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**Alexander Harras  
M.P.A.  
Director of  
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Dear Ms. Leroux:

**RE: Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee Resolution re:  
Backyard Chickens within Urban and Rural Settlement  
Areas, Our File: C00**

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Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on February 28, 2024, adopted the following recommendations of the Planning & Economic Development Committee:

“That as the introduction of chickens within urban and rural settlement areas (which includes towns, villages and hamlets) can result in the potential spread of Avian Influenza and other diseases to livestock in the Region, particularly poultry farms;

And that backyard chickens attract pests and predators, resulting in conflicts between predatory animals and chickens, and additional vectors for spreading disease;

Therefore be it resolved that Durham Regional Council be advised that the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) does not support permitting chickens being kept in urban settlement areas and rural settlement areas (which includes towns, villages and hamlets); and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the area municipalities for information.”

*Alexander Harras*

Alexander Harras,  
Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk

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c: B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning & Economic  
Development