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**Communication**  
**CW (1) – December 1, 2020**  
**Item # - Presentation #2**




Committee of the Whole  
Review of Bylaw 066-2020 Sect 17.0(1)  
Request to allow an Urban Hen Pilot Program  
City of Vaughan

December 1, 2020

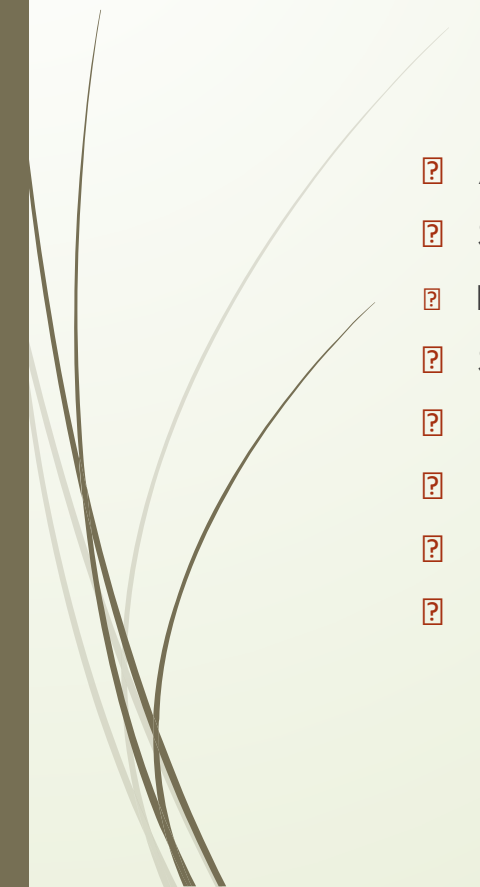



## Successful in other jurisdictions

- ❑ Brampton, Waterloo Kitchener
- ❑ Georgina and Newmarket
- ❑ City of Toronto -three year urban hen pilot program in 2018
  - ❑ Approved by Public Health
  - ❑ Virtually no complaints
  - ❑ Staff recommendation to extend
- ❑ Request from Vaughan Council
  - ❑ Request staff report on similar pilot
  - ❑ Allow current owner to keep up two hens until further direction from Council



## Why a hen Program?

- ❑ Aligns with Green Directions Vaughan
  - ❑ Sustainable- compost reintroduced to garden
  - ❑ Educational - eggs don't originate from a refrigerator
  - ❑ Shorten links in the food chain from source to table
  - ❑ Extension of community gardens
  - ❑ Benefits to seniors
  - ❑ Fresh, organic, free range, affordable and ethically sourced eggs
  - ❑ Equitable
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## How about the myths?

- ❓ Noisy? At 60 db, they are equivalent to a human conversation
- ❓ Odor ? Similar to caring for a dog or cat. Owners must practice proper hygiene
- ❓ Attract pests? Proper hygiene from owners is essential
- ❓ Disease? CDC confirms no risk of avian flu transmission to humans
- ❓ Neighbours? Can't control that. Subjective



Thank you !

