

Feb 11, 2022

Mayor and Council

East Ferris, ON

RE: BY-LAW NO. 2022-10

BEING A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 2014-19 A BY-LAW TO REGULATE ANIMALS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF EAST FERRIS.

Given 1st and 2nd Reading at Council Meeting on Feb 8th

We have the following concerns with the draft bylaw

1. There has been much discussion on social media in the past regarding the keeping of chickens. In spite of the level of general interest in the subject, this bylaw has received 1st and 2nd reading without any announcement on East Ferris social media platforms that changes are being contemplated to the existing bylaw.

Third reading of this bylaw should be delayed until there has been an announcement on the East Ferris website and social media platforms that solicits input from the residents.

2. If the concern is about the ability to raise chickens, the bylaw amendment should be specific to chickens...there is quite a difference between 36 chickens and 36 turkeys.
3. The current limit of 10 chickens enables a family to be self sufficient in egg production and if a commercial operation is desired, it should be required to follow farming regulations.

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