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Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 8:41 PM
To: Clerks <Clerks@burnaby.ca>; Mayor <Mayor@burnaby.ca>
Subject: Backyard Chickens

Dear Burnaby Mayor & Council Members,

I am writing in support of Sherri Benjamin's family and their backyard chickens as well as in support of a bylaw allowing families to keep backyard chickens.

The Burnaby Now newspaper [published an article this week](#) featuring the issue and the ongoing debate amongst city council over this proposition. A large number of our local municipalities already allow for backyard chickens and have for many years. I was shocked to find out that Burnaby has not yet updated it's bylaws to follow suit.

As a Burnaby homeowner, resident and voter I am strongly in favour of allowing families to keep backyard chickens. There are a huge number of benefits to this for families including: a supply of fresh eggs, great fertilizer, natural pest control, and, the teaching of responsibility to younger children as well as all of the positive mental health advantages that come with owning a pet.

Given the current global situation with people at home more than ever, facing income losses, and struggling with their mental health being able to have the option of keeping chickens as both a stable food source and a pet for families seems like a decision that should be supported by everyone.

I hope that the council will seriously consider both waiving the fine currently levied against Sherri Benjamin and implementing bylaws which allow for the keeping of backyard chickens in our beautiful city.

I look forward to hearing your decision on the matter soon.

Best,

Rebecca Brunswick