

Backyard Hens Position Statement



Introduction

The Nipissing and Area Food Roundtable is a collaborative group of community stakeholders and food champions, working to create a healthy and sustainable food system for the Nipissing area. Our group was formed to work toward achieving the vision of a healthy, sustainable food system that is outlined in the [Nipissing and Area Food Charter](#)

Since the launch of the Nipissing and Area Food Charter in November, 2015, many individuals, organizations and municipalities have endorsed the Charter. The City of North Bay endorsed the Nipissing and Area Food Charter on March 7, 2016.

Position of the Nipissing & Area Food Roundtable

The Nipissing and Area Food Roundtable supports local food policies and zoning bylaws that promote safe, local food production. The Nipissing & Area Food Roundtable would be pleased to work with municipalities to develop policies that support local food production in our community.

Specifically, the Nipissing and Area Food Roundtable supports bylaws that permit the raising of backyard hens in residential areas. We also support that the hens and eggs be for household use only and that home slaughter be prohibited.

It has been well documented that backyard hens contribute to improvements in food literacy, the environment, health, and social well-being.

References

Harvest Haliburton. (2017). Submission to Minden Hills Planning and Development Committee Regarding Backyard Chickens.

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