

A photograph of a backyard chicken coop. The coop consists of a wire mesh enclosure on the left and a small wooden shed on the right. The shed has a dark grey shingled roof, a weather vane on top, and a white door. Two black outdoor lamps are mounted on the shed's exterior. The enclosure is decorated with string lights. Several chickens are visible inside the enclosure. The background shows green trees and a wooden fence.

Request to Keep Our Backyard Hens

Deputation to the Town of the Blue Mountains | Committee of the Whole

October 6, 2025

Who We Are

- Clarksburg residents since 2018
- Active participants in our neighbourhood
- Committed to maintaining a clean, welcoming property
- Supporters of sustainability and local food initiatives
- Dedicated to raising our family with strong community values
- Responsible caretakers of our hens



Our Request

- Keep our small flock of hens in a secure, well-maintained coop
- Property zoned R1-1 (currently does not allow poultry)
- Requesting a minor variance/zoning amendment
- A responsible, small-scale exception consistent with neighbourhood character



Our Setup

- Coop located at rear of property
- Hens always contained
- No rooster = no noise
- Clean, well-maintained, no odour



Neighbourhood Context

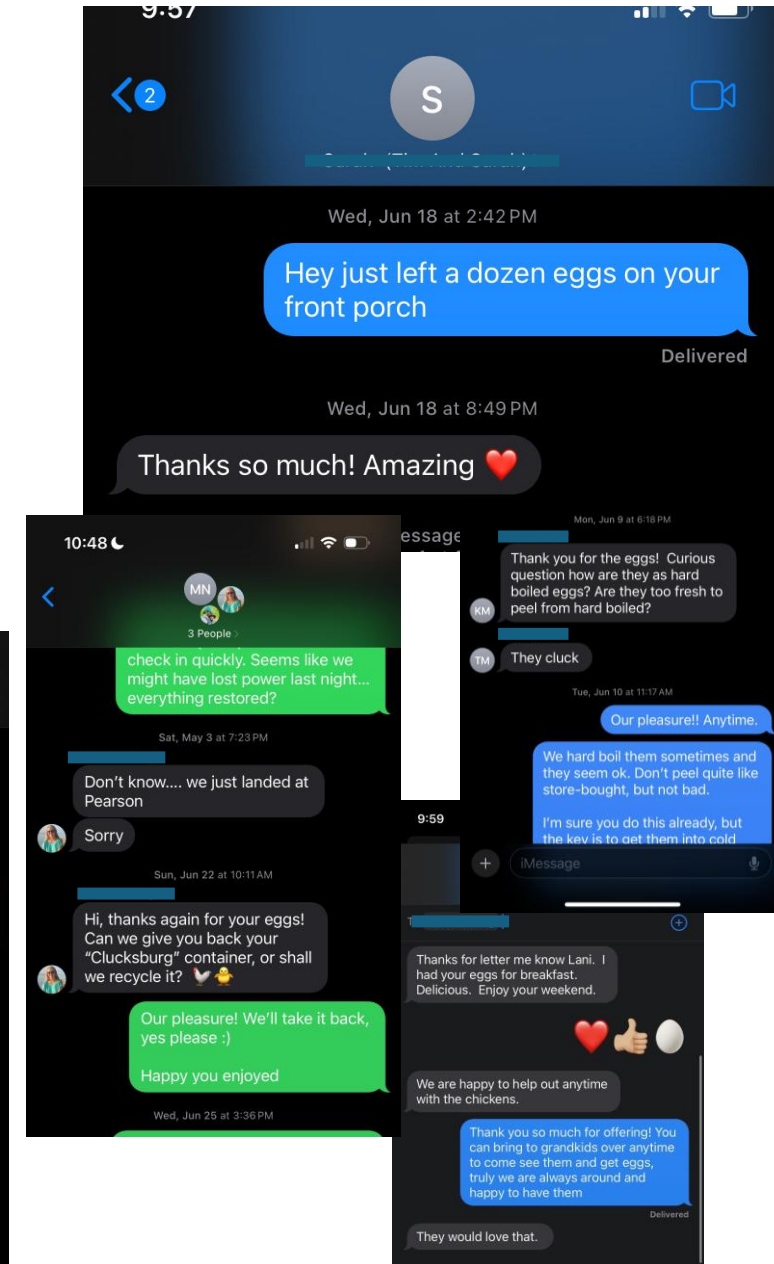
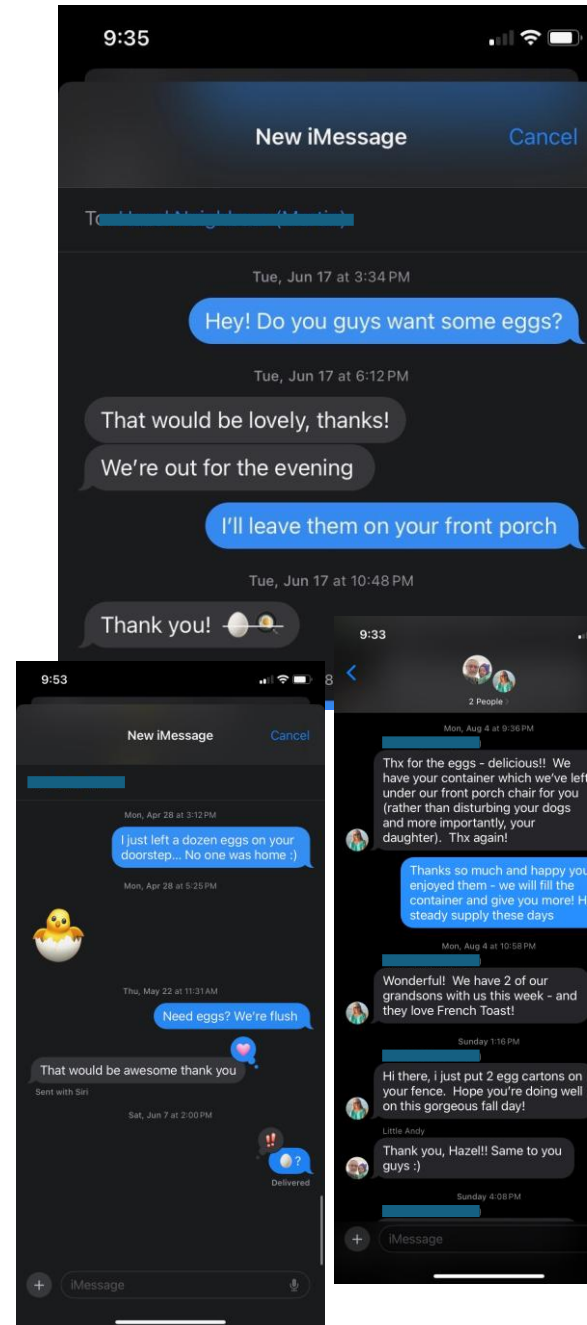
- Quiet, low-traffic, dead-end street with only 10 homes
- No close neighbours
- Safe, community-friendly environment for children and residents



Community Support

Full Support from Our Neighbours!

- Signed letter of support from all nearby households
- No objections raised since 2021
- Fresh eggs shared with neighbours
- Neighbours happy to help feed/water hens when we're out of town



Letter of Support

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SIGNATURES

To Whom It May Concern,

We, the undersigned residents of [REDACTED] in Clarksburg, ON are writing in support of our neighbours at [REDACTED] in their request to keep a small flock of backyard hens.

We understand that the property is zoned R1-1, which does not currently permit the keeping of poultry. However, we believe an exception is reasonable in this case for the following reasons:

- The hens are housed in a clean, well-maintained coop at the rear of the property.
- There are no roosters, so there are no noise concerns.
- The hens have not caused odour, nuisance, or disruption to the neighbourhood.
- The family has been generous in sharing fresh eggs and engaging positively with neighbours.
- This small-scale, non-commercial activity strengthens community ties and reflects shared values of food security, sustainability, and responsible living.

We therefore express our full support for the continued keeping of hens at [REDACTED]

Benefits of Backyard Hens

- **Food Security**
Fresh, healthy, organic eggs
- **Sustainability**
Local food, less waste
- **Education**
Daughter learns responsibility
- **Community**
Strengthens neighbourly ties



By-law Alignment



- Low-impact, non-commercial use
- Maintains residential character
- Fits intent of official plan (sustainable, family-oriented)

Our Commitment

Responsible, Neighbourly, Sustainable

- Ongoing coop maintenance
- Respect for neighbours
- No roosters, no nuisance
- Sharing is caring





Our first egg!
9/16/2021

Thank You!

*We respectfully request approval
to keep our backyard hens.*