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First name (required)	Melanie
Last name (required)	Rock
What do you want to do? (required)	Request to speak, Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Review of the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw and Policy
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

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Today (7 May 2021), I am writing to contribute to The City of Calgary's review of the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw and Policy. For more than 15 years, I have led research on people's pets and the public's health. Many of the publications that have established me and my team, internationally, as leading experts directly concern 'the Calgary model.' For reference, I have attached a diagram from a publication of mine in Health Promotion International. This publication has directly influenced policy changes as far away as Australia. Unfortunately, The City's review of the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw has not consistently reflected the spirit of 'the Calgary model,' which raises doubts about the recommendations before you. Key concerns include socioeconomic disparities and democratic participation. Space constraints prevent me from elaborating on socioeconomic disparities, and I can only hint at the concerns regarding democratic decision-making.

- Apparently, The City contracted Leger to conduct "market research" in fall 2019. If there was a public tender, why did we not learn about the opportunity in a timely fashion? We had to lay off highly-qualified personnel at the time. What will happen to the data that Leger gathered, using public funds?
- Environmental scan of other municipalities. We wonder: Which municipalities? How chosen? When can we obtain a copy of this report?
- Stakeholder engagement process classified me/us as a representative of the "pet industry" along with dog breeders and so on, which seemed odd given that I work for a publicly-funded university and hence seek to serve the public interest.

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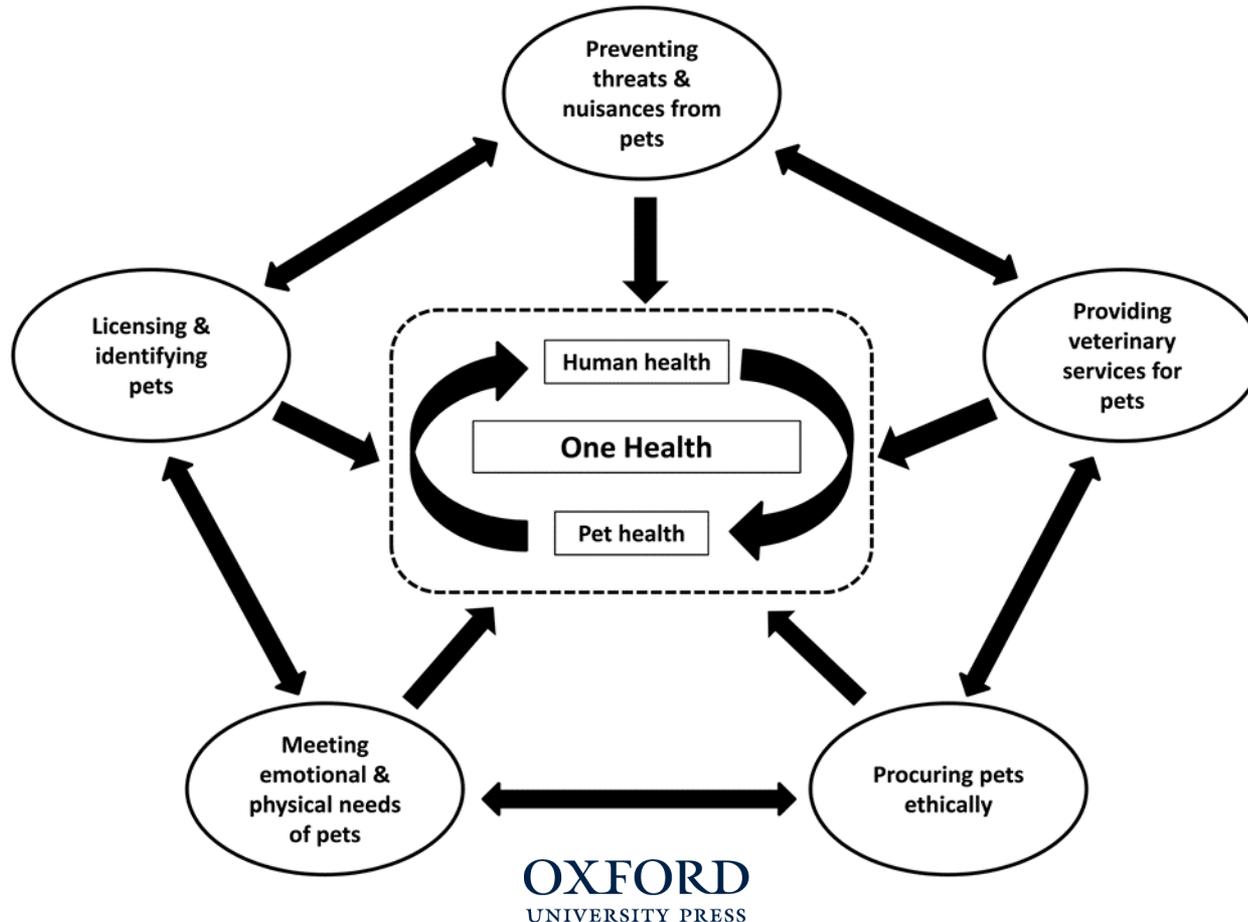
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- The recommendations regarding an expansion of the Director's powers and the creation of a tribunal raise concerns about fairness. What can we expect by way of public oversight regarding the Director's designations of 'nuisance animals' and 'vicious animals'? While inclusion of veterinarians and dog-trainers is sensible, pet-related problems are social problems. Social scientists, planners, professionals in healthcare, and citizens themselves also could make valuable contributions.
 - Public and stakeholder engagement over the past year has been challenging, to be sure, so I urge an extension to this review. Currently, most school-aged children and youth in Calgary cannot attend school due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and meanwhile parents, grandparents, and so on must carry on with paid and unpaid work. Important documents did not become publicly av



People and Pets in Healthy Cities: Keys to 'The Calgary Model'



Rock MJ, Adams CL, Degeling C, Massolo A, McCormack GR. 2015. Policies on pets for healthy cities: a conceptual framework. *Health Promotion International*. 30(4):976-86.

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First name (required)	Kenneth
Last name (required)	Potma
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Pet Bylaw
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

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I am a gardener and a big fan of keeping bees in the city as they are critical to pollination of fruit and vegetables and are wonderful to watch while they work. Honey bee hives are critical to the urban gardener as only honey bees pollinate most crops. Other bees prefer other plants. Urban garden plots would be a thing of the past and we would have to truck in everything.

My neighbour has a hive and I have never had an issue (other than more cherries and apples than I can eat). I have also enjoyed a few jars of honey.

I think some people confuse honey bees, which tend to be docile, with wasps, that tend to be nasty. Education is necessary. Restrictions on bees will do nothing to solve the wasp problem.

Please vote to ensure that people can still easily keep bees in the city.

In contrast I have had many concerns in the city with dogs and cats and released pet bunnies. I would love to see increased fines and bylaw patrols for dog violations, especially in Natural Environment Parks such as The Weaselhead.

Thanks!

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Last name (required)	Ell
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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Bylaw
Date of meeting	

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I would like to register my support for urban beekeeping. It has been a wonderful personal experience getting in touch with nature. Through beekeeping, I have met my neighbours, interacted with the neighbourhood children. When they see me in my bee suit, they are excited to find out what is happening in the hive. It has become a topic of conversation and everyone wants to know how the bees are. This is my third season and have never had any issues with complaints. Bees are a part of a healthy ecosystem, and have given me a new appreciation of dandelions. Please continue to support urban beekeeping in Calgary

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Bee keeping is beneficial for the residents of Calgary. For me, they pollin

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Last name (required)	Stainsby
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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible pet ownership/ beekeeping
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

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Beekeeping is necessary in any urban environment. Having pollinators, native bumblebees, leaf cutter bees as well as non native species like the honeybee is important for our city green spaces and our own personal gardens and their success. They provide a hobby for many, therapeutic relief and animal husbandry on a unique level. I feel urban beekeeping can provide a neighborhood with a common ground and bring neighbors together in a unique experience. I for one have had all my neighbors involved in my hives. Many didn't know what a honey bee even looked like and now the whole block plants bee friendly flowers. Which of course benefit our native species as well. It is truly wonderful to be involved in animal husbandry that doesn't require as much time and attention as a dog/cat with such huge returns as a balanced and fruitful environment.

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First name (required) jan

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What do you want to do?
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Public hearing item (required -
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First name (required)	Aidan
Last name (required)	Brown
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Bylaw
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	beekeeping is a key part of The City's Food Action Plan - Calgary Eats! with the goal for every Calgarian to have access to local, healthy and environmentally friendly food

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First name (required)	Jim
Last name (required)	Rogers
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	responsible pet bylaw - honeybees
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

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Commenting on the urban beekeeping in the city. i have been keeping bees in the city for about 30 years and yes sometimes i refer to them as pets. Over the years our club has had an excellent relationship with the city in discussing guidelines for responsible beekeeping and following up as need bee. Our club as you know is connected with 311 and responds to numerous calls for honeybees. as well as wasps and bumblebee. Our club also stresses the importance and educates members on good practices to minimize concerns.

The City's Food Action Plan - Calgary Eats needs to include bees for pollination. I get many comments from people on how well their raspberries or apples etc. do. As well they are fascinated with the bees and I enjoy answering the many questions asked.

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First name (required) Lyndon

Last name (required) Janiskevich

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Responsible Pet Bylaw, that includes keeping honeybees in the City

Date of meeting May 12, 2021

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I am in support of the Bylaw for keeping Honey bees in the city. My neighbours all know we keep bees and often stop to talk about the bees. Quite a few of my neighbours have front yard gardens and appreciate the bees visiting their yards to pollenate their flowers, trees and vegetable plants. People are spending more money and time working on their properties and having bees helps to build community. I've also taken the time to educate and show people that honey bees are fascinating creatures that are necessary for us to enjoy growing our own food in our yards. Peoples fear of bees is from a lack of education regarding bees and bee behaviour and from categorizing bees with wasps and hornets which behave much differently than honey bees. I work my bees without gloves and do not get stung often even though I am opening up the colonies and pulling frames out of the colonies that are covered with honey bees. I place the bees in a location so their flight path is not across any walking paths and place a barrier in front of them so they fly up and away. In the four years I have been a beekeeper I have not had anyone getting stung in my yard that was visiting and have not had any issues with neighbours regarding my bees. I'd very much appreciate council passing the bylaw allowing citizen to keep bees within Calgary city limits. The number of colonies can be based on yard size. You need a minimum of two colonies for effective management of bees but up to 4 should be okay on a large residential lot.

Thank you,
I'm happy to be involved in education and outreach as a current member of the Cal-

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gary and District Beekeepers Association and our bees are registered with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry.



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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw – Continuing Beekeeping in Calgary, Standin
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Supporting beekeeping in Calgary, the bees are important pollinators for the urban plants, also they are not noisy, doesn't produce any smell or any public disturbance.

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Last name (required)	Paul
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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Keeping bees in the city
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I would like to send a message on why supporting urban beekeeping is value we need to hold on to.

My household is in our second year of backyard beekeeping and it has been a very educational process for both adults and children. The pride we take in giving our colonies the best chance at a thriving survival is something to witness.

It is constantly talked about how valuable bees are in nature and what they provide to humanity. To not value sustaining one of the worlds most valued insects would be very surprising to me. The role pollinators play in nature is literally one we could not live without.

The only thing I can figure as to why some may not support beekeeping within the city limits is due to a fear of bees in general or the possibility of having households near by keeping bees within their vicinity. However, the real reason would be ignorance. There is a huge misconception about bees and the danger they pose to humans.

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When we decided that backyard beekeeping was something we were going to attempt, we had the same reservations that many have. We didn't know what the dangers were, the liabilities, or what our neighbours would think. So we got to the research. Learned a ton before even starting our first hive. We talked to our neighbours and asked about

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potential allergies and so on. Luckily we have the greatest neighbours and they have been incredibly supportive. They've even been planting bee specific flowers.

We have learned so much and shared in that education with those around us and provided opportunities for many to come and see (and taste) the fruits of our labour. We feel that this is a sustainable, educational, and vital resource for individuals or families who are willing to partake in this endeavour and help save the world one hive at a time.

I am always open to being contacted by anyone with any questions or concerns they may have.

Thank you for your time and I hope many more will show their support for urban beekeeping.

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First name (required)	Walter
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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Urban Beekeeping
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First name (required)	Doug
Last name (required)	Meldrum
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Bees in the urban environment are a good thing
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Hello Council,

I am an urban beekeeper in Calgary, and I have been for 6 years. I absolutely love this hobby. Most mornings I wander out into my backyard, take a look at my 2 beehives, and make sure everything is in order. Having the opportunity to have bees in the city is fundamentally different than having them in a rural setting. I am the father of 4 young children and work at a job that requires me to be there in person (I am a chiropractor). As such, if I had beehives outside of the city I believe that I would only get to observe them every few weeks and would likely be a poor beekeeper. In addition, I love having my bees in my backyard so that I can show them to friends and family and let people help me with inspections of my hives. I also give over 100 bottles of honey each year to neighbours, friends, teachers, colleagues, people that do work on my house - plumber, etc. None of this would be possible with bees being restricted in the city. I also would like to mention how urban beekeeping is part of the city's goal to have urban food sources (Calgary Eats! - The City's Food Action Plan). Beekeepers are passionate hobbyists and will adhere to training requirements, hive limits, etc. Thank you for your time.

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Last name (required)	Swirsky
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw – legalizing backyard hens in Calgary
Date of meeting	May 31, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hens produce food for the family and reduce food waste. 2. Hens are fun and they make great pets. 3. Backyard hens are a great way for kids to learn about where their food comes from, and the responsibilities of caring for a pet.

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First name (required)	robert
Last name (required)	groeneveld
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership-Continuing Beekeeping-Standing Policy Committee
Date of meeting	May 31, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>We are in support of this bylaw because it allows our fellow bee keepers doing their part to continue keeping our bees, pollinating our garden and producing that honey everyone loves so much. With the world in a steady steep decline in honey bee population, this is needed more than ever.</p> <p>We are aware that the Calgary District Beekeeper Association is also very active in educating the public about the importance of honey bees through events at the Calgary Stampede, Aggie Days and school presentations. If the proposed bylaw is turned down, there is a real risk that beekeeping will be banned in Calgary and we become a part of a global problem than a solution.</p> <p>Our ask of you is to support beekeeping and hence why we are making a submission to council</p>
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First name (required)	Laura
Last name (required)	Grant
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	We have 2 hives in our front native landscaped yard.
Date of meeting	May 10, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	We have 2 hives in our front native landscaped yard. Canada Post stands in our yard and on our front step in Brentwood every single year and doesn't deem our bee hives an issue; our bees are not aggressive and pollinate hundreds of trees in our yard and the neighbour's yards. We need more pollinators, not fewer



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First name (required)	Marilyn
Last name (required)	Boston
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Bee keeping
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	In regards to urban bee keeping, I'd like to submit my support for this and hope that city councilors will consider this to be a win-win on many levels (environment, sustain bee populations and as a small business opportunity).
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First name (required)	Marla
Last name (required)	Evans
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw – Continuing Beekeeping in Calgary, Standin
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>I am in full support of urban beekeeping and of this bylaw. Urban beekeeping is important to Calgary for many reasons including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beekeeping produces food within the City while bringing family, friends and community together. - It is an opportunity to share knowledge about nature and the importance of bees in our food system. - Beekeeping is an opportunity to educate the public about the difference between honey bees and wasps. Honey bees are quite docile and can easily coexist in an urban environment. - Bees are often mistaken for wasps which are more aggressive. It is more likely that you will be stung by bumble bees or wasps that nest on your property than a honeybee whose hive is located on the beekeeper's property. - Beekeeping gets people outside and engaged in producing food. - It is a key part of The City's Food Action Plan - Calgary Eats! with the goal for every Calgarian to have access to local, healthy and environmentally friendly food. - It allows beekeepers to continue keeping our bees, pollinating our gardens and producing that honey everyone loves. - Foraging bees rarely sting as they are looking for nectar, pollen and water, and don't bother with people. <p>With the world is in a steady steep decline in honey bee population, this is needed</p>
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First name (required)	Shelly
Last name (required)	Wiens
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Urban beekeeping
Date of meeting	May 31, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I have no issue with urban beekeeping in my Calgary neighborhood. I appreciate the bees being able to help my flowers prosper, I support any urban beekeeper becoming a small business entrepreneur, and I am in awe of anyone who helps bees thrive. Please allow them.



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First name (required)	Steven
Last name (required)	Dold
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Bee Keeping by-law pet owner bylaw
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I support urban beekeeping to continue being permitted. No additional rules or pet owner bylaw is required

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First name (required)	Robin
Last name (required)	Herrington
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership-Continuing Beekeeping-Standing Policy Committee
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>I have been a beekeeper in the City of Calgary for the past 6 years. I fully support beekeeping in the City of Calgary.</p> <p>I have been able to spark an interest and educate my neighbors, friends and family in the honey bee. By providing this knowledge the stigma around the honeybee has disappeared and am asked constantly about the condition of the two hives. This has also provided a positive interaction especially for children who are developing their relationship with nature.</p> <p>The reward for our labour's is known in my community as summer in a jar. I receive comments all the time during the long winter as to how wonderful it is to savour the honey.</p>
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First name (required)	Mary
Last name (required)	Edwards
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Bylaw
Date of meeting	May 31, 2021

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Hello, I'm writing in support of bee keeping in Calgary and how the by law has currently been written. We've had bees on our property for the last 8 years. We've never had a neighbor complain about our bees. In fact, people are interested and stop by to talk about them and have fostered community interaction. Bee keeping in Calgary has been a long tradition and they are a necessary part of the pollinator community.

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First name (required)	Deborah
Last name (required)	Baker
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Bee keeping

Date of meeting

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I support bee keeping in our city and community- it's important to support local always and especially now. Do not take this away.

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Last name (required)	Grayston
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	"Responsible Pet Ownership-Continuing Beekeeping-Council Meeting"
Date of meeting	May 31, 2021

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First name (required)	Kelly
Last name (required)	Pfeifet
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible pet ownership - Continuing Beekeeping - Council Meeting
Date of meeting	May 31, 2021

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First name (required)	Jesse
Last name (required)	Hovland
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	May 12 Revised Agenda for the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Pr
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

I would like to express my opposition to a beekeeping bylaw. I do not feel a bylaw is necessary, as beekeeping issues/problems are rare, the community is well-behaved and responsible, and hive details must already be reported to the Provincial Apiculturist.

When I started beekeeping 6 years ago, I knew very little; I read books, took courses, and still had failures, but practice makes perfect. It's also not a cheap activity to get into; one hive with equipment can cost \$1000, and bad beekeeping will lead to hive failure (pretty much everything will kill a bee, and fast).

There are countless benefits to urban beekeeping, which I am sure you have already heard. For myself, I find it therapeutic, a great stress reliever, higher garden yields, & educational for my friends/family (some join for hive checks & honey harvest).

Anecdotal proposals which I'd like to comment/oppose:

- Maximum number of hives: A single hive that is either naturally aggressive or improperly managed can cause more problems than a dozen hives
- Registration: Already registered with Provincial apiculturist, and registration for purposes of enforcement will drive beekeepers underground
- Approval of sites: Bees go where they want. A hive on a large lot could be no more/less of an issue than a hive in a small space.

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- Mandatory training: I've learned more from "Beekeeping for Dummies", than any seminar/webinar. Every hive is different, and there's no substitution for experience.
- Neighbour Veto: In my prior home (a narrow infill lot), my neighbours had no idea I had bees until I told them. They were uneasy, but learned the bees had little interest in them. In my current home (a wide 58ft lot), my neighbours may oppose bees due to an unrelated incident (regardless of how responsible I am). Bees also travel several miles foraging.

My biggest concern around a bylaw:

- Neighbours force me to get rid of my bees.
- Driving beekeepers underground to avoid regulation, inevitably leading to poor education and practices (requiring more regulation).
- Monitoring/enforcement by officers who are not educated in best practices.
- Evolving practices for which bylaws are obsolete.
- Fewer beekeepers due to barriers and rules (more hassle than it's worth); therefore less education on the benefits.

If a bylaw is necessary, I encourage Council to avoid black and white rules, and defer responsibility for management/monitoring to the Calgary Beekeepers Association. They are a group that is highly react



We built/configured our yard with beekeeping in mind; however, due to an incident unrelated to bees, our neighbours would likely oppose my bees.

Bees don't need much space; my neighbours didn't know I had bees until I told them months later (afterwards, they said they rarely see them).



Every year we have a stamped
BBQ in our yard with up to 70
people coming and going; nobody
has ever been stung despite ample
food and beverages around

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Hive check/split to manage risk of swarm; it looks dramatic, but they calmed down within 5 minutes of completing.



May

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I've named my hives based on the month I got them. My neighbours kids play on the other side of that fence with no issues.

A friend (left) was terrified of bees. He overcame his fears by helping me pull frames and harvest honey, and has now become a beekeeper himself!





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First name (required) Amanda

Last name (required) Frazer

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

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Date of meeting May 31, 2021

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First name (required)	Hans
Last name (required)	Wissner
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Public Hearing Item: Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw Beekeeping, Standing P
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	As an urban beekeeper in Calgary for the last 5 years i wish to voice my support for continuing to allow for keeping Honeybees in the City of Calgary. In our case the community response has been 100% supportive. The interest in our bees amongst our neighbours has been very positive with many asking for more information and seeking the opportunity to expose their families to what we are doing. Calgary leverages the "livability" of our city a great deal and the contribution that a diverse ecosystem makes to this liveability is considerable. We should be proud that our city is able to support such a driving resource where many other parts to the world are seeing a dramatic decline in bee populations resulting in a compromised ecosystem. Thank you. Hans Wissner

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First name (required)	Anita
Last name (required)	Garland
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Support of beekeeping
Date of meeting	

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am writing today to express my support for beekeeping in urban environments. I believe that beekeeping can be done in a sustainable fashion and should be promoted in urban areas, not discouraged with city bylaws. In my opinion, there are bigger issues for which the city needs to develop bylaws, instead of disallowing responsible bee owners to have bee hives in their backyard. Bees are crucial for pollination of wild flowers and plants, and they support the natural habitat of other animals and insects. Thank you for your attention.</p>
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First name (required) Amanda

Last name (required) Kohut

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw – Continuing Beekeeping, Standing Policy

Date of meeting May 12, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

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- Bees are often mistaken for wasps which are more aggressive. It is more likely that you will be stung by bumble bees or wasps that nest on your property than a honeybee whose hive is located on the beekeeper's property.
- Beekeeping gets people outside and engaged in producing food.
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First name (required)	Amanda
Last name (required)	Maclver
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Beekeepers in urban settings
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Please allow for beekeepers to continue operating in urban areas. Bees are vital to our food source and our planet. It is essential that beekeepers are not disrupted regardless of their location to allow for bees to thrive!

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First name (required)	Jenny
Last name (required)	Hubbard
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Beekeeping in Calgary - please keep it!!!
Date of meeting	May 8, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I support beekeeping in Calgary



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First name (required) Amanda

Last name (required) Carriere

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) We are in support of beekeeping with in Calgary city limits.

Date of meeting

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) We are in support of beekeeping within the Calgary city limits. They are an important part of maintaining our city gardens and greenery. They should not be limited to just the rural areas.

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First name (required)	Susan
Last name (required)	Rusch
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet bylaw-beekeeping
Date of meeting	

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I am in full support of urban beekeeping for many reasons, including:

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- it's an opportunity to share knowledge about nature and the importance of bees in our food system
- it's an opportunity to educate the public about the difference between honey bees and wasps, honey bees are quite docile and can easily coexist in an urban environment
- it's a wholesome activity offering good exercise and gets people outside and engaged in producing food
- beekeeping is a key part of The City's Food Action Plan - Calgary Eats! with the goal for every Calgarian to have access to local, healthy and environmentally friendly food.

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First name (required)	Phillip
Last name (required)	Rusch
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw Review.
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

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I am in full support of urban beekeeping for many reasons, some being:

- beekeeping is a wholesome activity offering good exercise and gets people outside;
- beekeeping produces food for the family while bringing friends, family and community together as a hobby that almost everyone can participate in;
- beekeeping is an escape from daily stresses and is relaxing;
- beekeeping is an opportunity to share knowledge about nature with others including neighbours and their kids; and,
- honey bee management is being used to help train incarcerated people, mentally challenged people, and people in disadvantaged segments of society.

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Last name (required)	Rusch
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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible pet bylaw - backyard hens
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>I support the urban chicken keeping for the following reasons, please allow us to have backyard chickens.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hens produce food for the family and reduce food waste. 2. Hens are fun and they make great pets. 3. Backyard hens are a great way for kids to learn about where their food comes from, and the responsibilities of caring for a pet.

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Last name (required)	Rusch
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible pet bylaw - Back yard hens.
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>I support the urban hen keeping for many reasons, some are below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hens produce food for the family and reduce food waste. 2. Hens are fun and they make great pets. 3. Backyard hens are a great way for kids to learn about where their food comes from, and the responsibilities of caring for a pet.



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First name (required)	william
Last name (required)	Evans
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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw – Continuing Beekeeping, Standing Policy
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

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First name (required)	Melanie
Last name (required)	De Siqueira
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	I support local bee keepers in Calgary Alberta
Date of meeting	
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I support local bee keeping in Calgary Alberta



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First name (required)	Angela
Last name (required)	Depner
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Beekeeping in Calgary
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Calgary beekeepers provide a service not only for those who love honey, but for important pollinators in our ecosystem. Their work supports healthy communities in every way.

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First name (required)	Amber
Last name (required)	Yano
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	23M2006
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To whom it may concern;

I am in support of urban beekeeping for multiple reasons.

- My business MOB Honey is centred around urban agriculture (specifically beekeeping). Without the opportunity to responsibly keep honeybees in the city, my livelihood would suffer greatly.
- I use beekeeping as an opportunity to educate children and adults about the importance of all pollinators.
- Stressors for all pollinators include, loss of habitat, pesticides and climate change. All bees, butterfly's and beetles need help to encourage their existence in our landscape.
- Honeybees have not yet been proven to harm native bees. Bigger threats include the ones listed above.
- Local honey is healthy for our community members because it includes local pollens that could help prevent allergies.
- In my 10 years keeping bees in the city, no one has ever directly or indirectly complained about my operation.
- All hives are kept responsibly, inspected weekly during the season, and managed to prevent swarms, queenlessness and disease. All hives have friendly, calm genetics.
- No one on my bee tours has ever been stung.
- I have a partnership with CMLC in the East Village where 5 hives live during the

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spring and summer. They are well fed after harvest to prevent bee drifting, honey robbing and wasp infestations. A well-fed colony is a calm colony. The apiary is located on the west lawn of the EV Experience Centre, with a semi enclosed fence to keep people out and bees flying up and away. It's a huge attraction in the east village and provides both educational and fun experiences for the public.

- I have two hives at the Telus Spark Science Centre where kids join in on accompanied bee tours and learn about pollinators.
- I keep hives in other peoples yards, they are called land hosts.
- Talking about the importance of all bees, native and introduced is part of my business model.
- I have plans to expand my business in the future - building a program for stroke victims, offering beekeeping activities to add to their experiences.

I am in support of urban beekeeping and would be keen to collect a list of signatures from my community to show the city that many people are in support.

Thank you greatly for your time,

Amber





A photograph showing a cluttered outdoor area, possibly a storage or disposal site. In the center, there is a wooden pallet. To the right, a large white container is partially visible. Several yellow plastic bags and white plastic bags are scattered around. A black and white striped bag is also present. The ground is covered with brown mulch or wood chips. The text "Attachment 7" and "CPS2021-0740" is overlaid in the upper right corner.

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First name (required)	Gregg
Last name (required)	Aamoth
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Bee Keeping
Date of meeting	May 11, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I strongly support the right of Calgarians to keep bees 9n their property. It is essential to the healthy growth of flora and provides an exceptional source of healthy food products.

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First name (required)	Esther
Last name (required)	Suter
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership-Continuing Beekeeping-Standing Policy Committee
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>We have been keeping bees for more than 10 years and have shared our passion for beekeeping with family and friends. Beekeeping is a safe hobby that offers great opportunities for public education. We often invite families to come and visit. The kids are thrilled to be suited up and are in awe of the busy bees, the honey combs, and the process of honey extraction.</p> <p>Ever since we have bees in the backyard, our neighbours have attested to better vegetable and fruit crops and they all enjoy the honey from local flowers.</p> <p>The bylaws sets some important parameters around beekeeping, which will ensure that beekeepers adhere to best practice and get appropriate education. We hope that the bylaw is accepted and beekeeping in Calgary can continue. Many thanks</p>

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First name (required)	Elysia
Last name (required)	Ostrander
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Proposed Responsible Pet Bylaw changes specifically nuisances
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

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The noise section of the animal bylaw being stated as "The Owner of an Animal must ensure that such Animal does not bark, howl, or otherwise make or cause a noise which disturbs any Person" is extremely unrealistic and completely unfair. Dogs will bark and howl and that may disturb my neighbours in the same way their kids yelling and screaming in their yard may disturb me. I would like to see a little more details as to what constitutes as "disturbing a person" for example leaving a dog in the yard for an hour to howl would be excessive noise, but allowing my dog to bark at the cat walking along my fence is not. Keeping a dog quiet at all times is not a realistic expectation of any dog, and having a vague bylaw such as this is not fair to dog owners. Please reconsider some of the vague wording contained in these bylaws as I can see some issues enforcing them. Please also consider if the bylaws are fair to the people who have to abide by them. Noise is a realistic part of living in a city, and to specifically target dog owners on something that is hard to control is not a realistic expectation.

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First name (required)	Stephanie
Last name (required)	Nicholson
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Beekeeping in Calgary
Date of meeting	May 13, 2021

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I would like the council to know that I fully support beekeeping in the city of Calgary including within private residential property. Beekeeping is imperative to the health of the local flora and even helps nearby farmers. It supports a healthy ecological system in the communities that host them and helps diversify and support local bee populations. Please do not restrict keeping bees within city limits.

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First name (required)	Christa
Last name (required)	Howie
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Urban Beekeeping in Calgary
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I support urban beekeeping. In a time where bees are a necessity and on the decline the city would be ignorant to do anything but support beekeeping in calgary.

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First name (required)	Ron
Last name (required)	Miksha
What do you want to do? (required)	Request to speak, Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	SPC on Services: Regarding Beekeeping and Pet Bylaws
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

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Honey bees have been kept in Calgary for over a hundred years. Beekeeping attracts good civic neighbours who are concerned about our city's environment and general welfare. I am in favour of small-scale urban beekeeping, but not large-scale or commercial honey farming in the city. The proposed bylaws provide a balanced approach that satisfies the need to assure public safety while allowing the pursuit of this important hobby.

Urban beekeepers produce genuinely local, wholesome food for their families, engage in good physical exercise while tending their bees, and experience a strong connection with our land and our neighbourhoods. Most beekeepers participate with family members, strengthening bonds through shared experiences. Beekeeping is inclusive - as a person who uses a wheelchair, I can also enjoy the hum of bees at work and the small chores required to host bees in my backyard.

I have been a beekeeper for decades and have had no incidents or problems with honey bees disturbing or injuring anyone. In fact, our neighbours look forward to seeing the bees at work each spring. I am also researching bee ecology at the University of Calgary, so I understand the need to provide a balance between the interests of the city's several hundred urban beekeepers and the needs of Calgary's native wild bees, such as bumble bees and leafcutter bees. The proposed bylaw requires registration of apiary sites, providing data about honey bee density and distribution, which can help inform a sensible level of managed honey bees.

The proposed bylaw is a good, balanced approach to managing urban beekeeping - it

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does not unduly infringe upon homeowners' use of their property, but also protects the interests of neighbours. I hope that you will support this proposed bylaw.





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First name (required)	Julie
Last name (required)	Hext
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Bee keepers are supported by me
Date of meeting	May 9, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I love bees and support local



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First name (required)	Kim
Last name (required)	Wildeman
What do you want to do? (required)	Request to speak, Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Bees should be allowed to responsible owners
Date of meeting	
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	We need more bees not less. How ridiculous. They don't hurt anyone and help pollinate.

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First name (required)	Allison
Last name (required)	Kwantes
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw - Beekeeping
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

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From my perspective as a University of Calgary Faculty of Veterinary Medicine student, I would like to comment on Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw which includes beekeeping. I am in full support of urban beekeeping in the city of Calgary for many reasons. One reason that maintaining urban beekeeping is extremely important for the future success of beekeeping is that it allows current veterinary students to gain knowledge and hands on practical experience with beekeeping. The importance of this has been highlighted since the 2018 CFIA mandate that use of medically important antimicrobials in beekeeping requires veterinary prescription. The Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Calgary has a student-run Honey Bee Health Club that maintains hives, and from these hives we are able to deliver valuable education to students regarding bee health, the honey bee industry, and their prospective role in support of the industry as veterinarians. Urban beekeeping is important not only for the future success of the industry as it relates to training of veterinarians, but also in that it offers important opportunities to educate community members about honey bees, how they differ from wasps, and how they are integral to maintaining the natural ecosystem and food production. Beekeeping education provides valuable opportunities to teach citizens of the importance of bees, while also providing connections and building community. Beekeeping provides a relaxing activity that can be stress-relieving, while also enticing people to get outside and in nature (thereby enhancing mental wellness). The critical role that bees play in maintenance of natural systems within the environment has been well established, to say nothing about the importance of bees in agriculture.

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By supporting urban beekeeping, we indirectly not only support our agriculture sector and food production, but also support the maintenance of our ecosystems. Canadian honeybee populations and their role in pollination is critical in Alberta, and urban beekeeping can play an integral part in supporting that, as well as promoting continued community building (bees exemplify community!), and helping to ensure the future survival of our beekeeping industry.



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First name (required)	Hayden
Last name (required)	Gladstone
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw – legalizing backyard hens in Calgary, Regu
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I support responsible ownership of backyard chickens. Backyard chickens help close the loop of small scale backyard farming/gardening (less outside input needed). They provide fertilization, dispose of specific waste items, can manage pests and aid in food security. I believe households should have the right to own small livestock if certain criteria are met (appropriate shelter, fencing/boundaries, no animal abuse records). Thank you

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First name (required)	Hayley
Last name (required)	Boggs
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw – Continuing Beekeeping in Calgary
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Please see attached document, it is slightly larger than the 2500 character limit.

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Why beekeeping within inner city Calgary is necessary to continue:

Honey bees could certainly be called the gateway bug. Curiosity starting with these amazing domesticated creatures can breed desire for further learning, about the complex ecological world around us. Including solitary bees, bumble bees, butterflies, lady bugs, and ground beetles. A lot of people do not realize just how important every type of bug is out there. For example, there would be no tomatoes without bumblebees, or how lady bugs often keep aphid populations in check. All of nature around us is in balance and working together, and it is easy for us all living our everyday lives to forget about how wonderful these interconnections really are.

Honey bees like many other domesticated creatures can be bred for favourable traits. Therefore, honey bees with gentle genetics are a fantastic learning tool for children. They behave predictably and with some proper gear kids can be taught about the inner workings of colonies in a hands-on experience. Honey bees are an easy means to draw youths in because they can produce such useful substances, they can truly become interested with the tangible results and the sweet rewards. A woman named Giselle, teaches regular classes to children. Over the summer I am intending to bring this up with a colleague of mine who teaches special needs kids. Her school may be interested in introducing nature to her group of students via honey bees. Every opportunity to enrich the lives of our special needs children to help them integrate into our world and find new and varied interests is incredibly valuable. They may find a desire in connecting with and preserving nature in the process, while getting kids outside doing healthy activities and teaching them a constructive outlet in a busy western culture.

Where that interest often starts is in an arena that is easy to approach, that being apiary care. There is a lot to learn going into honey bee husbandry, though the basics are simple and even logical. It is very important for more people to know how delicate insects really are, and what we can do to protect them. If neighbours learn, that spraying their in-bloom dandelions kills off some of the local foraging honey bees, they may become more cognisant of their actions and can change them; for example, performing this task around dusk. This will spill over to help keep native bumble and solitary bee populations hail and whole. With the added benefit that the vegetable gardeners in the neighbourhood can enjoy their potatoes and peppers.

Honey harvesting can provide valuable supplementary income for those who may have little options available to them, with a minimal cash investment and little economical education. Interestingly enough, honey farmed within urban settings on average as compared to rural honey has less pesticides and fertilizers within it. Which will increase opportunities to sell to health markets for a markup, on top of normal direct sales at local farmers markets. These small businesses with good management have the opportunity to expand into full fledged commercial operations hiring at key times of the year, adding to our overall economy. A good example of this is Chinook Honey Co.

Currently the beekeeping I do is for work on the very edge of the city. City bylaw changes may alter our ability to continue keeping bees at the golf course. As well, there are other golf courses who keep bees in a non-commercial format, much like us due to our Audubon certification (Environmental initiative for wildlife habitat management).

In the future when I have children of my own, I would very much want to share in this experience with them and start keeping honey bees in our own backyard. It is important to me that we keep wonderful

organizations like the CDBA going and that we responsibly care for our bees, so generations to come can enjoy their buzz and sweet treats.

Sincerely Hayley Boggs

Marlborough NE Calgary.



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First name (required)	Fiona
Last name (required)	Boulet
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	SPC on Community and Protective Services
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

Thank you for the work on the updated bylaw. I appreciate the effort to balance many perspectives and the focus on managing nuisance and aggressive / injury issues. I believe that the bylaws developed for January 2022, for the most part, are both comprehensive and reasonable.

I have been a dog owner for over 40 years including participation in rescue dog fostering, breeding 4 litters, extensive training for dog sports including agility, conformation shows, and obedience, community service visits to hospices and hospitals through over 10 years (and with five different dogs) involvement with PALS. Of course, each of my dogs have also been family pets.

I want to take a moment to highlight what I see as the greatest strengths, and one strong concern.

1. I strongly support the administrative changes that will allow for a much less cumbersome process, especially with respect to identifying vicious dogs. Extensive timelines in these processes hurt all parties involved in incidents.
2. I fully support the limit to the number of dogs (or cats) at 6. This allows people with working (eg. PALS program) and/or sporting (eg. agility, obedience) to have young dogs that are in training, several dogs at the trained and working level, as well as to keep our elder animals that age out of their working days. I also fully support the additional options for multiple dogs and hope that the process for obtaining such addi-

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tional licenses is developed through further collaboration with the parties and groups that will be applying for these licenses.

3. I note that in the Introduction of this Bylaw, and under the "Social" heading, it states: "The Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw is enforced using an education first approach to encourage adherence, using ticketing as a last resort in most cases." I think this is always the best approach for both compliance and economic efficiency.

4. I have small dogs (Italian greyhounds) and LOVE that I can now remove those heavy and bulky City of Calgary licenses from their collars, and just rely on the microchips that all my dogs have.

5. The only part that worries me is "Part 8: Authority to Delegate Further" where S.77 states "The Chief Bylaw Officer may delegate any of the powers granted to the Chief Bylaw Officer in this Bylaw at any time to any other employee of The City." I strongly encourage the inclusion of the word "qualified" be used to describe another employee, eg. "any other qualified employee of the City."



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First name (required)	Tom
Last name (required)	sloan
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Bylaw (includes keeping honeybees)
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

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My friend has bee hives in his yard. Last summer we spent a lot of time hanging out in the yard and you would have never known the hives were there. The honey bees were busy doing their thing and didn't bother with us at all. In the fall I even got to participate in the honey harvest. I learned so much about the bees. Over the winter I've taken a few bee keeping webinars and read about bee keeping as a hobby. This year I will be getting my own bee hive. So grateful my friend taught me about bees and all the good they do for the world.

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Last name (required)	Donaldson
What do you want to do? (required)	Request to speak, Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	SPC ON COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

Good morning,

I keep and manage close to 60 hives in the City on dozens of other people's property. I don't charge for the service as I work on the honour system. I keep bees for fun. I've been keeping bees in the city for over 6 years while being respectful of neighbours and creating a positive experience for the community. I keep honey bees in the inner city communities of Brentwood, Triwood and Hillhurst.

I produce 100% Pure Raw Urban Honey produced in Brentwood. Many families benefit from the honey I produce from the hives I keep on their property. Raw honey contains micro pieces of pollen from the local flora which is ideal for building allergy tolerance in children by micro dosing from urban honey. This is only one of the important health benefits of consuming locally produced pure raw honey, there are many more.

May I speak to City Council regarding the keeping of honey bees in the City of Calgary please? can you help arrange this? I'm available any time.

After a bit of difficulty I was able to find a copy of the Proposed Wording for a Bylaw respecting the regulation, Licensing and Control of Animals in The City of Calgary. Is the link below correct? I saw the draft for the first time less than a week ago. Please find 1 attached PDF to this email, it is the document in question.

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I think it is prudent to postpone a vote on this Bylaw until more Calgary urban beekeepers and landowners (who enjoy hosting a hive) are made aware of the impact the Bylaw may have on the enjoyment of their property. The public consultation was not adequate.

Will you make a motion to table the vote on this new Bylaw please?

Other concerns which support tabling the motion to vote are below:

Page 13 - 25 (3) "A person must not keep pigeons, bee colonies or hens within the City without a valid and subsisting Urban Livestock Licence."

Who gets the licence? The land owner or beekeeper? It is the bee keeper who will have the training and skill set, it may not be the land owner. Is this reflected in the Bylaw?

Page 14 - 27 (2) (e) "A signed declaration that the applicant will adhere to generally accepted good husbandry or beekeeping practices and complete any necessary provincial registration.

Why is this even in the Bylaw? The provincial laws are still applicable. All bee hives are registered with the province. There

Palaschuk, Jordan

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I support beekeeping in the city of Calgary.

Thank you

Leanne Brown

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First name (required)	Michael
Last name (required)	Meldrum
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Bylaw - City Beekeeping
Date of meeting	0005-05-12
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I think bees should be able to be kept in the city. Bees play an important role in our ecosystem and beekeeping is a respectable hobby that contributes to the environment and encourages resourcefulness.



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First name (required)	Zoltan
Last name (required)	Nagy-Kovacs
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Proposed bee keeping bylaw.
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I am opposed to any bylaw that would ban, or regulate, bee keeping within the City of Calgary. I know several hobby bee keepers and they are very careful and conscientious in their hobby. With bee populations on the planet being threatened by environmental degradation, we should be encouraging bee keeping, not discouraging it. Thank you for considering my comments.

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Last name (required)	Fuller
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw – Continuing Beekeeping in Calgary, Regular
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
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First name (required)	Maria
Last name (required)	Vella
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Animal control bylaws
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I am not a breeder, I am a member of the pet owning public who wishes to be able to access local breeders when my family needs another canine companion and if the city of Calgary legislates breeders out of existence I and many of my friends will have a very frustrating search looking for our next four legged family member.



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First name (required)	Bailey
Last name (required)	Cameron
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Revised Agenda for the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protectiv
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I support beekeeping in the City of Calgary.



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First name (required)	Tyler
Last name (required)	Cook
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw – Continuing Beekeeping in Calgary, Regular
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I support beekeeping in the city. I feel there is little to no risk with bees and there are many benefits including healthier foliage, gardens, trees and flowers. Not to mention fresh honey is a delight.

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First name (required)	Russ
Last name (required)	Peters
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Bylaw - Beekeeping
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

Thank you for allowing me to share my input on urban beekeeping and the associated proposed amendments to the City of Calgary's Responsible Pet Bylaw under consideration.

My wife and I have been beekeeping in SW Calgary for 3 seasons. Before becoming beekeepers we took a two-day beekeeping course and read extensively, so that we had the knowledge needed to get started properly and ensure that we could anticipate and work to prevent any impacts to our neighbours and so that our bees would be healthy, productive and a positive addition to the community.

I also joined the Calgary and District Beekeeping Association - a passionate, active and diverse group of new and veteran beekeepers from across Calgary and the greater Calgary area, who work tirelessly to advocate for bees and beekeeping, educate the public through outstanding, engaging and high-impact outreach, and share knowledge and best practices amongst themselves through training and mentorship, and with other beekeepers across Canada and internationally to continually improve and advance our practices and bee husbandry.

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500)

Beekeeping is a healthy, active, engaged and grounded pastime, requiring close attention to the rhythms and cycles of nature, the local environment, the ebb and flow of our local flora and the lifecycles of the bees themselves. Beekeeping is inherently a local,

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community-building exercise. All of our nearby neighbours know that we have bees. We regularly get texts and emails from neighbours telling us that they've spotted honey bees at work gathering pollen and nectar in their gardens. They know when we're harvesting honey, and they know that come fall there will be hyper-local honey for them.

Contrary to popular conception, honeybees are bred to be temperate. I regularly inspect my bees in jeans and a tee-shirt, with no protective gear other than a hat and veil. I have extra bee suits in multiple sizes and have hosted (and will happily host) any neighbour (or City Councillor) who is curious and wants to get closer to the action. The kids next door often observe our hive inspections over the fence - full of questions and curiosity.

In short, urban beekeeping is very much a part of the fabric of Calgary living, and has been for more than a century. We urge the committee to adopt the bylaw including the provisions on responsible urban beekeeping so that Calgarians can continue to enjoy the many benefits of bees, beekeeping and engaged, community-minded beekeepers in our city.

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Last name (required)	Kennepohl
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw Review, CPS2021-0740
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I am concerned with the proposed updates to the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw. I have had both dogs and cats as companions throughout my life and strongly believe in the responsible care of animal companions. My biggest concern is that significant changes are being brought forward at a time when community attentiveness has been severely hampered by the current health crisis. I note that essentially all consultation for these proposed bylaw changes has occurred during the pandemic (Phase One started on Feb 29 2020 - and the first reported case of COVID-19 infection was announced on March 5th, 2020). I will say bluntly that the immediate health and safety of my family has been an overriding concern over the past year and municipal affairs - no matter how important they are - have taken a back seat. For this reason, I only heard about the proposed bylaw changes one day ago. Granted, I am a relatively new resident of the city and thus less familiar with municipal procedures in Calgary, but I typically stay very well informed on such matters. For this reason, I am only just now noting that major changes are proposed but I have not really had a chance to consider the changes in their entirety.

One area that worries me about the current proposals are the added upper limit on pet ownership. Although I am not a dog breeder, I did recently bring a new puppy into our family by working with a highly regarded and internationally recognized breeder who lives within the city limits. Responsible dog ownership begins with responsible dog breeding, training, and care. The current proposal states that the City "may" provide

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exceptions to breeders but does not seem to provide a clearly defined mechanism for defining the process. If there is such a process that will not hamper the activities of responsible pet owners, then I have missed it. I worry that the currently proposed limits on ownership will have a severe impact on the ability of responsible breeders to continue to provide both healthy and healthful pets for Calgarians. I am worried that the current proposal will force responsible breeders out of the city while also promoting poor breeding practices by irresponsible persons in order to "fly under the radar."

I am certain that I am not the only person in Calgary who is not as well-informed about the proposed changes as they would have been under more normal circumstances. I hope that you will agree that more time is needed to fully evaluate the proposed changes.



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First name (required)	Liz
Last name (required)	Goldie
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Bylaw - Beekeeping
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I have already submitted comments. Here are some pictures that I would like included. Thank you.



Calgary Stampede Exhibit Booth

A backyard honey bee colony in winter





Beekeeping Course

Bumblebee, honey bee and wasp on a sunflower in my backyard





Host a Hive Program location near Fish Creek Park



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First name (required)	Teresa
Last name (required)	Tousignant
What do you want to do? (required)	Request to speak, Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Backyard hens - speaking in support
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Please accept the bylaw proposal for backyard hens, and recommend it to council.



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First name (required)	Oliver
Last name (required)	Brown
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible pet bylaw
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I fully support backyard chickens. Many cities in Canada have backyard chicken programs that are running well. Its good education for children, sustainable and healthy. I look foward to seeing it approved.

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First name (required)	Tammi
Last name (required)	Dagley
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Backyard Chickens
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Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	To whom it may concern, I would like to comment on the issue of backyard chickens. I believe they should be allowed as I have been looking into getting my own. My children are home-schooled and this is a great opportunity for them to learn how to take care of livestock, while still living in the Comforts of the city.
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First name (required)	nicole
Last name (required)	allard
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Chicken Bylaw
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

As per our pandemic situation for the last year, I believe self sufficiency has been a big learning for all of us and I believe this will help. I have my own garden to produce vegetables. I have grandchildren that I'm teaching about how to grow food, recycle food (compost), recycle water (working on and irrigation of water from the roof). The hens would be a great addition to help with the garden (insects and compost), to teach my grandchildren of where food comes from, and can be great pets. We are also looking into a bee keeping in the next couple years. We realize this will come with various guidelines and we are willing to work with them. We still want to enjoy our back yard and enjoy a small amount of urban farming.

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First name (required)	Julie
Last name (required)	Sills
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw-legalizing backyard hens in Calgary
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Our family is in complete support of legalizing backyard hens. Hens are a good source of food for the family and it helps to teach our children how to live sustainability. It will be an overall improvement to the quality of our lives and in a sense we'll know where our food is coming from. Having chickens will also improve the quality of fertilizer that we can use to help grow the plants in our garden and be able to remove any unwanted pests that could potentially damage those plants.

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Last name (required)	li
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Hens produce food for the family and reduce food waste
Date of meeting	May 11, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Hens produce food for the family and reduce food waste



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First name (required)	Jane
Last name (required)	Ward
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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership bylaw- legalizing backyard hens in Calgary
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Please legalize backyard chickens as it will help our family to become more self-sustainable. They will provide education to our children regarding the life cycle, where food comes from and give them more responsibility. Plus they eat slugs!

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First name (required)	Grace
Last name (required)	Harris
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw Review, CPS2021-0740
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

I am a pet owner in Calgary who has carefully read the proposed changes to the by-laws. I believe the proposed limit on the number of pets allowed will have no beneficial effects. The number of pets does not correlate with problems reported. Most of the worst offenders only have one dog. Very few people have large numbers of pets. The proposed change to the Noise section is so vaguely worded that it will probably cause a rise in complaints. It does not allow for a dog to make any noise at any time: "Animal does not bark, howl, or otherwise make or cause a noise which disturbs any Person". This is beyond ridiculous. If implemented the City should also implement a fee for filing a complaint to cut down on abuse by neighbours who don't get along. The changes to allow increased power to the Chief Bylaw Officer are terrifying. If the person in power has a personal agenda such as "animal rights/PETA" or is anti-pure-bred dogs the potential for abuse is huge. I have personally witness prejudice against pure-bred dog owners by by-law officers in the past.

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First name (required)	Dyane
Last name (required)	Noguchi
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Chicken Bylaw - Urban Livestock
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hens produce food for the family and reduce food waste, very much needed. 2. Hens are fun and they make great pets, very much needed.

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Last name (required)	Tousignant
What do you want to do? (required)	Request to speak
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw - Hens
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Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I support the backyard hen permitting proposal.



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First name (required)	Mark
Last name (required)	Soehner
What do you want to do? (required)	Request to speak
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Pet Bylaw
Date of meeting	May 11, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I am a beekeeper in Haysboro and to my knowledge my millions of bees have not caused distress in the community















Beekeeper Certificate of Registration

This Certifies that,

SOEGNER, MARK
CALGARY CUPOLA & WEATHERVANE
96 HAVENHURST CRESCENT SW
CALGARY, AB
REGISTRATION NUMBER 35440
NUMBER OF HONEY BEE COLONIES 1

has registered with Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development under the provisions of the *Bee Act*.

This certificate of registration expires June 29, 2017.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Das".

Provincial Apiculturist





Ministry of
Agriculture

Asian Hornet

(*Vespa mandarinia*)

Pest Alert: Asian Giant Hornet

Three Asian Hornets (*Vespa mandarinia*) were found in the Nanaimo area on Vancouver Island in mid-August. The identification has been confirmed by Canadian and international experts. This is the first time this insect has been found in British Columbia.

Please report it if you see it:

British Columbians who think they may have seen one are asked to take a photo if possible and report the sighting to

The Invasive Species Council of B.C.:

- 1-888-933-3722
- <https://bcinvasives.ca/report>
- info@bcinvasives.ca

This is what the Asian Hornet looks like:

Asian Giant Hornets are large, and have noticeably large orange heads and black eyes. Worker hornets are approximately 3.5 cm in length and queens can be up to 4-5 cm in length with a wingspan of 4-7cm.



Look-alike species:

There are several large insects that are native to British Columbia that are commonly seen and could be mistaken for Asian Hornets. There is no need to report these ones:

Bald faced hornet



Yellow jacket



Horntail wasp



Elm Sawfly



Other information about Asian Hornets:

- These Asian Giant Hornets only nest in the ground, unlike other species of wasps or bees that build nests and hives in trees and/or buildings.
- Asian Hornets are not interested in humans, pets and large animals. They hunt insects for food. The only time hornets will attack is when their nest is disturbed.
- Asian Hornets will feed on honeybees and are capable of destroying hives in a short time period.
- Hornets are dormant and unlikely to be seen in fall and winter.

If you are stung:

- As with wasp or bee stings, place an ice cube/pack or cold compress on the location to reduce inflammation and the spread of venom.
- Don't rub the site, it will cause the venom to spread into the surrounding tissue.
- If you are stung multiple times or have symptoms of toxic or allergic reaction, seek medical attention immediately.

Biology:

- *V. mandarinia* is a large hornet that predares on honeybees and other large insects. It establishes ground nests and forages as far as eight kilometres from its nest. Similarly to endemic wasps including Bald-Faced Hornets and Yellowjackets, the Giant Hornet establishes annual nests in the spring. During the summer it expands until August when virgin queens will emerge. After mating, the young queens will disperse and winter on their own. The original nest dies in the fall.
- This hornet is widely distributed in East Asia from the sub-tropics of South China to the temperate zones of the Korean peninsula and northern Japan.

Links:

- Visit HealthLink for more information on common insect stings:
<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-topics/sig44526> and allergies to insect stings:
<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-topics/rt1285>
- Invasive Species Council of BC - <https://bcinvasives.ca/>

The Calgary & District Beekeepers Association
invites you to the annual

POTLUCK and Honey Competition

Westgate Community Hall
4943 8 Avenue SW Calgary
Sunday 26 January 2020



doors open 4:30 PM
honey competition cutoff 5PM

12 Ribbons to be won & door prizes

**Calgary District Beekeepers Association
Honey Competition
26 January 2020**

RULES

Entries close at 5PM

There will be 4 categories of honey judged:

- Liquid Light;
- Liquid Dark;
- Cream/Crystallized; and,
- Taster's Choice.

Exhibitors may submit one entry per category.

Should there not be a discernable colour difference of the exhibitor's dark and light liquid entries, only one entry from that Exhibitor will be accepted for the liquid competition.

Each entry will consist of one jar. The jar will be approximately 375 ml in volume (approximately 500 grams), made of clear glass, and have a one-piece metal lid.

Exhibitors shall be bona fide beekeepers with entries of pure honey, from their personal apiaries, from production of the most recent crop year which was 2019.

Exhibitors will have paid their \$25.00 member's dues for the current year 2020 to the Calgary District Beekeepers Association.

Exhibitors will complete the entry tag with their name and address. An entry tag will be attached to each jar. Judges will ensure the entry is placed in the appropriated class.

Entries must be free of other identification.

Competition judges shall consider any contestant ineligible if the entry fails to comply with the exhibit criteria.

Awards will be made based on a point scale and, in the case of a tie, the highest score for flavour will be awarded an extra point to break the tie.

Entry acceptance will begin at 1600 hours 4PM MST 26 January 2020 and close at 1700 hours 5PM MST

Entries will be returned after the recognition of competition winners.at approximately 1900 hours 7PM 26 January 2020.

Mark Soehner
Potluck & Competition Chair

















Calgary Firefighters Stairclimb Challenge
In support of my entry
Join my Team To The Top

Fundraiser

- **\$10 90 ml**
- **\$20 190 ml**
- **100% to the climb**

- **Tasters choice 2017**
- **1st place winner 2018**

From my three hive apiary in Haysboro



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Last name (required)	Horning
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Public Hearing Item: Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw – legalizing backyard
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

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I love plants and I love having a veggie garden. Gardening is something I've loved learning about and being able to create something from a seed is a huge impact on mental health. It's relaxing and calming tending to the little seedlings. Kids learn in school about carbon footprints, composting and being healthy, they grow their own plants and learn about eggs and some schools even learn by hatching their own chicks or ducks. Being able to have backyard hens would help in many aspects of self sustainability. Teaching our kids and even adults about healthy lifestyles, eating the things you grow and maybe getting kids off the screens during the summer... involving them more in things they are more than capable of helping and learning about. Yes obviously it needs to be approved. Not everyone should be able to have them so the permit process and approval is a must. But i think it's a great idea. Owning an acreage one day is a dream. But I definitely wouldn't mind getting a small piece of it here in the city. Let's teach our kids that hard work pays off and that there's so many benefits. :)

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First name (required)	Denise
Last name (required)	Vanderkooi
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Bee Keeping in the city of Calgary
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

Hello,

My name is Denise Vanderkooi, and I am an urban beekeeper. I started keeping bees after moving into a rental property in Bridgeland that had a small established apiary. I was fascinated by these small creatures and really enjoyed seeing them in the backyard, though admittedly was nervous around them.

I decided to educate myself and take a bee keeping course through ABC Bees for Communities with Eliese Watson, though at the time I was not sure what I would do with it other than to understand these insects a bit more. After the course, I came to a profound understanding that bees are not like the wasps who as I child, I was stung by or that chase me around the yard maliciously today, but rather in my experience are innately gentle, even when I am inspecting their hive. If I get stung, which is seldom, I know why and it is usually because I've incidentally squished one!

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

I am now well established on the property with several of my own hives after a brief mentoring period from the previous urban apiarist and have full support of my landlord who has indicated if we leave, the bees stay!

As someone who grew up on an acreage and spent plenty of time in a farming commu-

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nity, bees have helped me stay connected to the flow of nature while in a rising city and have provided this property a space where local flora and fauna thrive.

I would have never guessed my future would bring me to become an apiarist, but I am glad it has. I aspire to be the apiarist on the hill for years to come that sells local, straight out of the hive honey and have taken an active initiatives to integrate with the Bridgeland and Renfrew community garden groups in hopes of placing hives there and sharing the knowledge of bee keeping that has been passed onto me.

I support urban beekeeping and like any animal husbandry; cats, dogs, chickens, goats ought to be done responsibly. For that reason I do encourage formalized training as beekeeping can be more involved than raising a cat or dog and also helps a novice apiarist like myself to practice safely and courteously to the public at large.

Kind regards,
Denise Vanderkooi



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Last name (required)	Wong
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First name (required)	Pat
Last name (required)	Solkshinitz
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	SPC on Community and Protective Services Agenda/Meeting
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Please see attached pdf document as my submission to City Council on this agenda item.

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Feedback for Calgary City Council on Proposed Community and Protective Services By-Law Changes

The process that was initiated by the City of Calgary to engage focus groups of citizens and professional animal trainers/breeders/handlers/owners of dog/cats appeared to be flawed from the start. The multiple choice questionnaire was extremely limiting in what could be chosen as an answer – and it seemed that all of the answers were geared towards whatever agenda the facilitators/city had with respect to pet ownership/behavior etc. When your multiple choice answer is limited to 3, 4, 5 or 6 numbers of dogs per household – then that tells me that there is an underlying agenda that is wanting to be pushed thorough no matter what is presented to them. We repeatedly asked for clarification of the proposed by-laws that were being considered and were told that there was nothing in stone. Obviously there was. I attended multiple focus groups and the theme across them was that the City needed to not be looking at increasing restrictions, but instead should be working towards education and empowering citizens to be critical thinkers and to be respectful of those who we engage ourselves and pets with. The facilitators agreed greatly with this but I am now completely surprised at the level of restrictive by-laws that are being proposed for our City. We were very dismayed to see the work of Bill Bruce being tossed out the window – when most of the things that he implemented were still working many years later. Yes we need to evolve but when the evolution is put in the hands of people who are not transparent or honest in their endeavor to be a change agent, then that is not acceptable.

Background research and stats were not provided by the organizers as we had requested on multiple issues. We also requested to be involved in special focus groups of professional trainers etc. – which never happened. The stock answer of “this is what the people were telling us” does not hold weight. Trust with the City in this process has been broken.

Limiting number of dogs/cats per household was not a theme of the focus groups, and supporting information was provided to the facilitators with respect to other jurisdictions that had tried that and found there to be no change in the number of incidents and complaints. In fact the majority of complaints in those cities and towns were focused on single dog households. Hoarding incidents were present even where there were strict animals/household limitations – that is why education and community involvement was the chosen route to ensuring that issues did not arise. Being a good neighbour was the theme of conversation at the focus group sessions – ensure you are not interfering with their enjoyment of property and safety while still maintaining your right to have multiple animals as long as they are cared for appropriately.

Putting into place a by-law that forbids the leaving of an animal in a vehicle under -15C or above 15C makes absolutely no sense. There is data available to show that even a small dog in an enclosed vehicle in the sun without hydration or shade could die easily in 6C temps. It really has to take into account what measures the owners have taken to prevent harm to the animal. If there are measures taken such as ventilation, water, shade, blankets, fleece coats – it would all depend on the breed of dog (long coat/working versus small short haired). Ensuring that there is the wording “ and is in distress” in the by-law makes sense in that it is not a cut and dried situation. Many show/performance dogs, police dogs, military dogs, Search and Rescue dogs are kept in or benched in vehicles – and the majority of owners go above and beyond to ensure the safety of their animals. There will always be the situation where that is not the case – but that happens in human nature – education of the population is so important in ensuring that the safety of animals is a priority. I’m not sure how the City will handle the

increased complaints that arise because a citizen sees a dog sleeping in a vehicle, in a crate with the windows open and a breeze flowing through, in the shade – and calls in a complaint because the literal wording of the by-law allows for no critical thinking or assessment of danger.

When the words “shall or should” are replaced by “must” – as has happened throughout the entire by-law revision, then there is an issue of enforcement – because the legal definition of “must” means that without a doubt, under no circumstances, it must happen. That is not how we evolve as a society. That is a restrictive government that allows its citizens no freedoms to think.

There are so many concerns that I have with multiple points on this proposed by-law – I would be over the allotted size of file that I can upload if I continue. Please look at what is happening in the spirit of the revisions – it is becoming a controlling, law heavy, no room for human compassion and understanding document. That is not what the people of the City deserve.

Pat Solkshinitz



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First name (required)	Amy
Last name (required)	Reynolds
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Calgary Backyard Chickens - Bylaw - May 12
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>Please approve a pilot program! There are multiple accounts of great success & benefits of backyard chicken programs across Canada. Here are a few examples:</p> <p>https://stalbert.ca/cosa/news/highlights/one-year-later/ https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2020/02/18/backyard-hens-not-the-scourge-some-predicted.html https://www.surreynowleader.com/news/city-of-white-rock-tackles-backyard-hen-proposal/</p>
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First name (required)	Nicole
Last name (required)	Wiebe
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Presentation pertaining to the Animal Bylaw proposals.
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	We have a small group of people that will be speaking at the meeting tomorrow. Our concerns our outlined in the attached presentation.



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First name (required)	Alfieri
Last name (required)	NEGRO
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Backyard Chickens and Bees
Date of meeting	

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

I'd like to express my support for the idea of free access for homeowners to raise both bees and chickens within their private property. Most municipalities across Canada allow for both without onerous permitting or regulation. For bees, I think there is widespread understanding of the beneficial role that pollinators play in our ecosystem. Having small scale, independent beekeeping operations allow for a more resilient and diverse ecosystem. Backyard chicken operation allow people to feel more connected to the food they consume as well as reduce the carbon footprint of their diet. In addition, they are a cost effective way of producing a continuing supply of protein in limited spaces and in a family friendly way.

Frankly, I wonder why Calgary lags behind the vast majority of other Canadian municipalities in this regard.

Sincerely,
Alfieri Negro

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First name (required)	Jessica
Last name (required)	Cherwick
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw Review, CPS2021-0740 7.3. Licence and Commu
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>I am not in support of Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw Review, CPS2021-0740 this will have a severe impact on breeders and quality of blood line.... Also the ability to enter someone's home is an attempt to have abuse of power.</p> <p>I also do not support 7.3. Licence and Community Standards Appeal Board Adjudication of Nuisance and Vicious Animal Appeals, CPS2021-0739</p>

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First name (required)	Jeremy
Last name (required)	Guo
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Strongly support urban hen programs
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in

To whom it may concern,
As one of hen owners who is in process of applying the LESA permit, I am strongly support the proposal of legalizing the Urban Hen Program. Backyard chicken can have numerous benefits:

1. Hens can produce environment friendly food for human, i.e. quality eggs
2. Hens are social animals that can establish very close relationship with owners and help in human being's emotional support needs. They are lovely, interactively and attentively to human's activities. They are great friends and emotional supporters especially given the current COVID situation whereas everyone needs to be isolated or working from home. Some of the students have been studying online, disconnected with their peers for over a year now. And some of them have developed anxiety or OCD type of symptoms. They need some sort of pets like cats and dogs but due to personal health conditions, i.e. fur allergy, that restricted them from having those furry animal inside of their house to be accompanied with
3. Hens are natural pest control - they kill ants nests, flies and other harmful insects in the backyard, avoid using miscellaneous chemicals bought from Home Depot to do that anymore. Save our environment, reduce CO2 emission
4. Hens produce natural fertilizer and don't need to repeatedly buy lawn fertilizers every year from the stores, again another proof of reducing unnecessary environment damage and CO2 emission footprint that human being is leaving on the earth
5. Hens can reduce human wasted food by eating them. Chicken can eat what human

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can't, i.e. the egg shells, fish bones, the grass (they are awesome natural lawn
mower), left-over from meals

6. Chicken is a beautiful scenery in the backyard - check my attached beautiful pic-
tures! All of the golfers passing by my backyard (adjacent to a golf court) stopped by to
enjoy the beautiful hens

7. Raise a chicken from born is an excellent journey to kids so they learn the life cycle,
responsibility of taking care of someone and share love. And above all, chicken is un-
harmful to everyone. They are quiet (aside from Rosters of course) and tame with the
lease care on a daily basis. If we are allowed to keep dogs and cats, I don't understand
why we are not allowed to keep chicken!

8. Our neighbor cities, like Edmonton and provinces, like Toronto are allowed to legally
own chickens in their backyard, WHY don't we??

A Big Thank You to your all for your consideration! Appreciate your time!

A good citizen: Jeremy





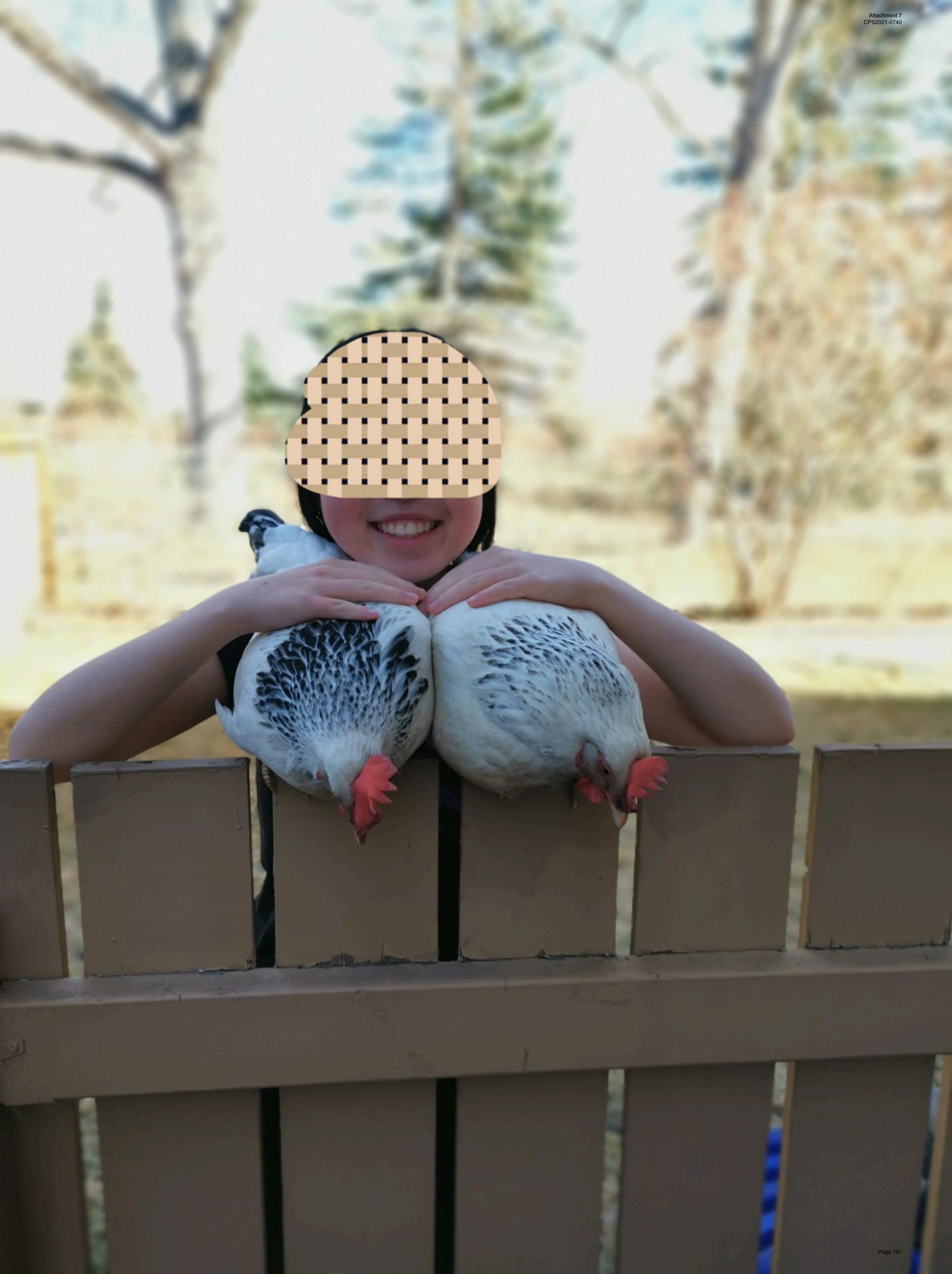






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First name (required)	Dominique
Last name (required)	Denis-Lalonde
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw – legalizing backyard hens in Calgary
Date of meeting	May 31, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I would like to express my support for legalization of backyard hens in Calgary via the responsible pet ownership bylaw. Countless other cities have such bylaws, with few concerns. Owning chickens (specifically hens) share many of the same beneficial aspects of owning other animals such as fish, cats, and dogs, such as learning responsibility and for companionship, but they can also provide sustenance to a family and support children to learn the value of food production. I would be happy to see my neighbours with chickens. When properly cared for, hens do not smell or damage property. They reduce food waste by eating table scraps and also make great pets. Let's move into 2021 and let people have their chickens!!!

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First name (required)	Ron
Last name (required)	Miksha
What do you want to do? (required)	Request to speak, Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	SPC on Services: Regarding Beekeeping and Pet Bylaws
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

Honey bees have been kept in Calgary for over a hundred years. Beekeeping attracts good civic neighbours who are concerned about our city's environment and general welfare. I am in favour of small-scale urban beekeeping, but not large-scale or commercial honey farming in the city. The proposed bylaws provide a balanced approach that satisfies the need to assure public safety while allowing the pursuit of this important hobby.

Urban beekeepers produce genuinely local, wholesome food for their families, engage in good physical exercise while tending their bees, and experience a strong connection with our land and our neighbourhoods. Most beekeepers participate with family members, strengthening bonds through shared experiences. Beekeeping is inclusive - as a person who uses a wheelchair, I can also enjoy the hum of bees at work and the small chores required to host bees in my backyard.

I have been a beekeeper for decades and have had no incidents or problems with honey bees disturbing or injuring anyone. In fact, our neighbours look forward to seeing the bees at work each spring. I am also researching bee ecology at the University of Calgary, so I understand the need to provide a balance between the interests of the city's several hundred urban beekeepers and the needs of Calgary's native wild bees, such as bumble bees and leafcutter bees. The proposed bylaw requires registration of apiary sites, providing data about honey bee density and distribution, which can help inform a sensible level of managed honey bees.

The proposed bylaw is a good, balanced approach to managing urban beekeeping - it

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does not unduly infringe upon homeowners' use of their property, but also protects the interests of neighbours. I hope that you will support this proposed bylaw.



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First name (required)	Jessica
Last name (required)	Newhook
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Public Hearing Item: Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw – legalizing backyard
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Hens produce food for the family and reduce food waste. - Hens are fun and they make great pets. -Backyard hens are a great way for kids to learn about where their food comes from, and the responsibilities of caring for a pet -Hens are great for pest control. -Hens provide fantastic fertilizer for gardens and lawns -multiple other urban cities in Canada have run pilot programs that have proven to be successful -hens are affectionate, sweet, smart animals that would be a major benefit to families and the city overall

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First name (required)	KARA
Last name (required)	CESCHINI
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Standing Policy Committee on Community & Protective Services
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I support allowing Calgarians to have backyard hens because we should be able to feed ourselves and hens produce food for the family and reduce food waste. They are also fun and they make great pets.

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First name (required) Will

Last name (required) Pratt

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Responsible Pet Bylaw - Beekeeping

Date of meeting May 31, 2021

Hello Calgary City Council,

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

I write in support of urban beekeeping in Calgary. For nine years I have been a beekeeper as well as a volunteer with the Calgary and District Beekeeping Association, whose mandate is to promote responsible beekeeping in and around the city. Beekeeping is a safe and enjoyable hobby with major educational and recreational benefits. Keeping bees has made me much more aware of the world around me, particularly the seasonal changes in plant life. It has sparked my interest in native bees and spurred me to provide habitat and forage for these honeybee cousins. Keeping bees and membership in the bee club has introduced me to fellow Calgarians of all walks of life. These shared passions have created friendships with Calgarians who I would have never met in my professional life. Keeping bees has strengthened my relationship with my curious neighbors, some of whom have commented on the benefits of pollination to their fruit trees and gardens. None of them have yet turned down a jar of local honey. I hope that those who wish to keep bees responsibly in the city will be able to gain the wide range of benefits that I have experienced. Bees truly are incredible creatures which spark wonder in the world and bring people together.

Thank you for your time,
Will Pratt

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First name (required)	Yan
Last name (required)	Chen
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	want hens at backyard
Date of meeting	
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I would like to have hens in the backyard that they can be pets with a lot of funs while kids learn the nature of the hens. Thanks.



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First name (required) Andrew

Last name (required) Hewson

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw Beekeeping

Date of meeting May 12, 2021

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I am in full support of urban beekeeping for many reasons, including:

- it produces food within the City while bringing family, friends and community together
- it's an opportunity to share knowledge about nature and the importance of bees in our food system
- it's an opportunity to educate the public about the difference between honey bees and wasps, honey bees are quite docile and can easily coexist in an urban environment
- it's a wholesome activity offering good exercise and gets people outside and engaged in producing food
- beekeeping is a key part of The City's Food Action Plan - Calgary Eats! with the goal for every Calgarian to have access to local, healthy and environmentally friendly food.

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First name (required)	Bernard
Last name (required)	Gobeil
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Bylaw - City of Calgary
Date of meeting	

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- Beekeeping is a key part of The City's Food Action Plan - Calgary Eats! with the goal for every Calgarian to have access to local, healthy and environmentally friendly food.
- It produces food within the City while bringing family, friends and community together
- It's an opportunity to share knowledge about nature and the importance of bees in our food system
- It's an opportunity to educate the public about the difference between honey bees and wasps, honey bees are quite docile and can easily coexist in an urban environment

Limiting the number of hives per city lot to 2 per homeowner would be an acceptable stipulation to urban bee keeping.

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First name (required)	Katie
Last name (required)	Merchant
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Urban beekeeping

Date of meeting

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

We are urban beekeepers in calgary and have so much fun doing it. We have school classes come learn about the bees and gardening. We have had our neighbors tell us their flowers and fruit trees have been producing more fruit since the bees have come to our home. We also have bees in the country and have more excitement about our urban apiary then we do from the country. Please keep allowing us keep our bees and teach our people about the bees. We love them! Thank you.

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First name (required)	Carol
Last name (required)	Moffat
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Pet bylaw
Date of meeting	May 10, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>We would like the pet bylaw to allow bee hives within the city limits. There should be a limit on the number of hives in regard to the size of the lot or area.</p> <p>Bees not only are very quiet but very educational to not only children but adults.</p>
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First name (required)	Louise
Last name (required)	Giannoccaro
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Bylaw - Beekeeping in Calgary
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>I writing with my full support for urban beekeeping; Having a honey bee hive is a wonderful opportunity to share knowledge about nature and the importance of bees in our food system with Calgarians of all ages, but especially the children; There is a huge difference between honey bees and and wasps and educating the public with respect to this is important; Honey bees have been frequenting my garden in East Elbow Park for years and it is such a joy to watch these docile creatures and know that they are also pollinating fruit and vegetable plants around the city.</p>

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Last name (required)	Giannoccaro
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw - Beekeeping
Date of meeting	May 31, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>I am writing to express my support for Urban Beekeeping in Calgary; Beekeeping is a wonderful opportunity to share knowledge about nature with all Calgarians but especially children; honey bees have been frequenting my garden in East Elbow Park for years and it is a joy knowing that they are also pollinating the fruit trees and vegetable plants in the City;</p> <p>I would like to emphasize that honey bees are docile and are very different from wasps;</p> <p>This year I have one beehive in my yard (from my sister in Bragg Creek) and the neighbourhood Children have enjoyed watching the bees and learning about nature.</p>

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First name (required)	Aron
Last name (required)	Weber
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw Beekeeping, Standing Policy Committee for M
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

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I am in full support of urban beekeeping for many reasons, including:

- it produces food within the City and helps pollinate urban gardens making them more prolific.
- it's an opportunity to share knowledge about nature and the importance of bees in our food system
- it's an opportunity to educate the public about the difference between honey bees and wasps, honey bees are quite docile and can easily coexist in an urban environment
- it's a wholesome activity offering good exercise and gets people outside and engaged in producing food
- beekeeping is already well managed under the agricultural act of Alberta all hives are registered with the province, it is redundant for the city to manage this.
- beekeeping is a key part of The City's Food Action Plan - Calgary Eats! with the goal for every Calgarian to have access to local, healthy and environmentally friendly food.

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First name (required)	Morse
Last name (required)	Handy
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Keeping Bees in the city part of the Pet bylaw.
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I just want to let you know that I support Bee Husbandry in the city of Calgary as it is a very necessary part of the ecosystem and a very useful commodity in keeping up our natural pollination and recovery of the bee populations. We should do more to support these ventures than to restrict them in any way. We should do our utmost in these times of heavy chemical usages to show that we are backing natural processes for our economy, food supply and education.



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First name (required)	Xenia
Last name (required)	Guivernau
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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Bylaw
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

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First name (required) Elizabeth

Last name (required) Goldie

What do you want to do? (required) Request to speak, Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw - Beekeeping, Standing Policy Committee

Date of meeting May 12, 2021

I am a director of Calgary and District Beekeepers Association. I am also one of the founding board members of United Beekeepers of Alberta and Alberta's co-director for the Western Apicultural Society (WAS).

The Calgary and District Beekeepers Association (CDBA) was one of 3 beekeeping associations formed in Alberta in 1930. The association presently has over 400 members despite not meeting because of COVID. Prior to Covid, it had over 550 paid members and about double that number follow our emails.

I have kept bees in the City for over 10 years. For the past 5 years, I have been the primary respondent to beekeeping complaints and inquiries on behalf of CDBA and the City of Calgary. The majority of bee complaints in the City over this time period have been about wild bumblebee colonies. The main focus of our association is to promote responsible honeybee management; however, because of the number of bumblebee complaints and emails, we developed a bumblebee rescue program and respond to over 75 wild bee complaints each year. Over the same year, the number of honey bee inquiries was fewer than a third that of wild bees.

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Although a honey bee hive is located on the beekeepers' property, wasps and wild bees like bumblebees may nest on neighbouring properties where those wild bees will be defending their hives and have the potential to cause a nuisance. Therefore, it is much more probable that a neighbour will be stung by a wasp or bumblebee defending their colony which has been established on the neighbour's property. This is why CDBA responds to more than three times as many complaints about bumblebees than honey bees. We are often contacted by people who ... Please see attached file.

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Honey bees rarely sting when foraging. Bees, in general, are interested in collecting pollen, nectar and water and are not interested in people, while wasps are interested in meat (young wasps) and sugary foods (adult wasps). People frequently mistake the more aggressive wasps for bees. They often report that they have been stung by a bee when it was actually a wasp from the wasp nest on their property. Bees tend to sting only to defend their nest or when they feel threatened. In the case of honey bees, their nest is located on the beekeepers' property. The fear of getting stung by a bee is driven by myths in Hollywood films and Africanized bees that have never been or will be in Canada.

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My neighbour has bee and wasp allergies (you can have one without the other). He told me that he has been hospitalized twice because of wasp stings and that he carries an EpiPen. His concern are bees or wasps that nest on his property and has no concern with the honey bees located on my property and only foraging on his flowers. I told him that if he has a colony of wasps or bumblebees on his property, I am happy to remove them.

CDBA focuses on the education of beekeepers and the public about keeping bees responsibly within the City. With the increase of people wanting to help bees, we have also taken on public education about wild bees. CDBA offers beekeeping courses where general beekeeping principles are covered together with understanding how to keep honey bees responsibly in an urban environment. The association has a mentoring program which includes a minimum of monthly educational meetings, guidance to beekeepers with questions, and hands on apiary visits. Public education includes presentations to schools, community centres, horticultural societies, Boys and Girls clubs, City libraries and the City Parks Department. We exhibit at regional fairs and Aggies Days. The Stampede board invites us every year to

exhibit and our presentation is a popular attraction to thousands of City residents and international tourists.

The beekeeping association has members who:

- Have hives in community gardens;
- Have hives at our restaurants, golf clubs, social clubs and on top of commercial buildings in the downtown;
- Help maintain honey bee hives at City schools;
- As part of our Host a Hive program, place hives on private properties where residents have requested beekeepers tend hives (21 locations in 2021 alone);
- Have kept bees in the City for over 57 years and members who join for their children who are beekeepers under 18;
- Maintain an apiary at Land of Dreams sponsored by Calgary Catholic Immigration Society (CCIS);
- Have developed Beekeeping Supply businesses to provide support for the beekeeping community; and,
- Are members of the SAIT and U of C Veterinarian College student bee clubs.

The CDBA executive encourages responsible beekeeping and supports this bylaw because it includes registration and education of beekeepers. In our experience, proper education and mentoring minimizes issues and registration allows us to locate beekeepers should there be an issue. In some cases, regulations can become too restrictive and damage the culture that has developed within the City. Hopefully, these bylaws reflect a workable balance.

Beekeeping in Calgary is a long established practice and is part of our City's culture and social fabric.





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Last name (required)	Schaef
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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible pet ownership beekeeping-standing policy meeting
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

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Please do the right thing and support the responsible pet bylaw as written. As an urban beekeeper with neighbours that love my recreational pursuit, I am disheartened at the voice city hall has provided for the extreme vocal minority who have no knowledge or precedent to support their irrational paranoia.
Let's not have yet another bad decision by city hall.

I am in full support of urban beekeeping for many reasons, including:

- it produces food within the City while bringing family, friends and community together
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First name (required)	Arlene
Last name (required)	VanDenBoogaard
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw
Date of meeting	May 31, 2021

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Hello, I would like to provide support for backyard beekeeping in Calgary. I have kept bees for 5 years and have not only enhanced my relationships with neighbours because of it, I have been given the opportunity to educate people on bees, honey, environmental benefits, pollination, and more. I have never received a complaint from neighbours, and have shared honey from my hives with my neighbours every year. They look forward to that raw honey, made with the pollen and nectar from their flowers and gardens! Kids come to the door to ask to see the bees, parents come to tell me my bees are pollinating their gardens and to ask for status updates on the hives and honey production. In the first year, one family came to my door with a bag of apples...they told me they had lived in their home for 3 years and the tree in their backyard had never produced fruit before - they weren't even sure what type of tree they had! But in the first year I had bees, they had fruit! The bees have brought people together in ways I had never imagined or expected, and it's been wonderful.

Beekeeping is my mental health break. Working with my bees relaxes me and provides me with peace, happiness and joy! When I spend time around my bees, my family can tell as my mood is heightened...I often spend time sitting nearby the hives, just observing. My daily stresses melt away as I watch them. Beekeeping doesn't benefit just me, it helps produce food and beautiful gardens for my family, neighbours and friends. Not only that, but honey bee management is being used to help train incarcerated people, mentally challenged people, and people in disadvantaged segments of society.

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Beekeeping is a gentle activity which gets people outdoors, gets neighbours talking and sharing, provides families with food/gardens/flowers and in the 5 years I have been doing it, has never been a nuisance to my neighbours or community or been a negative impact on any one around me. I support beekeeping within Calgary and a bylaw, providing there are no fees for beekeepers, neighbour permission is not required, and there are no limits to amount of honey supers or honey/bee product sales. I do believe there should be a limit to # of hives allowed based on individual yard size.



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First name (required)	Melanie
Last name (required)	Gnyp
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Date of meeting	May 31, 2021

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As a hobby urban beekeeper for the past five years, I support urban beekeeping in Calgary for the following reasons:

- it produces food within the City while bringing family, friends and community together;
- it is an escape from daily stresses and is (mostly!) relaxing;
- it is an opportunity to share knowledge about nature (and the importance of bees in our food system) with others, including my neighbours and their kids;
- it is an opportunity to educate the public about the difference between honey bees and wasps; honey bees are quite docile and can easily coexist in an urban environment;
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First name (required)	Kris
Last name (required)	Paul
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Urbane Beekeeping
Date of meeting	May 31, 2021

I would like to send a message on why supporting urban beekeeping is value we need to hold on to.

My household is in our second year of backyard beekeeping and it has been a very educational process for both, adults and children. The pride we take in giving our colonies the best chance at a thriving survival is something to witness.

It is constantly talked about how valuable bees are in nature and what they provide to humanity. To not value sustaining one of the worlds most valued insects would be very surprising to me. The role pollinators play in nature is literally one we could not live without.

The only thing I can figure as to why some may not support beekeeping within the city limits is due to a fear or bees in general or the possibility of having households near by keeping bees within their vicinity. However, the real reason would be ignorance. There is a huge misconception about bees and the danger they pose to humans.

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When we decided that backyard beekeeping was something we were going to attempt, we had the same reservations that many have. We didn't know what the dangers were, the liabilities, or what our neighbours would think. So we got to the research. Talked to our neighbours and asked about potential allergies and so on. Luckily we have the

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greatest neighbours and they have been incredibly supportive.

We have learned so much and shared in that education with those around us and provided opportunities for many to come and see (and taste) the fruits of our labour. We feel that this is a sustainable, educational, and vital resource for individuals or families who are willing to partake in this endeavour and help save the world one hive at a time.

I am always open to being contacted by anyone with any questions or concerns they may have.

Thank you for your time and I hope many more will show their support for urban beekeeping.



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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Roxanna Smit
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

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Please support urban bee keeping in Calgary. I would like to reference The City's Food Action Plan – Calgary Eats! - Calgary Food Action Plan . If The City is serious about building a resilient, local food system then bees HAVE to be part of it.

I am in full support of urban beekeeping for many reasons, including:

- it produces food within the City while bringing family, friends and community together
- it's an opportunity to share knowledge about nature and the importance of bees in our food system
- it's an opportunity to educate the public about the difference between honey bees and wasps, honey bees are quite docile and can easily coexist in an urban environment
- it's a wholesome activity offering good exercise and gets people outside and engaged in producing food
- beekeeping is a key part of The City's Food Action Plan - Calgary Eats! with the goal for every Calgarian to have access to local, healthy and environmentally friendly food.

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Bylaw - City of Calgary
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

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I am a bee keeper currently living Ward 9 Councillor: GIAN-CARLO CARRA. I keep bees in 3 locations within the ward - at my home - at the Inglewood Community Garden (ICG)- at the Land of Dreams Community Garden (LOD)
The LOD is sponsored by the Calgary Catholic Immigration Society - an organization that has started the garden to enhance the introduction of refugees and immigrants into Canadian Society.
The ICG is a long standing garden that has garden plots for urban gardener. They also have a portion of the property that is used provide food for others in the community that feed those with less.
Further - both organizations have an education component. Beekeeping is one aspect of it. In fact I do (in non Covid times) small workshops for City of Calgary Parks Department Summer program for kids (Bird Sanctuary). The kids (6 to 10 years) come to the ICG and we see beekeeping tool - speak of bee biology - and visit a beehive (weather permitting). The children come to us very nervous about bees. Though not in all cases they leave with a better understanding of honeybees and most importantly - they are not to be feared - they are to be respected (sting avoidance through their personal behaviour) - and where the honey come from.
At the LOD we do casual workshops for a variety of groups - the refugees - the new immigrants - volunteers at the garden - even a group of University students in environments studies.
Having said all this if think that the honey bees in the community tie our minds and

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souls back to nature. They are free ranging creatures that provide us with food on many levels Honey - pollination - beeswax that has many uses from cosmetic to candles used in religious ceremony. All of which are non toxic and biodegradable. Honey bees enhance the quality of life in the community - food - pollination - better mental health for the beekeeper and their families.

One last story - I live on 7th ave NE overlooking the river valley - we get many many passers by every day. I had a bee hive in my front yard - Partially obscured from sight and safely away from passers by. The folks still notice it and will ask about it. One day in early spring a family was walking by when I was out front - a couple and their little girl. Apparently the little girl had seen the bees in the summer. She and her mom queried about why the bees were not there any more. There was a visible sad moment when I had to tell them that they had died. A valued life was gone for her. Thank



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First name (required) Anthony

Last name (required) Jordan

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Responsible Pet By=law, Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protecti

Date of meeting May 12, 2021

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I am for beekeeping in the city and against unnecessary regulation. I have kept bees in Britannia for four years without any complaints. Honey bees are not aggressive. Most people who are stung are stung by wasps. I managed to survive over 70 years in this city without ever being stung by a bee, though I had many wasp stings. The same goes for my wife. They are not a nuisance. I am confident that none of my neighbours have been aware of my bees without my telling them and, usually, giving them a jar of honey.

The bees are valuable pollinators, not only of the fruit trees and flowers in our large garden, but the wild flowers in the Elbow River valley. Most of our honey comes from the sweet clover and Saskatoons in the valley.

Regulation of bees by the city is unnecessary. It will provide no services to beekeepers, will not provide any meaningful protection to those afraid of bees and wasps and will add an expense to the city and to an already expensive hobby or a marginal small business. So what is the point?

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw – legalizing backyard hens in Calgary, Regu
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

Backyard Chickens offer opportunity for sustainability in homegrown eggs and garden support, love of pets, educational opportunities and family bonding.

The current pandemic has brought with it many impacts globally beyond the tragedy of illness and death. We see struggle with mental health, loss of human/societal contact, jobs and finances. But what it has also done is bring family units together, asked us to think differently about how we interact with the world, and consider sustainability and survival in a way we have not before.

Backyard chickens is one example for our family that has hit the mark in these positive ways. Planning and designing a coop has lifted spirits. We have seen hope, looking toward a family project. It has encouraged us plan more time outside in maintaining a coop and enjoying a flock. We have done research, made checklists, created a space for something new. And we have found pride in the hope of an even more sustainable family garden, plans to use the new compost and manure, bringing homegrown eggs to the table, and the addition of a few new cuddly feathered family members our family 'flock'.

It may sound like a small thing, but this process already has made an impact by bringing hope and giving us some control in a world of loss.

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It isn't the pandemic alone that gives many Calgarian's a reason to fight for ownership, there are many. But now more than ever, I see the value in sustainability, love, learning and food that the inclusion of backyard chickens into Calgary's bylaw would bring.



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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership-Continuing Beekeeping-Council Meeting
Date of meeting	May 31, 2021

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- Beekeeping produces food within the City while bringing family, friends and community together.
- It is an opportunity to share knowledge about nature and the importance of bees in our food system.
- Beekeeping is an opportunity to educate the public about the difference between honey bees and wasps. Honey bees are quite docile and can easily coexist in an urban environment.
- Bees are often mistaken for wasps which are more aggressive. It is more likely that you will be stung by bumble bees or wasps that nest on your property than a honeybee whose hive is located on the beekeeper's property.
- Beekeeping gets people outside and engaged in producing food.
- It is a key part of The City's Food Action Plan - Calgary Eats! with the goal for every Calgarian to have access to local, healthy and environmentally friendly food.
- It allows beekeepers to continue keeping our bees, pollinating our gardens and producing honey.
- Foraging bees rarely sting as they are looking for nectar, pollen and water, and don't bother with people.

With the world in a steady steep decline in honey bee population, this is needed more

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than ever.

My ask of you is to support beekeeping and hence why I am making a submission to council.