

**Bylaw 53-2022 Responsible Livestock Ownership Bylaw****Report Purpose**

To seek Council approval on three readings of the Responsible Livestock Ownership Bylaw which modernizes and enhances the current Animal Control Bylaw 18-2011.

**Recommendations**

1. THAT Bylaw 53-2022, Responsible Livestock Ownership Bylaw, a bylaw that establishes the different standards required with respect to livestock in the rural areas, urban areas and mixed rural-urban areas, be given first reading.
2. THAT Bylaw 53-2022 be given second reading.
3. THAT Bylaw 53-2022 be considered for third reading.
4. THAT Bylaw 53-2022 be given third reading.

**Our Prioritized Strategic Goals**

Goal 3 - Responsible Development

Goal 4 - Municipal Excellence

Goal 1 - Economic Prosperity

Goal 3 Priority - Environmental stewardship that addresses climate change and demonstrates responsible use of land and natural resources

Goal 4 Priority - Optimal use of resources that meets the community's needs

Goal 1 Priority - Promotion of a diverse agricultural market that supports the local economy

**Report**

Strathcona County is a specialized municipality that includes both rural and urban elements; and, as such, different standards are required with respect to livestock in the rural areas, urban areas, and mixed rural-urban areas.

The current Animal Control Bylaw 18-2011 and Apiculture Bylaw 43-2011 have undergone intensive review. They have been consolidated, modernized, and enhanced through research, understanding current challenges, industry, and subject matter expert input as well as significant public engagement.

The proposed bylaw clarifies current livestock allowances from the Animal Control Bylaw, while considering the unique aspect of honeybees as livestock, as per the Apiculture Bylaw. Limitations on the numbers of hives in more populated areas are identified to reduce negative human-honeybee pressures and incorporates a distance requirement between beekeepers for honeybee health as recommended by the Provincial Apiculturist. Modernizations address challenges experienced with the current bylaws and reflects the needs of the changing community. Enhancements focus on the importance of minimizing disease risk, supporting animal welfare and environmental and land stewardship.

The proposed bylaw enables all residents an opportunity to experience agriculture through livestock in a safe and intentional way in rural, urban and mixed rural-urban areas.

**Council and Committee History**

June 21, 2022	Priorities Committee received a presentation and proposed amendments.
July 20, 2021	<p>Council approved: THAT the July 20, 2021 Transportation and Agriculture Services report along with the Bylaw 23-2021 be referred back to administration for further work on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• simplifying the language for provisions related to livestock limits;</li><li>• clarifying when an application is required for over-limit livestock;</li><li>• adding a requirement of a minimum parcel size for roosters;</li><li>• simplifying livestock allowance charts and ensuring consistent terms;</li><li>• additional public engagement on the proposed bylaw;</li></ul> <p>and that Administration report back to Council by the end of Q1 2022.</p>
June 15, 2021	Council postponed the report on Bylaw 23-2021 to the July 20, 2021 Council meeting
January 26, 2021	Priorities Committee received a presentation on proposed amendments.
December 10, 2019	Council received a presentation on proposed amendments to the Animal Control Bylaw 18-2011.
November 18, 2018	Priorities Committee provided input regarding revisions to the Bylaw 18-2011 Animal Control Bylaw
November 29, 2016	That the Urban Agriculture Strategy, as set out in Enclosure 1 to the November 29, 2016, Transportation and Agriculture Services report, be approved.
June 23, 2015	THAT Council approve the Agriculture Master Plan.
October 11, 2011	Bylaw 18-2011 Animal Control Bylaw received three readings.
October 11, 2011	Bylaw 43-2011 Apiculture Bylaw receives third and final reading.
September 13, 2011	Bylaw 43-2011 Apiculture Bylaw receives first and second readings.

**Other Impacts**

**Policy:** GOV-002-021 Mandatory Review of Bylaws and Policies

**Legislative/Legal:** Bylaw 18-2011 Animal Control, Bylaw 43-2011 Apiculture Bylaw, Bylaw 6-2015 Land Use Bylaw, *Agricultural Pests Act, Public Health Act, Animal Protection Act, Livestock Diversification Act, Agricultural Operation Practices Act*

**Financial/Budget:**

**Interdepartmental:** Legislative and Legal Services, Planning and Development Services, Enforcement Services, Communications

**Master Plan/Framework:** Agriculture Master Plan, Urban Agriculture Strategy, Environmental Framework

**Communication Plan**

Once approved, the new bylaw will be announced through various communication channels including media release and social media. Implementation information will be communicated in the coming months to ensure residents understand the intent of the bylaw and how it will be supported. Tools, resources and processes will be provided in phases prior to spring 2023. Educational opportunities will be ongoing to meet the community's needs.

**Enclosures**

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| 1 | Bylaw 53-2022 Responsible Livestock Ownership Bylaw presentation |
| 2 | Bylaw 53-2022 Responsible Livestock Ownership Bylaw              |