



## DISTRICT OF TAYLOR

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### **District of Taylor Responsible Pet Ownership and Backyard Hen and Bee Bylaw Engagements What We Heard**

The District of Taylor is a welcoming community and an excellent place to live and work. Part of ensuring community safety, citizenship, and small-town character is the regular review of municipal policies and bylaws.

In the spring of 2023 Council engaged with citizens about Dogs and Cats (Responsible Pet Ownership) and Back yard Hens and Bees. Draft versions of bylaws were created using recommendations from the province of BC, the Community Charter, our comparative communities, and the SPCA. The next step in bylaw creation is to engage with our citizens.

Here is what we heard.

#### Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw

Citizens are in favor of implementing a cat licensing program, many survey takers cited issues with neighbors' cats, such as property damage, annoyance, and defecation on their properties.

Responders indicated that they believe bylaw officers should be able to impound at large cats, and that a limit of 3 cats per household is appropriate.

Citizens would also like to be informed about the presence of dangerous dogs in the community.

#### Backyard Hen and Bees Bylaw

Respondents agreed that implementing a Backyard Hen and Bee Bylaw is necessary for Taylor.

Citizens indicated that a limit of 6 hens per household would be appropriate.

Citizens also advocated for regular caretaking and wellbeing checks on the animals by the District Bylaw Officers.

You can find a detailed report of 'What We Heard' on the Taylor Talks page at:

[www.districtoftaylor.com](http://www.districtoftaylor.com)

#### Next Steps

Staff will review the draft bylaws to ensure that they reflect what we heard and present them to Council for their review. If council is happy with the content the Bylaw will be presented for approval which requires four readings by council over at least two regular meetings of Council.

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