

TOWN OF STEWIACKE

CERTIFIED COPY OF ADMENTMENTS TO THE  
MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGY and LAND USE BY-LAW

I, Grant Cooke, Acting Chief Administrative Office for the Town of Stewiacke, Province of Nova Scotia, do hereby certify this is a true copy of the amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law adopted by the Council of the Town of Stewiacke at a duly assembled meeting held on the 26th day of October, 2017.

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Grant Cooke

Acting Chief Administrative Officer

## Town of Stewiacke

# Amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law

### Municipal Planning Strategy Amendments

The Municipal Planning Strategy for the Town of Stewiacke is amended by:

(a) deleting the paragraph immediately before Policy RP-3 and substituting the following:

“The keeping of horses is a traditional use in the Town, not only in the rural parts of Town but also on a number of lots in the R-2 Zone. Although the main use for this zone is residential development Council will continue to permit the keeping of a limited number of horses on lots that are larger than typical serviced residential lots. The Town has also received support from residents to allow a limited number of chickens in the R-2 Zone and will also permit them in the Zone.

Council will require a large lot area for the keeping of these animals to ensure the lot has sufficient size to accommodate the animals, to reduce the impact on adjacent residential uses, and to limit the number of lots eligible for this use. Council does not want the keeping of animals in the R-2 Zone to be so widespread that the residential character of this area is negatively affected.

Council is also of the opinion that the keeping of bees on lots of any size in the R-2 Zone is appropriate and poses no risk or impact on adjacent uses. ”, and

(b) deleting Policy RP-7 and substituting the following:

#### **“Policy RP-7**

**Notwithstanding Policy RP-3, Council will permit the keeping of horses and chickens in the R-2 Zone. Council will establish a minimum lot area on which this use will be permitted and restrict the number of animals on each lot. The keeping of bees will also be permitted with no restrictions.”**

## Land Use By-law Amendments

The Land Use By-law is amended by deleting **Section 8.3.5 Keeping of Farm Animals** and substituting the following:

### **“Section 8.3.5 Keeping of Horses, Chickens, and Bees**

1. The keeping of horses and chickens is permitted subject to the following:
  - (a) Horses – Minimum lot area is 1 acre (.4 hectares) for the first animal plus .5 acres (.2 hectares) for each subsequent animal.
  - (b) Chickens – Minimum lot area is 1 acre (.4 hectares) and the maximum number of chickens is five.
  - (c) A combination of horses and chickens may be kept on the same lot to a maximum of one horse and five chickens and the minimum lot area is 2 acres (.8 hectares).
2. The keeping of roosters is not permitted.
3. The keeping of bees is permitted with no restrictions.
4. The animals shall be kept in fenced area designed for the containment of the animals.
5. The use, including buildings and manure storage areas, is not permitted in the front yard.
6. Any structure for the housing of the animals shall be a minimum of 3 feet (1 metre) from a property line.
7. The storage of manure shall be a minimum of 9 feet (2.7 metres) from a property line and shall not exceed 400 square feet (37 square metres) in area.
8. The sale of products associated with farm animals is permitted.”