
Fw: Re Zoning Draft - Question set 1

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Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2026 2:08:16 AM

To: Alison Nicholson <alison.nicholson@cvrd.bc.ca>

Subject: Re: Re Zoning Draft - Question set 1

Hi Alison,

I appreciate you answering me so quickly. Do you know if there's anything will be any zoning allowing rabbits, ducks or quail? In many other municipalities across BC and Canada, quail is not considered livestock. I'd also like to point out to the planning committee that rabbits are exceptionally quiet as are Muscovy ducks. So I don't see why they wouldn't be allowed as well.

As for chickens not being able to free range, having them confined causes an increase in having to supply more costly feed. Not only does free range allow both ducks and chickens to be healthier but they also keep the snail and slug problem at bay. It might be beneficial for the planning staff and Directors to learn more about raising livestock and how people care for them. There's a lot of work that goes into it and pretty sure people wanting to raise them will educate themselves first before getting them.

Another benefit to rabbits is they produce cold manure, which can be applied to gardens without having to compost for months at a time.

Thank you for your time,

Monique Bandet

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> On Mar 27, 2026, at 12:31 PM, Alison Nicholson <alison.nicholson@cvrd.bc.ca> wrote:

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> Thanks for your question. Staff generally look to other jurisdictions to see how they regulate various issues. In this case staff said they chose a conservative approach when drafting the backyard chicken regulations because chickens are not a permitted use in the existing small lot residential zoning. I understand that this has been a problem in your neighbourhood for a long time so we are trying to correct it. The questions is what should be allowed to ensure folks will find it easy to comply and

maintain good neighbours and healthy animals. I was thinking 6-8 for smaller lots and 12-16 for larger lots?

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> From: Mo B [REDACTED]
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> Hi Alison,

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> Thank you for bringing up some good points at the meeting yesterday. I'm still listening to it now. I don't want to bombard you with lots of questions at the same time so I will ask you a few that has come up.

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> How does the planning committee come up with a certain amount of chickens per zoning area? We are currently not permitted any chickens and the new proposal says max 4-6. Why not 10-20? We have extensive experience with livestock and live on .33 of an acre right beside Keating Farm. So there would be no impact to surrounding neighbours as we are on the corner lot and there are no neighbours surrounding the area where the chickens would go. It is a road way and fully fenced.

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> One more question. I don't see any info on if we can also have ducks (muscovy), quail and rabbits.

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> My husband is on disability due to falling off the roof 2 years ago so being self sufficient would really help our family with food stability.

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> I will follow up with an email as well just thought I'd ask here first.

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> Thank you for your time. 🌸

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> *Monique Bandet*

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