



MEMBER MOTION

Section 5.4.4(b) of Procedure By-law

Meeting:	Committee of the Whole
Meeting Date:	June 14 th , 2023
Subject/Title:	Pilot Project Re: Allowing Residents to Have Hens in Residential Zoned Areas
Submitted by:	Regional and Local Councillor Joe DiPaola

Whereas the City of Toronto has recently run a pilot project regarding allowing hens in residential neighbourhoods;

Whereas urban agriculture and vertical farming will become an increasingly important means by which to counter difficulties with getting product to market and mitigating against potential food production inconsistencies;

Whereas allowing residents to have a limited number of hens in their backyards, for the purposes of producing eggs for personal consumption can provide an option for our residents to expand urban farming opportunities;

Whereas having a limited number of chickens of the female gender requires a relatively small amount of land area and provides relatively little disturbance in a residential neighbourhood if cared for properly;

Now therefore be it resolved that:

- 1) Committee of the Whole recommends that Richmond Hill Council directs appropriate city staff to initiate a 1-year pilot project that would allow residents in residentially zoned areas to have up to 3 hens on their property.
- 2) That appropriate city staff monitor the success of this pilot project and report back to Council with recommendations on whether or not to proceed with granting residents this option permanently through a By-Law.

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Joe DiPaola

Seconded by: