



Responsible Livestock Ownership Bylaw Survey

WHAT WE HEARD REPORT
DATE: May 20, 2022



In April and May of 2022, Strathcona County conducted a survey of rural residents regarding the proposed new Responsible Livestock Ownership Bylaw.

Introduction and Methodology

The proposed bylaw includes strategies to minimize disease risk and support animal well-being. It addresses land stewardship and opportunities for agriculture, while balancing rural living and neighbour relations. The survey is intended to educate residents on the rationale of assigning livestock units, assess clarity of information, gather data on how many properties may require over limit permits and understand preferences for resources and supports to comply with the bylaw. This survey is one of many public engagement activities that have occurred on the topic of livestock, which has informed the proposed bylaw. The survey results will be used to help clarify final aspects of the proposed bylaw, which is tentatively scheduled to go to Council for approval in summer 2022.

The survey was made available via two platforms – SCOOP (the County's online opinion panel) and Alchemer (the online platform used to obtain responses from residents of Strathcona County who are not members of SCOOP.) The Alchemer version was promoted to rural residents including through Sherwood Park News ads, County website, social media, the County's public engagement e-newsletter, and rural road signs. Given the non-random methods used to implement and recruit respondents for the survey, readers should be careful when applying the results to the broader population of Strathcona County.

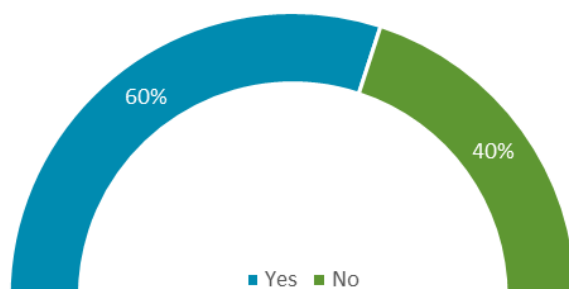
Only respondents who are rural residents who reside in the County were eligible for the survey. 1,763 respondents accessed the survey via Alchemer and 139 accessed the survey via SCOOP, for a total of 1,902 respondents. As questions were not mandatory and some respondents only partially completed the survey, the base of respondents varies question to question. Analysis of open-ended responses was conducted using NVivo software and coded by a single analyst to maintain consistency. The survey ran from April 20 to May 11, 2022.

We are aware that there was interest from urban County residents and some non-County respondents – despite not being eligible for the survey. A core tenet of the County's public engagement policy is that the public and stakeholders have the right to be informed, consulted and engaged in decisions that affect them. The proposed bylaw discussed in the survey will apply solely to rural County residents. As such, we wanted to ensure that feedback from residents that will be directly impacted by the proposed bylaw was considered fully. To this end, several duplicate and ineligible survey responses were disqualified during analysis.

Engagement / Survey Results

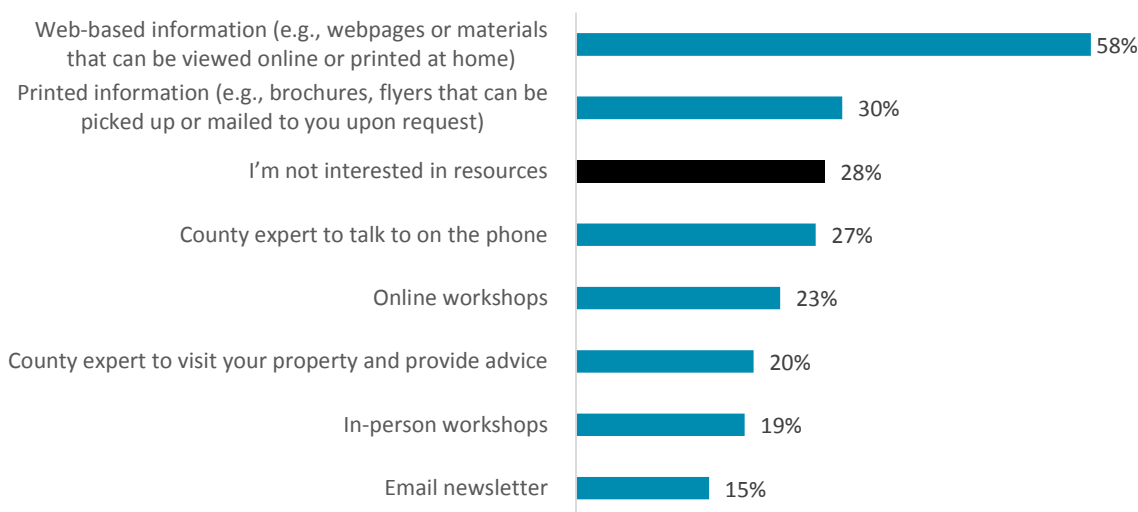
Do you currently have livestock on your property?

We asked all respondents, regardless of category whether or not they have livestock. The majority indicated they had livestock.



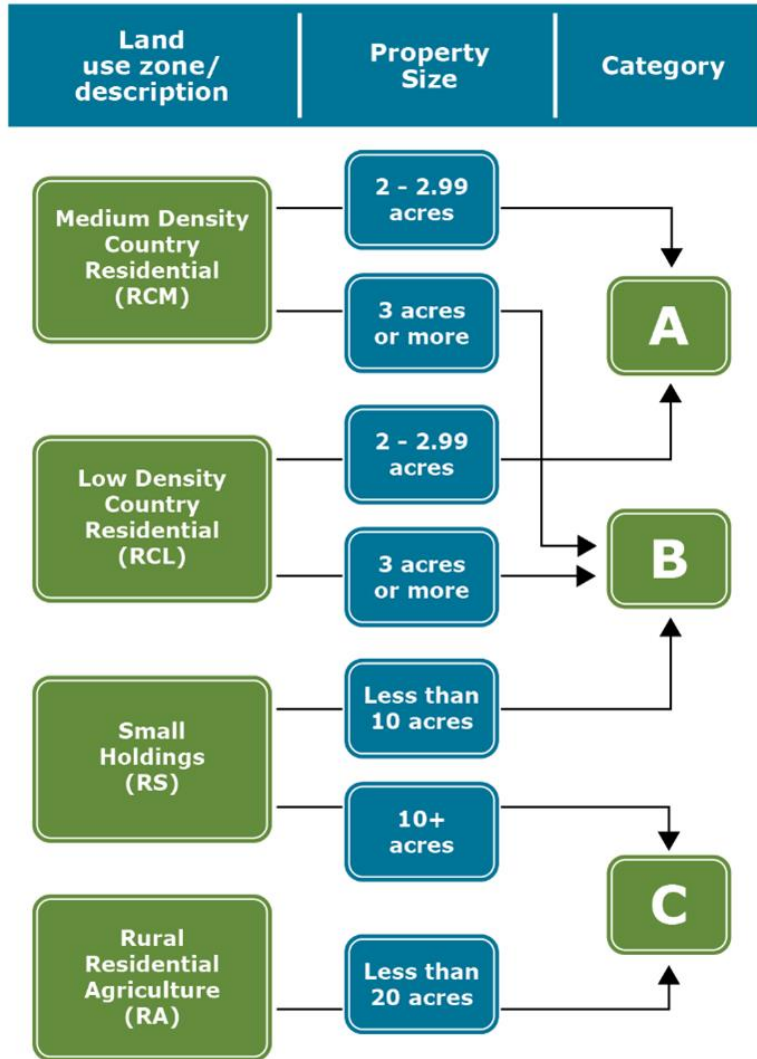
Which of the following resources would you find helpful in supporting responsible livestock ownership?

We also asked all respondents about resources that could be provided to support responsible livestock ownership. Web-based information was by far the most popular resource, selected by 58% of respondents.



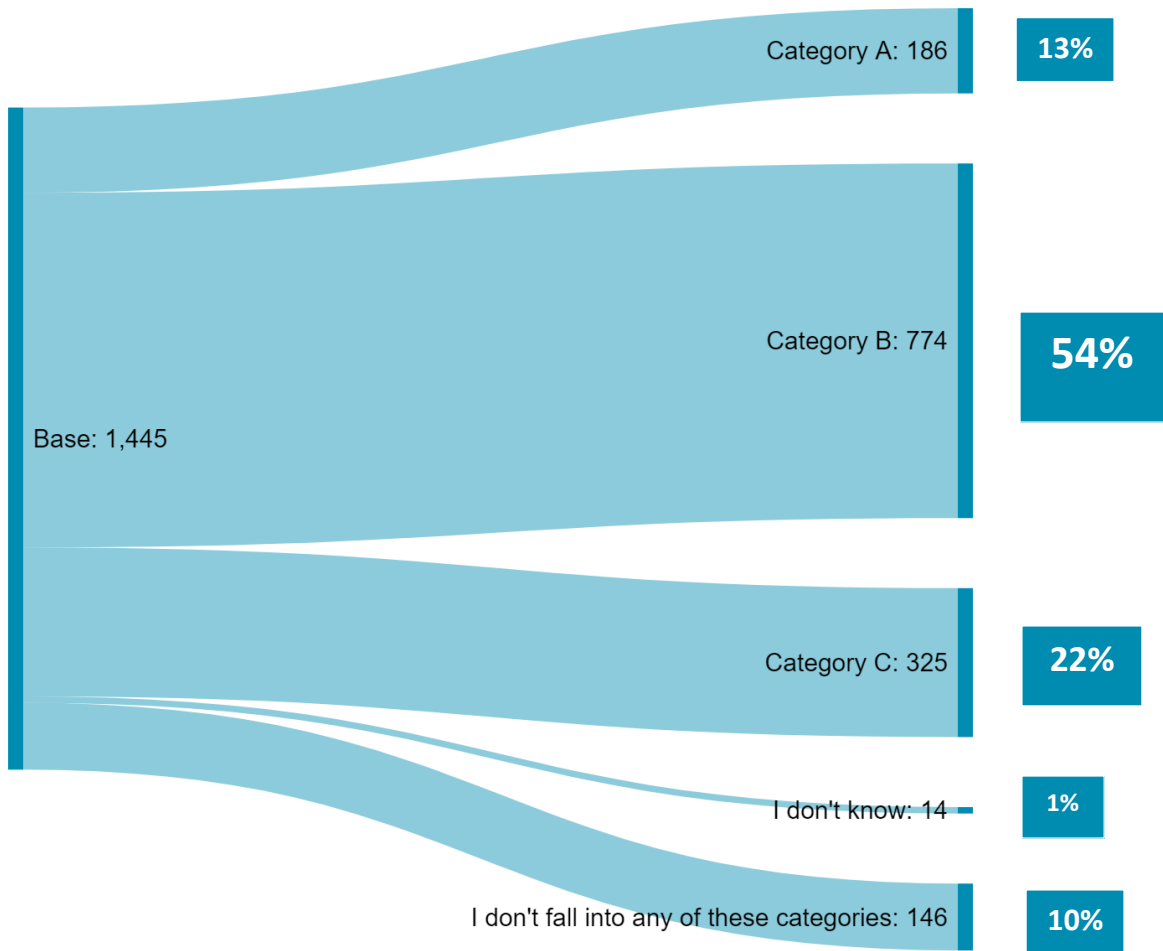
Based on your land use zoning and property size, which category does your property fall into?

In the proposed bylaw, categories based on land use zone and property size determine suitable types and amounts of allowable livestock.



To complete the survey, respondents needed to determine their property's category based on land use zone and the size of their property in acres. An online assessment tool and contact number were provided to help respondents identify their category.

Based on your land use zoning and property size, which category does your property fall into?



The majority of respondents to the survey fell into Category B at 54%, with Category C coming in second at 22% and Category A at 13%. Respondents that did not fall into any of these categories or were not able to determine their category comprised of 11% of respondents. This question was used to funnel respondents towards more information and five questions specific to their chosen category.

Category A

Category A includes areas with smaller parcels and a larger population in the community. Neighbours will be closer to one another, and livestock noise, smells and waste will more easily affect others.

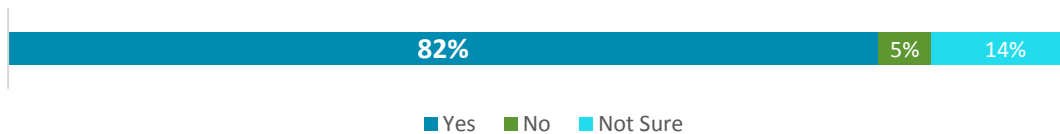
Parcels that are less than three acres are limited in space available for managing livestock and their waste, making it very challenging to meet the needs of larger animals or medium-sized herd animals.

We received 186 responses specific to this category. Respondents were provided with a graphic depicting allowable livestock types and examples of livestock mixes allowable in Category A areas. We then asked questions to gauge the clarity of this information.

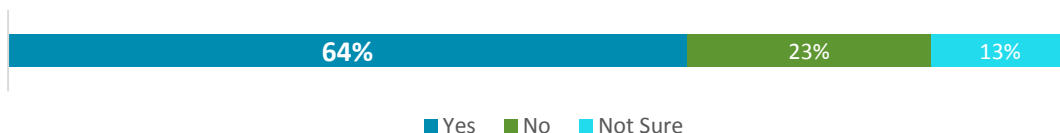
Category A allowable livestock types



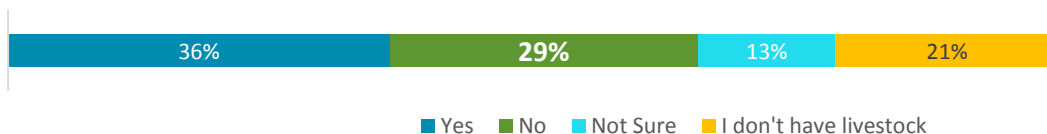
Based on the information provided, would you be able to determine the type and number of livestock allowed on your property?



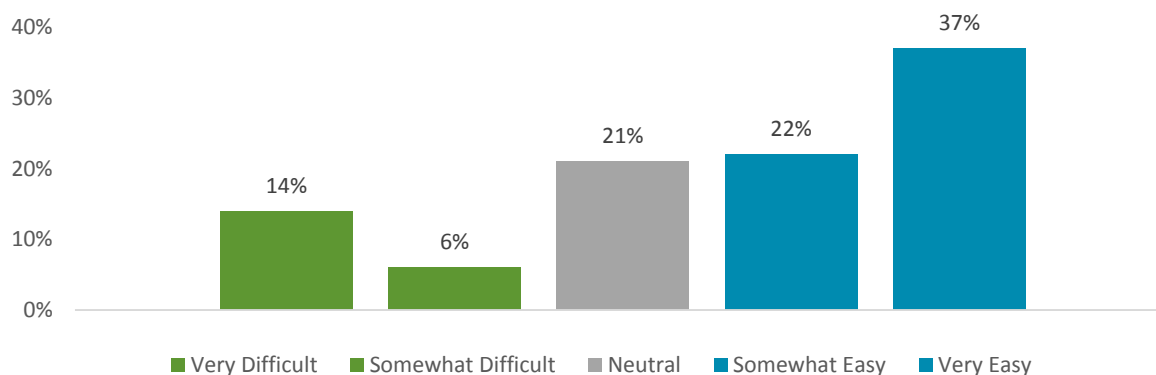
Based on the information provided, do you feel your property is suitable for the type and number of livestock permitted?



Based on the information provided, would the current number of livestock on your property be over the allowable limit?



Please rate your experience in terms of how easy it was to apply the allowable Livestock Units to your property:



Please provide feedback or comments about how we can improve the way this information is presented.

Several respondents used this opportunity to also leave substantive feedback on the proposed bylaw itself. Some respondents fundamentally disagreed with the premise of the bylaw – believing it to be an overstep of the County’s authority. A smaller subset of comments was concerned that livestock units and the allowed amounts were not at the appropriate level for Category A. These respondents were curious whether some flexibility or modifications would be possible to accommodate their land and animal usage. A number of respondents were very concerned that they would not be able to sustainably maintain existing flocks of chickens, turkeys or pheasants. An overall concern by these respondents was that this was overly prohibitive of small-scale agriculture and would impact the livelihoods of residents who currently rely on livestock.

A smaller group of respondents left feedback on how the information was presented. Some respondents were concerned with specific circumstances, such as how properties with 2.5 acres would be assessed. There were also respondents who were looking for clarity on whether the livestock unit allowances would be impacted if animals were housed in barns or other facilities. One respondent noted that they would like to see a full list of animals included, even if they are not allowed in Category A for a full understanding of what is allowed or not allowed. We also heard specific questions about whether certain animals or mixes of animals would be included. Verbatim comments can be found in Appendix A.

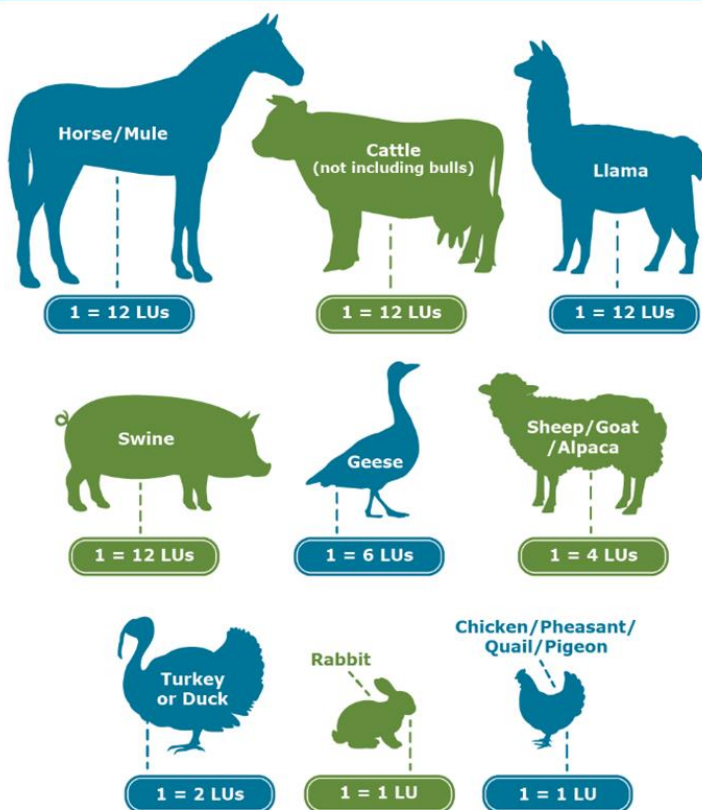
Category B

Category B includes areas with parcel sizes of at least three acres, which provides more space between neighbours, allowing more flexibility for the types of animals permitted.

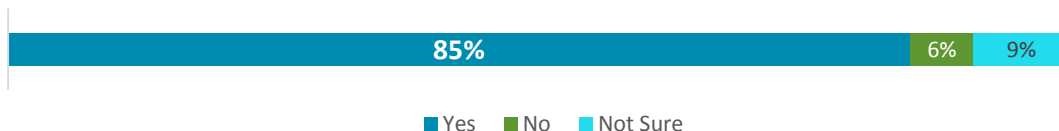
As parcel size increases, there is more space for managing livestock and their waste. This may still be challenging for some parcels due to layout or environmental features, so each resident will need to consider their property's potential when making livestock decisions.

We received 774 responses specific to this category. Respondents were provided with a graphic depicting allowable livestock types and examples of livestock mixes allowable in Category B areas. We then asked questions to gauge the clarity of this information.

Category B allowable livestock types



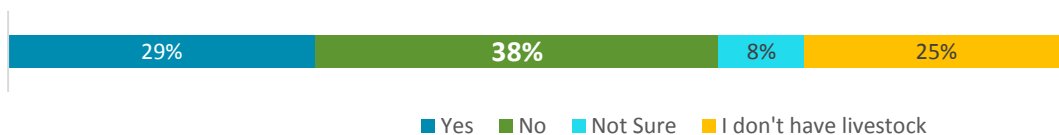
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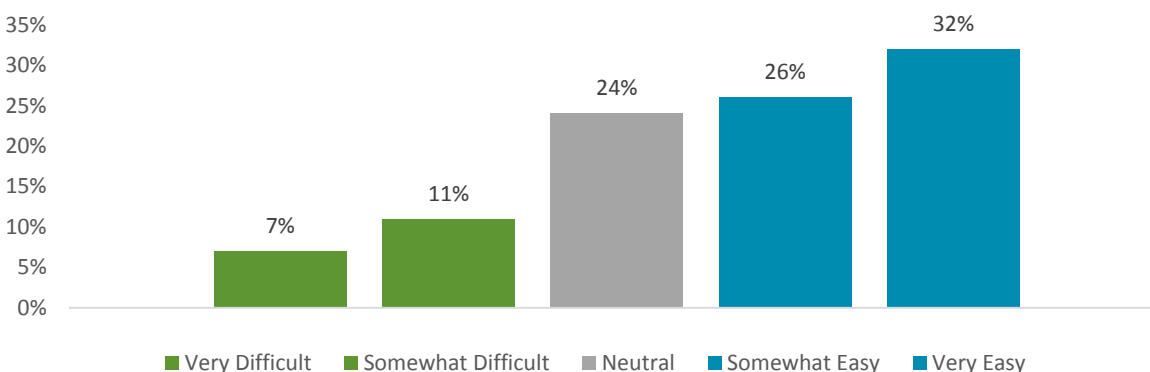
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Based on the information provided, would the current number of livestock on your property be over the allowable limit?



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As with Category A, the comments on Category B were a mix of respondents commenting on the clarity of the information presented and commentary on the bylaw itself.

In terms of clarity, we heard a number of comments that the diagrams and visuals were easy to understand. However, some respondents believed more examples were necessary to cover the breadth of properties covered by Category B. Other respondents were looking for explanations of how partial acres would be calculated. We also heard that the list of animals was not exhaustive and should include animals such as miniature horses. Some respondents also wished there was a more straightforward animals per acre calculation, rather than livestock units. We also heard recommendations that the County develop a tool which would allow residents to input their information and receive a calculation of their allowable livestock units.

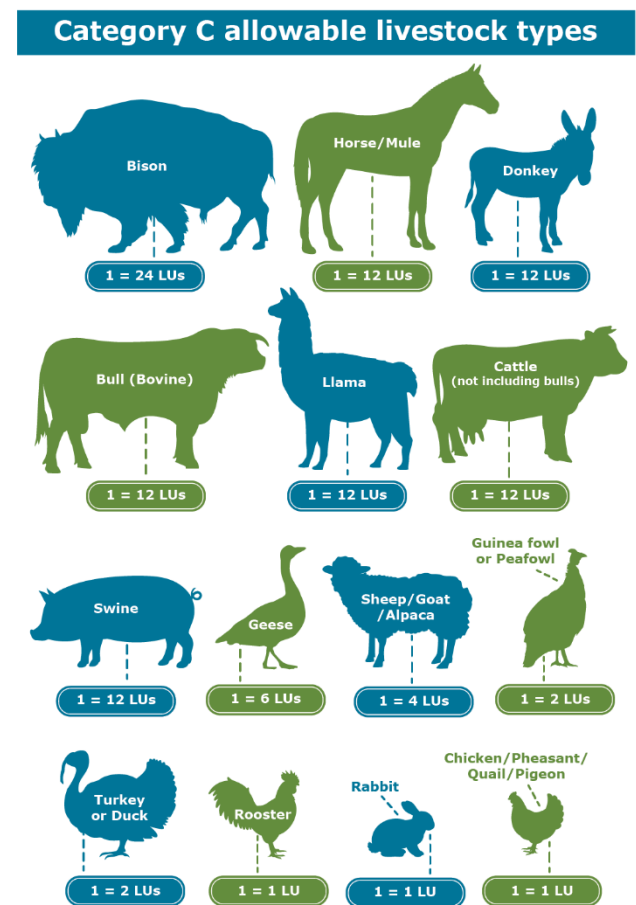
In terms of commentary on the bylaw itself, we heard a number of concerns. Many were shared comments with Category A – that the livestock unit allowances were government overreach, that the allowances were overly restrictive, and that the allowances would impact the livelihoods of residents who currently rely on livestock. We also heard a number of concerns about how this bylaw could potentially hurt food security for rural residents and the County. Some respondents also noted that the livestock units for Category B would not permit multiples of certain animals, which is problematic as animals such as donkeys and horses can struggle when solitary. Lastly, we heard from a number of commenters in Category B that were concerned that they would be punished harshly under the new bylaw and that they had a long maintained more livestock than what the bylaw will allow on their land. Verbatim comments can be found in Appendix A.

Category C

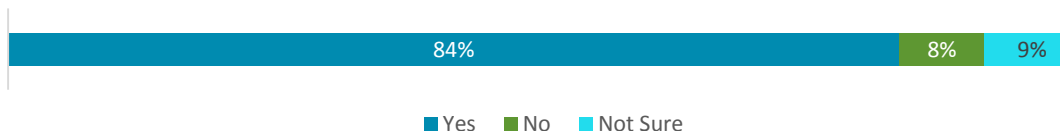
Properties that are included in category C are better suited for agricultural activities and the land use zoning encourages a rural residential and agricultural lifestyle.

The larger parcel size increases livestock suitability and space for managing livestock and their waste. This may still be challenging for some parcels due to layout or environmental features, so each resident will need to consider their property's potential when making livestock decisions.

We received 325 responses specific to this category. Respondents were provided with a graphic depicting allowable livestock types and examples of livestock mixes allowable in Category C areas. We then asked questions to gauge the clarity of this information.



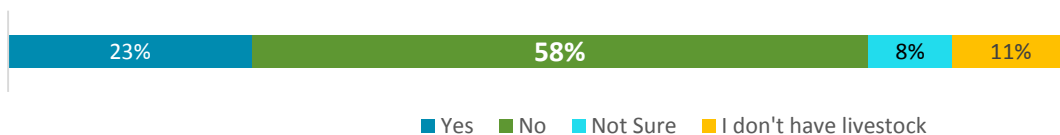
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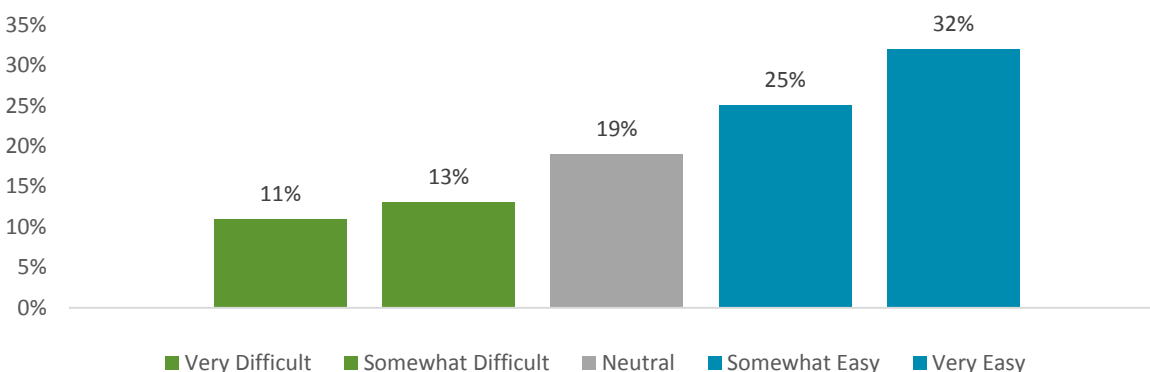
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Based on the information provided, would the current number of livestock on your property be over the allowable limit?



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As with the previous two Categories, feedback was split into two: commentary on the bylaw itself and comments on the clarity of information.

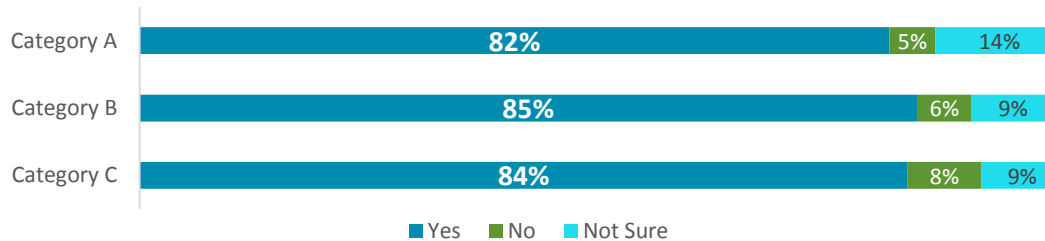
Again, some respondents were left wishing for some type of tool or calculator that would give them the exact amount of livestock units allowed for their property. We also heard a preference for more plain language or a simple number of animals per acre instead of livestock units. Some respondents with more than 20 acres or who were zoned for agriculture outside of the three land use areas identified in the Category mentioned they filled out the Category C section of the survey as it was closest to their circumstance.

We also heard a number of commenters that fundamentally disagreed with the premise of limiting the number and type of livestock in rural areas. These respondents were concerned that this was government overreach and determined by urban dwellers at the expense of rural residents.

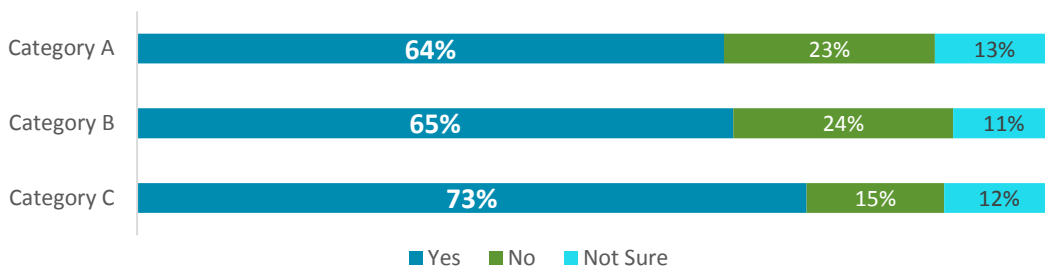
Some respondents were of a different mind and believed that the allowable livestock units were too high. Other raised concerns that the number of animals on their land fluctuated during the year and were concerned about how that would be handled by the bylaw. As Category C allowed larger animals, there were also questions about how livestock units were arrived at by the County. We also heard concerns that some sub-species of animals might not be equivalent in terms of livestock units. Verbatim comments can be found in Appendix A.

Cross Category Comparisons

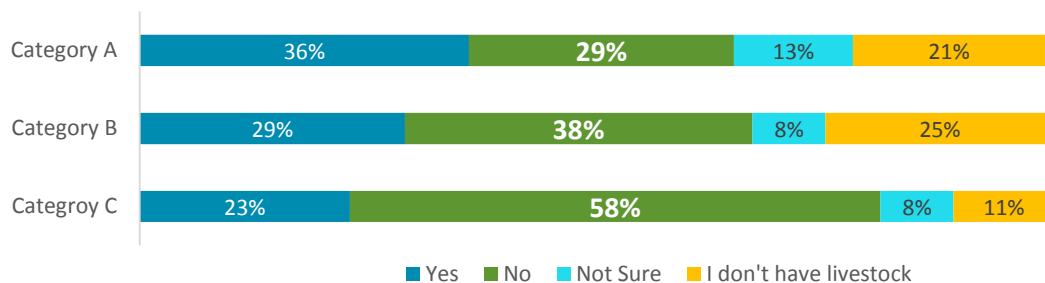
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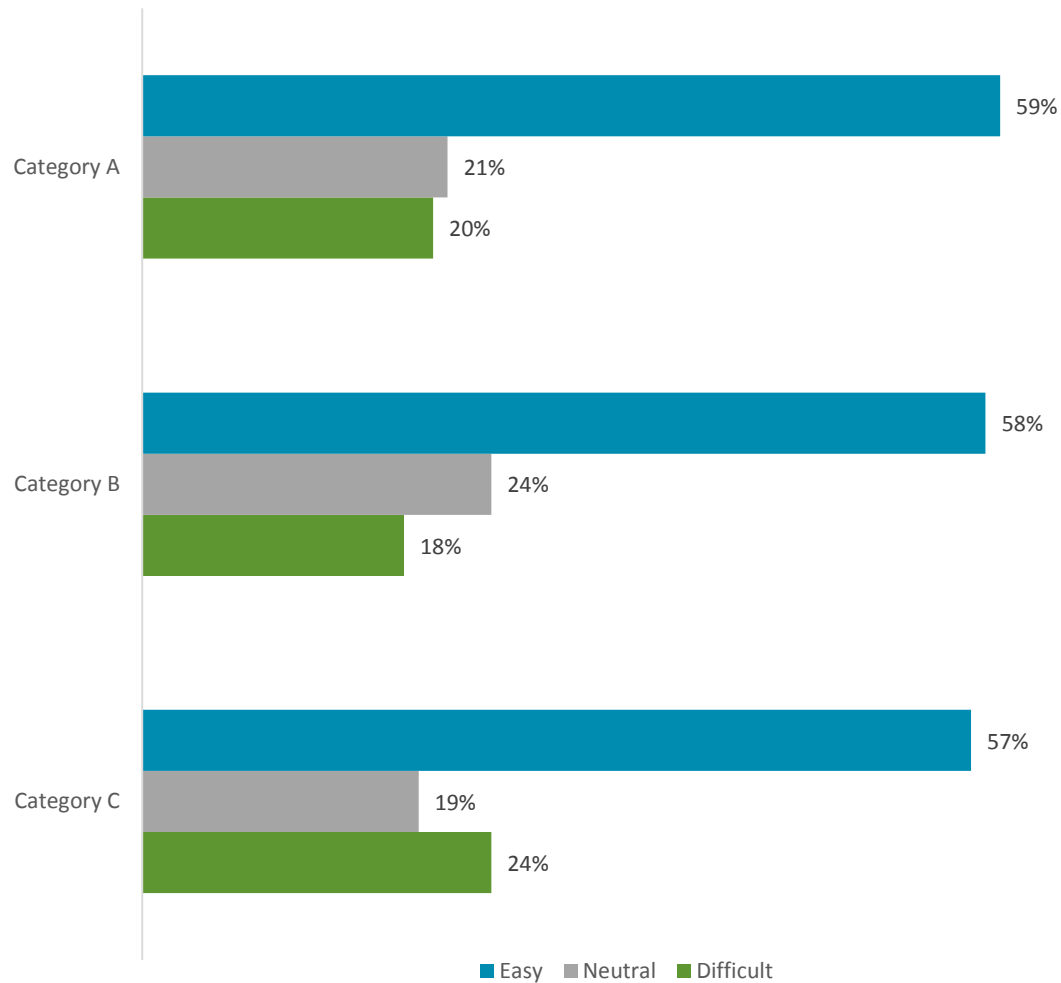
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What's Next?

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Appendix: Open Ended Responses

Please note that a number of verbatim comments per Category have not been included as they contain violent, abusive and threatening language or were from survey responses from non-rural and non-County respondents. Seven comments from Category A, 13 comments from Category B and seven comments from Category C have not been included in this report for these reasons. A number of comments from respondents who attempted to complete the survey multiple times have been included, although their duplicate responses to closed-ended questions have been discarded. These actions have been deemed appropriate to maintaining the validity of the data collected.

Strathcona County is dedicated to being as open and transparent as possible in our public engagement practices. For this reason, the vast majority of comments received are included below, with no modifications or changes. However, we warn the reader that many of the comments below contain profane language.

Category A

Disagree with livestock unit amounts and land classification

- It's explained fine. I do not agree with the amount of animal units less than 3acre parcel and the type of animals.
- Our property is very suitable but would no meet your rules so the next question does not work
- This is ridiculous! Leave the bylaw the way it is! I should be able to raise my own food. I have 20 laying hens and 1 rooster. I chat my own chicks. With the price of food, and who know what is in our food these days I should be afforded the opportunity to raise by own chicken for eggs and meat. I am a responsible landowner and my neighbours are totally fine with my chickens. They do not smell!
- Please provided more information about how these units were decided. Who advised this? Who was consulted? What research or evidence does the county have to back up these decisions?
- How was each LU determined? For example, how much land space and water use is attributed to each? Land management and use should be left up to the individual land owner not nuisance nannied by the county.
- Information is explained properly, but livestock units is a standard measurement for grazing capacity and not directly relatable to land size when supplementing feed. Livestock units has no correlation to animal waste.

- We are zoned as DC 79 "a", at 0.99 acres, it's unclear how the proposal will affect us, but would like to see some flexibility for things like chickens

Disagree with premise of livestock bylaw

- This is absolutely devastating to our rural farm and will kill our investments and income. Please do not adopt this legislation.
- It's a stupid system. What happened to the appropriate amount (grazing) for each animal? This System has been developed without livestock owners input by the sounds of it. This survey is only for the officials to make all the policies easier to swallow when it is enforced.
- First off I do not see how you have the right to tell me what I can and cannot have in my land. If someone struggles with a neighbor using their land as they see fit then maybe they should be in town instead of the country
- Explained fine, however I don't agree with the bylaw whatsoever.
- I should be allowed to have what I want on my farm. Large livestock is not equal to smaller livestock. Reason of having a farm is to be able to sustain ourselves, raise and breed livestock to either sell or feed ourselves. It's not sustainable to limit the amount of livestock
- This is insanity!
- Your bylaws are bullshit
- You cannot tell me how many animals I can have on my property. How ridiculous is that? 12 chickens are nothing if I use them to feed my family. What are you thinking?
- For starts government can get their nose out of people's business!!! What goes on on my property is NONE!! Of your business. It's my land and I will farm it how I see fit!! Period!!!
- This is nonsense!!
- Absolutely insane you have no right to tell people how to use the land THEY own.....
- Stop your government over reach
- I disagree with this. You, the government, have no right to tell me how many animals I can have on my own property. I own it, it's mine.
- This is a complete joke. As long as animals are looked after units should not matter. I live in the country so I can have animals and they are very well looked after. This is a complete joke
- You aren't getting re-elected. Your proposed bylaw conflicts with my property rights, and violates pre-existing conditions.
- Stop restricting people from owning livestock
- What you're doing here is absolutely unacceptable and the community is already getting ready to protest this and make some noise. 2 turkeys on 2.5 acres of land?!? OR 12 chickens and no rooster? You idiots don't know enough to even have a day in this matter. If you want to live away from farm animals, live in the city. Stay away from the agricultural areas. This is sickening and I will make sure it gets all the attention it needs
- By not passing this bylaw. This is not needed
- Stupid -way to many limits

- This is absolutely ludicrous! No one should have the right to tell someone else what animals to own and care for on their own property! The people who make this crap up should be forced to supplement groceries for those families they are forcing into hardship because of the limitations!
- This is a terrible idea from people who know nothing about farming
- You need to have a discussion with the residents. This is absurd.
- So I guess I should just shoot my children's mini donkey now, because he's "not allowed" to be on MY property?
- Why do you hate us?
- HOW ABOUT YOU HAVE A TOWN HALL MEETING YOU SCARDEY CATS
- I'm not in favor of this change, I believe it will be detrimental to the county, as well as detrimental to the people who want a small set up to have their own animals
- This is a complete over reach of my rights as an acreage owner. I strongly believe that large animals need the required space and care. I can easily manage my donkey, 6 chickens, 2 turkeys and a few pheasants. I also have a few dogs who have protected my flocks from wild coyotes in the past. I manage all my manure in compost and in my garden which I eat from yearly. This is very disappointing to see what's happening as a resident of this fine county. We should be leading by example and endorsing small hobby farms, teaching 4H and keep this a farm based community.
- It is very disturbing the laws strathcona county is proposing , trying to regulate how many animals are allowed on a rural property , it sounds like a communist Marxist agenda to control the people
- The limits are absolutely ridiculous and clearly not developed by anyone who has raised animals. The problem is not numbers, it's people qualified to raise them. Try consulting people knowledgeable and experienced in animal husbandry and agriculture. You can do better.

Easy to understand bylaw

- It's explained fine. I do not agree with the amount of animal units less than 3acre parcel and the type of animals.
- Easy to understand
- Explained clearly enough

Challenges to understand bylaw

- Giving an example of both large & small animals allowed. For example: would 5 goats, one rooster & a dozen chickens be allowed in zone A?
- Less detail and more questions to determine what's appropriate
- Don't understand if it means I can have 1 rooster or 12 chickens. Very confusing
- Have an alphabetical reference list.
- Should allow more animal units per category
- There should be some consideration as to whether livestock is housed inside or outside of a building.
- I think you might want to consider show what is NOT allowed. Maybe a picture with a Red Line through. Example show a Rooster is not allowed for less than 5 acres or other animals.
- Are you no longer allowed a horse in category A?
- What if the property size is 2 acres not the 2.5

- are you saying horse, cattle, pig, lamb or goats would not be allowed on our acreage?
- I actually fell into a category not found with less than 2 acres. But RCL backing onto a large green space. Zoned for AG. I also do not think this accounts for the type of land the owner has, percentage of trees vrs grass, drainage hills etc. which will affect both noise and smell.
- Missing animals

Other

- N/a
- cats need to have same bylaws as dogs

Category B

Disagree with livestock unit amounts and land classification

- How did you determine that 1 bison is equal to 2 cattle cows or bulls? A bison is very close in size to a domestic cow.
- What about special breeds like miniature cows and miniature horses?
- 3 acres property is far too small for more than 1 horse. In many acreage subdivisions, the land is treed and/or small ponds or marshes. Each acreage must be gagged as to actual land available to graze, or handle manure issues. Had past experiences when new neighbours feel 3 acres equals three horses. Only to have winter issues of manure handling causing neighbours to have to endure. This system is unrealistic.
- Disagree with the units of certain animals. Geese, poultry, rabbits and small animals taking multiple units compared to large livestock
- Do not limit livestock on anything over 3 acres.
- For small acreage owners, the allowable livestock limit is too high. Usually 1 acre is the house, out buildings, yard etc which only leaves 2 acres of usable land for animals.
- Get rid of this bylaw. You significantly decrease the amount of livestock I can have on my land (only half as many chickens) and cannot even have a rooster if under 5 acres, even if surrounded all sides by roads and empty lots. This is not OK. Please revert back to old bylaw.
- Grouped improperly, there are many other factors such as land quality and barns
- How do we complain about the rules. I've had 3 donkeys for 10 plus years and now your saying I won't be allowed them? How is having 5 horses equal to one miniature donkey?
- How would I be able to continue breeding chicks without a rooster since I have less than 5 acres.
- I am concerned about only allowing a single horse on a 3 acre parcel, since they are a herd animal and being alone is hard on their mental health. However it does take a lot of manure management to keep 2 horses, and some horse owners are not good at managing the manure
- I did not see how many units I would be allowed, only the types of animals and how many units each animal is.
- I do not agree with the amount of livestock allowed. You are significantly reducing allowed chickens from 20 per acre to 12 per acre, and since I only have 4 acres, I cannot have a rooster. I am not in favour of this amendment

- I do not agree with this overstep in allowable animals. Allowing only one donkey/horse per 5 acre is also not good for the animal as they like being in pairs at least This is ridiculous and I do not agree.
- I have chickens. What are we supposed to do with roosters that are not allowed?
- I may not have livestock, however I don't think that roosters should be limited to 5+ acres. I know many people that have chickens for eggs, and with them not being allowed roosters will not allow them to do this. I believe this needs to be amended. Roosters do not bother me whatsoever so I believe thus rule is pretty extreme.
- I spend THOUSANDS outfitting my property to accommodate my horses and I also have chickens. Now you are telling me I can't have my horses on my own property because it's "over your limit"? This is ridiculous. You people have no idea.
- I think there's a lot of misinformation out there right now. Better clarification needs to happen. And seriously??? You can't have a rooster unless you have five plus acres? That's just dumb
- I understand how it works but I believe the number of livestock units should be considerably higher. since the pandemic people have wanted to raise their own food and this does not allow for that. Chickens should be 0.5 units or less.
- Increase the amount of LU per acre for 3+ acre locations.
- Information was clear, but I personally disagree with the restrictions on Roosters for low density country residential. 1 Rooster per 5 acres is ridiculous.
- Instead of using Livestock Units just indicate the number of allowable animals per acre and types of animals allowed. If you are prohibiting those with under 5 acres from owning more than one donkey are you grandfathering those that already do in?
- It does not make sense at all. On my 5.07 acre parcel I can only have 12 chickens alone? Being that 5 acres are allowed 12 units and 1 chicken=1 unit. And, then no other animals? It is too confusing. Also, My 5.07 acre parcel does not interfere with manure run off nor affect anyone around me, so why do I have to have less?
- It is not reasonable to allow 36 units on 3 acres parcel and only allow 1 of those to be a rooster. These changes seem unrealistic to what can managed on a parcel of land. Especially regarding chickens/roosters. 1 rooster per 10 hens would be a realistic expectation. As that is the norm for their mating habits. Also 36 chickens can be managed in a small space this is half of the old bylaw and seems unreasonable as well.
- Make it site or lot specific on what you are allowed to have on your specific property
- Miniature animals should be clarified wether their LU is equivalent or lesser to their full-size counter part.
- No rooster on a 3 acre parcel? Are you kidding me?
- Not sure I understand why there's only one peacock allowed per 5 acres and one rooster. Does crowing affect the neighbors? We need male roosters to protect the flock
- People who purchased their properties before this bylaw should be grandfathered in and allowed to continue under the rules when they purchased their property, until the next transfer of ownership. The idea that someone purchased property, invested money to develop it in preparation for owning additional livestock, but hasn't yet purchased the livestock now cannot do so is unreasonable and absurd. If this

proceeds, I hope there is some way to reimburse owners for now-useless property upgrades.

- Roosters and mini donkeys/horses should be allowed on 3 acres. I do not agree with your decision on this
- Special limits on roosters for example is not suitable. We have 4 acres, there fore could not have a rooster. But what would keep our chickens safe and what would fertilize our eggs? Living in the country there should be no complaints about a rooster crowing. It's no louder then your ride on lawn mower, dirt bikes or quads.
- the previous system was fine
- The whole concept is ridiculous. 4 geese = a bison???
- There is a big difference in size between a horse and a donkey. It seems ridiculous to put the same number of "units" allowed for these animals.
- This is absolute bullshit!! We have neighbours with 5 acres and allowed roosters and we'll be hearing their Roosters crow. We have built pens that house our different breeds of chickens and you guys have shattered that all so I would expect payment for my buildings that I have built when I was allowed to house roosters. Absolute bullshit!!
- This is complete garbage. I have 3.5 acres, so I am only allowed 36 LU's, I have 25 laying hen chicks and do 25 meat birds 2 times a year. With this new regulation, I would only be allowed to do 11 meat birds at a time. It doesn't make a difference in the waste or noise. This is horrible. This is the reason we wanted a acreage further out from town. Way to run the free land. What a shame .
- This is ridiculous and could be interpreted as an attack on food independence and food sovereignty. 20 chickens per acre like in other counties is fair. Your 4 per acre is ridiculous. Some cities let backyards have 4. You need to reevaluate this garbage.
- This is ridiculous that I can only have 1 rooster. How am I supposed to keep my hens protected? Should I just kill my current roosters?
- This needs to be more flexible depending on time of year, etc. In spring, babies are born, which would cause residences to be over the limit for a brief period. Also, the number of animals should be higher after 3 acres, not 5.
- This new bylaw will no longer allow me to hatch my own chicks nor produce enough eggs to share with my family. I'm not in favor of these limitations.
- This new proposal is ridiculous. I have a family of 8-10 people at any given time. Our numbers vary as we are a foster family. I have chickens to feed my family and to produce eggs. I am a responsible chicken owner. Based on your numbers I would not be allowed ONE rooster for my flock of hens, thus limiting our ability to provide organic food at a fraction of the cost and with knowledge of what these chickens were fed. I grew up on a farm and I am more than aware of responsible breeding and animal care. We have had no issues with our chickens to date and we are not pleased with this new proposed bylaw. We have a closed flock and practice bio-security to ensure no spread of any potential threats to our birds. When we buy a live bird (vs hatching eggs) we quarantine for not less than 3 weeks before introducing to the flock. This allows us to monitor and ensure that the new bird is healthy and not spreading viruses to our birds. We moved to this area to be able to have our hens, a couple of roosters, and hatch to renew and be sustainable with our flock each year

allowing for layers and for meat. These restrictions will limit our ability to do so, and may cause us to question if this county is suitable for us.

- This numbering is ridiculous. There is no possible way smt donkey produced as much waste or takes up as much space as my horse.
- To make people buy more property it's ridiculous. There is more than enough room on 3 acres for 3 horses if people have half a brain
- Too many units for my 3.27 acres--3 acres parcels way too small for what is proposed --unrealistic and unfair to animals--poorly thought out--need a reality check--there is no more land from 2 to 4 acres because of septic systems
- We have 2 goats, and want a donkey to protect the goats from predators. With this mew bylaw, we couldn't get a donkey on our 3 acres.
- We typically have 60-75 chickens, 15 turkeys, 2 horses and a few sheep on our property that we rotationally graze. This is in the summer months. We butcher the birds by fall so have less over the winter but repurchase in the spring. This new amount is ridiculous.
- What is the difference of llama/alpaca? Why different units. How are pot belly (small pigs) categorized? It's not fair to lump them with a pig that could be 600 lbs. Why are roosters not allowed below 5 acres? What is the justification on that? How is their "noise" different from wild geese? Ridiculous. How will people sustain their flock. They are also guardians and protectors of the hens. Why special rules for donkeys? What about mini donkeys? There are much noisier animals (dogs) then a guardian donkey who is a working animal. This bylaw needs to be revisited to reflect what we have learned from covid. They people want to live sustainable lifestyles including raising small amounts of livestock to support a sustainable life for their family. Quit catering to the 1%. Greed. This county is going backwards and is on the wrong side of history.
- Why is alpaca grouped with sheep vs llama in the first picture? I don't think noise from donkey or roosters should be factored in. I think that is unfair - especially as donkeys are considered livestock guardians and many would have that in place vs a dog. There are many much more obtrusive sounds then animals - such as loud engines, atv/snowmobiles. Will the county be restricting that too?
- You do not have a class for miniature donkeys or how many livestock units they would be worth
- You should have a survey on how many animals allowable under 5 acres. In a time where prices are going through the roof and people are trying to be more sustainable, your numbers seem off on several types of stock.
- You still do not take into account the actual "available" land to support these "units" and you are relying on the resident to understand what their land can actually support in a fair and humane manner for the unit.

Disagree with premise of livestock bylaw

- Absolutely disgusting as most acreages are just shy of the 5 acres and this was used against us so that we were not allowed a donkeys or roosters who's talking may disturb the city folk invading the county in huge numbers. And yet they can roar around speeding on their deafening motorcycles and cars

- Doesn't seem necessary to have so many categories when the units and allowables are the same e.g. horses and cattle are the same - can just group . NOTE : I have a significant issue with this survey and the apparently proposed bylaw . Firstly , it does not identify explain what currently exists vs what is proposed -terrible approach - have to research existing bylaw whereas a survey s/b self explanatory. There are obvious changes indicated by the stmt that the county will work with owners presently having livestock to help them "transition" w/o info as to what those specific changes are . Secondly, there is no info as to why changes are proposed leading one to suppose a bias against rural in favour of expanding urban areas next to rural or in favour of urbanites moving to acreage but not wanting to hear a rooster crow in the morning or a donkey braying . The whole seems akin to developing /buying homes next to railroad then asking that he railway shut down or be moved ! First the County decides to pave over prime farm land in the Bremner area, now they want to further restrict small landowners' ability to produce animal based foods when all info is that food supply is more and more of a critical issue. I have had livestock in the past and do not want to see increased restrictions.
- Don't dictate what people should be doing on their land because of people that come out from the city and just complain how country living is. The way the world is going we need more freedoms not less. We need space to provide food for our families and not have to be told what to do. Stop the government overreach.
- Don't like these recommendations one bit, who came up with these ridiculous numbers. I'll be leaving the county along with many friends and family... This is absolutely ridiculous!
- Drop that bullshit. No one's going to listen to that bylaw.
- I am devastated by these totalitarian, communist, and intrusive measures. By removing my right to produce food, you have ripped the food out of my 3 children's mouths. We are ethical and responsible livestock owners, and rest assured, my land can support more livestock than what is proposed. We are on friendly terms with all our neighbours, we share our eggs and meat with them, and they have never complained of noise or smell from our livestock. This proposal will take away our right to feed ourselves, and by taking away our right to have male livestock, we cannot to have self-sustaining flocks.
- I am very disappointed to see how Strathcona County is handling this. Food security is one of the biggest threats as we navigate climate change and yet the county is looking to impose sanctions that makes living on an acreage no better than living in the city. We out of the city to grow our own food. Have chickens, one of which is a rooster as this provides a natural balance and protection for the flock. If this bylaw is put into effect you take away a lot of the joy we sought when moving to the county. If someone is complaining about the noise of animals, they shouldn't be living in a rural area. When I was in the city did I complain about the number of ambulances or fire engines that drove by hourly? No I did not. It comes with the territory. Please reconsider this bylaw. You are hurting your constituents, no to mention the relationship individuals have created with their animals.
- I don't think these new limits are beneficial to survival in today's world.

- I think it's absolutely ridiculous that the county is getting so involved in what animals people have on their property. Especially when the equine population in strathcona county is the largest in North America.. it's time city people either expect to hear a rooster crow, donkey bray, train whistle, or dirt bike engine, or stay In the city.. all of these controlling tactics significantly impact my dreams for my life and I can promise that I will not be a resident of strathcona county much longer with the outrageous bylaws coming into place. Better yet, forget about the animal bylaw and focus on things that could support our economy and local businesses. How about focusing your time on creating bylaws for wedding Venues like you were supposed to back in 2019 instead of screwing with the lives of young entrepreneurs. K thanks!
- I think it's important that everybody with a premises ID be notified about any meetings that come up regarding livestock on their land. The bylaw that is about to change the way my family lives the entire reason we moved out here. I honestly feel like the majority of Strathcona County will be extremely upset by this
- I think this bylaw is absolutely ridiculous and will cause established homeowners of rural properties unnecessary heartache to have to down size their livestock
- I think this is more to quell people wanting to live in the country. Without seeing, hearing, or smelling livestock. It looks like an absolute bow to pressure, from people complaining about near by livestock. I'm disappointed. Using disease control, and land stewardship to propel the argument. When was the last time an avian bird flu raged through the county? Or Haemophilus cleared pastures full of cattle? The people that know a little bit see through the county's smoke and mirrors. Just sell it as is without falls precepts.
- I will be selling my property and moving to a county that doesn't waste my property taxes micro-managing my backyard chicken coop.
- I'm appalled at the new changes to bylaws affecting small scale farming. You would think in a time where food security is no longer assured or guaranteed, you would be promoting self sufficiency. I purchased a small acreage to allow myself to grow food for my family to nurture and provide for them. And you have taken that away. Bravo.
- I'm not going to get rid of my animals. Have fun with the pitchforks!!
- It isn't how you explain the information but rather the information you are explaining. I completely disagree with this new system. It will prove to push residents out of the area and is far to intrusive to be acceptable. The county should be worrying about critical infrastructure rather than sticking their nose into matters that are not of their concern. This is far overreaching and should be overturned before it's implementation.
- It should not be the county's job to prevent people from owning livestock. Period
- Just because it's easy to read doesn't mean I agree with the results of this controlling bylaw. This is ridiculous. One year I had chickens for meat butchering and hens for eggs&C!by these standards I would have been over my "allowed" 36 chickens on my 3 acres! Wow. You guys are really making it so people leave this county. Leave the people alone. If one bad egg is the problem deal with it.
- Leave it alone. There isn't a problem. Tell Karen to do something more useful with her time.
- Let rural people live rurally without the intrusion of bylaw enforcement, leave that for city living. Unless someone is complaining leave us alone

- Livestock limits are not reflective of country living. They are far too restrictive.
- Livestock units is confusing and seemingly arbitrary. Particularly regarding the specialty animals such as donkeys. How is having 5 acres required for a donkey to be present going to make any sort of difference if there's no requirement of where the donkey must be kept. The edge of a 3 acre, 5 acre, or 25 acre is going to be the same
- My 30 cows and 1 bull and 3 llamas have more than enough room on my 3 acre lot. Mind ya business
- Not needed
- On 3 acre parcels, it is environmentally irresponsible to allow such a bylaw. Land is usually rolled and treed on these parcels with restrictive covenants for removal of trees. Roseburn Est. has restrictive covenants against animals which the County does not enforce. This new bylaw will encourage 3 acre parcels becoming mini farmyards (as we are currently experiencing). Residents have built larger expensive homes (now with the pleasure of smelly horse manure etc). It is unhealthy to have ANY no. of horses on such small acres. They become very unsightly, smelly, ugly landscape, and very inconsiderate of neighbors. A bylaw such as this will be unenforceable and will lead to all kinds of problems among neighbors. If County residents want to have mini farms they may purchase larger parcels of land out of town where impact is minimal. PS: manure runoff is unhealthy, carries disease (currently avian flu) disgustingly smelly and totally unenforceable. Advice: cancel this bylaw before you regret it in the future. We pay extremely high taxes and we do not want the pleasure of living close to town in a country residential setting to be taken away from us. Property values will be greatly affected which will automatically impact the tax base. The county will need numerous health inspectors to police this bylaw. The County has reputation of being a unique residential for all type of residents. This bylaw will give Strathcona country residential living a "crappy" reputation. Farmers should purchase farmland.
- Over 30 years of high taxes the county is worried about donkeys. Maybe there are too many asses working for the county. Maybe the councillors should be looking into fixing real issues.....
- People live in rural areas to be able to do what they want on their own land!!! Again this is a Sherwood park over reach into strathcona county and why rural areas need our own mayor and our own councils. If people don't want livestock around them then they should live in a city!! People choose to live on acreages to grow their own food and gardens and I don't think there should be any bylaws! That is what the humane society is for!
- People who already have livestock on their property should NOT be forced to get rid of them. Horses are family to some people and as long as they are healthy, have access food, water and shelter, there should be no issues. Permits are a waste of time and a cash cow.
- Shame on you. You are trying to blanket everyone with ridiculous bylaws that is going to put people at risk with food security.. stop meddling in people's lives.
- Stop being a nanny state. Are people going to be fined for having an extra chicken or a 2 donkeys on their property. Strathcona has become a county, where the city dwelling a-holes move out to the country, then get mad when they get a country environment! It's getting out of hand, pandering to these people

- Stop pushing your NDP agenda and let people raise their animals. This is woke agenda pushing crap.
- Stop trying to micromanage people's lives. You are going to regret trying to do this. The backlash is going to be much more than you are prepared for.
- Strathcona county is moving to create unsustainable opportunities for livestock management. Instead of proper education of how livestock can be raised it seems like you are more concerned about creating gated communities. Truly seems like you want the "Country side" to look and sound like a city. The "restricted noises" seems like maybe we should have a ban on foxes screaming at 2 am if roosters are not allowed. Commercial outfits raise close to 1,000 birds in a building that's 80x200 and that is OK for the livestock health but someone with 3 acres utilizing the property in proper management can only raise 12!?! Sheep as well are a concern seeing how most farms that raise large amount of sheep base it on 100 ewes to 150 lambs on 30 acres. The general math on that is 8 animals per acre, 3 ewes with 3-5 lambs. Previous outlines stated 3 per acre, limits down to 3 total, who will I be looking to for reimbursement for all the fencing I have invested into for rotational grazing? The possibility of hauling manure to make "city folks" happy in the county who will be subsidizing the fuel and the cost of a dump trailer to remove? This is unacceptable how this has happened. No mail was given to people who hold an Alberta PID. Truly seems like i need to find a new county to move to.
- Strathcona County knows nothing about agricultural responsibility and livestock management. This is an awful idea and is a disgrace to farmers.
- Strathcona county likes to bully people, and is hard to deal with, maybe good old Rod Frank can tell my daughter we need to get rid of her pony
- Terribly presented survey, was this supposed to be some form of algebra test? Seriously not at all easy to follow, pretty much the worst explanation none survey I have ever seen. Further this is the first I've heard of any of this. As per usual no one has come to our door much less our country councillor in our area, one of only 2 rural reps for the county, which really no one listen to us Sherwood Park proper gets what they want, they and all the Sherwood Park proper council decide every thing for rural. Council doesn't want our opinion never has just our taxes to pay for rec centres, dog parks and sidewalks.
- The bylaw change as a complete abomination. It's an insult to the animals and the people. You should all lose your jobs for this. You are moving in the wrong direction.
- The bylaw is absurd and impacts rural families greatly! Not in support of this change
- The explanation was adequate. Fact that this has been going on pursuing engagement on this exercise through the pandemic period is a disgrace. These limits are inappropriate for rural strathcona county. The fact that these limits would be applied to all properties regardless of where they are within the county is a failure by the part of the planning department to recognize the diversity of environments that they serve. This approach will only serve to put administration and residents in conflict.
- The fact you are placing such low limits on the number of animals allowed is disgraceful. Strathcona County's overreach is despicable on issues such as these.
- The government should have no say in what I do with land that I own.

- The information is clear enough but was obviously put together by those who have never had livestock or raised them or managed animal waste. Animal limits should not be set by city slickers who have no idea how to raise their own food nor appreciate the necessity in today's food-insecure world. There is no legitimate reason that one chicken equates 1 animal unit and a horse equals 12. Anyone who has been anywhere near the two species knows that the manure output or noise of 12 chickens doesn't come anywhere near to equaling a horse nor do three goats come anywhere near to equaling the manure output of a horse. Another lovely example of ridiculous bureaucracy imposed by our city dwelling lawmakers who buy their food in the grocery store. Considering the scale of worldwide food insecurity, don't be the council that imposes hardship on your citizens because of a "policy" that was put together by those that are not actual stakeholders in the bylaw. Please take a moment to logically reconsider this restrictive bylaw, particularly for poultry, given the food shortages predicted in the near future.
- The law proposed is very restrictive and out of touch with livestock management on smaller parcels of up to 3 acres. This law will take food off people's tables that they have worked hard to create sustainably and responsibly. What farming practices or standards were used to determine the amount of live stock units per acre? This law reflects the wants of people who do not want livestock or livestock next to their acreage. If you don't like animals, don't move to the country. I live next to a large cattle farm directly beside our subdivision. The mooing and occasional manure smells throughout the year are just a part of living rurally. Many small acreages will be adversely affected by this law and for no good reason. My neighbour has way more livestock units than is allowed by this law for their parcel. We only have a small strip of trees separating us. We never smell manure, their animals are healthy and happy, our land is never disturbed. The occasional animal sounds are not a nuisance, but welcomed over the sounds of traffic. Strathcona County should be encouraging acreage owners to have animals as they add vital nutrients and minerals to our soil, gardens and enhance the ecology. It is my assumption that the majority of support for this law comes from homeowners who are not acreage owners and acreage owners who expect city living in the country. Also, with the state of our country, inflation, and such, restricting citizens from being productive and producing their own food on their land is reprehensible and shameful.
- The purpose of a feedback instrument is for me to provide you with information - not the other way around. Since I find this instrument manipulative and immature by the point of reaching question 6, I will take this opportunity to provide the feedback I want to provide, as I suspect the survey is designed to trick respondents into providing responses that appear to be in agreement with the proposal and to terminate without providing any real opportunity to provide meaningful feedback. To me, this does not satisfy the definition of a public consultation. I am disappointed that no effort seems to have been made to provide a rationale for proposing a new by-law. Nor has any comparison been offered between this proposed by-law and those of other jurisdictions, much less to make note of how such by-laws in other jurisdictions have served their citizens. I am also disappointed that for discussion purposes, the OLD by-law is provided for perusal while the actual text of the new by-law seems to remain a

mystery. The text in which the link is offered, appears to have been composed in as manner as to obfuscate the fact that it is the OLD by-law being provided. I find the very idea of imposing new restrictions on peoples' ability to raise food for themselves & their families, to be ill-timed, considering the calamity presently occurring with the food supply chain all over North America. To take any steps to interfere with the fundamental right of access to sustenance is wholly inappropriate. Judging by the information provided to me by this feedback instrument (which seems to be its real purpose), I find this by-law (or at least, the regulations explained in this faux feedback instrument) unnecessarily restrictive and micro-managing to the extent of immature behaviour. Please endeavour to engage with Strathcona County residents in an honest, straightforward, respectful manner and accept the feedback in democratic spirit. To reiterate, I feel this survey does not constitute good faith public consultation.

- The restrictions are bullshit, government taxes everyone until death and then says what we can and can't do...how about trying to reduce government every year
- There is no place to put comments. Although I do not have livestock, I know others that do. The restrictions are unreasonable and need to be reconsidered.
- There should NOT be special limits for noisy animals. What about loud dirt bikes, cars, fireworks, etc which are way more of a nuisance to people than a donkey or rooster!
- These are completely unreasonable livestock limitations.
- These new provisions are absolutely unrealistic and unconscionable. I'm am extremely upset and bewildered that these are the propositions being tabled. Particularly pertaining to poultry limits, especially roosters. As a resident who is a responsible, sustainable, ethical, poultry owner and breeder operating on less than 5 acres, I must come to conclusion that these recommendations have been drafted by individuals who either do not own livestock, or have very limited understanding of such. I am horrified at the attack on owners of small holdings, attack on personal livelihood in the supposed name of animal welfare. It seems that this county's priority is to only support the interests of residents who are vehement opposed to livestock ownership and in favour of extreme municipal government overreach. I imagine the pushback from informed residents and responsible livestock owners will not be small. These proposed policies cannot possibly go through.
- This bylaw amendment is horrifying. The government overreach is shocking. I understand prioritizing animal rights, but this is way out of hand. Particularly the EXTREME limits on poultry. Disallowing Anyone less than 5 acres from owning a rooster?! This is direct attack on food security, sustainability. We have moved out here to take steps to provide for our family self sufficiently. 12 chickens max on 3 acres is ABSURD. We MUST be allowed a rooster to be able to fertilize eggs to sustain our flock. Dogs are much greater noise issues than a rooster. I am so distressed that this restriction is even being proposed with zero choice or input from county residents. You are alienating a massive amount of residents. You are also destroying small businesses.
- This is a foolish bylaw
- This is a ridiculous bylaw you are proposing. The livelihood of many people will be affected. How is not being able to grow your own food, specifically animal proteins able to be sustained when you will be placing such small amounts of animals on

acreages? Stop this nonsense. Allow people the choice to grow and raise their own animals. That is why people have moved to an acreage, so they can raise their own food.

- This is absolute bullshit communism!! If you think people will stand for this, you will be sadly mistaken!!!
- This is absolutely ridiculous, you power hungry jerks
- This is an opinion survey confirming your intentions not an opinion asking for public feedback of the idea of this bylaw. You are telling us what you are doing not asking if we approve of it which I do not nor does any person who is farming or homesteading.
- This is bullshit. This is not acceptable. Some ppl want to grow and raise their own food and you are taking away this right. With inflation, food that is unhealthy you as a county are contributing to this and taking away peoples rights. I will be leaving this county in the next 5-10 years. Rod frank needs to step down.
- This is BULLSHIT. Who are you to tell me what I can care for on MY property
- This is ridiculous and an overreach. Leave us alone and let us continue with how things are and Stop trying to rule every aspect of people's lives.
- This is ridiculous. People move to the country to have animals. You are concerned about the noise levels of a donkey or rooster on an acreage, beyond belief. How about worrying about noise levels in town for those that back onto Wye or baseline road.
- This is such a frustrating survey!!!!!! Why don't you just contact people directly, that is, send out a paper version of this ridiculous survey so that people get a chance to properly voice their concerns. For the life of me, how can you guys expect herd animals to live alone??? They've had companionship all their lives and now you want to reduce numbers so they must live alone??? Makes no sense whatsoever plus also very cruel to both animals and their humans!!! If you are going to make these changes at least wait until the current residents either move or die. Do not impose such cruel restrictions on the current residents - both animal and human.
- This is utter bullshit. Who are you to tell us what we can have
- This is utter garbage! You are attempting to control people and their ability to live!! Stay out of peoples business!
- This new bylaw is absolutely ridiculous and should not be passed. The county should not have any say on the amount of animals MY property can have that I PAY taxes for.
- This proposed bylaw is absolute bullshit. Strathcona county rural residents should be allowed to raise any livestock they wish. We should be encouraging self sustainability and food production whether it be for personal or business, not eliminating the ability to do so. I am appalled that such a bylaw is even in question. If residents move to a rural property and are unhappy with livestock next door, perhaps they shouldn't have purchased a rural property. Unbelievable.
- This survey is broken. No options are given for rejecting the proposal outright or REDUCING/REMOVING limits on land use for private property. After enduring over two years of multiple levels of government overreach, histrionic disruptions to normal life, citizens being turned into state informers, the destruction of the stored labour value of our currency, and unacceptable violations of our charter rights, our local government has decided to further interfere with individuals' rights to self sufficiency where they ought have no purview. The changes put forth in this legislation are borderline

criminally irresponsible, and those officials that are responsible for proposing this legislation should resign and be subject to investigations related to what can only be obvious corruption/conflict of interest. Why? At a time when media headlines are dominated by stories of international conflict, inflation, food processing plant fires, potential recession, and supply chain breakdowns/shortages, the intent and effect of this legislation and can only be described as evil. There is no excuse. We must ask why the authoritarianism only runs in one direction. Why would we not employ the force of government to encourage or even mandate the keeping of livestock, instead of restricting it, as was done in WWI in the United States? It seems that our leadership would choose to penalize people for their desire for independence, rather than force free-riders to contribute. If we have the staff/revenue to increase enforcement of new totalitarian edicts and restrictions, why not consider subsidies for MORE livestock instead?

- This whole thing is ludicrous. You can't restrict farmers like this. It's wrong.
- We are trying to be self sufficient and these proposed restrictions are a hinderance
- We aren't children, we can interpret your pathetic diagrams. Making things cutesy doesn't make it right that you are constantly telling your residents how to run their lives
- Who is the brains behind this? They must live in a city working behind a desk. It's ridiculous, unrealistic and illogical. 12 chickens only? No rooster? It would no longer be possible to raise as a food source. Use some intelligence people.
- Why do you not mind your own business. Some stunned busy body in Sherwood Park has no right to tell me what to do. If my neighbors have a problem they talk to me.
- Why don't you provide "supports" or material to people who move from the city to the "country" about their roles in supporting rural properties, producers or farmers instead of pushing people out of the county because they have livestock or guardian dogs on their property.
- Why would 9 acres be in the same catagory as 3 acres. How about you tax my land the same as a 3 acre property then. And how is my tiny duck count as double compared to my massive rooster. This is ridiculous and so unnecessary.
- You are limiting people's choice. Properties should be grandfathered.
- You can't tell me what to do without consulting residents. Everyone in my area have livestock. None are bothered by it.
- Your limit of 12 chickens is rediculous. You are turning us into NAZI Germany. Do your part to keep Canada a free county. The less government gets involved with the lives of its people the better.
- Your new limits are just unfair to people who have had a lot of these animals for a long time Without any problems and now you're saying that it's against the bylaw

Easy to understand bylaw

- Basic math so it is pretty easy
- I think the visual is great
- I thought it was put together very well.
- Seems fairly straightforward as defined animals
- Seems self explanatory to me.

- As long as the animals do not create smell and noise that crosses the property line, I don't have an issue. Small hobby farms should be monitored and restricted in the county.
- As long as you show the units per animal, it's fine.
- Fairly simple system but all your examples are of a 5 acre parcel, maybe give examples of 3 or 4 acre parcels to show that special limit animals are not allowed on the smaller parcels.
- I like the 1 rooster/guinea/peafowl/donkey idea! I don't mind a rooster crowing, but some people have 5+ roosters, and you hear it all day.
- I think it is pretty easy if you take the time to read the charts
- I think it was done well, just not necessarily an easy concept for some people.
- I wouldn't have explained it any differently
- If land owners can't figure this out, should they own animals?
- It is explained well. Perhaps just have a phone number for questions available when it is posted.
- It is straight forward. No further explanation is required.
- It is very clear
- It seems pretty clear
- It was fine for me but not sure someone that had basic computer skills could handle. Instead of arrows use "Next"
- It's fine
- It's very simple!
- It's very visual. Easy to read
- It's wonderful using pictures!! Thank You!!
- I've a very basic tech person (middle aged), and if i can understand this, i think most would be able to. This information is awesome and the way it is set out is really great (and i'm an educator at heart and don't sing high praises easily). I've learned a lot going thru this. Thanks for taking the time to 'think outside the box' in your presentation.
- Looks good the way it is.
- One page infographic. The flow chart and icons are well laid out, and it would help if they were all on one page.
- Seems reasonable
- Seems very straightforward, easy to do the math!
- This seems pretty easy to me
- very clear
- Very simple explanation! After survey it would be great to have the charts and examples on the website.(if not already there)
- Very well explained.
- Was very easy to use, graphic make a great visual

Challenges to understand bylaw

- aling the number with the PID
- At first I thought I understood the livestock units, but looking at further diagrams it got somewhat confusing. It did get easier to understand on the 5 acre parcel diagram once you saw the drawings of the animals and how many you were permitted.

- Example calculations for partial acres.
- I have 3.33 acres so that fits into category B. Examples used were on 5 acres. I am unsure of everything greater than 3 gets 60 LU's or if 6 LU was calculated based on their example of 5 acres. ie, does 15 acres get 180 LU's? Also, they speak of 5 acre limitations per animal but am I allowed 1 rooster if I don't have 5 acres? Though not mentioned, I believe bees are considered livestock under current rules. I do have bees already on my property... ergo the answer to the question "do I have livestock already?" is "unsure".
- It would be much easier if you had a tool where we could just input our amount of acres and then choose the desired livestock and the tool tells us what we are allowed. I found this confusing.
- Just use plain language. You are allowed X amount of animals per acre.
- pictures help. more clarity on what is not allowed for under 5 acres
- **PROVIDE EXAMPLES FOR EACH CATEGORY (I.E. 3 ACRES AND 5 ACRES). UNDERLINE OR BOLD THAT LIMITS ARE PER ACRE. PROVIDE REFERENCES AS TO WHAT WAS USED TO DETERMINE THE LIMITS FOR SPECIFIC ANIMALS**
- Special animal doesn't make sense
- the first graphic is not the clearest. I would start with land size, and then proceed with the classification
- The website for getting zoning kept glitching requiring clicking on address button many times to read pop up page for zoning
- what about portions of an acre, do you round up or round down
- Allow people to put in their property size and calculate it for them. I have 3.5 acres but all examples say 5. Does that mean no animals? But I'm category B based on initial assessment at more than 3. This bylaw is completely ridiculous and does not take into account the needs of animals. Horses need a friend. We've always been allowed to have 2. Am I suddenly required to get rid of them?!?
- apiary info. how many bee hives are permitted?
- Break it in to 3,5acre units
- Clarify that portions of an acre can be accounted for when calculating livestock units. ie 3.8 acres
- Examples describe limits for a 5 acre property, but Category B is for properties larger than 3 acres so cannot determine what limits are for properties that are between 3-5 acres.
- Explaining why the limits are changing would be informative
- how about use the size of property that I had to input in the survey to show the number of animals instead of 5 acres..?
- How do I determine the number of animals allowed on a 3 acre plot in a category B area. The example is for 5 acres, but it doesn't show how to ratio that down or up depending on plot size
- I didn't know about the assigned livestock units until doing this survey. Make that more known to rural populations
- I don't understand how all the animals are split up, it makes it hard to calculate when you have different types of poultry as well as other medium sized animals. Why make it so confusing?

- I don't understand the designation for "special" animals
- I found that the special animal allowance was tricky (sort of deceptive really) and a little absurd. I do not agree that you can't have a rooster on less than 5 acres in category B - I'd say as low as 2.5 ac at least.
- I have more than 3 acres and less than 5. I could figure it out, but I am not sure what LUs are allowed for 3 - 5 acres.
- I would like mini horses and ponies added to the examples because they are much smaller than a donkey or horse.
- If I am reading this correct, I take #of livestock units and times it by the acres to get the total, correct.
- In a pamphlet sent out to all the rural residents. Every rural resident should know how many animals they can have, according to this many residents exceed the number, there also should be a compliance to noise and proper fencing for these animals. How will the county enforce this
- Is there LUs provided for portions of an acre? For a property that is 4.5 acres for example? That doesn't seem to be specified and the example shown is conveniently for a perfect 5 acre parcel.
- It is unclear if "5 acre increments" means minimum of 5 acres. For example, I have 4.6 acres: Am I allowed one rooster and to have another rooster I have to have atleast 10 acres? Or am I not allowed any roosters because I don't have a minimum of 5 acres?
- It makes no sense the way the poultry are split up. How can two geese be the equivalent of a cow? I don't understand who came up with this? How is a duck twice the animal units of a chicken? And how are ducks and turkeys are in the same category? Turkeys are way bigger. This is so confusing. Also, why would the poultry be split up like this if there is no difference between the bigger animals? A miniature horse and a draft horse are much more different in size, waste production, space required, ect than the different types of poultry. This leaves me scratching my head!
- It said chicken, what about ducks. Are ponies or miniature donkeys worth the same as regular sized ones?
- It's complicated
- Just make it a simple x amount of chickens per acre or horses per acre
- More diagrams for louder animals would be appreciated (ie: how many roosters are allowed on 3 acres, 5 acres etc) follow up on current bylaw complaints for loud animals to ensure the new rules are understood. Diagrams for different sized lots (3 acres, 5 acres, 6+)
- My only question is for acreage that are not an even number. For example, I have 4.76 acres and 4.15 acres. How do I determine with these numbers please? Do I have to round up or round down? Can I combine my 2 properties because they are side by side and I own both of them?
- No mention of 3 acre lots- it defines the category as 5 acre lot
- Our property contains wetland, other properties may contain other sensitive habitat features. Your livestock calculations are based on every property being grass field acres so some properties might be underused and some overused.

- Perhaps a matrix of land types and allowed animals?
- Perhaps one of the examples of LUs could be for a 3 acre parcel (all the current examples appear to be for 5 acre parcels)
- Please indicate more clearly if lots between whole number acres (i.e. 3.77 acres) are allowed LU's for 3 acres or can they be rounded up or would they be determined based on the exact amount of land.
- Show the math on different sized properties
- Since we have to enter our roll number, you already know the information about our property (Size and Designation). So why don't you calculate the Live Stock Units for our property and just present that to us rather than providing LSU per Acre and expecting us to get it right.
- So less then 5 acres no more roosters?
- Some animals are listed as the same category when they are quite different. Making it difficult to determine what unit size is allowed and what is not.
- State Category B, 3 acres but less than 5 acres, this is what you can have so you don't have to figure anything out.
- The allowed amt. Of livestock should be calculated as to the actual land on those acres. For example, amount of land used up in bush, sloughs, out buildings, landscaping for recreation, etc.
- The categories are based on 3+ acres and then the livestock units seem to be based on 5 acres. This does not make sense to me.
- The way that you have rated the animals is very confusing. A goose is very confusing. This is bureaucracy micromanaging people on the tax dollar, because a few people have complained!!! Dogs make way more noise/waste than a llama! But nobody is talking about limiting those pets. Honestly if they don't like a rooster crowing or a donkey braying they should go take a hike back to the city! 1 unit used to be 30 chickens but now you are saying 12 chickens are equal to a cow????!!!!!! Somebody has lost their marbles!!!! With the price of the food skyrocketing you are going to limit families trying to feed themselves? Other counties have no limits. I bought this property with the present rules and now you are yanking the rug out from under me???? Get away from your desk and get in touch with the people this will affect please!!!!đŸ~Ž
- There wasn't an example of how many livestock I could have with my exact amount of acres. If that was more clear I would understand a bit better.
- Those things were confusing
- using Microsoft edge I was unable to use my civic address to find my property
- We are over 5 acres but below 10 acres, it looks like we are category B but we definitely have more animals than proposed.
- What about bees?
- What about partial acres? Someone has 4.5 acres, is the 0.5 included in the LU number permitted?
- What if you have a portion of an acre? For example 3.5 acres - would you be allowed in category B, 36 units (12 x 3) max or 42 units (12 x 3.5) max?
- Why not just say how many type of animal per acre? It seems pretty straight forward. This seems over complicated or I just don't understand yet the method

- Your property assessment tool doesn't work. I tried multiple ways of typing my address. I zoomed in on my property and tried to click on it. Nothing worked. I know I'm country residential, but never heard of low or medium density in this category.

Other

- Not sure.
- Web page would not scroll properly. Almost needed 3 hands when i finally figured it out.
- ??
- I think it's crappy that you didn't do any community engagement before you made these changes.
- I think the current landowners should be consulted more than a crappy survey. Some people, such as myself, bought their properties decades ago and, at that time, their properties were located 'out in the boonies'. Now that Sherwood Park has grown, it's not right that the County is sticking it's nose in and trying to start/enforce new rules/bylaws without beginning with a Town Hall or other introductory notice/meetings for the 'owners of the lands' the County is attempting to place rules on. You're starting off on the wrong foot.
- Na
- No feedback
- None
- Nothing to add
- Put it on the Strathcona Website - it was not easy to find the survey - had to find it on the road sign
- Send out to all Strathcona residents
- Stupid survey
- That sucks
- This is not a survey - this is merely an explanation of the proposed rules for which you do not indicate the changes. You mention community engagement is important but it appears you have already made your decision regarding this by-law. Your community engagement is extremely flawed...I am disappointed
- This survey is all about how well the County delivers information that has already been decided. The County made NO effort to consult residents while this information was being decided.

Category C

Disagree with livestock unit amounts and land classification

- If a land owner only had chickens , limiting them to 174 livestock units meaning 174 laying hens or broiler chickens which are raised for only a 6-12 week period could be quite unacceptable in some cases as chickens do not require acres of land.
- If I did this correctly, on the 18 acres we have I would be able to have 12lu / acre which equals 1 horse per acre which means I could have 18 horses???? That would be ridiculous!! One horse per 3 acres is the standard measurement I have heard in the past, and I think that is much more reasonable. this would also depend on if the acreage is treed or has pasture, so if it is treed, that would be too many.

- Number of livestock can vary widely depending on time of year, growth cycle and processing dates. I would suggest the number be average over the year and not a snapshot at one time.
- Too many LSUs allowed per acre!!!!
- I think something that you are not considering is what the land is like. Does it have a body of water, trees, open space. Not all land space is the same.
- Leave it to city people to add more red tape to things they know nothing about lol. Who determines that a Bison is 24 units compared to a Bull at 12? You never hear people complaining about bison shit but Bullshit and policy like this on the otherhand! you should spend more energy on creating a credit system for politicians and government workers allowed, definitely too many, they are contaminating this country.
- Miniature horses/pony ratings
- People will ask if they only have one type of animal will that change the totally number. For example people who raise meat chickens will likely have more per acre then allowed.
- Please increase the number of livestock units for smaller parcels (ie// 4+ acres in agriculture zoning)
- Swine sized can vary greatly. We have pet pigs of the Kune Kune variety. It seems to me that some pig species should be less than 12 livestock units
- The big issue i see with this is not all properties are designed equal. 1 acre of cleared and seeded land will feed differently than 1 acre of trees and partial grass. I see no evidence of any inspections or enforcement of this in my area at current.
- The only consideration would be arable versus non arable acreage for animals.
- The term livestock unit is unfamiliar and somewhat confusing. Could it not be phrased in plainer English with regards to the number of animals (as per type of animal) allowed per acre?
- This seems ridiculously low as far as number of allowable animal units. Especially when you compare it to factory feed farms or the feed lots that are going in throughout the province. How did you come up with this Small Number of animals?
- What about responsible owners who would now be over? The number of chickens seems low.
- Why can I now have less animals than previously?
- You're LU designations make zero sense. According to this thing I'm way over my 'allowed LU'. I understand the formula but the numbers applied to each animal type make no sense.

Disagree with premise of livestock bylaw

- A lot of red tape. Not sure how this works.
- Does this really need to be done? Is this necessary?
- Drop the whole Idea of 'land units' ! The whole conversation is absolutely ludicrous and a complete waste of time and taxpayers money.
- I am strongly opposed to this change in bylaw. Please advertise on how residents in rural areas are able to meet, have virtual meetings and discuss these potential changes. There are many I know that oppose.

- I do not support this change
- I feel it may be time for rural strathcona to separate(from what could be classified as a city) from Sherwood Park. We are totally under represented with the existing system. City people need to keep their noses out of rural peoples business. People live in the country to get away from all the city rules and regulations and enjoy the rural living. It's time you city folks mind your own business. Just to reiterate,maybe it's time to separate from Sherwood Park.
- I should be able to do what i want with my land.
- Keep sherwood park out of rural Decisions they know nothing about! If you don't have a clue stop trying to control people. Good grief leave people alone to live their lives on their property " ITS THEIR PROPERTY! Get off your high horses and stop sticking your nose where it doesn't belong!
- Leave people alone. Why do you want to take their source of food away? What's your agenda on this?
- leave the farmers alone and let people that don't like country life move back to the city
- limiting what people do on private land is stupid
- Mind your own business!!
- Stop controlling people
- Stop interfering with farmers and residential property owners.
- Stop trying to control how people use their land
- Terrible decision! Landowners should be allowed the right to grow their own food.
- The explanation is fine. What isn't fine is telling people how they can and can't live. You need to talk to the residents and now hide behind these extremely biased excuses for "surveys" that are designed to funnel the responses to frame the county in a positive light. SHAME ON YOU!
- There are species/types not listed, and for example one yappy dog can be more annoying than 100 chickens. This is a waste of time solving a problem that doesn't exist.
- This is a power grab by the county to push out agriculture and small farms this is a disgrace
- This is an absolutely ridiculous bylaw. The county is really losing touch with the residents this effects most. Instead of sitting behind a desk writing bylaws get out and talk to the rural community and get to k is the true concerns.
- This is an awful idea
- This is bullshit, why is the government telling me what I am allowed on my property???? We live in a free country, not a communist country. If I am not properly looking after my animals, that is one thing, but if I can, the government should have no right to determine what myself and MY land can accommodate.
- This is complete bullshit. Stop trying to tell people what they can and can't do on their land!
- This is laughable. This is not listening to your citizens.
- This is really restrictive, all this for something that doesn't cause a hazard or issue. Instead of a rooster crowing twice a day we should be looking at dogs barking all day and night, dogs wandering and chasing/killing livestock. Fireworks in areas with horses

(I've lost a horse due to fireworks, no one listens). This seems like a policy that will decimate smaller properties with chickens. That supports their families with food from the chickens. People who are moving from town to Sherwood park to find quiet, don't understand livestock. They don't understand what living on an acreage means. This seems to be created for them, not the people who work hard to support their families with livestock. It's already so expensive and now we are making it more restrictive. Just disappointing.

- This is stupid, I should be able to have as many animals as I set fit on my property. It is no one's business how many I have.
- This is unacceptable. Land owners pay for the land and pay taxes. They should decide what goes on their land. This is a free country and the government doesn't need to take away every right. Farmers and ranchers know what their land can hold so leave that to them. Keep the cities and their policies in the cities, not here.
- Yet again city people and those with NO connection to agriculture are forcing the city lifestyle on rural residents by restricting and displacing agriculture related activities. If city people want to live out in the country, they need to expect and accept what comes with it (including animal smells and sounds). I'm done with ignorant city people "biting the hands that feed them".

Easy to understand bylaw

- Looks good to me. I don't think it could be made easier.
- I agree with the logistics as long as the land is sufficiently grassed to properly feed the amount of animals.
- I feel that the information is easy to discern, but I don't feel like others would be able to figure it out. To many people looking for loopholes in the system would state they didn't understand.
- I think it is fine
- Information is clear, we moved to 20 acres to get animals not cater to people who want to live in the country and not listen to animals.
- It is very easy to understand.
- It seems straight forward.
- It's fine
- None. Simple enough
- Page explains everything clearly
- Please don't listen to the people naysaying about this. Stricter guidelines are necessary. I support this without any question.
- The information is explained simply enough. I just won't remember it
- This is farm the farm controls the type of animals and the amount. You people sitting behind a desk with your degrees have no idea how a farm works. Farmers have been doing this for hundreds of years. This survey is for the city slickers who think they want to raise live stock. Let the farmers do there job that they know. And leave the small acreage to the city people (20 acre or less).
- This is too high a density of livestock in some areas, especially subdivisions that are 20-40 acre parcels with 5-6 homes on the original 1/4 section.
- thoroughly explained. Well described examples

- When registering for a land/ livestock ID number this should information be given . Enforcement / ramifications if not following should be given aswell

Challenges to understand bylaw

- Animals should be listed as per animal, not how many units per animal. Too confusing
- Just extremely confusing, esp with a low acreage size used for example. The whole "unit" idea is very clunky and confusing
- Quickly looking at the image in low detail it could confuse people making them think they are more limited than they are. I suggest showing a per acre calculation rather than the arbitrary 14 acre. If 1 is too small, use 10 for easy math.
- You do not include all type of livestock. Eg. miniature horses
- Category C says I sm only allowed 12 units But down below it says I am allowed 172 units? Confusing.
- Doesn't agriculture Canada have a formula already that regulates the amount of animals/ acre?? Anyone with less than 5 acres should not be allowed to keep large animals.
- I think if you created a website calculator that tallied up your livestock numbers it would help eliminate any uncertainty
- Is it total livestock units? I winter 24 head of cattle on my 10 acres, plus have other small game
- Is there a way to determine the livestock units available for a specific size property? The example uses 14.5 acres / 174 LU bit my property is smaller.
- It makes no sense. Use plain simple english
- It may take math skills beyond the average person's abilities for property owners to determine their allowance.
- It's confusing and doesn't make sense which animals would be allowed
- Making sure I had the right land category was what was difficult! Understanding how many animals I could have per acre was very easy.
- Maybe include an example like: your property is 17 acres. You are allowed 17 acre x 12 units =204 animal units. Then the chart for how much each animal is.
- Simple, create an auto calculator and have it available on website!!
- The information is very clear. However when you click through to this page, you can't see the table anymore but you need to remember the allowable Livestock Units for the property.
- The property assessment type said AG-General but the only option with more than 10 acres was called small holding so I assumed it was the same
- This is ridiculous Mumbo jumbo . Just say how many horses per acre . How many chicken per acre . Tired of this woke garbage .
- When I first Read it I thought it meant I could only have one horse for my 19.45 acres . Total acres = 19.45 LU = 174 units ?? Animals: animals A,B and C ?
- Why not just say, 1 cow, 2 cows ect? The AU make it confusing.
- would be easier to say 1 large animal per acre and 3 small animals per acre as an example

Other

- Cat C was 10-20 acres, I have more than 20.
- Consult residents before implementing this bylaw!

- How about you have some form of public engagement? Typical County. Despicable
- How does this work if you have domestic pets?
- land descriptions do not align with my property information
- Make it more accessible to more people
- More public, not sent to me by a friend!
- N/a
- No suggestion
- The categories don't seem to account for properties larger than 20 acres