term chicken A chicken is an under developed or immature hen if I understand things correctly. Sounds crazy and unlikely but this is how citizens can push the envelope. Another issue is how it can deteriorate a relationship between neighbors, one with hens, one without. Keeping in mind the above issues, the toxic relationship this can cause and how things can quickly escalate to something worst (based on documented studies) can have sad consequences. I understand citizens wish to be self sustaining in having their own home grown gardens and eggs but this must be balanced with the best interests and the greater good of the entire community.
If hens are kept mainly for eggs, it's only fair to see them run on their legs!
if hens would be allowed then would ducks be allowed??
If I wanted chickens in my back yard I would have stayed on the farm. Chickens do not belong in town. That is why we pay taxes, to keep town life a pleasant experience. If you want chickens, please raise them on your rural property.
If I wanted to be around hens I would not have left the farm. Council and Mayor please keep this town beautiful and don't allow this to happen.
If it passes, who exactly, is going to be able to keep track of all this. How many people would have to be hired to take this on, and who is going to pay for these positions. Hens don't belong in town.

Roosters don't belong in town. The smell, the noise, the flies, conflict between neighbors, bring in predators. Terrible idea.
If people want farm animals, they need to move to a rural area zoned for them.
If we start with hens what is next? Goats, sheep, horses, cows, etc. See where I am going with this? How can the town enforce these rules & regulations? With only bylaw officer.
If you implement all or many of the regulations above you will eliminate 99% of people from getting hens. Please stick with limiting the number of hens, and let us responsible homeowners take care of the rest. Thank you.
If you want a farm, move to the country!
I'm one of a few ppl that called in I think so ask for this. And push for some change. Happy to see and fill out this form.
In my opinion hens are a very good addition to a community, they help teach children about care and control of an animal as well as providing food and entertainment for families and pest control. I would like to see more "natural" pest/insect control and less chemical use.
In these hard times allowing backyard hens may be an important step. Unfortunately there will be those who keep things neat & clean and those who won't.
include ducks in your consideration How come we do not regulate dogs; there is dog shit all over town
Is there any way of discouraging the burning of fresh softwood for household heating. They also reduce the Air Flow to the combustor to make the logs burn more slowly thereby producing more smoke. And why are they not paying a carbon tax as is charged for Natural Gas Heating.
It is good to let people do as they wish.
It's very important to help feed people, to allow chickens!
I've been dreaming of keeping hens in town for several years since we bought a house here in Creston. Thank you for considering this!
I've seen it in a few other places. Council doesn't need another problem.
Just like cats & dogs they can cause accidents if they get onto roads with traffic, we have a lot of problems with cats around here we do not need or want hens to add to the problem.
Leave chicken farming to the farmers in rural areas
Let people grow as much food as possible on their land. It's better for the world and the environment.
Let people raise chickens so they can feed their families. SUPPORT (workshops, brochures, resource person, etc.) is far better than attempting to regulate backyard chickens. But that support should be OPTIONAL. Most folks will be responsible, courteous and take precautions to avoid hazards + unsanitary conditions. Existing regulations + laws should cover the few cases where problems arise.
Let's get the dog bylaws enforced 1st - too many bad dogs not on leashes or escaped for yards and too many people not picking up after their dogs or dropping the dog bags wherever. We also have vehicles parked on the streets without registration/insurance. How about reviewing ALL the bylaws and refocusing on some other issues that need attention.
Let's not forget Covid 19
livestock should only be in rural areas
mention'd it above but ducks too as they are less noisy but one or the other not both.
Most chicken people would probably be considerate of neighbors BUT it would only take a few to create neighborhood dispute. Just look at the mess that little house on 10th Ave just north of city hall where a non-occupancy restriction has been placed..they would have had chickens there I bet. Dont do it.
Most people like the idea but unfortunately the novelty often wears off quickly then both animals and structure are neglected. Also cost of inspection, monitoring, enforcement. Who pay as for that? All taxpayers?
Move outside town limits if chickens wanted

my fear with backyard chickens is the attraction of predator like raccoon and skunk. As well as the rat population becoming attracted to feed. Disposable of manure is environmentally friendly way. The harvesting of chickens for meat poses environmental challenges as well as food safety challenges. I worry about people getting into a hobby without understanding the agricultural significance.
My little property backs onto 5 other backyards. If no one of them gets chickens, then I have chickens whether I like it or not. The untrained dogs in the neighbourhood are already back enough, and would get worse. I have chickens, they were NOT quiet.
My questionnaire is a bit bipolar. I think that if you decide to allow backyard hens you should allow everyone regardless of lot size a small number of hens. I am of the opinion however that within town limits is no place for farm animals. There is plenty of space around the town people can move to if they want farm animals. Wynndel, ArrowCreek, Kitchener, Canyon, Lister, West Creston, Erickson are all well within commuting distance of Creston to commute to you job. I think the town lots are too small and the houses too close to deal with the smells and the waste from hens. I myself have kids and a dog and the idea of having a coop in my yard that my dog might get into then track who knows what into the house where the kids put everything in their mouths is disgusting and alarming. I also don't want to open my windows in the summer and have the breeze bring me the smell of someones chicken coop they haven't cleaned properly. Where is all the animal waste going to go? Can it be stuffed in bags and put at the curb? Will the bags of feed lying around compound the rodent problems? Where will people slaughter these animals and where will the byproducts go? I'm pretty sure the landfill doesn't allow animals parts.
No birds!!
No chickens please in Creston! Thank you.
NO HENS IN CRESTON PERIOD
No Hens or Roasters anywhere in Town.
No more rats please!!!!!!!!!!
No roosters. Humane treatment required with inspections to ensure.
No way
NO!
No! They get out way to easy and cause a lot of noise
NOISE! WHEN A HEN LAYS AN EGG SHE CROWS LIKE A ROOSTER
None.
People don't maintain their yards WITHOUT chickens. Will there be a bylaw officer to regulate these chicken farmers? Any questions please phone. *Personal information redacted*
People in this town do not keep their dogs on a leash. You would not be able to hire enough bylaw officers to enforce the rules for the people that chose not to follow the rules.
People seem to have their vegetable gardens although small in their small/yards often isn't he front. What is missing is 2 or 3 chickens scurrying around the yard. Years ago in a small town I had a couple of chickens. They never left the property. I know that it is better to have an enclosed area and agree especially today. Please let me have 2 or 3 chickens. I don't care about making money from eggs just want to feel rural in a wold fast becoming condominiums!
Perhaps use City of Surrey as a reference when creating bylaw.
Please consider the problems this could cause for conflicts between neighbours. If people want chickens they should have purchased land big enough to have them. Thank-you!
Please Do Not Allow Hens in our Town!!
PLEASE DON'T ALLOW THIS!!
Please don't allow this!
Please don't make the bylaws unwieldy- they can always be revised. Principles should be affordability, accessibility, public health management and adequate bird care. Please consider a

(managed) community coop for non-property owners as well, along the lines of a community garden so all residents can benefit. Thank you.
Please don't believe that everyone who had permission to raise the darn things, would actually follow town regulations. What about enforcement of regulations? What will that cost? And the solutions of no regulations is ridiculous. I honestly thought the survey was a joke to cheer us up during the pandemic then realized someone was seriously considering legalizing chickens in town.
Please note that the Creston taxpayers approved construction of the new firehall (that we need) prior to Covid 19. We are facing the worst recession in our history! Our economic future (i.e.. economy) is in jeopardy! Please reconsider beginning construction at this time as is would send a terrible message to taxpayers.
PLEASE! Say no to back yard hens in Town. If you want hens, move to an acreage suitable and allows hens
Pls vote no
Primary concern would be noise and smell.
Raising hens for food - should be done out of Town limits. Sanitation controls accumulate. Houses are too close in Towns.
Raising hens in a small backyard with a coop and a run, is easy, economical, and allows a family to be self sustainable, the same as having a garden. Every person should be allowed to the rights of providing food for themselves.
Raising hens is an educational family activity and provides owners with ready access to protein sources.
Rats Rats Rats Again
REDICULOUS PERIOD
RUAL AREAS FOR HENS.
Self explanatory, previous comments
Selling eggs, meat, and slaughtering will be MOOT when the numbers are limited. DUCKS ELIMINATE SPRAY IN VINEYARDS. Concentrate on RUNS MOVED at least once a week, and consider allowing geese. We already have turkeys EVERYWHERE!! A GOOSE is better than a watchdog for chickens.
SO many regulations!! WHO would enforce? Additional staff? At what cost to the Town? Even this survey would have substantial cost. I'm okay with a LARGE property keeping a few chickens, but not if the town takes it upon themselves to regulate at a cost to the taxpayer.
Thank you for asking what we town people think.
Thank you for considering this! We look forward to your decision. Thanks.
thank you for the consideration of backyard hens in town limits.
Thank you for your initiative.
Thank you!
Thanks for allowing residents to voice opinions on this topic
Thanks for consulting residents! I think allowing hens will be great for food security, quality of life and for children to learn more about where their food comes from.
Thanks for doing this!
Thanks for listening.
Thanks for taking this issue up! I think it would be really great to be able to have chickens where we are!
Thanks Town Council and staff for considering backyard hens, I see how this could be a real blessing in many homes. May God give you wisdom for the decisions ahead.
Thankyou for conducting this survey.
That's all I can think of, thanks.

The coop-housing at least 30 feet from property line. *personal information redacted*
The financial and realities of keeping a small flock of chickens should be explained as you don't get eggs everyday and they still need to be fed and watered every day. Pens get stinky and pets or predators can exact a terrible end to the pet chickens. Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion.
The same regulations the City of Williams Lake adopted should apply to Creston.
There are many irresponsible pet owners in town. I expect that without stringent regulations this will happen with chicken owners too. There should be stricter regulations on all pets in town.
There are many municipalities within BC that have allowed backyard hens. It seems odd that in such a rich agricultural area such as the Creston Valley that we do not allow backyard hens within town limits. Please make this happen!!
There are plenty of options for people who want farm animals in our Valley, Erickson, Canyon, Lister, Wynndel, West Creston and all the areas in between. We do not need to downgrade our town!
There are some things that I simply have no words for & a public funded questionnaire on hens in Creston speaks volumes on decision making @ council level! I prefer healthy living over this.
There are too many people which would not care for chickens or anything properly. The smell of chickens would devalue properties and make selling hard nobody likes the smell of crap. Should we get lower taxes (farm tax)
There is no need to have multiple regulations. Everyone should be able to provide a food source for themselves much like having a garden.
There is an open market in Creston to purchase farm fresh eggs very economically. We don't need the Town to be turned into an extension of the surrounding RDCK properties!
There isn't a shortage of lots outside the Town of Creston. If people want a hobby farm, they shouldn't expect to have one in Town. An urban environment, where we need people who are living close to each other to get along with their neighbours, is not a place to introduce farm animals. People think they want to do this, then experience the realities of raising chickens, and then abandon the endeavour. So there's chickens to re-home, coops that nobody dismantles or cleans up, etc.
Think of the extra workload and complaints our Town staff and bylaw officers will inherit if allowed. In the end, there'll be a small cost to taxpayers. We'd advise Council to..... JUST SAY NO!
THIS IS AN AGRICULTURAL VALLEY + TOWN!
this is not good there noisy and stinky
This makes me extremely nervous. We already seem to have a rat problem in town. Allowing backyard hens will only make matters worse. Chickens are great, but belong out in the country.
This would be a good move towards sustainability; and resources for low income families. Chickens would allow for less food waste going to landfills and an option for a healthy food source.
Those who live in town - but want to be in a rural setting with livestock and such should organize a group spot similar to the community garden. Backyard hens will only increase the unsolved rat problem as does open compost! Find a farm! Willing to support this project.
To ensure that people do not end up with neighbours constantly watching your backyard have the town do monthly checks as to make sure that no one becomes a nuisance. Eg: 1 person as too many chickens and the neighbour has to phone and complain that the chickens are loose in his/her yard.
To some people looking after hens or rabbits have a calming effect on them with so many anxieties today it will help many alleviate this and or lower their health threat. We can hope anyway.
Town is no place for chickens. Who would be responsible to keep them clean and where would the droppings be disposed of? It would cost more to keep chickens than to buy eggs from a reliable source.
Town provide an approved yearly traveling or stationary abattoir (slaughterhouse). With possible recycling of feathers or incineration of byproducts. For scaled fee.
Wake up at day break to a cock-a-doodle-doo! Once people are given permission - regulations are tough to enforce. I am surprised that this question is even being considered in our fine community!

We already have a backyard mess to contend with that the town doesn't seem to be able to regulate. Complaining about it just causes animosity with the neighbour and nothing done to clean up the garbage and piles of loose compost. We don't need to add chickens to the mess
We already have a wild turkey issue, then what's next - ducks, geese, domestic turkeys, pot belly pigs, Cornish or guinea hens; and imagine the uproar if, heaven forbid, a larger PREDATORY ANIMAL ie, bears or cougars or coyote shows up - or an unleashed larger neighbour dog and kills the chickens! Those animals will come back - you now have an attractant unless someone shoots it - .. all over stupid humans that want a chicken.
WE ALREADY HAVE SUFFICIENT WAYS TO GET EGGS, CHICKENS ARE ANIMALS & NEED TO BE TREATED HUMANELY, ESPECIALLY IN A BACKYARD SETTING. IF THAT NEED CANNOT BE MET, THEN THAT LIFE DOES NOT NEED TO EXIST. (RAISED ON A POULTRY FARM -3,000 TO 4,000 CHICKENS ANNUALLY. I HAVE STRONG OPINIONS ON THIS ISSUE!)
We already have too many wild animals in town that are out of control. Rats, skunks, raccoons, etc.
We believe that everyone should have their own choice about owning backyard hens, but that there should also be consequences for neglect, improper enclosures, etc.
We have a rat issue already and abandoned coops may become rats nests. I am afraid that rental properties might have their nice outbuildings turned into coops without their landlords knowledge, only to be left a disaster when the renters move. I can bet that peoples' cats, who now roam the outdoors killing mice and rats will be a nuisance to chicken owners and will then become the subject of proposed legislation to keep all cats indoors.
WE HAVE A RAT PROBLEM IN CRESTON LETS NOT MAKE IT UNSTOPPABLE!
We have dog shit at the end of driveway because owners didn't stop & clean up - 4 occasions this March to May we cleaned up. No examples of town follow upon dogs so why would chickens be any different? We view the messy backyard off Birch Street. Under the deck is so stuffed with junk it provides home to raccoons & rats. Town staff had the front yard cleaned by owners. They never even checked the backyard. Complaints from us at Town Hall was Useless - we saw no improvements to our view & were never called back with explanation.
We have enough dogs & cat waste on our lawns in our flower beds and garden area now without adding chicken waste and smell. We should be able to sit outside and enjoy the fresh air.
We live in an agricultural area and I have no qualms about allowing hens in my neighborhood providing they are well cared for, yard is well maintained area will not attract predators or RATS.
We live in town for the peace and quiet. We don't want to listen to roosters etc.
We need a dog bylaw in rural Creston. Work on that. As well as stronger ENFORCEMENT of cats & dogs in TOWN. A few eggs or chickens are NOT worth the cost of mess chickens will casue. I do NOT want my grandchildren to be left with this BAD idea.
We own a rental property in town that we will be downsizing to in the next 5-7 years, right now we have an acre on Goat River Bottom and have 5 chickens.
We really enjoy the peace and quiet of Creston. Chickens belong on farms.
We should be allowed one hen per person living on this lot
We've had to deal with peoples dogs and cats running through and defacating in our yard and gardens and barking dogs the owners do not control or Dogs that aggressively run up to you from their properties while out walking?.I do not want to have to deal with chickens!!!!
What's next - elephants - no thanks.
What's next, milk cows or goats?
When I moved to Creston in 1992 I was told I could have a few chickens but no rooster. I came from the Fram and loved my chickens. But then I decided to spend my time in the garden instead and found it very satisfactory, growing vegetables and flowers.
Where would the hen droppings and used nesting material end up? Sewer system? Landfill?
While I don't want chickens of my own, I would not want to hold back others from being able to collect eggs for their family. When hens die (for whatever reason), there must be some type of guideline of how to dispose of it. As far as chicken for food, I'm not sure what the protocol should be,

but guidelines ought to be in place for that and do not wish to have any slaughtered in town at all! Hope this helps
Whoever developed this questionnaire did a good job. I am sure it took them awhile. Kudos :)
wildlife attraction -----smell-----noise
Will attract rats, wildlife and associated problems. Not needed in a residential area
Will be difficult to get 4 month old hens.
With all the serious issues confronting us currently, your concern is backyard hens, this is a joke right. Very few people even have backyard gardens and not too many people have fenced yards. SHAME on whoever brought up this idea.
with the current changes happening globally and with all likely hood of a lot higher food prices as things normalize better to have our food sources locally and not be so dependent on needing to transport long distances.
With the food shortages we've experienced this year I think it behooves us to grow some of own food. We have two gardens and 11 fruit trees. We buy our milk,eggs and beef locally and our flour from friends in Saskatchewan (organic). I canned 489 jars and we had 5 freezers full of fruit and vegetables, and meat.
Would landlords have the right of refusal? Having had cats dogs + chickens, chickens are the least problematic to own + neighbours
Would really love this to be approved!
YES I WANT TWO GEESE
You have all these rules for dogs + cats & now you want to add chickens into the mix? This might be a novelty at first but I wonder how many ferrel chickens we'll end up with.
is there an animal control plan?