



**Town of Mulgrave
Council Meeting Minutes
Oct 8 2018**

Present: Mayor Hadley, Deputy Mayor Brophy, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Russell, Councillor Snow, CAO Jim Davis

Regrets: C'lr Ron Chisholm ,C'lr Tanya Snow

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Mayor Hadley.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by C'lr Russell and seconded by C'lr SBrophy that the agenda be approved as circulated .

Motion Carried

3. Reports/Presentations

As requested by Council a review of Policy C-13 Poultry and Farm Animals first approved in 2014 resulted in a redraft of policy C-13 Poultry & Farm Animals .As a follow up to the initial presentation of this policy on September 15th ,the Council met to discuss possible changes to this policy with a group –Mulgrave Backyard Farm Animal Association and also concerned citizens at large.

In response to a requested review of the proposed policy a letter was received from our solicitor. The Mayor asked that the letter be read .Excerpts from the solicitor's letter notes

"However , the Town of Mulgrave cannot put these restrictions in a "Policy". In order to put these restrictions in place, the Town of Mulgrave would need to adopt a new "By-Law"as the entire policy should be converted into a by-law."

The Mayor then asked the representative of the Mulgrave Backyard Farm Animal Association to speak on the matter. Robert O'Brien proceeded to read the "backyardfarmingpolicy" prepared by the aforementioned Association.

Gallery

The Mayor then opened the meeting to the Gallery .A number of comments were expressed by the citizens including:

- a petition in support of backyard animals was noted but not presented
- neighbouring properties to backyard animals being degraded
- the recent movement to control backyard animals began as a result of a complaint from two property owners on South Main Street. No other complaints received to date.

- the property , which holds the poultry about which the sole complaint has arisen was seen to be too small and to be in too close a proximity to neighbouring homes
- the property owners keeping the animals, feel that the moving of the pens closer to the water(further down on their lot) has removed the concerns about noise and smell
- the large number of animals being proposed in the "Association's Backyard Farm Animal Policy was questioned
- the Association proposes to 'govern' the keeping of animals; from policy excerpt "Anyone within the town of Mulgrave that keeps farm animals must join the association or they will be in forfeiture of their right to keep farm animals within the town of Mulgrave".
- who does the inspection of the animals for sale was questioned. A citizen noted they are inspected when necessary
- a number of the gallery noted that they depend on the keeping of farm animals to feed their families

The Mayor thanked all who attended for their participation and noted that Council will consider and reflect on these matters in consultation with citizens at large, possibly in the form of a plebiscite, and also with our solicitor ,for legal ramifications.

Adjournment

Moved by D/M Brophy and sec'd by C'lr Russell that the meeting adjourn.

Adjournment at 8:15pm

Motion c'rd

Minutes approved by:

Mayor Ralph Hadley

Minutes recorded by:

CAO Jim Davis