

**TOWN OF STEPHENVILLE
MUNICIPAL PLAN
AMENDMENT No. 8, 2020**

Prepared for the Town of Stephenville

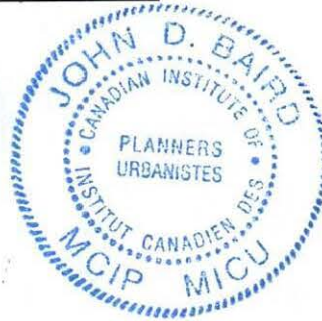
by

Baird Planning Associates



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John Baird, MCIP



**URBAN AND RURAL PLANNING ACT
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT
TOWN OF STEPHENVILLE
MUNICIPAL PLAN AMENDMENT No. 8, 2020**

Under the authority of Section 16 of the *Urban and Rural Planning Act 2000*, the Town Council of Stephenville adopts the Stephenville Municipal Plan Amendment No. 8, 2020.

Adopted by the Town Council of Stephenville on the 20th day of May 2021.

Signed and sealed this 23 day of Nov 2022.

Mayor:


Tom Rose

Clerk:


Jennifer Brake



CANADIAN INSTITUTE OF PLANNERS CERTIFICATION

I certify that the attached Municipal Plan Amendment No. 8, 2020 has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Urban and Rural Planning Act*.

MCIP:


John Baird



URBAN AND RURAL PLANNING ACT
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE
TOWN OF STEPHENVILLE MUNICIPAL PLAN
AMENDMENT No. 8, 2020

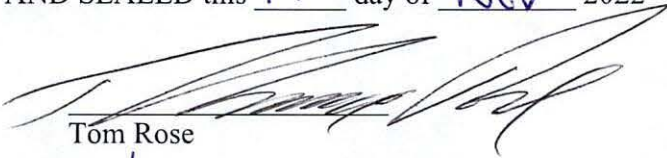
Under the authority of section 16, section 17 and section 18 of the *Urban and Rural Planning Act 2000*, the Town Council of Stephenville

- a) Adopted the Stephenville Municipal Plan Amendment No. 8, 2020 on the 20th day of May 2021.
- b) Gave notice of the adoption of Stephenville Municipal Plan Amendment No. 8, 2020 by advertisement posted on the 26th day of May as follows:
 - (i) Posted on the Town's website
 - (ii) Posted on the Town's Facebook account
 - (ii) Posted on notice boards at the Town Hall, Hartery's Family Restaurant, Sweet Shop, Co-op Grocery, and North Atlantic Gas Bar.
- c) Set the 25th day of June 2021 at 3:00 p.m. for receipt of written objections and other representations for consideration by the Public Hearing Commissioner.

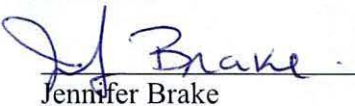
Now under Section 23 of the *Urban and Rural Planning Act 2000*, the Town Council of Stephenville approves the Stephenville Municipal Plan Amendment No. 8, 2020 as adopted.

SIGNED AND SEALED this 17th day of Nov 2022

Mayor:


Tom Rose

Clerk:


Jennifer Brake

(Council Seal)



Municipal Plan / Amendment

REGISTERED

Number 4945-2023-020

Date 4 Jan 2023

Signature 

TOWN OF STEPHENVILLE
MUNICIPAL PLAN AMENDMENT No. 8, 2020

BACKGROUND

The Town of Stephenville wishes to amend its Municipal Plan to give Council discretionary authority to permit the keeping of hens and quails on residential properties in accordance with the "*Stephenville Urban Hen and Quail Regulations*." The *Regulations* include provisions such as the type of facility that hens and quails must be kept in, its location on the lot, required control of the hens and quails, sanitation requirements, general prohibitions, and enforcement.

Council intends to undertake a two-year pilot project to determine if the keeping of hens and quails will be compatible in residential neighbourhoods. Applications will be considered in selected residential areas after giving public notice and receiving input from neighbours. Council will monitor each approved hen facility to assess adherence to the *Regulations*, how relevant and effective the *Regulations* are, and through communications with surrounding homeowners how compatible the activity is in the neighbourhood.

If the project demonstrates that hen and quail keeping can be compatible with neighbours, Council will consider wider approval of this activity. Conversely if compatibility is not demonstrated, Council will initiate another amendment process to remove hen keeping as a discretionary use.

The amendment will apply to the Rural Residential zone within the Rural designation and to the following zones within the Residential designation:

- Residential Low Density
- Residential Medium Density
- Residential Medium Density 2
- Residential Special
- Country Living Residential

The Stephenville Urban Hen Regulations are attached.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Public notice of the proposed amendment was posted on July 16, 2020, on the Town of Stephenville website and in the following physical locations in the town:

- Town Office
- Indian Head Co-op
- Coleman's Food Centre
- Dominion Supermarket

Residents could download a PDF copy of the proposed Hen and Quail Regulations from the Town's website. A deadline of July 28, 2020, at 4:00 pm was provided for submission of comments.

Twelve email submissions were received, of which 6 people support the amendment and 6 oppose it.

MUNICIPAL PLAN AMENDMENT No. 8, 2020

Amendment No. 8 to the Stephenville Municipal Plan includes the following change.

1. Section 3.1 – Residential (page 15)

After the second paragraph in Section 3.1,

ADD the following paragraph:

“At Council’s discretion the keeping of hens and quails on residential lots may be permitted for domestic use in the following zones subject to provisions set out in the Development Regulations and the Stephenville Urban Hen and Quail Regulations.

- *Residential Low Density*
- *Residential Medium Density*
- *Residential Medium Density 2*
- *Residential Special*
- *Country Living Residential”*

2. Section 3.8 - Rural (page 20)

Under the heading Permitted and Discretionary Uses - Rural Zone,

DELETE the following sentence on Page 20:

“Discretionary Uses in this zone may include certain non-residential uses, including agriculture, forestry, tourist cabins and transportation and other appropriate uses.”

And **REPLACE** with the following sentence:

“Discretionary Uses in this zone may include certain non-residential uses, including agriculture, forestry, tourist cabins, keeping of hens and quails, transportation and other appropriate uses.”