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### **Bylaw 21/2021 Amendment to Hen Bylaw (1st, 2nd & 3rd Readings)**

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#### **RECOMMENDED MOTION(S)**

1. That Bylaw 21/2021, being amendment 2 to the Hen Bylaw 32/2018, be read a first time.
2. That Bylaw 21/2021 be read a second time.
3. That unanimous consent be given for consideration of third reading of Bylaw 21/2021.
3. That Bylaw 21/2021 be read a third and final time.

#### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to outline proposed amendments to St. Albert's Hen Bylaw.

#### **ALIGNMENT TO PRIORITIES IN COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC PLAN**

N/A

#### **ALIGNMENT TO LEVELS OF SERVICE DELIVERY**

Service Name: Planning & Development Department

Service Definition: Process payments, issue licences, and respond to resident inquiries regarding the Backyard Hens Program.

Service Component: Hen Licence purchases and renewals.

Current Service Level: In-person, via appointment due to COVID-19, at St. Albert Place, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday, closed on weekends and statutory holidays. Emails can be sent to [hens@stalbert.ca](mailto:hens@stalbert.ca), and phone calls can be made to the Planning & Engineering Reception.

#### **ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL DIRECTION OR MANDATORY STATUTORY PROVISION**

On March 15, 2021, Councillor Hansen gave the following motion:

*That Administration present for Council's consideration, amendments to the Hen Bylaw to allow the Licensing Authority to permit keeping up to six hens on a licensed property, together with such other amendments as Administration may recommend to protect the health of the hens and minimize their impact on adjacent properties.*

On April 6, 2021, an Administrative Backgrounder was prepared for Council in response to the motion given by Councillor Hansen. The following motion was passed:

*That Administration present for Council's consideration amendments to the Hen Bylaw to allow the Licensing Authority to permit keeping up to six hens on a licensed property, together with such other amendments as Administration may recommend to protect the health of the hens and minimize their impact on adjacent properties to be brought back to Council by May 31, 2021.*

## **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

Please refer to the attachments, Proposed Hen Bylaw Amendments and the Hen Bylaw Amendments Administrative Backgrounder (Previously Distributed).

## **STAKEHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS OR ENGAGEMENT**

Public comments proposing an increase to six (6) hens, were presented to Council on March 1, 2021, and March 15, 2021.

## **IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### Financial:

Please refer to the attachments, Proposed Hen Bylaw Amendments, regarding the proposed increase to the annual Hen Licence fee.

### Legal / Risk:

None at this time.

### Program or Service:

- The Planning Branch is the delegated Licensing Authority for Hen Licence applications.
- The Development Branch may be required to review Development Permit applications for hen coops that exceed the Land Use Bylaw regulations for an accessory structure.
- The Building Inspections Team may be required to review Electrical Permit applications for hen coops that have electrical hardwiring installed.
- Municipal Enforcement may be required to follow up with noncompliance to the Hen Bylaw.

### Organizational:

None at this time.

## **ALTERNATIVES AND IMPLICATIONS CONSIDERED**

If Council does not wish to support the proposed amendments, the following alternatives could be considered:

1. Do nothing:
  - a. The Hen Bylaw will remain the same.

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