

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

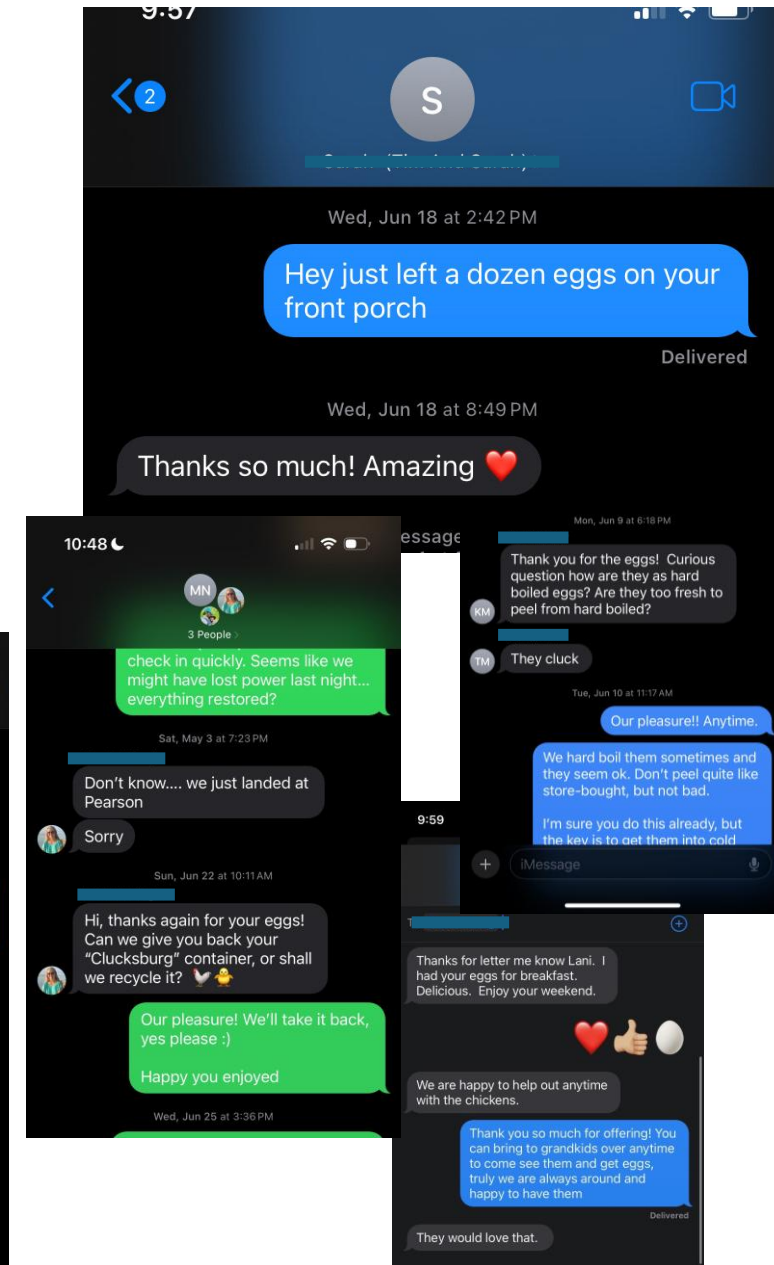
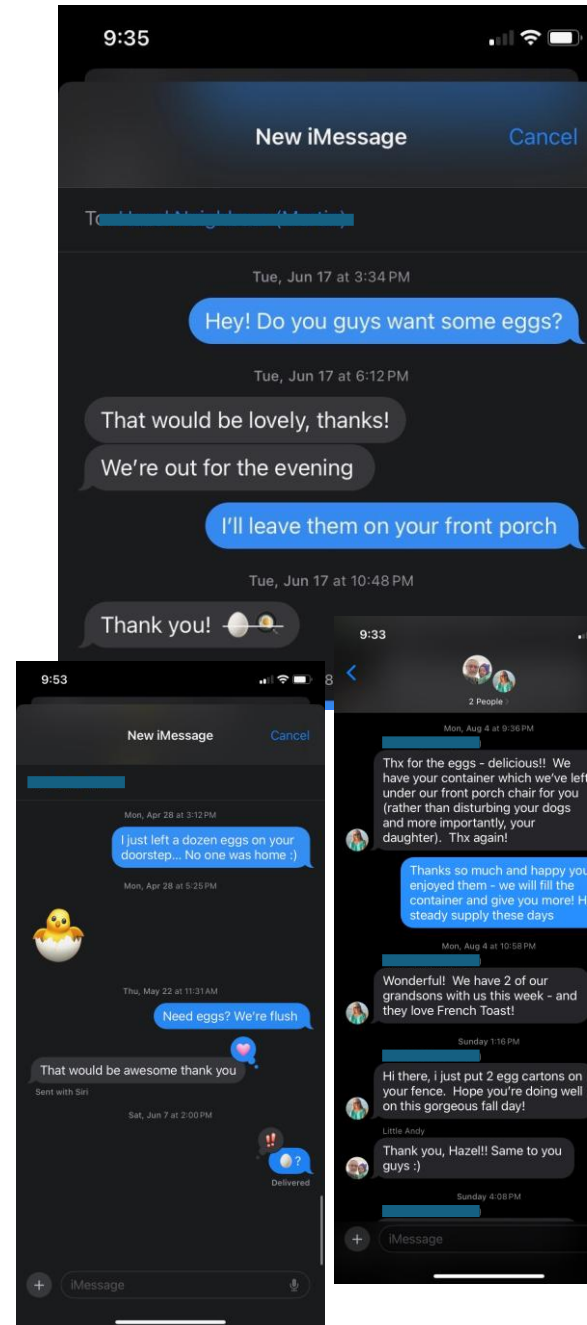
- Quiet, low-traffic, dead-end street with only 10 homes
- No close neighbours
- Safe, community-friendly environment for children and residents



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.*