

**C10**  
**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



## 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 !

