



Committee of the Whole Report For the Meeting of April 12, 2018

To: Committee of the Whole **Date:** April 5, 2018
From: Chris Coates, City Clerk
Subject: Referral Response from Urban Food Table and Victoria Beekeeping Association

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive this report for information

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the March 15, 2018 Special Council meeting Council passed the following motion:

“Refer the BCSPCA animal responsibility bylaw section on urban hens and urban bees to the urban food table and to the Capital City Beekeeping, indicating that Council has taken no position on these provisions at this time and add as an appendix, the bylaws from the City of Vancouver and Duncan”.

The links below are the documents to which this referral applies.

[BC SPCA Model Animal Responsibility Bylaws Sept 2017](#)
[Duncan Animal Control](#)
[City of Vancouver Guidelines for Keeping of Backyard Hens](#)

The referrals were undertaken to both groups, and both groups have responded with comments and recommendations in connection with the issues identified in the referral. Appendix A attached, is the Urban Food Table response and Appendix B, the response from the Beekeeping Association. The Urban Food Table, though not specifically requested to do so, has also provided recommendations with respect to the number of chickens that could be kept as well as the issue of the owner residing on the parcel on which they are kept. These recommendations differ from the direction Council has approved to be included in the bylaw amendment that Council is also considering at the April 12th Committee of the Whole Meeting.

As Council has not given direction on these matters to this point, the information is provided for Council’s review and consideration. Council may wish to provide direction to proceed with additional bylaw amendments or alternatively request analysis from staff on the recommendations and potential bylaw amendments. The latter would have resource implications and as such be appropriate to refer to the next quarterly update for a further report on resource implications.

Respectfully submitted,



Chris Coates
City Clerk

Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:


Date: April 6, 2018

List of Attachments

Appendix A – Urban Food table Recommendations

Appendix B – Victoria Bee Keeping Association Recommendations