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WHAT WE
HEARD:
A REPORT
TO THE
COMMUNITY

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Animal Control – Beyond Cats and Dogs

Introduction

The Town of Olds is committed to transparent and inclusive processes that are responsive and accountable while striving to engage residents when planning the future of our community. Understanding the views of our residents is a fundamental value for the Town of Olds.

The Community Standards Bylaw is under review in 2019-2020. To effectively consult with residents, a public engagement specific to the regulation of animals that are not currently listed in the Community Standards Bylaw 2015-08 or Land Use Bylaw 2019-31 was initiated.

Survey - Highlights

In this survey over two-thirds of the people who completed the survey were supportive of allowing chickens and bees in the Town of Olds.

The majority of those in favor requested regulations including prohibiting roosters, setting limits on the number of birds allowed per household and that potential noise and odour issues would be addressed. Animal welfare was a concern, so if chickens are allowed, municipal regulations around cleanliness and adequate housing for animals should be developed.

There was also significant feedback that an urban center should not become a barnyard and support for larger animals is low. Survey participants strongly supported a user-pay principle and did not support increases in municipal taxes to support a person's decision to have animals.

Consultation Timeline

- A survey was available online or in print version from August 5 to September 15, 2020. 648 online surveys and 12 paper copies were submitted during this time period.
- 15 questions were asked with an average completion time of 6 minutes, 25 seconds.
- A random phone survey campaign conducted by a third-party communications firm took place from August 14 to August 31, 2020. 100 surveys were collected during this process.
- The total number of surveys collected was 760 which exceeded the initial goal of 500. Based on the Town of Olds 2016 Stats Can adult population, a response rate of 350 surveys represents validity within a 5% margin of error.
- One letter was received. The feedback that was provided was added to question 10 results: Do you have any other comments about animal control in the Town of Olds?
- Direct costs associated with the engagement which include advertising and the phone surveys was \$2002.26.
- Feedback from the survey was presented to Council at the October 5, 2020 Policies and Procedures Meeting.

Advertising and Social Media Promotion

- Newspaper Ads (Olds Albertan) – August 4, August 11, August 18, September 1, and September 8, 2020
- Town of Olds Connector Newsletter – August and September editions
- 96.5 Radio Interview with the Mayor Muzychka – July 13, 2020
- Posters and paper copies of the surveys at the Administration Office
- Surveys were promoted at the September 3, 2020 Community Showcase event
- Town of Olds Facebook pages: 10 posts, 16629 views
- Town of Olds Twitter: 10 posts, 2342 views
- Town of Olds Instagram: 7 posts, 36 views
- Survey information was posted on the electronic sign and Community TV channel

Phone Survey Data

724 calls were made resulting in 100 completed surveys, 259 messages, and 20 people stating they had already completed the survey online. 345 calls were not assigned, indicated with lived in the county, or refused to take the survey.

Phone surveys that were conducted were positively received. 69% of the respondents were 65 years of age or older versus the on-line group where 17.5% were in that age group. This may have been a result of only calling landlines, people who were home, and the willingness of the person to participate in a survey. The consultant provided feedback that compared with other survey phone projects, there was a higher percentage of people who were willing to participate and that people expressed feelings of loneliness due to being socially isolated.

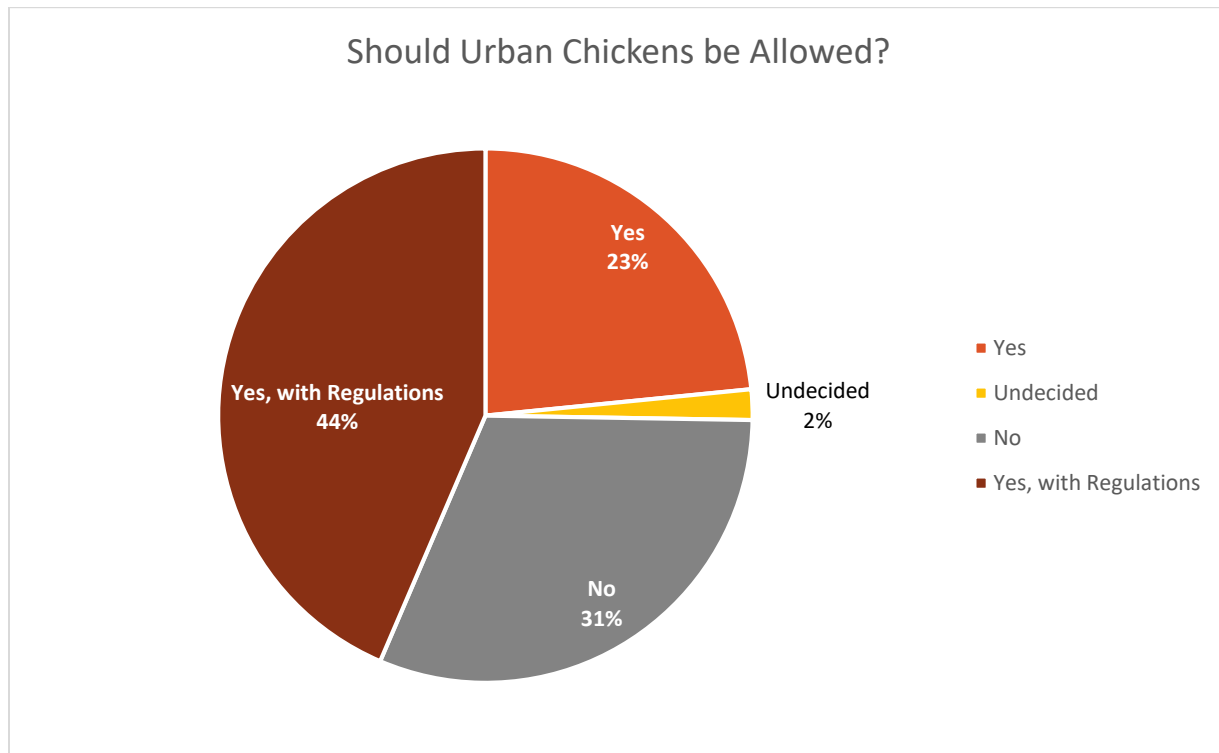
Support for chickens was lower in the group who was phoned, with 52% stating they did not support chickens in residential areas, 46% stating they did support chickens, and 2% undecided. The group who was phoned stated they preferred a maximum of seven birds per household versus the on-line group which supported ten.

The remainder of the results in the phone group were comparable to the online and paper survey results, so the data and comments shared in this report have been combined. As a result of the high participation rate, we are confident the data is a good representation of the community's perspective on this matter.



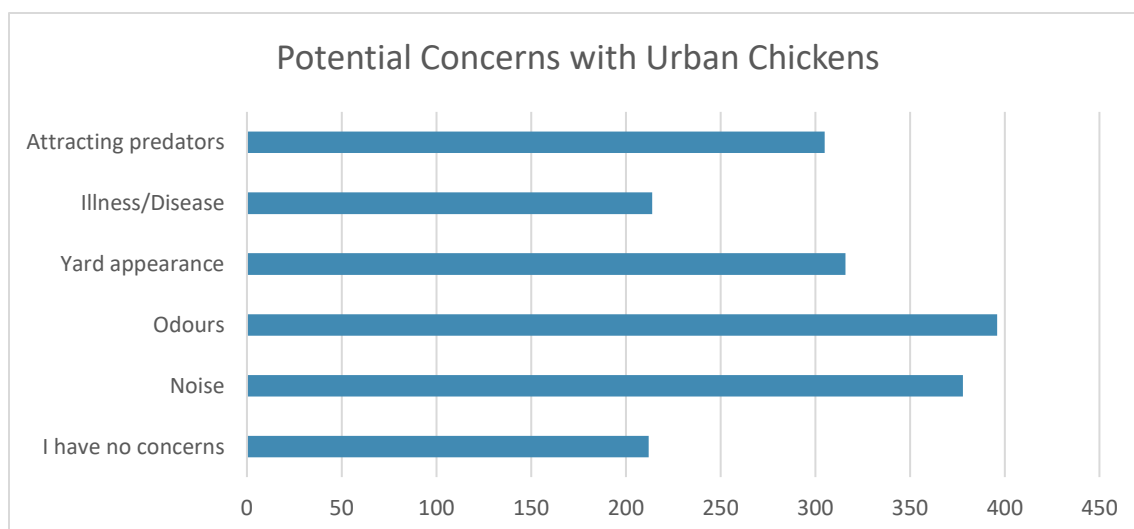
Survey Results

Question One: Should the Town of Olds allow chickens in residential areas?



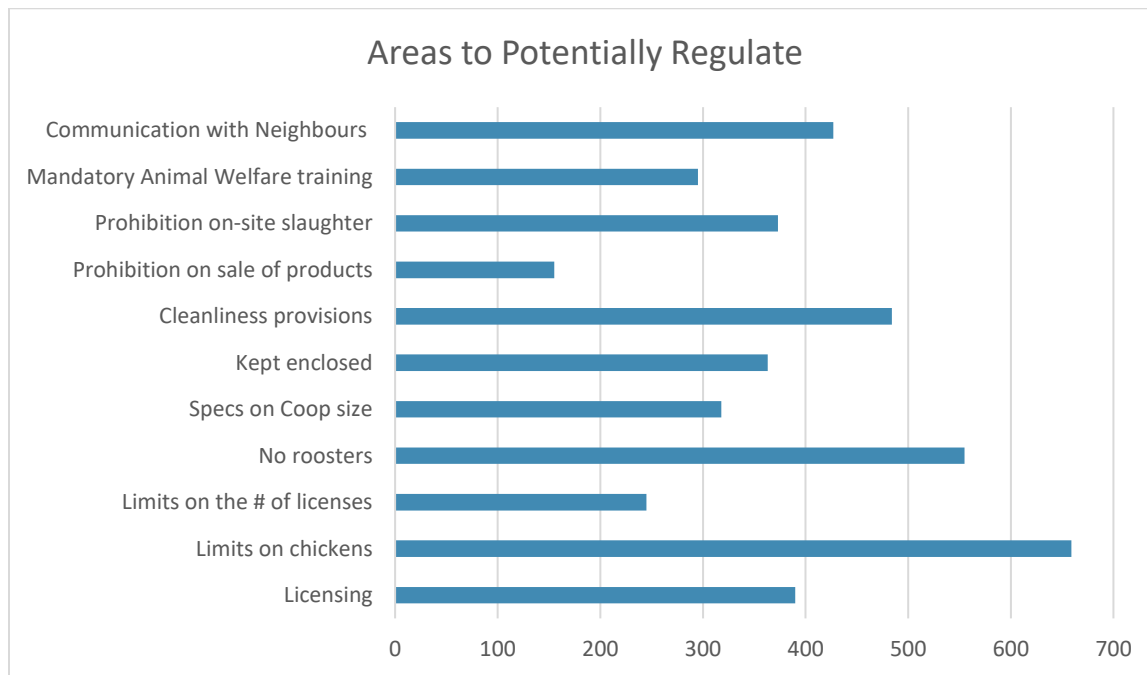
Question Two:

What concerns do you have with allowing chickens in residential areas? (Check all that apply)



Question Three:

If chickens are allowed in residential areas, which of the following regulations would you like to see in place? (Check any that apply)

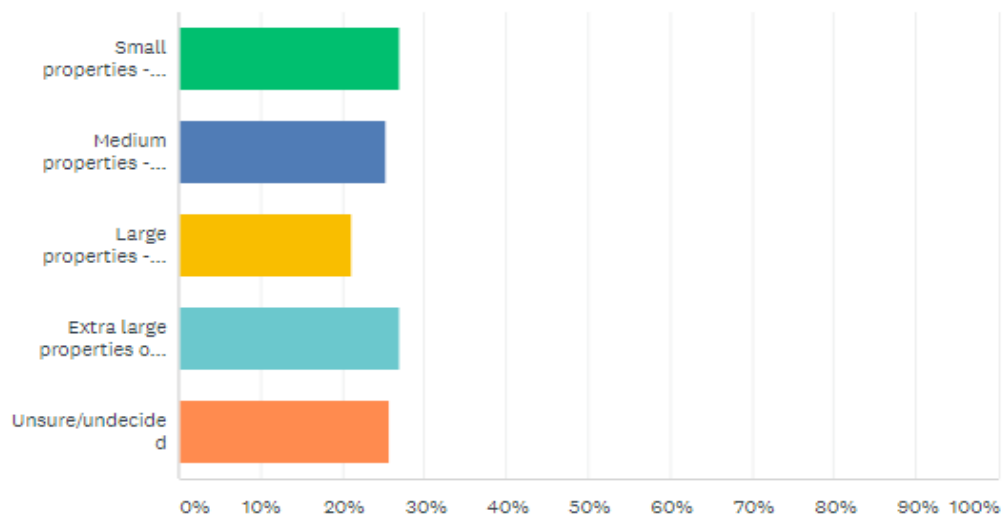


Other (please specify): see Appendix

Question Four:

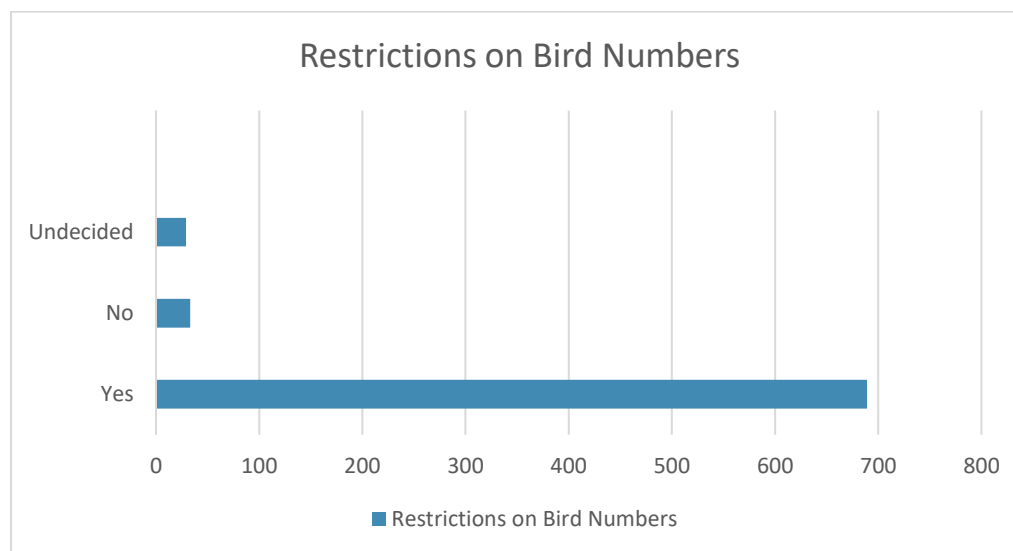
If allowed, what size of property do you feel should be the minimum allowable size to keep chicken(s)?

For the purpose of this survey Small = up to 300 square meters (or 3200 square feet), Medium = 300 to 725 square meters (or 7800 square feet), Large = 725 to 2000 square meters (or 21500 square feet), Extra Large over 2000 (or 21500 square feet).



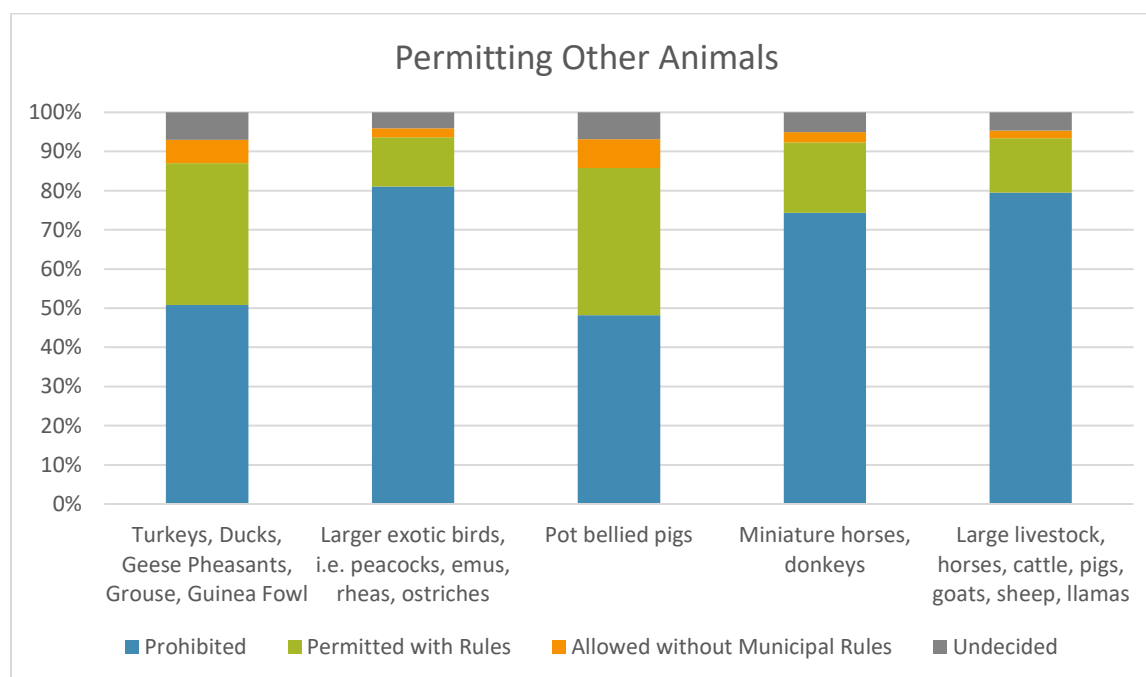
Question Five & Six:

Should chickens be allowed in town and if permitted, is there a maximum number of birds allowable per residence? 92% supported limiting the amount of chickens allowed per residence with ten (10) being the maximum allowable birds.



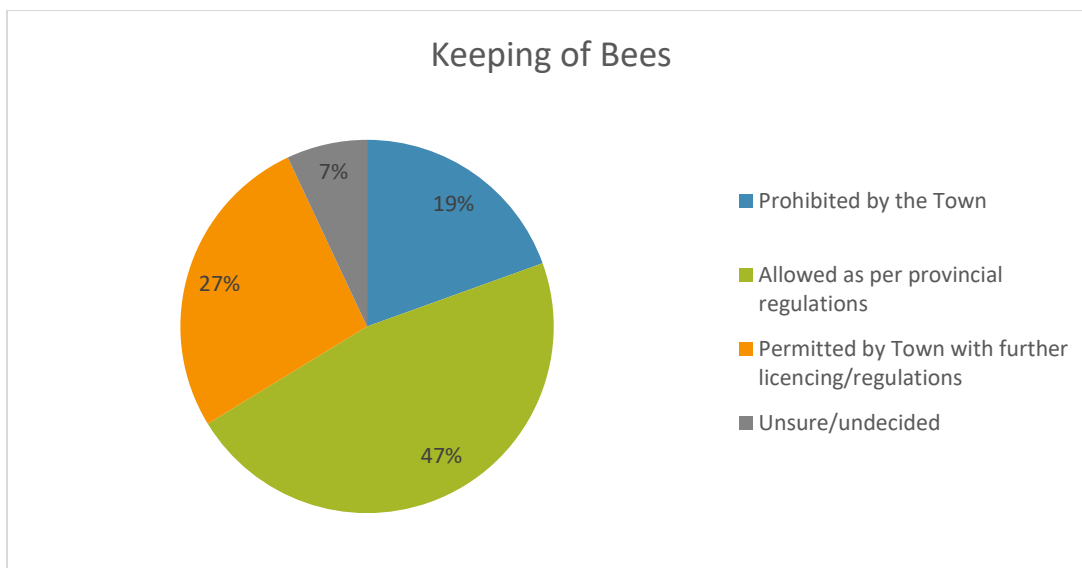
Question Seven:

Please indicate your opinion on the prohibition or regulation of the following: (Note exemptions would be made for facilities where livestock are temporarily housed for educational, veterinary, scientific or civic purposes e.g. Olds College, Olds Regional Exhibition, Olds Auction Mart and Veterinary Clinics).



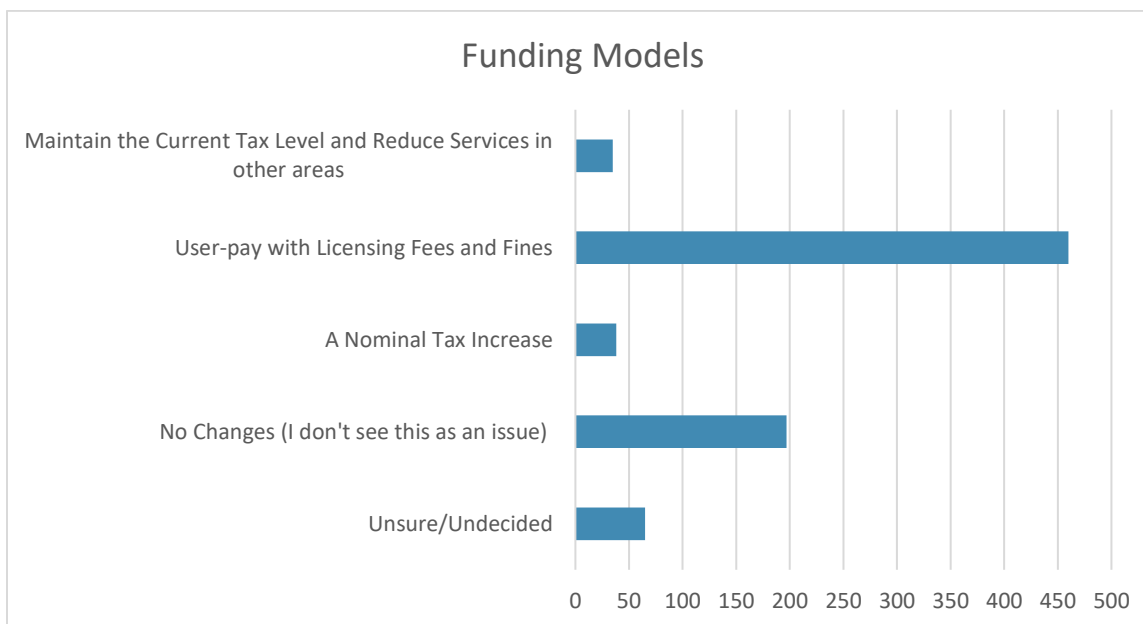
Question Eight:

What do you think the Town's approach to beekeeping should be? There are no local bylaws regarding beekeeping. Residents are currently permitted to keep beehives in their backyards provided they comply with the provincial *Bee Act*, which is enforced by the province as opposed to the town.



Question Nine:

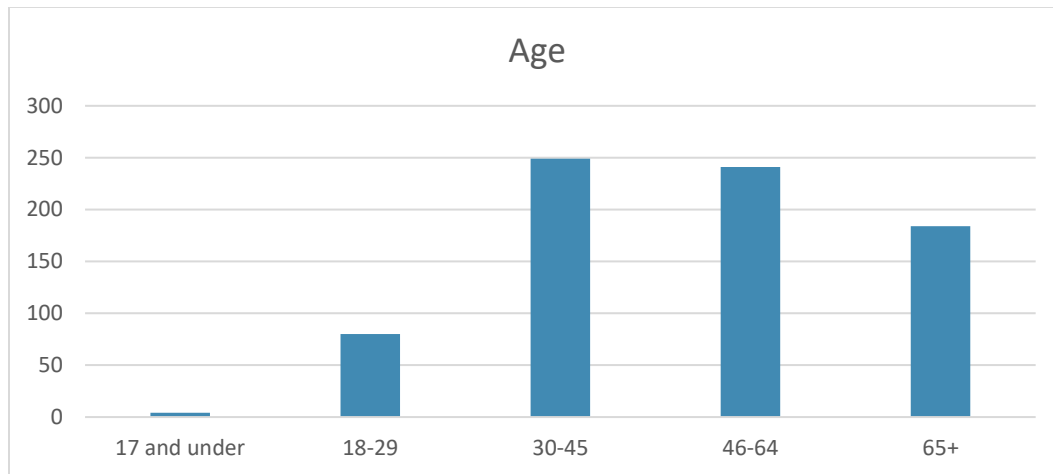
Which of the following funding models would you support if additional licensing and bylaw enforcement was required for Animal Control?



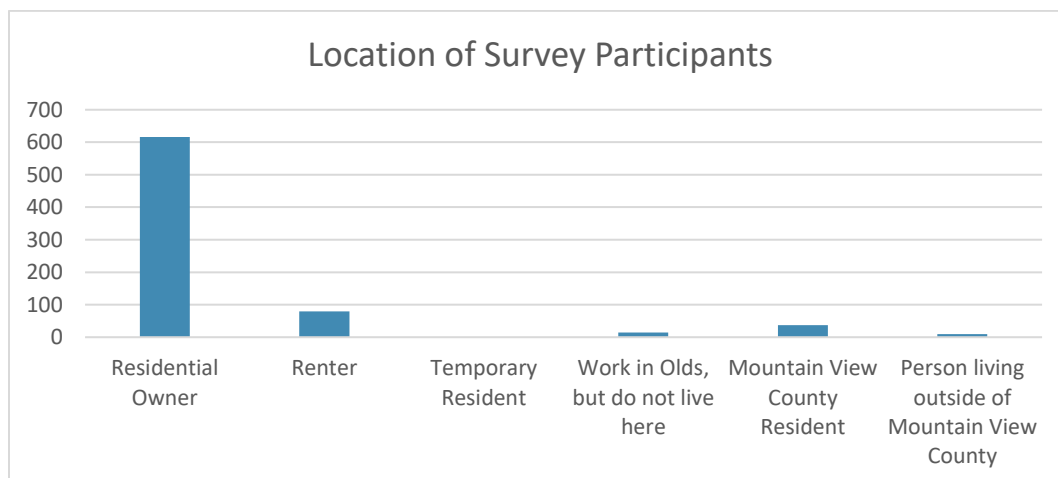
Question Ten: Do you have any other comments about animal control in the Town of Olds? Comment are located in Appendix 1

Demographic Questions

What age group do you belong to?



Which category best defines you?



Thank You

Town of Olds would like to thank those who participated in the consultation process. Attached in the report is what we heard from you. Feedback received from the public will be taken into consideration by Council and incorporated into amendments to the Community Standards Bylaw, Land Use Bylaw, or other existing or new Bylaws that may be required.

Next Steps

This was the second stage of the Community Standards Bylaw review. Based on the results of this report, Administration is recommending the development of an Animal Control Bylaw. The engagement data in this report, legal advice and research and recommendations for Council's consideration will guide the Bylaw if this is the direction of Council.

Appendix 1: Public Comments

Transparency is a guiding principle of an engagement process. Please note comments are presented as submitted by respondents. Comments were not consolidated, so comments or sentiments may be repeated several times.

As per Town of Olds Social Media Policy 111C the Town of Olds has the right to redact comments that could identify a specific individual(s), is slanderous or defamatory, contains obscene language, sexual content or promotes fosters or perpetuates discrimination for presentation in this report. Comments that were completed unrelated or off topic to the subject matter may have also been removed.

Comments noted with a red asterisk (*) contained specific questions where answers or clarification were provided - see Appendix 2.

Question One

Should the Town of Olds allow chickens in residential areas? (Additional comments)

No Roosters
No roosters.
A few chickens in a yard affects no one else.
Chickens don't go into people's yards and gardens to poop
They allow people to learn more about agriculture and have more appreciation for the industry
Too much noise and awful smell.
A limit to the number of chickens per yard
Even with regulations and stipulations, there will be individuals and homeowners that will not conform to the bylaws and/or people will push the limits of the bylaw and what is allowable. The costs of administration and enforcement will be high and dispute resolution will become time consuming pitting neighbour against neighbour and an annoyance for individuals.
It doesn't affect you if someone has chickens.
Yes but I think it should be based on neighbor approval. They may not appreciate the noise
If a person wants chickens buy a farm. The town has its purpose and it is not for farm animals. We see other nations with animals in their yards and homes and the transmission of animal to human illness.
If you want pigs and chickens move to an acreage or farm. It's enough to have dogs and cats as pets. Thank you very much.
Chickens are no different than having dogs or cats except they provide food for the families who have them
If you want chickens, ducks, geese move onto an acreage or a farm where these animals belong.
Farm animals should be raised in rural locations. The animal's habits cannot be contained in the owner's yard. Odors, sound and disease are able to travel to neighboring properties.

No roosters. No more than 6 animals
Max of 4. No roosters
Max 6 adult chickens
Farm animals should stay on the farm. With chickens come roosters and crowing at sunrise, noise and smell issue.
Have a reasonable limit. Industrial farming is for industry.
I like the idea of people wanting to produce their own food and also give families a responsibility in raising chickens.
I think it's great that people want to produce their own food. Also the learning opportunity for kids!
No roosters and max number of chickens
No roosters and maybe max 10-12 hens. Also need proper winter house and watering systems
In May, 2020 our neighbors (millennials who have owned their house for 3 years) INFORMED us they were getting chickens. It was the exact week that the article appeared in the newspaper where the CAO was to have said that to his knowledge, the raising of chickens in Olds was currently outlawed. I referred my neighbors to that article and added that we were totally against raising chickens in town. Our objection was totally ignored and they now have 4 chickens in a very tiny enclosure attached to a very small 'run'. They frequently let them roam freely in their backyard and have (at least once) got out and were seen on their driveway. I haven't seen the enclosure up close but if it is not heated for the winter, I can't see those chickens surviving. The neighbors have not spoken to us since May. The neighbor on the other side had also stated that she hated chickens and said that she hoped that they never got out (which in fact, they did).
Should be regulations on sound and smell. People who want chickens in a residential area should have to take extra care that they are not causing issues with their neighbours. If that is unreasonable, than no, they should not be allowed.
Any size Hens max 5 and no roosters.
We are residential not a farm
CHICKENS NOW C H C.
No roosters and a limit of hens allowed.
Amount of chickens and no roosters
Most people can't even clean up/look after their dogs and cats and KIDS!! How the heck are they going to clean up and properly look after chickens?? Seriously - would anyone in their right mind want to live beside chickens that can easily carry bird flu and other infections that are transmitted to dogs, cats and humans!??
No rooster's chickens can lay eggs without roosters...
Limit on the quantity and no roosters
Immediate neighbors approval should be required first. Hens only, no roosters due to noisiness. There should be a specified quantity of animals allowed.

Chickens should be raised on a farm, not in town.
No roosters and must be regulated for smell
These types of things are usually associated with unsightly premises and noise. If people want to have animals besides controlled dogs get the property allowed for sufficient space and controls. Don't change existing bylaws that will affect the majority who have nice premises.
No roosters
Animals suffer due to neglect and female animals can be as noisy as roosters - how will animal safety be monitored and regulated? * 6 dogs per property? - Way too much, feral cats everywhere? And now chickens - please reconsider - not a good idea - enforcement will take away from other important issues and be costly. How will humane treatment of chickens be ensured and has any study been done on public health risk? disease - move on to more productive things for the town please like boulevard landscaping and more winter indoor recreation - extra racket ball courts etc.
Well known fact that chickens can spread disease, (open air markets in China and Asia bird flu etc.) Have ticks and fleas and the added rooster's noise is a noise pollutant.
It not good because of the smell
Only small numbers for solely family use and purposes
Maximum of 6 chickens, 2 pygmy goats or pigs.
Very strict and controlled regulations..... Cats. And dogs have regulations but are not controlled....
No....chickens are like any other farm animal and if their coops aren't cleaned regularly the stench of their manure is going to have to be endured by their neighbours.
They are farm animals.
If I was woken up every morning by farm animals I would be one sour neighbour
The numbers should be limited to 6 max - no roosters, and very defined housing and conditions, and distance from boundaries
I would not be happy living next door to chickens. There would be smells and noise
Recommend a limit of 10.
Dogs and Cats are a big enough problem!
If cats are continually running loose how are chickens going to be controlled. At the present time the bylaw officers are doing nothing to alleviate roaming cats.
Absolutely not they stink! Having poultry on a farm where there is a lot more land to house them still stinks they make a mess imagine living right next door to that. It makes a mess on the property and birds cabaret diseases! In my opinion living right beside a chicken coop would bring my property value down.
No Roosters

If you want to live the rural life, then buy an acreage.
Should be restricted to 5 or less... no roosters
No mature roosters
We have problems with cats and dogs and this would only add to it.
Chickens are farm animals and should definitely not be allowed in town. I wouldn't want the smell or the noise living next door to me.
No roosters
Chickens belong on farms and acreages outside of municipal towns and cities
Limit of 6
Especially with the way the economy is going
The number of chickens should be stated in the bylaw perhaps roosters should not be allowed
Connections to nature and possible food supply (eggs) create a healthy mental state.
Chickens belong on farms!
1. A course on hen keeping should be taken. 2. Limited number allowed. 4 I think. 3. License fee needed. 4. Proper building permit and inspection needed for hen houses. 5. Hens should not be able to escape owner's yard, or fines can be issued.
No roosters
The enforcement of current regulations about dogs being on a leash in Hartman Green Park is very poorly done. There is no point in having regulations if they aren't upheld
They belong on a farm
Limit the amount of chickens, making sure they have proper shelter, kept clean and odor should not be a problem o neighbors.
No roosters, limits of how many a household can have
I grew up on a farm and we had chickens for meat as well as laying hens, my concern is how the manure will be handled by someone in town and is the town ready for the influx of complaints regarding noise from the chickens as well as the smell associated with the manure and disposal of the manure.
So you get chickens they become pets what do you do with them when they quit laying
Many owners do not properly licence and monitor their dog (i.e. barking incessantly) cats roaming at large, etc ... Your counsel lacks the will to ensure fair equal enforcement of current bylaws so I lack faith this would be any different
No roosters

I hate chickens, personally, but I get people wanting eggs and meat at a lower cost; so each to their own, I guess.
Only laying hens, up to 6... And making sure persons have adequate heating sheds for winter
Having spent my youth looking after chickens, I know how dirty they can make their environment. Dust, feathers, feces, mites, etc. The smell in a chicken coup is extremely obnoxious.
We already have dogs and cats, many of which roam freely (mainly cats) about the area. Now we want to add chickens. What about controlling the noise from roosters?
Dependent on property size for max amount allowed. Proper enclosure to limit chance of escape off of property.
As long as there is not roosters in the morning
Rules about roosters
I have no concerns with a small amount of chickens perhaps up to 12 would be ok.
Absolutely Not! I moved off an acreage to get away from this. I live in a residential community. Not an agricultural area. This shouldn't even be considered!!
The noise and the stench would be very unappealing to any person.
Rules about roosters
If people want to raise chickens, they should move to an acreage.
Allow 2 birds per person in each household. This will allow at least 1 egg per person per day. It helps to lesson poverty in urban areas and allows residents to be self sufficient. People should be allowed to have a couple, run and free range ability as well as chicken tractor.
Olds should look to Red Deer and limit the # of residences per population
No roosters
hens only, no roosters
Limit total number
As long as they aren't loud and bothering others
Chickens should not be able to roam freely past resident's yards. Roosters should not be allowed.
Doesn't matter you ignore LUB bylaws as is
For most people this is a fad, they don't understand all the husbandry required. Improper enclosures will lead to unhealthy animals and probably feral ones as well.
No livestock should be allowed in town. In today's current world people are too displaced from what raising livestock actually requires. With the suggested cap of three chickens per household, this will not provide any relief in food

costs. The cost to feed and shelter the chickens will out cost any return. At no point should there be any livestock in the residential areas.
Chickens are loud, stink and attract flies.
They are very loud and disturbing.
Depends on how many chickens
Depends on size of lots
Absolutely not!
I live in a condo, it doesn't affect me.
Noisy, I don't want chickens as a neighbour.

Question Two

What concerns do you have with allowing chickens in residential areas? Other (Please specify)

The number of chickens allowed will largely determine the extent of odours produced in the yard. Chicken coops should not be allowed adjacent to neighboring fences so if houses both sides then coop should be in the middle of the yard.
If taken care of correctly none of the above should be a concern/issue.
When chickens are enclosed in little fence there are no predators.
I respect my neighbours decisions and will have a discussion with them if there are concerns with chickens.
Please no roosters
PROPERTY VALUES BEING NEGATIVELY IMPACTED. Risks far outweigh rewards. In many areas in olds, housing is dense with little separation or gap between properties and dwellings. The potential nuisance factors are extremely high.
It doesn't affect you if someone has chickens.
Stop comparing Olds to Edmonton. We are not a metropolis of a million people. We are an agricultural community, and if people want to have a few chickens to have fresh eggs at the ready, there's nothing wrong with that. Attracting predators? Please. Calgary has bobcats wandering around their neighborhoods. They've had bears and cougars in the city too. The animals were here long before you, and they'll be here after you're gone too. Stop micro-managing citizens' lives. Rather than creating legislation that makes it difficult for the majority, fine the people who are irresponsible animal owners. Period. No need to legislate us to death. We have enough of that going on already.
You will always have people that don't follow rules and don't properly care and contain them.
Chickens would add to the attractions of foxes, coyotes, and other wild animals not to mention dogs love to chase and kill chickens, how many farm dogs have been put down because they got a taste of blood from chickens?
It's unfair to assume people have concerns regarding chickens

I have no concerns, but do agree that this is something that should be regulated so a few don't ruin the opportunity for everyone.
My main concern is flies and the odour.
All of the above are negative factors for others living in the town and most especially those living next door.
Loose animals
Animal welfare
No roosters
There is a pack of coyotes that live on the northwest edge of town. They haven't been a problem, so far, having chickens in yards may bring them in to the residential area.
Number of allowable chickens should be based on the size of each property
Chickens belong on the farm not in town
I have no concerns.
I have never even noticed chickens in town, although I know they are here. We have cats pooping in our yard all the time. Never have I ever seen a chickens out causing issues!
Improper care, we already have foxes and coyotes in Olds
Dogs make more noise than chickens.
It could never be a blanket yes. Surely a minimum inspected lot size and pen would be required. A positive...? Adding chickens, Eagles, hawks, coyotes would enhance the 'intown' wildlife.
Acreages exist outside of town for a reason if you want to raise chickens
Humans will not look after them properly and I do not want them in my neighborhood! When the chickens die, they will just be tossed in the regular garbage without any regard to neighbors and garbage collectors. The chickens WILL NOT be treated humanely!
Well known fact that various forms of flu can be spread by many types of birds. Check Asian and Chinese outdoor market facts on this problem
Odor how waste is disposed of and where chickens are placed in yard.
You mention all the right things and must know enforcement on this will be expensive and unnecessary as there is other things in community that deserve more money and attention.
Hen houses must be cleaned regularly.
Animal welfare. As long as the animals are fed and treated well.
All of these could be a problem
I have these concerns but still totally support people having chickens in their yards in town, with regulations

I have lived rural and know all of the above is true!
My only concern would be quantity of chickens... I don't feel there should be full-out chicken operations in town of course, but 3 or 4 backyard hens with no crowing rooster should be fine. Noise is hardly a concern... not compared to the multiple dogs barking we hear lots from a home 6 houses from us.
At one time they allowed this in Calgary, unfortunately you always have people who think they are special and above the rules and guidelines set out for everyone and soon construct their own rules - next thing you know they are farms being run in town and the noise from the roosters had everyone up in arms as neighbors worked shift work - did not really appreciate the wake up call - the coyotes that came calling and the unkept yards and pens
Safety of chickens
Residence are not permitted to have any rooster's. Proper care and maintenance of hens, their housing and manure. There should be a small yearly licencing fee (ex: \$5.00 per chicken) with a maximum of 6 chickens. Number of chickens should be based property size.
Roosters to go along with the chickens.
No need for roosters
Limited numbers
All of the issues noted above are potential concerns, yet, with the policy written into a bylaw and with licensing for the chicken owner, these concerns can be mitigated.
I would love to have well looked after (spoiled) chickens but I know there are people who would let them become sick and suffer and not look after them.
Individuals who keep chickens probably realize the work that is involved (or will soon find out).
Chickens really should be on a farm!
Birds escaping their yards and crapping in mine!
Only noise from roosters.
Allergies
Manpower to enforce the bylaw
Neglectful neighbors
What is to be done with the feces of the hens? If a hens dies, how is that disposed of? They are to be kept in enclosed but what happens when they do get out? I feel there are way too many questions and concerns that haven't been answered.
Where will these chickens be slaughtered? In people's back yards?
If you start allowing chickens you're going to open the doors to many other types of animals.
Getting out crossing the streets

Number allowed
With regulations and compliance to Rules such As owners properly feeding, cleaning/ disposing, taking care of fecal material , ensuring chickens are locked in the evenings in properly warmed coops, I have no issues
The well being of the chickens
No Roosters
These issues could be resolved with regulations
Only hens, as I think you may have already stated.
Roosters
I grew up on a farm with chickens and know all about the odor's when it comes time to clean the coop. Where are they going to dispose of the manure? I sure don't want a penny of my tax dollars going to facilitate some kind of disposal system!
As long as people are taking proper care of their animals, keeping them in their own yard, and keeping their yard tidy and presentable, I think it's great.
These issues could be resolved with regulations
None should be a problem if all complaints by neighbors are regulated.
Chickens are relatively quiet birds in small amounts, such as urban aviaries. They are relatively easy to care for and require minimal amounts of efforts. They are easy to keep clean and can help with both pest bugs and weeds. People just need to understand that they require cleaning and veterinary assistance if not well. They also require a safe coupe that has wire defences against predators.
#of chickens allowed per household.
I would like to note that there are already Coyotes and foxes in town. I see them in a regular basis. Cats and small dogs in yards also attract these animals.
Chickens should be treated as all pets and taken care of appropriately.
The amount of chickens they can have
Persons with no knowledge of raising chickens causing unnecessary stress to animals,
Lack of agriculture knowledge. Laying hens are only good for a year and then spent hens not worth eating. The production from 3 hens is not going to cover cost of maintaining them. Just a fad and once the novelty wears off left with sick and dead chickens.
I think there should be guidelines/bylaws and specific research that should be done by individuals before they can have chickens in town. This will help make sure people know what they are getting in to.
The houses are too close together. I may not want chickens but might be forced to tolerate them just alongside my deck or bedroom window.
Must be fenced.

Depends on how they affect the neighbourhood.
People owning too many.
Cleanliness.
Also problems if they get out.
They are pest when they get loose.
The number of chickens are a big concern.
They fly so they must be contained.
Especially odour.
The flies are disgusting
Mind you we get foxes in town already. Might attract a few more.

Question Three

If chickens are allowed in residential areas, which of the following regulations would you like to see in place? (Other, please specify)

Completely fenced yards (backyards) only.
Neighbours are not asked about dogs or cats so why about chickens?
No neighbours are consulted when someone has dogs or cats so why with a few chickens!
Noise and odour bylaws for chickens, along with proximity to neighbours
Yard should be fenced
Process for dispute resolution. Who and how disputes will be resolved
It doesn't affect you if someone has chickens.
Good lord... "chickens are kept in *an enclosure*. Fixed it for you. Apparently, Councillor wants more policing of what goes on in peoples' backyards.
Just use common sense...as if you owned a dog or cat. Take care of your pets and be mindful of your neighbors no matter what pet you have...noise, cleanliness, and take due care.
Both neighbors have to approve it first.
I truly believe that if someone has chosen to get chickens, they have also done their research. That being said, I think there could be a cap on numbers, and no roosters - females make almost no noise, but I can easily see how a rooster would become a nuisance.
I think it would be difficult to meet all these requirements. Some people may not pay attention to the requirements.
Maximum and minimum to ensure a chickens are not cramped
Depending on the size of a family, I feel up to 8 chickens would be a manageable number. If there is a problem, then deal with it. I feel folks that take on the task of raising chickens will be responsible citizens to their neighbours.
Any size counts as one bird.
No chickens period
Chickens should be restricted to owner's property only.
Chickens should ABSOLUTELY NOT BE ALLOWED IN TOWN!!!!
Policing of property - follow-up by By-law officers
Permission from neighbors

If you want it keep it indoors at all times
Coop size would vary with the size of the lot so the coop should on cover a certain % of the lot.
Important that the neighbours on either side (at the very least) are ok with it
Maximum numbers adjusted for lot size - but an over all maximum of 6
I would not be happy to have a chicken/chickens next door it would affect my property value and possible make it harder to sell my house if I wanted to.
No Chickens
This shouldn't even be considered.
I wouldn't expect to see more regulations on chickens than we see on folks with several barking pooping dogs.
Training and the sharing of education is beneficial for ensuring the greater good for people and the chickens.
Yuck. The *** people will slaughter them!!
No Chickens in Olds PLEASE!
I have kept 4 laying hens in town for the last 5 years with my neighbours not even knowing I had them because they were quiet and clean
Min distance from neighboring property line and neighbor approval advising agreement with coop being permitted
There should be strict regulations about cleanliness and amount of chickens allowed relative to lot size... as well as a simple process of reporting if a neighbour feels that the chickens are a nuisance that is followed up with an inspection. If they aren't, that's the neighbour's problem... but if the owner is negligent, it should be dealt with swiftly.
If there are any first offenses the chickens go...no second and third chances. Must be inspected yearly to ensure those rules are being adhered to.
Responsible ownership, training and regulations and rules are key for any responsible animal ownership
Did my neighbours with a dog that barks constantly notify me before getting the dog? NO!
Must be on large lots with a minimum distance between property lines
For the Town to have the ability to withdraw permit immediately if complaints made about ongoing issues
All of the above
I feel that communication with neighbors is silly. I have never been asked about having dogs/cats/lizards/bunnies or any other animal. It the rule applies to one breed or species it must apply to all.
A licences required, but with a minimal fee of around \$10.
Less red tape the better: no licencing, set a limit to number per yard, then allow current standards of at large, noise, odour, or unsightliness be the standard. No big problems exist currently that I see other than some birds at large and the occasional rooster making noise.
They should have a closure but be able to roam within a fenced yard where they cannot escape
I would suggest that those who own chickens must have a minimum of xxx size of yard. Owning chickens in a small yard, such as that of a townhouse, would take up the entire space of a backyard. I would also suggest a yard which is also fenced in case the chickens are to get out by accident.
Do people have to consult a neighbour or go to a course or any of the others to have a dog or cat? No, they don't.
IF they are allowed, then people should be allowed to hunt chickens in others yards
NO LIVESTOCK OF ANY KIND IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS.
Mandatory training on owning chickens
Be determined by the available space the homeowner has
None allowed.
No licences should be given because no chickens should be allowed, period.
Can sell eggs, not meat!
Products for personal use ONLY
No animals that are not pets in town.

Should be notifying the whole neighbourhood - there should never be chickens allowed - no coops, no chickens.
I don't think they will do well in an enclosure. I am opposed to them in town.
Still really don't believe that there should be chickens in town
Doesn't bother me
Nothing would be an issue until a neighbour got upset. Wouldn't noise bylaws come into play regardless, such as with a rooster! Maybe your bylaw should just be amended to include the noise.
Neighbours should be informed prior to having the chickens and what would the repercussions be if neighbours don't want them. Questions around complaints and enforcement, how would this be enforced - they absolutely MUST be registered as a minimum.
If it's OK with the bylaws it should be ok to not communicate with neighbours

Question Four

If allowed, what size of property do you feel should be the minimum allowable size to keep chicken(s)? (Additional comments)

The smaller the lots the fewer number of chickens allowed.
Do not allow in multi-family dwellings ex: duplex, condos
Should consider allowing a maximum limit of chickens depending on the size of lot.
If done properly there should be no problems, unless the lot is all house and no yard.
Just as long as there is enough space for the chickens.
I've commented on the concerns relative to density of properties. You have many situations in which lot sizes are small and with no separation between houses. The introduction of farm type animals such as chickens would negatively impact quality of life for neighbours
It doesn't affect you if someone has chickens.
I don't think apartment dwellers can keep chickens. (Insert eye roll here) So, people who can't afford in-town acreages or large lot sizes can't be afforded the same privileges? Got it.
None allowed!!!! If they want chickens get an acreage.
Coop should not be anywhere near neighbours fences for at least 1000 m.
Any size. I don't think those who live on a smaller space should miss out on the opportunity that others have.
The size of an acreage of 4 acres or more should be required in my opinion.
I don't believe any size within the town limits should be allowed. Farm animals belong in the country.
People should be able to decide if their property is suited to having chickens
I think the number of chickens could correlate to the size of property.
No chickens
Any size lot
As long as it is humane and they can follow the bylaws, it should be fine!
Depends on number of hens
Any size property over 5000 sq. ft.
There should not be class barriers to keeping chickens and providing some form of food security for those in poverty
I imagine the industry has thorough business operations guidelines developed by industry specialists for safety, cleaning and objections to appeals
Any fenced in property should be allowed
Any property with a fenced yard
R1 & R2 zoning
Some city chickens are kept on apartment balconies.

Chickens SHOULD ABSOLUTELY NOT BE ALLOWED in town!!!!
As stated previously no size should be allowed.
None of others please.
Depends on how many chickens they want to have.
I'm not sure there should be a minimum allowable size at all.
Number of chickens should coincide with lot size
Maximum numbers dependent on lot size - medium lot maybe allowed 2 - up to max of 6 on a large/ very large lot
Anyone with enough space should be allowed to raise chickens in town
Absolutely detached single dwelling/single family homes only
No chickens!
Chickens should be raised on farms.
No opinion.
This should be an out of town limits considerations.
Not sure how you decide this. Does someone in a condo or 4 plex get to house chickens in a very small shared yard?
***This should be based on the size of your back yard not the lot size and this should not include rental properties. ***
EXTREMELY IMPORTANT
Should have no size, animal chickens is part of life and we should all be in favor!
Any enclosed yard
But only with regulations in place from previous question
Ask the chickens.
No Chickens!
Create the other regulation and the lot size will be decided. I.e. max size of coop, etc...
I think anyone should be able to
Instead of limiting the size of property, set limits on the number of chickens allowed according to the size.
A small townhouse lot is fine if there are just one or two... It's more about the ratio of square footage to number of chickens.
Let's keep chickens on the farm.
Any property size
Amount of chickens should depend on yard size. But anyone should be allowed
I think it would depend on the number of chickens to lot size. Having a few chickens on a larger lot is different than having a few on a small lot. There has to be a lot of different things considered when making these decisions regarding this question.
Who cares? This is irrelevant. Each property is so different, solely based on size is not a true reflection.
In the county, you can not have any livestock on a property under 3 acres. Why would you even consider this in town?
If this is allowed which I hope it isn't, I feel all should be able to have chickens and not restricted by lot size.
Perhaps a small property with a fenced yard? Numbers should match size of lot. Are there stipulations for size of property for dogs and cats?
Smaller properties would benefit from a hutch with a run vs. Free range abilities. Unless the yard is fully fenced.
Any sized property.
Any property with the space for an adequate and safe enclosure for the number of chickens Involved should be considered.
Should not be allowed, but as per your own assessor you only do board market data so is the assessment accurate?
No livestock on any size of residential/commercial property within town boundaries.
Lot size determines amount of chickens allowed?

The size of lot would depend on the number if chickens and the Animal Welfare recommended amount of space required per animal.
I would prefer not at all, so size is irrelevant.
Chicken shouldn't be allowed in town regardless of the size of the property.
Depends on how many chickens there are.
Depends on the number of chickens.
No chickens
No chickens
No chickens
No just no chickens at all.
No - depends on the number of chickens
No chickens
Depends on the number of chickens
Depends on the number of chickens.
No minimum
This depends on the number of chickens!
No animals in town other than dogs/cats.
No chickens
Should be a farm outside the town limits
Should be dependent on the number of chickens.
Not in town

Question Five

If chickens were permitted in town, is there a maximum number of birds allowable a residence should be allowed to keep? (Additional comments)

Depending on coop size, 12
But then there is a cost to enforce this as we know that some will disobey the limits
The people I know are responsible and do not need regulations
Restrictions should be mandatory.....but then the issue becomes one of compliance and enforcement.....and then resolution.
20. Still, if someone wants chickens then let them
We're not talking about production facilities here. We're talking about pulling a few eggs out of a backyard coop or your breakfast or baking cookies.
Depends on noise, cleanliness etc. Each owner could be different and be more or less responsible so yard size or chicken number should not matter
A neighbor currently has a dozen chickens on their front lawn.
Depends on yard size
Should be adjustable according to lot size. Small -10 med -15 large- 20 xlarge -25
It should depend on property size
For any purpose other than personal use, more than 12 would be excessive.
Unsure of what this number should be
Number of chickens allowed should be based on the size of each property, so that they can roam comfortably within the limits of that particular property

The number of chickens permitted in a yard should be determined by the amount of space allotted for the birds. The chickens must be happy! As long as they have 3 square feet to themselves in the coop and plenty of space to run around, I don't really care how many of them are flapping around back there.
A high number. Prevent the scale of a farming operation.
Should be based on the size of coop more than anything
Chickens SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED in town!!!!
No more than 3 and no rooster
2 - 4 would suffice for eggs.
if no number requirement a yard could be over run with chickens
No Chickens
Probably there should be a maximum number, although I don't know what that number should be.
Whatever is necessary to ensure health and comfort of the chickens.
I am not in favour of chickens in the town of olds.
If residents are responsible and respect the rules, I do not see a maximum being necessary, however it may need to be established.
The number seems to around four from other municipal rules.
4 max. No Roosters.
Household use size
Number should be dependent on property size. Max number of 6 chickens
I'm not an expert in animal welfare - again, there should be regulations regarding coop size and ratio of birds to real estate.
Within reason for size of property-for example: a small property (ie:3200 sq ft), 3 to 6 max.
Urban chicken keeping not farming
There's no reason why someone would need more than two, if they want to sell eggs, then that's commercial
Urban chicken keeping not farming
6-10 depending on lot size
2 square foot per bird enclosure
As I said earlier a limit of 2-3 birds per person. I would also advise that people be given a grace period on roosters. Hatcheries often sell hatching eggs. You do not know if you have hens or roosters until they have matured. There are certain breeds that you can tell at the time of hatching but this is not true to all breeds. Roosters do not crow until they reach maturity. So if there is a no rooster rule, it should only apply to mature birds. This will give people time to have laying hens without being fined for over capacity.
Should be limited to # of laying hens 5 should be maximum
If people are keeping chickens/hens in town it's likely for their own use of the eggs. The average family of 4 goes through 12-18 eggs per week which is the number of eggs 3-4 chickens produce weekly. I don't see any reason for people to have more than 4-6 chickens in town if it's for that use.
I feel that it would depend on the size of the owner's yard.
As long as they are healthy and the proper amount of space is provided.
The number of chickens should be limited according to the size of the property to ensure the welfare of the flock.
Depending on size of lot
Ultimately no livestock at all.
Again, this would be determined by the available space the homeowner has.
Depends on size of yard.
Depends on the size of the backyard.
No chickens

Depends on the number of people- one chicken per person living there.
ZERO
Depends on the size of the lot.
None
Yes, but the number would depend on the size of the lot.
Should depend how big the yard is.
Like a Pet – 1.3 chickens
Dependant on lot size.
It depends on the size of the lot.

Question Six

Question six stated “If you selected yes, what do you feel is an acceptable number?” It did not provide a comment box or give “other” as an option.

Question Seven

Please indicate your opinion on the prohibition or regulation of the following. (Additional Comments)

Larger animals need more secure fencing and noise would be a problem. Pigs are too smelly.
Farms are for larger animals.
If u want a farm, live on one.
Our town prides itself in maintaining cleanliness and beautifying its business and residential areas. Think about some of the structures that may appear with accommodating farm animals. What about feed storage and manure which will have bacteria. Peacocks, etc. are very noisy.
Larger animals should be aloud if you live on a small acreage in town
If people wanna have pets then let them have pets
Good God. We're not talking about starting a full farming operation in town. We're talking about a handful of chickens. How in hell did this turn into keeping emus? People already have chickens in town and the only ones complaining about it are the busy-body witches on Council. People have pot-belly pigs too. Didn't know about that? GOOD! We even have acreages with horses in town. LEAVE PEOPLE ALONE TO LIVE THEIR LIVES IN PEACE! If folks want livestock production out their back door, they'll move to the country.
Having to consider the space needed for each of these types of animals and the noise they may create
Most important is the impact on the neighbor. If that is minimal then ok
These are farm animals not town animals. It is bad enough that we have Olds Ag Society with their livestock and animal auctions within the town limits of Olds.
Again, depends on yard size and location
Are we talking chickens anymore?? Let's not get off the subject...chickens!
I agree with the above exemption, college, auction mart, etc... and that is it as far as I'm concern the rest should buy a farm.

Maximum numbers should be permitted according to property size as well.
Chickens are quiet, clean, small, and easy to control. The perfect pet, honestly.
All prohibited along with chickens
Lot size, proposed shelter, livestock husbandry would all be factors in determining eligibility.
If it was just one or two might be ok within the town, if the property was on the edge of town, with no close neighbours it would make sense that more animals could be permitted.. so, the number of allowed animals within the town should be dependent on the size of the property, and area of town where the property is located, and dependant on how many close neighbours there are to the property..
These animals belong on the farm not in urban districts
The auction mart is in the middle of town, and college is right beside! Let's keep our agricultural going!
Noise is an issue with Turkey's, Guinea fowl etc
The guidance to determine the rules: consider noise and smell (when properly-kept), secondarily appearance.
Are the large animal's questions about letting them in town limits? Then no but if it is an acreage then yes
A determination of what constitutes larger animals should be similar to county rules... goats. Sheep are actually smaller than some dogs.
Manure management in small areas I think is the largest concern with larger animals, and most residential areas do not have the space required to manage large livestock. Chicken and goats may be easily adaptable to residential areas with minimal restrictions, but other larger livestock should be by permit only when a proper management plan can be demonstrated
No farm animals within the town limits
IF U WANT A LIVESTOCK BUY AN ACERAGE
If it's a stress relief animal for a person any animal should be allowed
These all belong on farms not in towns
None of these animals should be allowed within town limits. Town limits is just that - a TOWN - NOT an acreage, NOT a farm, NOT rural. People want these animals - they can go live someplace else!!
This is a complex question. Obviously small properties should not be permitted to have large fowl. Miniature animals (horses, donkeys etc.). But if we are considering larger properties within the municipality then yes they should be permitted. I think the appropriate route would be, no large livestock/fowl unless you have X amount of land.
No guinea fowl for sure, they are extraordinarily loud!
Due to safety concerns to neighbors or neighbors' children who may gain entry to fenced area or put hands/arms through fences to 'pet' animals, I would suggest the mouths of larger animals pose a safety risk to adults or children.
None period.

Lots of room in the country for these animals
come-on already - you want to farm move along
Since we do have acreages in town, the rules regarding larger animals may differ with a small town lot versus a town acreage. There would have to be stringent rules re: odours.
I live in R1 not a farm. Some were allowed in Raymond 50 yrs ago but on much larger properties and citizen know the rules before it happened, not after the fact.
I believe the amount of time being spent discussing these issues not to be proportionate to the scope of the actual issue. I don't think it reflects well on Council to be honest.
These animals are farm animals. They are not town animals!
If you want barn yard animals, get a farm.
There is enough of a problem in Olds with People not having dogs on leashes, or running free in green spaces not designated for dogs and cats roaming free at night we have had cats in our flowers and garden. It has been proven that those bylaws are adhered to or enforced. Now we are entertaining added more animals. Also that garbage is picked up once every 3 weeks, the smell is bad enough add in more feces. All other local towns have weekly garbage pick up.!!!
The above should be allowed on acreages of 5 acres or more in limited numbers, but not in town!
I do not think that I would like to live next door to any of these animals
I feel if you want these animals. Move to a farm or acreage!!
Move to a farm if you want to raise livestock. This is ridiculous.
We are urban not farm lands; above mentioned animals are livestock not pets. Pot-bellied pigs are debatable and I could understand having one (1) in a household as a pet but no more as that starts looking like livestock...
Dogs and Cats only!
These are farm animals, not town animals.
I think goats would be fine, but not the other larger animals.
Why are we wasting tax payer's money, in this economic environment, discussing something like livestock inside the town of Olds?
Backyard chickens are typically for the purpose of getting a few eggs a day. Loud birds like guinea fowl, peacocks, turkeys, geese! shouldn't be allowed. Clean, small, quiet animals only, and just a few. Neighbours' peace/quiet needs to be at the forefront, as with dog-barking! Homing pigeons are also pretty harmless. And meat rabbits, etc. I don't feel we need to be overly regulated as a town... I don't love that... but I do like there to be some guidelines when things do overflow into the unpleasant realm.
All these animals belong on farms not in urban areas
This is a town not an acreage

I am ok with enclosed peacocks.
We have some larger acreages within the town limits that are like a farm. These should be allowed to have livestock. A large animal on a residential lot would not be acceptable.
Pot bellies pigs are pets for some and are not offensive. They should be licensed as similarly to dogs.
If an animal is being abused or not looked after the people should be ticketed. Unfortunately there's lots of that. And if you want any of these animals just to slaughter them that shouldn't be allowed.
Except for the provisional locations noted OC, ORE, Olds Auction Mart etc? Please NO livestock!
All these animals create far too much noise and stink for any residential housing areas.
Manpower to enforce bylaws is a concern, bylaw has enough to do.
Just chickens for eggs a meat. Permit with guide lines.
These animals would not be happy in town. They belong on a farm. They would just be a disturbance. If this is what they want they should move out of town. We would have more fox and coyotes in town. If this is what these people want they should move out of town.
This is not the app "farmland". Let's set some limits.
This is a poorly worded question. For example a horse would be appropriate on a multi acre "farm type" acreage inside the town boundaries, much less so in your yard behind a duplex. If an area is classified as residential it should not be used as a farm.
If there are rules for cats and dogs, then there should be rules for any other animal. Obviously, you can't keep a cow in a tiny backyard, but if you have one of the larger lots just east of the tracks on the south side of town, and it's fenced and you want a goat, then maybe it's fine.
Keep the animals to the farms...that's why we have farms. I have lived on a farm and I know the work required to maintain. Just walk some of the paths in Olds and the playgrounds where schools are located and you'll see all the dog poop that owners leave behind. You'll always have those owners who don't abide.
These belong on an acreages NOT IN TOWN IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS.
These types of animals require more space than I feel a town property can provide. They are also often noisy and can be stinky (especially the latter mentioned)
Within olds limits there's no need for large livestock on municipal housing property, unless space available. Not gunna want to see a mini pony behind a downtown home, but likely houses out by hospital will have enough space without issue.
NO poultry or livestock within Town
Owners of larger animals and exotic pets should be permitted. The town should also be informed on how to handle one of these animals that gets out of the yard.

Dependent on how much land a person owned in town-there are some larger acreages that are suitable for larger/more animals. However, some are much noisier than others-for example peacocks I would not recommend to be a good fit right in town-they are very, very loud.
How about a miniature goat or sheep
Ducks I would be fine with
Is there a reason Rabbits are not on the list? They should be kept in cages, though. I suppose I mean other than as a pet. The list of birds above I would like to see rules but what about quail? They are small and noiseless. I am OK with them but not the other ones listed. The quail might be for meat or for eggs.
This is a residential community. Those animals as well as chickens belong on a farm!
I don't know enough about those animals to make an informed decision
Again, I think it depends on the size of lot. Larger animals need more space. I don't think that it's reasonable or responsible to raise a horse in a regular sized lot. I would check 'prohibited' for larger livestock and exotic birds, but I think there may be acreages within the town limits. (4+ acres for large livestock or birds)
As far as chickens, NO Roosters.
We live in a rural area where there is lots of land outside of Olds where these animals can be kept. We do not need them in town. We live in a nice and quiet town and would like to keep it that way.
Seriously, horses, pigs? No to everything. This is really a huge step backwards. You invest close to a million dollars in a home and your neighbours have farm animals? What is wrong with people?
Goats shouldn't be included in the large livestock category as they are often smaller than dogs. Horses are also not a problem animal. They are an acceptable means of transportation. If they are included in municipal bylaws then other "regulations" that were imposed 100 years ago must also be changed.
Due to the generally smaller size of a town yard vs a farm/acreage it would be best for the animals, to be restricted from the Town
Add mini cows to a section
Becomes a feeding frenzy for the coyotes etc...
Dependant on lot size. I do not believe that animals larger than geese should be allowed on an average sized lot within town limits. Many of the lots in the Imperial area of Olds would be sufficient in size.
Goats are kind of cool...lol
Most larger birds and animals cannot be adequately housed on in-town properties, so my responses are based on animal welfare rather than noise or odor concerns
We're an urban municipality: if you want that go to the county. Would Red Deer County start shopping malls, office space and commercial without Red Deer going for an annexation, or would everyone be gutless.
No livestock of any kind in residential areas. If residents wish to own livestock move to an acreage outside of town boundaries. Livestock have no place within the urban environment.

Maybe exceptions should be made for people who have acreages in town
There are Provincial guidelines for the amount of space animals require to be healthy. If a landowner can a) provide adequate space and ensure the animals welfare and b) ensure the urban noise and nuisance bylaws are upheld then I am okay with these.
Pot bellied pigs should be inside.
No animals like this – get a farm
Only chickens
Larger birds but very controlled.

Question Eight

What do you think the Town's approach to beekeeping should be? Additional Comments

Bees do a lot of pollination which is environmentally important.
Bees in town could increase the hazards of people with extreme allergies to be at risk since you can't control where they fly.
We had this next door and got no notice about it. Friends would not visit for fear of being stung and allergic to it. Bees became very aggressive.
Should be limited and restricted to acreage size lots in a more rural type setting.....not within the core of the town proper.
Bees are going extinct so why can't we keep them and get some fresh honey
You feel compelled to add MORE restrictions over and above the province's own regulations? For a beneficial insect without which we would be subject to famine?
This activity is for fields and farms not back yards where there are people with possible allergies
Bees are a far cry from chickens and pigs.
Save the bees! This should be encouraged!
Allowed to a maximum of only 1 hive for personal use only. If commercial production is wanted set hives in the county as many farmers would be more than happy to give space for bee hives.
To my knowledge there have been no negative incidents to date. Current regulations must be effective.
Neighbours should be consulted as there are lots of people that have bee allergies, and fear of bees, in case some should get loose
Bees are good. Any complaint of their welcome is from subjective fear, I'd guess.
Need training so can control for swarms
More bees please

The more bees the better
Hives should be kept a minimum 1/2 mile outside of town.
Some people are allergic to bee stings - why should they be subjected living right beside a whole "nest" of them and risk DEATH just because some disrespectful, inconsiderate human wants to have bees??!! AND the TOWN should have jurisdiction and legislation over anyone that keeps bees within the Town's corporate limits alongside provincial legislation.
The same goes for bees as chickens. KEEP THIS STUFF OUT OF TOWN!!! If a person wants to get involved with this stuff, move to the country!!!
What about the neighbor or neighbors that are allergic to bee stings which I am.
Many people have severe reactions to bee stings
What about the poor children that will get stung - god forbid the outcry and public crucifixions. Poor administration (please trust me don't go there)
Bees don't bother people and are great pollinators.
What about people in the neighborhood with severe allergic reaction to them
Why would the town get into anything that may cause someone their life. Many people are allergic to bees!
Bees are very important to our survival and I think this should be encouraged
What about people who are allergic
If urban beekeeping recommendations are followed no problems. Calgary alone has 1200 urban beekeepers. I am a strong supporter of this
Limit on minimum size of lot and of hive numbers. (Maximum of one maybe?) We need bees for our gardens, and they are in short supply!
I think bee keeping should be done outside of town limits
I would be concerned about neighbours with deadly bee allergies, especially children.
Monitor situation and if no complaints as things are...stay the course unless incidences change that
Maybe
Only big properties that allow separation from neighbour's
Needs to be recourse that if it is a danger or nuisance then needs to have an avenue to say it can't be there.
Bees are important to our food production. But there should be guidelines to the quantity which you can have.
This is a natural way of eating healthy
Backyards are likely too small for bee hives!
I am severely allergic to bee stings

I would assume there is a reason you do not see man made beehives in towns and cities. I would assume they would be too dangerous for small children to be around and there would be higher number of people allergic to bee stings in a more populated area. So dangerous again.
I am allergic so this is a concern to me. If there are bees in my neighbours backyard, I certainly wouldn't be able to enjoy mine.
Would hate the idea of a child getting severely stung.
I like how Edmonton requires keepers to do a training course first. I think it's fair to expect people to know how to care for their animals before getting them.
Bee keeping can be a very dangerous undertaking if not understood by the owner and can be dangerous for neighbouring property children
If I am allergic to bee venom I certainly don't want my neighbors to have beehives in their yards. That would really curtail my enjoyment of my own yard.
Bees are a good idea too.
Bees are dying out. We should be proactively saving them.
TOTALLY!!! What a great idea.
This should only be allowed on properties that back on to a pasture or field. Liability issues would be considered with allergies etc...
With limits on hives according to size of lot. I am not sure if too many hives has a negative effect on the ecosystem. Can you only have so many within a certain distance?
I would feel uncomfortable using my yard if my neighbours were beekeepers. I have a fatal allergy to bees and they cannot be contained to a yard.
Look legally it can happen, but it needs to be controlled. However you ignore other LUB items, so what does it matter.
There are urban centres that have allowed bees in the area. Look to Regina Sk as an example. Work with the local producers on nest practices as well.
Our neighbours have kept bees. We had no problems at all. In fact, I enjoyed them!
I would be comfortable with bee keeper outside of town.
Bees should be encouraged world wide. You would have to be insane to try to discourage people in any way to help the bee population. I'm guessing someone realizes the significance of bees and how important they are. You should be giving tax breaks for bee keepers.
Not in town.
Too many allergies.
It all goes down to how many beehives – we need to have the provincial at least.

Question Nine

Which of the following funding models would you support if additional licensing and bylaw enforcement was required for Animal Control?

The choice to have animals is not everyone's responsibility
Stop "taxing" People can't afford any more or tax the wealthy heavier.
If u want animals u pay.
A few chickens should make no difference
The only issue I see is with the cats that roam around Olds....
No tax increase. User pay and funded
I'm exhausted by the ridiculousness of this whole matter.
Taxes are high enough in this town. No taxes to support any licensing because there should be no animals and insects in back yards in a town where I live.
Responsible owners should have the right to their pets as user pay with licensing fees as it now is.
He who wants chickens, also should shoulder any cost associated with their care
Let's be real, you have the staffing and processes in place to administrate and enforce this without extra funding.
Peace officers seem well-placed to enforce. Additional training costs...? Sure.
I think there are more issues with Dogs and Cats. Noise of dogs barking and Cats defecating in neighbour's yards.
I don't see this being an issue where more animal control is needed. Dogs and cats seem to be a much larger issue in my opinion.
Fees can create class barriers to sustainability and food security. Problems should be addressed by the community as they arise and look for community based solutions
No support for any farm animal
This isn't the same as a library or other public facility. Users must cover any additional administrative or compliance costs
I don't support having animals so no change is required.
Users pay for their pets!
MAKE IT VERY EXPENSIVE if you have too - like \$500 a pop
I do not feel like they need extra funding for these new laws.
I would support a model that saw fines imposed should there be intervention required, but I see licensing fees as a cash grab, especially when imposed on pet owners who require no intervention.
Taxes are already higher in Olds than other towns.

Why everyone should be penalized so people can have livestock in town
Town gets enough of our money thru other fees
Enforcement is key to accord on this one
User Pay
Why can't the town bylaw officer catch stray cats? Why is it up to the homeowner to police this?
I guess it depends upon how many folks want to keep chickens etc. and hence, how much time would need to be taken up with licencing and bylaw enforcement for animal control. I doubt that many people want to keep these animals, so I expect the time required to manage this is actually pretty low.
Our bylaw officers don't enforce the current bylaws so what would change. We have cat bylaws with no enforcement.
Bylaw officers don't look after the cat problem how will they monitor chickens
No warnings, hefty fines issued on all accounts.
Not fair to property owners to hike all property owners taxes, for those that wish to do this, what about renters, has to be on a per household expense if they want this
I've seen a lot of irresponsible cat and dog owners in the community, so this would be good even for the current animal ownership
I don't think this would be a big issue, but I think that fines would help cover any extra costs
Deal with fees for non-compliance which becomes known when a problem arises.
I find this one hard as cats need a license yet there is NO control going on with this AT ALL they are allowed to roam around & no one is held accountable, even when a complaint is made no one is given a ticket.
Don't waste your (our) money... please
All associated costs are the sole responsibility of the owner, not the town!
Those who own these animals should be responsible for the extra costs, as those who do not should not be punished for someone else's stupidity
Licensing fees should be minimal. Raising food for your own consumption (eggs, gardens, honey) should be encouraged
Most people are not hungry to purchase any of the above listed animals in an urban area. If they were, these animals would already be a problem. There is absolutely no reason to raise taxes because of a perceived issue. If there are rules made and people don't follow them then they should be paying the fines.
Until bylaw can keep up with stray cats, barking dogs and stunting vehicles, I don't think more uncontrollable bylaws should be made.
User pay is never user pay.

I see the need for animal control. I would prefer a user pay system, but I also understand that the cost to maintain a position may outweigh the recovery of funds.
Or may a nominal increase at most.
They just shouldn't be in town, period.

Question Ten

Do you have any other comments about animal control in the Town of Olds?

Animal control is done very well except for cats! We have many in our area but do not own one.
People need to control their own animals/pets. If a dog is continually barking it is the owner's responsibility to control that neighborhood noise issue. Or in the case of chicken coops and odor issues, the prevention of an odor problem by regular removal of the manure created by those chickens.
If people want cats they should be contained in their place and not on others property.
There is a problem with cats in this town.
The number of animals should be dependent on how much space they will have. There are already loud dogs and free range cats in town so other animals aren't much of a big deal
It's pretty good.
Would you grandfather in current owners of backyard chickens?
Would love the opportunity to responsibly own chickens
I'd rather hear chickens than the continual barking of dogs. Barking control needs to be seriously enforced.
Currently many people have hens in their yards, if council decides not to allow chickens will the current ones be allowed to stay?
Cats are a problem, well not cats but their owners.
I can see the cost of monitoring and compliance becoming time consuming and excessive diverting resources away from more critical and pressing areas of focus. The potential negative impact on property values and ability to resale property is also a concern
I think that if people wanna have animals such as chickens then they should be allowed. They are small and quiet in people's back yards and cause no grief. I see no issue
We are a community based on agriculture and animal husbandry. Keeping and caring for animals with in our town makes sense and is directly aligned with our town's brand. These types of activities should be gently regulated and encouraged for the betterment of our community.
Whatever is decided its imperative violations are addressed
Olds is a residential area, why are we turning it into a farming area. If people want animals it should be outside of the town.

This issue is a definite no to any livestock in Olds. These animals are for farms and there is lots of farm land around here for people to keep their livestock and not in the town limits of Olds. There are neighbors currently with chickens and this is unfortunate for the neighborhood as it prospectively reduces value to residences. A question for council...Why can a resident harbour a dozen chickens in their front yard yet town by law does not allow for an unattached garage in the front of your house. Answer that I was given "an unattached garage is unsightly" But by my standard, a dozen chickens in the front of a house in the neighborhood is more unsightly.
Eating local and self-sufficiency is incredibly important. Especially during these interesting COVID times. Education is really important too to insure animals are not treated poorly or incorrectly, especially by accident.
Animals will be animals as humans will be humans...we ALL get out of control at times...only the owners need to take responsibility of any pet they have whether it be three dogs, six cats, four chickens, some bunnies, two snakes, or a hamster...pets can enhance a household and owning pets brings business to our local vets and pet stores.
All towns and cities should have animal control for noise, smell, appearance etc.....
Poop and scoop bylaw is not being followed in Hartman Green. Not all entrances to this park have signage and bags for this bylaw.
I think the bigger concern is stray cats using flower beds and gardens as litter boxes
Outdoor cats should have heavier fines and control as they destroy native bird populations
It will be work to set these regulations. But it will be worth it
What animal control? Cats are free to roam anywhere and dog barking seems to be Uncontrollable
Let people do whatever. If the chickens are happy and fed mind ya own
Olds is an agriculture-based town. I can see/hear/smell the auction mart from my kitchen window, and I am within a 5 minute walk from the Olds College. I am proud of these things. I think it is suiting to allow backyard flocks in Olds, and with regulations, could be such a wonderful addition and opportunity for Olds. Olds is lacking a younger crowd, and I truly believe that these types of innovative choices would attract young, open-minded people to our wonderful town.
It is important for a community to place the needs of the many over the wants of a few. Just like marijuana odors of plant material and users is an infringement on a neighbor so will the allowance of agricultural livestock be an infringement.
It's frustrating enough with owners allowing dogs and cats to be intrusive in residential areas. The thought of any of these additional animals in residential areas is absolutely ludicrous.
Dogs and cats only!
Cats are a much bigger issue than chickens. The bylaws aren't enforced for cats so why bother with Chickens? At least chickens lay eggs.
Do better at controlling cats at large. Huge problem in town
I love animals, however feel it is unfair to have animals other than dogs, cats in town. They need room to roam
No farm animals in town. Period

Olds is a regional agriculture hub. Let's celebrate this fact by using common sense strategies for those wishing to engage in small scale food production for their family.
Farm animals belong on a farm
Cats should not be allowed to wander
No livestock, no chickens. Dogs, cats, rabbits, or the traditional urban animals should only be permitted. If you want livestock, live in the county.
Off-leash dogs is an issue
There needs to be a better system in place for when a stray animal is found, there should be a place that the animal can be taken, without any hassles to the person finding the animal, no matter what day of the week or time of day, and every effort should be made to locate the owner...if no owners can be found, after a reasonable effort has been made, the animal should be placed for adoption through a reputable vet office or similar...also, if animal abuse, or neglect is witnessed or known of, there should be a 24 hour person that can be contacted to investigate this...Also, if a deceased animal is found within the town, there should be a place to call, where someone would come out to properly deal with the deceased animal, as I have found this to be not tended to in the past...I don't believe there should be any breed specific bans in dogs, as any dog not raised with the proper love, attention, food, shelter etc. could potentially become aggressive! There should be a limit on the number of dogs and cats that can reside in one household, up to a reasonable amount... egg 4 for dogs, 6 for cats...maybe the town could encourage spay and neuter of animals by providing a discount on multiples at the local vet centres or something of this nature... could funding be made available for a local Animal shelter?
Other than 2 dogs and cats, keep the rest on the farm
No, chickens should definitely be allowed. The increased work by law enforcement would be extremely marginal
The cat issue is still in-existence, but don't lay down the hammer yet. People are figuring it out slowly.
Folks that choose to raise chickens, do it for a purpose and are willing to work hard to keep them. I feel the councils focus on Chickens has gone way over board. More attention should be on dog or cat owners, that Bylaws should be followed. Chickens are very quiet. I would much rather have chickens next door than, a dog that barks at everything that goes by or Neighbor cats that roam freely and defecate in your yard.
Owning chicken is a lot of work and people don't take it lightly! It's much easier to purchase a dog than a chicken so maybe focus your attention in a different direction!!
* Is there a limit on dogs allowed per house?
Too many dogs off leashes in parks and even in open yards. I can't let my dog out often. Because I'm nervous there will be an incident. Also had multiple issues with dog poop on my lawn not picked up? Seems there is nothing anyone can do and nothing is enforced.
Priority in cat control in high complaint areas. Promote education on dog waste dangers/parasites. And promote cleanliness to occupants of unsanitary yard/homes. Promote more safe capture and
Generally very well handled. Please do NOT look into adopting any changes similar to Calgary "boxhead" anti-breed dog rules which are ridiculous.
It would be nice if stricter regulations were in place to control the cats that are constantly roaming through my yard.

Let's avoid bureaucratic red tape and barriers to people living their lives
I feel that officer Eric is doing a great job with dogs as he has helped us in the past and we don't wish to see chickens added to his duties
Seniors find dogs are such a nuisance...barking... poop not cleaned up on walkways, aggressive and uncontrolled by many owners. Good Luck bylaws!!
Yes. Cats should not roam free!!!!!!
Please listen to the people of Olds and the younger demographic of tax payers and home owners. These topics are not issues that need to be taxed or fined. No licenses should be needed for a 3.5 pound bird. There is much bigger problems in the world and province right now this just seems so silly.
Need to ensure chickens are contained in the yard with no chance of escape
Allow chickens for families to become more self-sustaining in having their own healthier eggs and for their children to have this educational experience and responsibility of raising their own food.
We need properly trained ANIMAL control bylaw officers - this aspect should NOT be combined with regular bylaw officers as regular bylaw officers are more concerned about the welfare of humans than they are about the welfare of BOTH ANIMALS AND HUMANS. I made a complaint about a cat in my neighborhood that was being allowed to run outside 24/7 and use my gardens as a litter box, and the bylaw people said "we don't catch cats - do it yourself and take it to a vet..."
Anybody that wants chickens, ducks, geese, etc. should be advised to purchase an acreage and move out of town!!!!!!
I think there is a very strong need for current bylaws to be strictly enforced in the area of off leash dogs on walkways and public areas daily I see people walking pet off leash on walkways and when reported nothing gets done
A suggestion of a pre-approval site inspection, if a yard is already unsightly adding chickens or livestock is going to make the situation even worse, in order to be approved to have urban chickens the resident should have an on-site inspection prior to being given the license
As a chicken keeper there are my thoughts. Chickens should be permitted in town. Following the same or similar guidelines to Edmonton and other areas with an urban hens program. I think urban chickens should be permitted to free range in their yard outside of an enclosure. Providing the fence is 5ft high or more. Chickens don't really care to fly over high fences. Chicken owners should be educated on proper housing for both summer and winter care. And an adequate shelter for both seasons should be mandatory (i.e. prefab coops from peaveymart are not sufficient for winter). No roosters should be permitted in town. Unless the property is large enough that neighbors won't be bothered by it. Ducks and Guinea should not be permitted in town. Ducks are messy and guinea are very noisy. There is really no good reason not to permit chickens. They are not very noisy. If their enclosure is maintained there is minimal smell.
Not enough being done with cats & dogs at large. Too many vicious dogs.
Absolutely no breed specific legislation.
Please use fairness, common sense & individual consideration for residents who don't fit into the slated boxes.
Chickens are a fantastic approach to sustainable living for people as well as for companion pets.

It is bad enough with people walking dogs and not picking up after the dogs, we don't need chickens or bees in town. There are several people with chickens in their yards now and I know for a fact the neighbors of these people are not happy.
If bylaws are enforced, they usually are not a problem. Dogs are getting out of hand. There is an off leash park provided, but residents seem to think if no one is watching they can let their dogs run free. The Rotary Park will soon be unsightly, if the dogs are not controlled.
The Town will lose my tax dollars if there is a 'free for all' regarding animals inside town limits - I will move
I do not know why chickens are such an issue as people can have cats that they let loose to run around and crap in our yard. Or dogs that bark nonstop and that does not seem to be an issue either.
I live on 60th street and every summer from morning til night and sometimes in the middle of the night, I have to put up with barking dogs (there are at least 5 if not more) on Destination Place, Destiny Place and 60th Street. I have complained before and nothing is ever done. So what is the use of having animal regulations and a by-law officer?
If people wish to have such animals get an acreage or farm that allows this.
Only two dogs per residence
We have enough problems with dogs and cats/ why take on more.
This is a great town with great administration - tax payer monies should be spent on strategic issues like landscaping, recreation and roads please. Thank you for the opportunity to comment
No, the town does pretty good
If you what farm animals move to a farm
I think the town is already doing a good job at managing the animal control. Chickens are usually quiet and pose little impact on the neighborhood.
Limit on number of dogs per household. Suggest no more than 2
Before any additional animals are approved, it must be decided how this will be controlled as we have frequent cats in our yard sleeping on the furniture on the deck. The Town is not able to control the ones presently approved.
I choose to live in town not an acreage. If you want animals etc. move to a farm.
Chickens belong on the farm!
Town of Olds should be supporting urban gardening and back yard chickens. We are an agricultural town, with a world-renowned agricultural college. It promotes a healthier life style, and teaches kids how to raise and learn where there food comes from.
Cats are not controlled by owners and many dog owners, not all, are not controlled, they may be educated on responsibility but do not comply with bylaw... I am constantly cleaning my yard.
If there was to be a course mandated for chicken ownership, the cost would have to be accessible for everyone. Making the fees of the course and registration too high is paramount to class warfare

I think the current regulations under community standards bylaw are sufficient. If there are concerns about how chicken coops look/smell, review the pertinent sections and ensure that the general principles encompass issues that have apparently identified with chickens (e.g. unsightly premises, noise). Additionally, Alberta has an Animal Protection Act which addresses the concerns raised by some councillors about owners potentially not taking appropriate care of animals in their possession. This town has problems to solve that are more far reaching than chickens (e.g. the smell from Olds College compost and cannabis facilities). Please focus on this work.
If you want to have farm animals, live in the country
Cats are so much more of a problem in town than any other animal listed in this survey.
There seems to be an increase in the number of dogs barking while owners ignore the problem or are away. We've had them running through our garden many times.
I think if basic rules are followed for a clean environment and care of animals are followed people should be able to keep many types of animals in town
I see cent producing hens as different from other animals such as broiler birds, pigs or cattle which all produce meat. Eggs are produced on a daily ongoing basis. Meat animals must be slaughtered and this enters the realm of provincial legislation. Animals who are pets or companions are currently licenced and should remain so. Egg producing chickens are producing food and I think there could be a strong possibility of being challenged if the town prohibited property owners from producing food for themselves in this time of shaken supply chains. Chicken wastes contain urea which is nitrogen. Nitrogen is vital to composting so chicken wastes should go into the composting stream as a valued input. There should be regulation regarding waste management frequency, disposal etc.
Unfortunately bylaws are only as good as enforcement. Our officers only work daytime so miss so much!
Peace Officers and Town Council must aggressively support enforcement of the present dog owners and cat owners who do not comply. We had a dog, it was licenced and always on a leash, while out we walked by numerous dogs off lease on walking paths within town. As well as feces along the paths. Don't see any enforcement. What is a resident supposed to do with cats that come onto our property to relieve themselves? If you have bylaws, then enforce them...
To own a dog, there should be some proof of obedience training, in order to register them. (To register a car we have to have to have proof of insurance!!!) There are far too many badly behaved / badly controlled dogs - where their owners have little or no control of them, even in their own back yard. Maybe the size of dog (S, M or L) should be limited to the lot size as well.
There needs to be more Enforcement to off leash cats!!!
There is a cat and dog bylaws that do not get enforced to proper level. I see cats roaming around all the time. When I am out in the parks I often see people letting their dogs off lease instead of going to the off lease park.
No livestock
It's good to provide guidance and regulations on such matters. Thanks Town of Olds
I rely on the powers to be (to the best of their ability) to make the best decisions for Olds and its residents.
Farm animals belong on the farm!
I can't believe that there are people that would want to raise livestock in their yards. Absolutely stupid, buy a farm.

Dog license every year is a money grab for the town. Once a dog information is given, the dog is not going to change.
I don't see how there is a noise issue with chickens. We have dog beside us that barks all day and night when she is outside.
The stray & outdoor cats in town is a huge nuisance. They're always defecating in gardens and playground sand, it's disgusting and outdoor cats should be banned.
Control the stray cats.
Better control of dog breeders
Lack of personal responsibility for cleaning up after one's dogs...I wish I had a workable solution to instill this in the minds and consciences of some owners. We do not own a dog and yet find I am cleaning up dog feces from my property and around the public mailboxes and playground near-by. I believe the Town has done a great job of supplying bags and posting expectations...using/compliance with same, is the issue
At present the cat bylaw is not being enforced. Roaming cats are all over and bylaw officers turn a blind eye to it.
Yes please review the policy on barking dogs. Vicious Dogs the number of allowed dogs per residence. Constantly barking dogs. And fines for leaving feces on the ground as well as enforcing it! No one's privilege to have a pet should impede on another's right to peace, safety and cleanliness
I think it should work on a basis that if it is not interfering with anyone else it should be allowed
I would be strongly opposing this to the full extent. I feel this is a waste of tax payer's funds for there to be a discussion about a livestock issue.
Aggressive animals are unacceptable. Incessant barking and poop left around for kids to step in... Also unacceptable. Breeding of aggressive dogs ...unacceptable. I've had to call the Town about dog-barking in the past, and was very pleased with how it was dealt with, and how promptly.
Just don't think it is a good idea - in do not need the additional costs on my city bill to add another bylaw officer to control this
Cats seem to run free they should be treated like dogs Catholic school fields are used as an off leash area. Barking complaints seem to go unnoticed
Not sure why this is even an issue
We have a serious problem with crows and magpies. They leave a terrible mess, and very loud and chase all small song birds away. Constantly seen eating garbage from roll out bins and green spaces
I do not want chickens. I will be very ticked off if my neighbours decided to proceed with this. Nor do I agree with any other form of livestock. Bee keeping is acceptable to me. It's just ludicrous that this is something the town is considering. You can't even get a handle on problem dog owners.
More consistent bylaw enforcement.
There are roosters in town and they are disruptive.

Allow people to responsibly secure a food source. Chickens are not an issue.
Animal should be everyone's part of life, we are killing our backgrounds for the sake of people who don't like animals this is the same as a railroad tracks have been there for years before houses and now residents expecting to remove railroad tracks!
I feel the vicious dog attacks were poorly handled. Our children and pets need to be safe.
Dogs are often off leash on pathways, faces are often in parks, private properties and paths, cats invade private properties,
This is nothing new with larger cities so no need to spend a lot of time debating frivolous points.
I still have a problem with cats at large in our town.
I have cats and dogs of neighbours pooping in my yard and shrub beds on a regular basis.
We have enough problem with cats and dogs other animals and bird belong on the farm
If done respectfully and lawfully, I think having urban chickens and other animals would be a great idea in town. So long as rules are followed and animal control is maintained.
I support the exploration of the data gained via this survey. Communication with the community if the first step in building transparency between policymakers and residents.
Stray cats is a huge problem
Animals should not be kept on private urban property. Could cause a lot of disharmony among neighbours and I want to keep Olds the friendly community that it is.
No but I would like to see licensing for cats.
People off leasing their dogs in Hartman Green
I think rural towns like Olds should be more open to having animals on the properties, RVs on the properties or nearby, invest more in walking and biking trails around town and encourage residents to plant trees.
Seems that is working ok
It is important to maintain quality standards with Animal Control!
Just cats wandering
We have a farm auction right in town which houses 100s of large livestock. They stink, make tons of noise and create traffic uncleanliness and jams. I do not see why a household couldn't keep a couple small animals.
The Agricultural Society has a part of their grounds that are on 54th St and when it rains the manure water runs onto the sidewalk
There needs to be more done on cats that are allowed by owners to run free. For the feral cats maybe consider doing a focused trap program in the problem areas.
Magpies and Crows are way too over populated in town... Need some bounties and traps... Something....

Chickens are an asset- are we really having this conversation in a time when the idea of self-sufficiency in a pandemic is occurring?
Yes, bylaw enforcement is a concern, manpower to enforce bylaws. I see a new peace officer out and about interacting with the community. Keep piling on the bylaws and there will not be time for community interaction.
Animal control on dogs when at large or threatening the town and RCMP don't do anything
There should be no limit on the number of permits per population. Anyone who applies and meets qualifications should have the opportunity to keep livestock such as urban hens or bees.
I would like the noise and the smell of the Olds Auction Mart to be looked at, if the town is concerned with noise and smell of animals.
No, we are fairly new in town and I haven't seen any issues at this time.
I think people should be allowed to keep chickens and bylaws are fine (if needed) but it's silly to have bylaws for many of the other animals, and they can be dealt with on a case by case method, or introduce bylaws when needed.
Broadening Or allowing birds/animals over and above cats/dogs is opening a floodgate of inherent problems with no manpower to monitor/enforce regulations be they town bylaws or otherwise. Residential lots are too small in an urban setting unless you are =>.5 acre. Most people lack the knowledge to properly raise fowl or small livestock.
I see this as another bylaw that will be passed but not enforced as the counsel and town do not have the willingness to accept backlash related to social media and vocal minority public backlash respecting same.
The current bylaw is poorly enforced. There has been a cat bylaw for 20+ years and yet you see free running cats on almost every street in town. I live near one of the town paths and see off leash dogs every day. If we do have animal control, why aren't the current bylaws being enforced?
I find it interesting that the Town is focusing on this issue of animal control, when they do very little to control citizens allowing their dogs to run free in off leash areas. I have often over the years and each time have been told that if I follow the owner home and get an address or get their name that then there would be follow up. Perhaps regular patrols of the parks at key times would help.
The cats are free roam animals now they should be kept in their own yards. When the bylaw officer questioned simply shrugged his shoulders.
I would like to see all dogs leashed taken off the paths and playgrounds...I live off of a path and I have seen many times where they stop to let them poop and walk away like nothing happened and I'm tired of walking around the poop. Have them take their animals to the Provided Off leash dog park we have. Most take them for walks so they can do their thing on our paths and then they don't have to clean up after them.
Possible opportunities for volunteers to help a responsible unbiased officer
Over the years, we've had a horrible dog owner living behind us... the dog isn't walked or cared for properly. We've had several conversations with them and bylaw and nothing has ever been done, even though the peace officer has seen firsthand the abuse and told by the owner that they have a dog for protection. That being said, I hope something changes for future and other pet ownership. I'm also wondering what the law is with roaming cats in olds, as I feel this hasn't been properly addressed either
Enforce the laws

Licensed cats and dogs only!
Cats should not be allowed to roam freely!
Stray/roaming cats are a real issue
I know animal control is tricky, however it needs to be dealt with more seriously. Barking, loose (aggressive) pets, etc. should be policed and consequences should be served
Other towns and cities have allowed chickens and bees inside municipal boundaries. Olds should contact all of them and ask for recommendations, and review and problems they have encountered.
I don't believe we have cats under control in Olds
Thank you for keeping the dog park open during Covid.
I like the town of Olds and generally I believe you all are trying your best and doing a good job. Keep up the good work.
No. I feel we can be responsible if there are proper guidelines in place for owning animals. Not everything needs an upcharge if those who follow rules don't as they are asked. I have no problem with people paying a fine if they don't follow the rules but not everyone should be required to pay for wanting to have a chicken or two.
There are many issues currently with animals at large that are maintained within the bylaw. Like Cats. It would be nice if there was an actual solution to this issue
We need increased enforcement of odour caused by dog feces in yards, and mistreatment of dogs by not being walked outside the immediate home property.
Cat control needs to be addressed!!! I can't say this enough I am so tired of cats in my yard that just roam around without any consequence. Chickens are the least of my worry when vicious dogs that kill other dogs are allowed to be in our town & there are no consequences. I think that the town needs to look at the bigger picture of animal control
Yes. I am actually very concerned that the town of OLDS ALBERTA is not PROMOTING animals in this town. We are known for being an agricultural town! How cool would it be if we promoted people to keep 5+ chickens, show them how to make a nice coop and teach them! You could even extend that to giving new people coming into the community little packages about how to keep chickens (i.e. no roosters) and then how to compost with them. It is so easy. It really is. I bet this would make Olds stand out (for good reasons) and we would be the town places come to see "how to do it right." You could even add showing people how to tend a fantastic garden based on the Olds climate/soil. Show them how to compost, how to do it all. How great would it feel to all work towards having a healthier population? I read the article in the newspaper a little while back with concerns about the chickens. About how people don't realize how big of a task it is. This simply is not true. Chickens are easy to care for. I do not see the town going around telling people not to have a dog due to the amount of work it is. Simply misleading information that was presented to the public. I also didn't like the concern about the smell topic. I do believe I can smell the cow palace quite strongly, all across town. Additionally the marijuana plant when it was operating was stronger than a handful of chickens. Like I said, we are an agriculture town so I embrace the smells that have come. I can just see Olds with each block having little coops, and the kids out collecting eggs, appreciating where the eggs come from, caring for the animals, learning. I think Olds needs to stop thinking about how to control this and think about how to embrace it. Now is a time for change, let's not be one of those towns that has rules after rules after rules and let's embrace healthy lifestyles. I think this would actually save money instead of waste it enforcing bylaws. I even think

little sessions could be offered: how to have a small coop, how to keep bees, how to garden in Olds, how to do vermicomposting.
Pets are fine with me, and things are working ok now. Why would the town even consider this? The town is just asking for a lot of new problems!
Don't put something in place than can't be or isn't enforced
More enforcement on cats. They run free in my area the vistas
There are people who have roosters in town, which is not allowed provincially and animal control does nothing about this nor the people who have ducks and let them out of their property onto the street when it rains for the ducks to play in puddles.
We have a dog. If she barks (which is rare), we call her in. She is not aggressive. We always carry a bag to clean up after her on walks. Even though I really support the idea of small livestock in town, I admit that it drives me crazy when people are not responsible owners. I'd actually prefer to have chickens next door, then all of the cats that continually wander our neighbourhood and poop in my yard. I also don't think that aggressive animals should be allowed in town.
Better control and enforcement of the cat bylaw.
I know animal control is tricky, however it needs to be dealt with more seriously. Barking, loose (aggressive) pets, etc. should be policed and consequences should be served
Allowing one to produce its own means of food should have as basic bylaws as possible
Dogs are noisy enough we don't need other animals making noise.
The town does nothing about the constant cats roaming around, why would they care if people own chickens
We have a cat problem in olds and I think that needs to be addressed. We have back yard chickens, we were very respectful of our neighbors asking first, making sure we are keeping up on cleaning, and a proper coop. We love them so I hope we can still be able or keep urban chickens.
I believe that cat owners should be paying a fee to licences their cats (not sure if that is in place)
Need to control barking dogs better
Allow chickens but no roosters!
Too many stray cats
Urban chickens need to be allowed in the Town of Olds
Neighbours have chickens and they are quite noisy.
* We need a 24 hour emergency contact for animal control.
I think chickens if kept responsibly are a great idea. There are much worse things people can be doing in their backyards.

Cats should not be allowed to roam freely. No exceptions. I clean up after my neighbour's cat on a weekly basis. I as a dog owner, do not let my dog roam freely. This should be the expectation of cat owners as well.
As long as they aren't a nuisance and my property taxes don't increase, I have no issue
How are stray cats being controlled? We constantly have stray cats in our yard peeing under my deck and digging in our gardens and flower beds.
Cats need to be better controlled. Huge nuisance and I'm tired of cats defecating and spraying around my home.
Cats should not be allowed to roam freely and need to have collars and tags and owners fined for cats being on others property and destroying flower beds and gardens
I wish the town could spend it's time on real issues unlike having chickens in town. People in this town need to grow up.
Cat population is a problem and it is growing fast.
Until issues with barking dogs and the feral cats are dealt with we as tax payers should not be expected to pay for more by law enforcement
Yeah, thinking of following the couple that has their dog poop on my lawn (got it video) home and pooping on their lawn but I would need a porta potty
http://www.langenburg.ca/Home/DownloadDocument?docId=339d3c9e-b378-4f7c-b5b3-90d705361013 Communities smaller than Olds have set bylaws to banned livestock from town limits.
Please regulate cats and cat owners more stringently. The animals being surveyed will be contained, but for some reason cats are allowed to be a neighborhood menace and nuisance
Roaming cats become an issue. If people have in town chickens cats roaming may kill.
Town is not a farm. I don't want to live next door to a farm.
The number of dogs per home is too high
Dog by laws need steeper fines.
Hate when people don't clean up after their dogs.
Deer
Foxes are a problem.
Too many dogs and cats in Olds.
People shouldn't have dogs.
I'm totally against chickens.
My neighbour is abusive toward his dogs.
If coops are too close to the fence, the chicken can get out.

Deer and fox are issues.
Dog control, barking is an issue in Olds.
Dog attacks, barking, pooping and no leashes. Also issues with garage sale signs, rollerbladers and bikes.
Dogs are an issue
Cats are a problem.
Free run dogs in Rotary Park is a disturbance.
Too many dogs
No backyard livestock.
Cats should not be roaming, need to make a closed place in yard.
Geese, not good.
No farm animals, this is a town, not a farm.
As long as the owners are responsible for dogs and cats I have no real issues. Some ppl let their dogs out and they are going to work and let it bark excessively before 7am, that's not acceptable. Plus, why are they having the dogs at home barking all day when ppl are work? Need to be more responsible with pet care and the neighbours.
Dogs are on leashes most of the time?
Seems to be working well, but I know there are ppl near me with ducks.
On occasion I have seen a dog but it's so rare. Lots of bunnies but we enjoy those.
* Have any changes been made the dog-specific by-law?
As we have experienced chickens in close proximity to us, we are against any bylaw that allows chickens in Olds. Our experience is having our yard infested with magpies as long as the chickens were there. Other problems are flies, foxes, coyotes and smell. Where does the manure go? What's next after chickens?

Appendix 2: Clarification on questions noted in comment sections

Is there a limit on dogs allowed per house? Yes, there can be no more than three dogs per household

We need a 24 hour emergency contact for animal control. This spring the Town of Olds added a 24-hour non-emergency incident or complaint number. Peace-officers are notified when they are on-duty. For emergencies or vital assistance, please call 9-1-1 for after-hour animal call emergencies.

Have any changes been made the dog-specific by-law? The Community Standards bylaw was updated on February 11, 2020 based on feedback that was collected in the 2019 Public Consultation that was conducted specifically for dogs.