

DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE

BYLAW NO. 1501

A bylaw to amend Animal Control and Licencing Bylaw No. 1354, 2016

WHEREAS the Council of the District of Mackenzie deems it prudent and desirable to amend its Animal Control and Licencing Bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the District of Mackenzie, in open meeting assembled, **HEREBY ENACTS** as follows:

1. That "Animal Control and Licencing Bylaw No. 1354, 2016" is hereby amended as follows:
 - (a) By replacing the following definitions in Section 2 Interpretation as follows:
 - **"Coop** means a covered enclosed structure to shelter hens and or ducks
 - **Pen** means a fully enclosed outdoor space for hens and or ducks."
 - (b) By adding the following definitions to Section 2 Interpretation:
 - **"Duck** means any domesticated duck species, excluding those raised for commercial purposes.
 - **Duck Owner** means a person keeping one or more ducks on a property."
 - (c) By adding the following regulations subsequent to Section 11(c) (Livestock Regulation):
 - (d) Backyard Hen and Duck Enclosure and Beekeeping Regulations
 - (i) Backyard Hen and Duck Enclosures
 - a. A hen or duck owner must obtain a Backyard Hen or Duck Permit from the District to keep hens or ducks. This process includes:
 - i. Completing the Backyard Hen and Duck Permit Application form prescribed by the District;
 - ii. Pass an inspection by the District's Bylaw Enforcement Officer or other designated District staff member;
 - iii. Paying a one-time fee for obtaining a Backyard Hen or Duck Permit as prescribed in Schedule "E".
 - b. A Backyard Hen or Duck Permit applicant who fails to pass the District's inspection requirement must reapply for a Backyard Hen or Duck Permit,

including paying a separate fee as prescribed in Schedule "E" and passing an additional inspection by the District.

- c. The Backyard Hen or Duck Permit is not transferable to another person or property.
- d. There shall be no more than one Hen Owner or Duck Owner per property.
- e. The Backyard Hen or Duck Permit holder must be the resident of the property. If the resident is not the property owner, they must receive approval from the property owner through a signature on the Backyard Hen or Duck Permit Application form.
- f. The RR1 and RR2 residential zones are not subject to the backyard hen or duck regulations.
- g. Backyard hens and ducks are permitted on properties zoned R1, R2, and R3, subject to the following conditions:
 - i. Roosters are prohibited;
 - ii. The dwelling on the property is a single-detached dwelling;
 - iii. All hens and ducks remain within the coop or pen at all times;
 - iv. The backyard of a property must be fully fenced in to prevent the escape of hens and ducks and to prevent predators from accessing the hens and ducks;
 - v. Coops and pens must be sized and situated within the appropriate areas on the property in accordance with the backyard hen and duck enclosure regulations in the District's Zoning Bylaw;
 - vi. The pen and coop must be maintained in good repair and sanitary condition, free from vermin and free from obnoxious smells and substances;
 - vii. All hen and duck food stored outside must be secured in a self-contained manner as to not provide an attractant to bears, other wildlife, or vermin;
 - viii. All hens and ducks must be provided sufficient food, water, shelter, light, heat, ventilation, veterinary care; and opportunities for essential behaviors such as scratching, dustbathing, and roosting; to maintain good health;
 - ix. Slaughtering or euthanizing hens and ducks within the District's townsite is prohibited unless at a certified facility;
 - x. Any diseased hens or ducks must be killed, and the carcass destroyed;
 - xi. Manure must be stored within a fully enclosed and self-contained device in a manner that does not generate excessive heat or

odour, ensuring that no more than 0.085m³ (3 cubic feet) of manure is stored at a time;

xii. No deposit of manure may be made in the District's sewage or storm drain system. Small quantities of manure may be placed in a receptacle for household garbage but must be contained within a sealed bag.

h. The District's Bylaw Enforcement Officer may revoke a Hen Owner's Backyard Hen Permit or Duck Owner's Backyard Duck Permit in relation to the non-compliance of any of the backyard hen and duck regulations by issuing a permit revocation notice to the permit holder.

i. A hen owner or duck owner who has received a permit revocation notice may within fourteen (14) days of issuance, rectify all instances of non-compliance and apply in writing to the District's Bylaw Enforcement Officer to reconsider revocation of the Backyard Hen Permit and or Backyard Duck Permit.

j. Failure to rectify any instance of non-compliance within fourteen (14) days of the issuance of the permit revocation notice will result in revoking of their Backyard Hen Permit and or Backyard Duck Permit.

c) By adding the following fee schedule subsequent to Schedule E:

"SCHEDULE E – BACKYARD HEN AND DUCK ENCLOSURE & BEEKEEPING PERMIT FEES

3. Backyard Duck Permit Application	\$25.00
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2. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Animal Control and Licencing Amendment Bylaw No. 1501, 2023."

READ a first time this _____26th _____ day of _____June_____, 2023.

READ a second time this _____26th _____ day of _____June_____, 2023.

READ a third time this _____26th _____ day of _____June_____, 2023.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2023.

I hereby certify the foregoing
to be a true and correct copy
of District of Mackenzie Bylaw
No. 1501 cited as "Animal Control
and Licencing Amendment Bylaw
No. 1501, 2023".

Mayor

Corporate Officer

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