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## HAVE YOUR SAY ON BACKYARD CHICKENS

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Whether the chicken or the egg came first, residents in Halton Hills should know the bylaw precedes both when it comes to backyard chickens.

The Town of Halton Hills has launched a new survey through Let's Talk Halton Hills gauging the public opinion of raising backyard chickens.

While urban residents are currently prohibited from raising chickens in their backyard, some municipalities have permitted them while imposing a variety of restrictions.

"Right now, the bylaw states that only properties deemed agricultural may keep backyard chickens," Mayor Rick Bonnette, said in a prepared release. "We understand that there is some interest in this issue so I hope no one chickens out



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A Cambridge committee has nixed the idea of allowing residents to keep backyard hens on their properties.

from offering an opinion."

If changed, the bylaw could allow backyard chickens in urban residential areas (Acton and Georgetown), hamlets (Glen Williams and Norval), and rural clusters (Ashgrove, Ballinafad, Bannockburn, Crewson's Corners, Henderson's Corners, Hornby, Limehouse, Silvercreek, and Terra Cotta).

Staff are expected to bring forward a report to council in May, detailing the results of the public consultation. While a number of communities have considered allowing backyard chickens, some have chosen to prohibit the practice while others have implemented pilot projects or permitted hen keeping while imposing a variety of restrictions.

