

TOWN OF ST. STEPHEN

BY-LAW NO. Z-1.4

A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. Z-1, BEING THE TOWN OF ST. STEPHEN ZONING BY-LAW

Be it enacted by the Council of the Town of St. Stephen as follows:

1 Section 3 of the by-law is amended by repealing subsection **3.14 Keeping of Chickens** and substituting the following:

3.14 Keeping of Hens

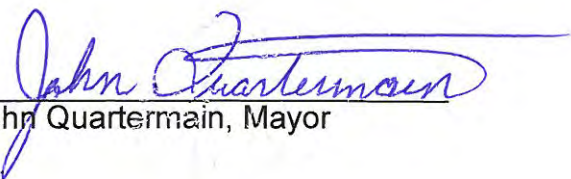
Notwithstanding 3.15 or any other provision of this by-law, the keeping of hens may be permitted as an *accessory use* in a Residential Zone, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) hens shall be kept as pets and for personal use only; no person shall sell eggs or engage in hen breeding or fertilizer production for commercial purposes and the slaughtering of hens is prohibited;
- (b) only hens are permitted and the maximum number of hens allowed is four per lot;
- (c) hens must be kept in an enclosure or fenced area at all times and shall be secured within an enclosed structure, not to exceed 8' x 8', during non-daylight hours; and, as noted in Section 3.1(2) of the by-law, no more than two (2) *accessory buildings* are permitted per lot;
- (d) the enclosure and structure mentioned in (c) must be located in the rear yard and shall be no closer than three (3) metres (10 feet) to any side or rear lot line, and shall have a minimum of 10 metres (33 feet) from any dwelling on an adjacent lot; and, the enclosure and structure shall be closer to the owner's dwelling than any dwelling on an adjacent lot;
- (e) hens must not be kept in, upon or under any structure used for human habitation;
- (f) hens shall be kept in such a manner to ensure that they do not create a nuisance and that all lands and premises where hens are kept is maintained in a sanitary condition at all times so that excrement or other hen-related substances are not permitted to accumulate and cause an objectionable odour or nuisance;
- (g) proper end of life disposal must be adhered to, including veterinary care, if required, and disposal of the carcass;

- (h) keepers of hens must reside on the lot containing the hen enclosure in order to ensure that hens receive appropriate care and supervision; and
- (i) if you are not the property owner, a letter of authorization is required from the registered property owner.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Town of St. Stephen has caused the corporate seal of the said Town to be affixed to this By-Law the 27th day of July, 2015.

First Reading:	May 25, 2015
Second Reading:	July 27, 2015
Third Reading and Enacted:	July 27, 2015


John Quartermain, Mayor


Joan M. Flewelling, Town Clerk