

**From:** [Lisa Muri](#)  
**To:** [Betty Forbes](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Keeping of Pigeons Bylaw  
**Date:** June 21, 2019 12:32:01 PM

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Call me if you have a voice

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On Jun 21, 2019, at 12:27 PM, Betty Forbes <[ForbesB@dnv.org](mailto:ForbesB@dnv.org)> wrote:

Is this new, it is dated April?

Yours in conversation and community,

Betty Forbes, Councillor  
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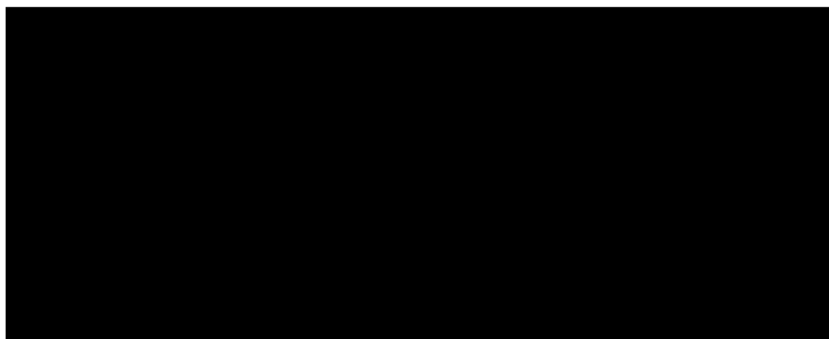
On Jun 20, 2019, at 4:36 PM, Lisa Muri <[MuriL@dnv.org](mailto:MuriL@dnv.org)> wrote:

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**From:** Deirdre Rogers <[rogersd@dnv.org](mailto:rogersd@dnv.org)>  
**Date:** June 20, 2019 at 3:15:55 PM PDT  
**To:** Lisa Muri <[MuriL@dnv.org](mailto:MuriL@dnv.org)>  
**Subject:** Keeping of Pigeons Bylaw

Lisa



**From:** [Lisa Muri](#)  
**To:** [Betty Forbes](#)  
**Subject:** Pigeons  
**Date:** May 17, 2019 11:01:28 AM

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**From:** [Lisa Muri](#)  
**To:** [Betty Forbes](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Repeal of the pigeon bylaw  
**Date:** April 24, 2019 9:50:29 PM

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It will be fine, we can wave the hearing.... if we need one

Councillor Lisa Muri  
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On Apr 24, 2019, at 9:49 PM, Betty Forbes <[ForbesB@dnv.org](mailto:ForbesB@dnv.org)> wrote:

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Yours in conversation and community,

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On Apr 24, 2019, at 2:25 PM, Lisa Muri <[MuriL@dnv.org](mailto:MuriL@dnv.org)> wrote:

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Dan Milburn <[milburnd@dnv.org](mailto:milburnd@dnv.org)>  
**Date:** April 24, 2019 at 1:55:25 PM PDT  
**To:** Lisa Muri <[MuriL@dnv.org](mailto:MuriL@dnv.org)>  
**Cc:** Linda Brick <[BrickL@dnv.org](mailto:BrickL@dnv.org)>, James Gordon  
<[gordonja@dnv.org](mailto:gordonja@dnv.org)>  
**Subject: RE: Repeal of the pigeon bylaw**

Hello,

I had not anticipated you expected this on May 6th  
Regular Agenda as you will be away that night...

As discussed today by phone, I will provide you with  
draft reports, for all the issues we have discussed, this  
week (including the repeal of the Keeping of Pigeons  
Bylaw).

Dan

-----Original Message-----

From: Lisa Muri <[MuriL@dnv.org](mailto:MuriL@dnv.org)>

Sent: April 24, 2019 1:31 PM

To: Linda Brick <[BrickL@dnv.org](mailto:BrickL@dnv.org)>; James Gordon  
<[gordonja@dnv.org](mailto:gordonja@dnv.org)>

Cc: Dan Milburn <[milburnd@dnv.org](mailto:milburnd@dnv.org)>

Subject: Repeal of the pigeon bylaw

Will this make the may 6th agenda as requested?

Councillor Lisa Muri

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[Muril@dnv.org](mailto:Muril@dnv.org)

**From:** [Dan Milburn](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [Richard Walton, Mayor](#); [David Stuart](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Bylaw #4078 and #8211 letter etc.  
**Date:** October 26, 2018 10:55:46 AM

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Hello [REDACTED]

I am concerned that you feel DNV staff have not been responsive to your requests for a call back. Our records indicate that either I, or the Bylaw Services Manager (Carol), a Bylaw Officer, or my Administrative Assistant (Jody) have responded to your calls (and left messages) if they could not reach you. Typically, staff respond to bylaw complaints if I am unavailable. Please let me know the dates of your two previous calls to me that were not returned. Staff document each call, so I should be able to find the underlying cause of this issue.

I understand you spoke to Carol yesterday about your ongoing concerns. Carol updated me about your conversation, in particular that you would like [REDACTED] pigeon's removed as you feel they are a nuisance.

Bylaw staff have responded to your complaints in the past by conducting investigations. In mid-August, staff completed a thorough site inspection and spoke to [REDACTED]. In response, [REDACTED] indicated that they removed six of their pigeons

We always appreciate any evidence (i.e. your personal observations etc.) of the pigeon's activities, as current evidence is crucial for us in any enforcement effort. So, thank you for your ongoing communication with us.

[REDACTED] We do not reveal a complainant's name when responding to complaints, unless the disclosure is required as part of a court action.

I am able to call you after 1:30 pm today. Please let me know what time works for you?

Sincerest Regards,

**Dan Milburn**, MCIP, RPP, RI(BC)  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** October 25, 2018 7:06 PM  
**To:** Dan Milburn <milburnd@dnv.org>

**Cc:** Richard Walton, Mayor <waltonr@dnv.org>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Bylaw #4078 and #8211 letter etc.

Dan Milburn,

Today I called and left a message that I wanted **you** to please return my call regarding the pigeon complaint at [REDACTED]. This was the third message I have left for you, the previous two calls were not returned. I then received a call from your assistant, Jody, informing me that Carol Walker would be calling today. I had also previously contacted Carol Walker twice with no return call.

The discussion and explanations for how this situation has been handled in the last **1 1/2 years** were not reasonable nor acceptable. I have attached a copy of the letter and of the Bylaw that I sent to Mayor Richard Walton on February 13th **of this year, one year into this issue**. I have also attached a highlighted copy of the bylaw where the wording clearly states what I was saying to Carol Walker today. I also did not receive any response from Mayor Richard Walton.

I have been patient, but I feel that 1 1/2 years of asking for this issue to be dealt with in accordance with the bylaw (and asking this bylaw to be updated in-line with the "chicken" bylaw passed last year) is more than enough. To hear that the Permits & Bylaw department assumes there is no further problem if they do not get a phone call to complain **again** is disturbing. Even more disturbing is not returning phone calls when messages are left so the complaint can be closed. This is not good service to the community and in particular to me. Nor should it take this long to resolve something that has been brought to your attention. I have now been threatened that [REDACTED]. I left this message in my last calls to you and still no return phone call. This whole issue started as a bylaw infraction that I believe had the District Bylaw and Permits department dealt with this in a timely and firm manner would have avoided [REDACTED]

I would appreciate your reviewing this complaint in light of this email and the attached information. Please call me or set a time for us to meet to discuss further.

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** "waltonr" <waltonr@dnv.org>  
**Cc:** walkerc@dnv.org  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 5:03:40 PM  
**Subject:** Bylaw #4078 and #8211 letter etc.

<http://www.dnv.org/sites/default/files/bylaws/Bylaw%204078.pdf>

<https://www.dnv.org/sites/default/files/bylaws/Bylaw%208211.pdf>

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**From:** [Cristina Rucci](#)  
**To:** [Kim Wasson](#)  
**Subject:** RE: FOI 19-160 Request for records - correspondence referencing Pigeons  
**Date:** July 25, 2019 4:07:39 PM

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Here's a start

Public Meeting minutes – May 16, 2017:

- 4.9. [REDACTED]: OPPOSED
- Requested that Council review the Keeping of Pigeon Bylaw as it is dated;
  - Spoke in opposition to the proposed bylaw;
  - Expressed concern that chickens have a short egg bearing life;
- \*Requested the proposed bylaw state that only one coop of any kind be allowed per residence; and,
- Urged Council to consider the financial impact this bylaw may have on neighbouring properties.

I put all of the comments in a table – this is a summary of what [REDACTED] wrote (DM 3146567)

53 Y	<p>Your first name: [REDACTED] Your last name: [REDACTED] Your postal code: [REDACTED]</p> <p>Do you support the proposed bylaw to allow domestic hens in backyards? No Do you have any comments about this proposed bylaw? I am not allowed to put my garbage cans out the night before collection (1 day a week) but "food bait" will be out 24/7.</p> <p>I have had bears, racoons, and other wildlife on my property not only at night but in the middle of the day. This wildlife has caused property damage without any attractant let alone if chickens are around.</p> <p>[REDACTED] dog attacked mid-day by a racoon and the dog lost [REDACTED] leg. Again no attractants around. Will [REDACTED] be safe in my yard if chicken coups are allowed? I don't believe so.</p> <p>A neighbour has just put a pigeon coup in their backyard. (PLEASE DO NOT TELL ME THAT PIGEONS AND CHICKENS ARE NOT THE SAME. THEY ARE BOTH DIRTY BIRDS.) This coup has not been permitted by DNV. In a fantasy world we would hope that all good people would obey laws and therefore all chicken or pigeon coups would be registered. But human nature, and the real world has told this is not necessarily so. I have been told that DNV does not have enough staff to follow-up on construction violations in a timely manner, so how can you monitor registrations? How can you check on the number of hens, their living conditions, the coup plans, or collect any fees if this is voluntary?</p>
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The pigeon by-law is nearly 50 years old and needs to be reviewed and up-dated. There is no stated limit on how many pigeons can be kept. If this by-law is passed I would want the stipulation that only ONE coup (either pigeon or chicken} is allowed.

I would also want to see some control over the "look" of these coups. They should not look unsightly. They should be painted on the exterior so as not to impact property values of neighbouring properties. Just like design codes for buildings.

If people want food closer to them, there are plenty of grocery stores, organic outlets to shop at in North Vancouver. If they want to have a backyard of traditional "farm" animals then they should perhaps live outside of the core of greater Vancouver.

The DNV is unique in its location. We are built on the side of mountains with lots of forest areas, trails, green spaces, and parks around our residential neighbourhoods (ie: Capilano Suspension Bridge, Cleveland Dam, Lynn Valley Canyon & Suspension Bridge, Seymour Demonstration Forest, Badin Powell Trail etc. This is the beauty of the DNV. This is why people move here.

Also, the DNV is unique from the City of NV, District of WV, or Vancouver. All the wildlife that may be attracted to the City of NV or Vancouver must pass thru DNV properties first.

[REDACTED]

We have all seen the pictures of bears ripping off car doors when some attractant was left inside a car and raccoon damages. It is my belief that if a bear or other wildlife wants in a coup there is nothing that will stop them and they will in all likelihood pass thru other residences properties possibly causing damage or proving to be a safety issue.

Both chicken and pigeons can carry disease and are dirty. How can you control health risks, monitor that the chickens or pigeons are being kept in an approved coups, under humane living conditions, food is stored so as not to attract other animals, the number of kept birds is within the by-law? You will be relying on honesty of bird owners and or neighbours to monitor their neighbourhood. What are you going to do to ensure the above is monitored.

If you pass this by-law you are responsible to have a reliable system in place to monitor all this.

If parents want to teach children accountability and discipline of owning a pet, then there are numerous animal species that make good pets that don't impinge on the rights or endanger other neighbours.

I am very opposed to this by-law!!!



**From:** [Dan Milburn](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [David Stuart](#); [Carol Walker](#); [James Gordon](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Bylaw infraction @ [REDACTED]  
**Date:** November 02, 2018 4:52:52 PM

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Hello [REDACTED]

Thank you for providing me with an overview of the impacts you have experienced from [REDACTED] pigeons.

As a follow-up, please confirm to me the following by return email:

- 1) A rat and mouse have been observed near [REDACTED] pigeon coup in early spring 2018
- 2) Every nice (fair weather) weekend since this summer, the pigeons were observed flying over [REDACTED] over adjacent public lands (Karen Magnussen Community Recreation Centre).
- 3) Pigeon's have flown over *and* perched on [REDACTED] in the past (see photos sent in July, 2018).

In addition, could you please confirm whether pigeons have been observed, "perching, roosting or nesting" [REDACTED] or on public lands (either observed by [REDACTED] other person) since this summer. The reason why I am asking for this information now is that I have checked with our solicitor and for us to proceed with progressive enforcement actions we will need to confirm evidence of such a recent breach of the bylaw. Such evidence is necessary, as the owner of the pigeons has claimed that their removal of six pigeons in August has eliminated problem. I know you find this whole matter very frustrating. I am hoping you can provide this evidence (i.e. your written confirmation of your observations) so that we can pursue this matter further.

As for making amendments to the Keeping of Pigeons Bylaw, staff would need direction from Council. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in accordance with the Council Procedures Bylaw, recommending the repeal or amendment to the Keeping of Pigeons Bylaw. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and I would be happy to draft a brief report and resolution for your consideration, should you choose to pursue this matter further.

Regards,

**Dan Milburn**, MCIP, RPP, RI (BC)  
*General Manager, Planning, Properties & Permits  
Approving Officer*



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**From:** Dan Milburn

**Sent:** July 27, 2018 1:38 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Bylaw infraction @ [REDACTED]

Hello [REDACTED]

As I mentioned, it is not currently in our work plan to update the Keeping of Pigeons Bylaw.

Council would need to direct staff to prepare amendments to the Bylaw. However, it is not on our list of priority issues at this time.

Regards,

**Dan Milburn**, MCIP, RPP, RI

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** July 27, 2018 9:33 AM

**To:** Dan Milburn <[milburnd@dnv.org](mailto:milburnd@dnv.org)>

**Subject:** Re: Bylaw infraction @ [REDACTED]

Thanks Dan. What are the steps to get this bylaw updated? Thank you.



Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

----- Original message -----

From: Dan Milburn <[milburnd@dnv.org](mailto:milburnd@dnv.org)>

Date: 2018-07-27 8:09 AM (GMT-08:00)

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Carol Walker <[WalkerCA@dnv.org](mailto:WalkerCA@dnv.org)>

Subject: RE: Bylaw infraction @ [REDACTED]

Hello [REDACTED]

Thank you for providing this additional information. This evidence is very helpful for our investigation.

As discussed, a Bylaw Officer will be attending [REDACTED] property in response to your complaint.

They will work with [REDACTED] to obtain bylaw compliance with respect to the Keeping of Pigeons Bylaw.

Thank you,

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** July 26, 2018 8:43 PM

**To:** Dan Milburn <[milburnd@dnv.org](mailto:milburnd@dnv.org)>

**Cc:** Carol Walker <[WalkerCA@dnv.org](mailto:WalkerCA@dnv.org)>

**Subject:** Bylaw infraction @ [REDACTED]

Hi Dan,

Further to our conversation today I was in my backyard today and one of the pigeons flew right into [REDACTED].

Also several pigeons were flying around my house, resting on my house, sitting on the roof of [REDACTED]. I have attached some pictures but unless you magnify them it is very hard to make out the birds. One was flying right at me.

Again, this has been going on for 1 ½ years that I have been phoning the bylaw department. I would like these birds removed until a proper permit is issued and that he be told the birds cannot fly loose around the neighbourhood. I am concerned about the mess they leave on my property, rodent infestation from their feed droppings, [REDACTED], flying into my

glass, resting on my house roof and [REDACTED]

As I presented to Mayor Walton and Council when the chicken bylaw was passed, this 1970's bylaw needs to be updated in line with the new chicken bylaw and Mayor Walton told me staff could handle this. However nothing has been done to date.

Please let me know what the outcome of this will be as [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED].

Thank you,  
[REDACTED]

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

May 15, 2017

TO: Council Members: Mayor Richard Walton Councillor Roger Bassam Councillor Mathew Bond Councillor Jim Hanson Councillor Robin Hicks Councillor Doug MacKay-Dunn Councillor Lisa Muri

RE: Keeping of Domestic Hens Bylaw 8211

Dear Council Members,

My name is [REDACTED] and I reside at [REDACTED], North Vancouver. I am adamantly **opposed** to the keeping of hens in the District of North Vancouver. This activity should be strictly confined to agricultural or rural land.

Below I have listed some of my concerns, observations, and requests of Council.

Some Concerns:

- The downward impact on neighbouring residential properties because of what their neighbours have decided. The BC Assessment Authority will not consider if there is a coup in your neighbour's yard when assessing your property and you will pay taxes on their assessment. However, according to some real estate professionals I have talked with a coup in a neighbour's property **will impact buyers offer**. Why am I going to pay financially for the choice my neighbours make? Ask yourself if people really pay the extremely high housing prices in the DNV to live next to farm animals.
- I have had a large black bear on my property in the middle of the day. How safe are my [REDACTED] or my pets if we add an attractant for bears such as chickens and their feed? I have lived in my home for over [REDACTED] years and almost every year there are "Bear Sighting" warnings posted in my neighbourhood, including around [REDACTED] Elementary School. The food will attract them and depending on how hungry they are, they will be attracted to the chickens. Bears do not go from A to B. They will meander and therefore surrounding properties to a coup could experience physical damage and personal damage. Who will pay for any damages to my person or property by bears etc.
- Other wildlife will be attracted such as rats, racoons, cougars, etc. Just recently a cougar attacked a dog on its own property in West Vancouver. How many residential owners are having to reseed or replace their lawns this year because of racoon and crow damage? [REDACTED] of my neighbours are

having to totally replace their lawns. This is expensive. I have spoken to DNV staff in the past week and been told that they are receiving many many calls about problems with rats. What will adding chicken coups do for this problem? Another neighbour's dog has lost its leg because of a racoon attack in the middle of the day in their backyard. These are consequential results of living in the DNV prior to any coups being added.


- The residents of DNV have been required to keep their garbage inside a building and not put it out for pickup until the morning of pickup. To some elderly, retired, or shift workers this has been an inconvenience but worth the knowledge that this will save the need to kill as many bears as in the past. So now why are we tempting bears back into our neighbourhoods?

#### Some Observations:

- The "C.L.U.C.K." organization (Canadian Liberation of Chickens Klub) has lobbied very extensively across Canada for "backyard chickens" in urban areas since 2011. Sometimes successful and sometimes not. Their mandate is making "villages" sustainable. The word sustainable also means maintainable, bearable, viable, balanced. I have no objection to lobbying but there needs to be some consideration to any statistics received by the DNV regarding the survey of DNV residents. All statistics can be made to express a particular point of view. For example, the on-line DNV survey or presentations can be skewed to appear to favour the keeping of chickens when this is not the majority wish of DNV residences.
  - Has the DNV checked that all respondents/presenters are residential homeowners as opposed to non-residents or apartment/townhouse/condominium owners?
  - The C.L.U.C.K. organization has its own web site to rally many supporters from its members as compared to individual residential Owners. This can skew responses in favour of the wishes of the lobbying group both on-line and at presentations.
  - C.L.U.C.K. is also supported by an even larger organization called Village Vancouver Transition Society. This "Society" has its own website that advertises, supports, and celebrates the aims and "wins" of C.L.U.C.K. It has over 3,000 members.
  - They link to Chickens in North Vancouver web site. This is another lobbying membership group. This site advertises pot luck dinner gatherings among other events to rally support to lobby for and celebrate the passing of bylaws to enable keeping chickens in urban backyards.
  - Organization, memberships, web sites, money and numbers can skew numbers and presentations which do not necessarily represent most individuals.

- The proposed bylaw for backyard chicken's states that only one coup is allowed per residence.

**This bylaw should also state that only one coup of any kind is allowed per residence.** This is required because currently the DNV allows pigeon coups as well.

- There is no detail of what will happen to chickens who are alive and no longer wanted by the Owner. Chickens have an 8 to 10-year life span but only a 2-year laying period. If Owners wish to relinquish hens where, how, to who do they take them? Who bears the cost of this? Vancouver gave \$20,000 to Animal Control to handle all complaints and issues. Is the DNV setting aside funds for this issue?
- Along these lines, chickens have a "pecking order". Older chickens who are part of the original group will peck and beat-up new chickens. They will isolate, maim, and cause the death of new chickens. Does an Owner then get an entirely new batch of hens every 2 years? What happens to the old group?
- Other Canadian municipalities such as Ottawa and Hamilton only allow chickens to be kept on rural or agricultural premises. DNV should do the same, we do not have to have a "pack" mentality that because 2 of the 3 Northshore municipalities have passed bylaws accepting chickens the DNV needs to do the same.
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- Will the DNV on a regular basis go and count the # of chickens?
- The premise of teaching children where their food comes from is unfounded as children learn this in school, from parents, and can go to Maplewood Farms to see for themselves.
- The need to teach children "responsibility" again is unfounded as accountability, responsibility can be taught in many ways and with animals already accepted in the DNV.
- The idea of giving urban areas sustainability is confusing to say the least. If this bylaw passes what is next as 6 chickens will not keep the average family of 4 in eggs weekly or supersede the cost of a coup (possibly \$3,000), cost of food, time, training, etc.
- There is an assumption these eggs would be healthier. Not necessarily. It would depend on the type of feed, and maintenance of the living conditions.
- There are plenty of eggs of all kinds and at sustainable prices available to be purchased locally and thereby support local businesses already established.

## Some Requests of Council

- Do not pass Bylaw 8211. Refer to above notes.
- Amend this bylaw to state “Only one coup of ANY kind” is allowed per residential lot. This is necessary because currently Pigeon coups are allowed in the DNV.
- The Keeping of Pigeons Bylaw #4078 is currently almost 50 years old and considering that and the current proposed chicken bylaw, it should be reviewed by council and the public regarding possible amendments, or revocation etc.
- Add to any accepted chicken bylaw how, when, where live unwanted chickens are to be disposed of by Owners. They only lay eggs for 2 years. New birds in most cases cannot be added to a current group without isolation, injury, and possible death.
- Do not simply feel the need to do what 2 of 3 municipalities on the Northshore have done. Do what is in the best interest of the DNV residential property Owners.
- Consider the financial impact of this bylaw on neighbouring properties.
- How and by who is this potential bylaw going to be enforced?
- Put in bylaw,
  - Step 1: Register & pay fees re coup before getting chickens
  - Step 2: Mandatory inspection of coup after registration.
  - Step 3: Once coup has been approved, 2-4 chickens can be placed in coup.
  - Step 4: Follow-up annual inspections (if not more) mandatory.
- Have funds be set aside for enforcement and voluntary surrender of unwanted chickens.
- One premise of some lobbying done before you are to facilitate the DNV idea of sustainability. Consider that 6 chickens do not sustain an average family of 4 nor the entire community and Council should encourage the support of current local businesses.
- Examine the statistics from the online survey conducted in March/April 2017 with the consideration that statistics can be skewed by lobby groups that do not necessarily represent most DNV residences.
- The current proposed chicken bylaw is worded with a slant implying any issues are minor.





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**From:** Richard Walton, Mayor <waltonr@dnv.org>

**Sent:** February 14, 2018 2:12 PM

**To:** Carol Walker <WalkerCA@dnv.org>

**Cc:** Cristina Rucci <RucciC@dnv.org>

**Subject:** Fwd: Bylaw #4078 and #8211 letter etc.

██████████ seems to have reasonable concerns. What am I missing? RW

Sent from the iPad of  
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**Date:** February 13, 2018 at 5:03:40 PM PST  
**To:** "waltonr@dnv.org" <waltonr@dnv.org>  
**Cc:** "walkerc@dnv.org" <walkerc@dnv.org>  
**Subject:** **Bylaw #4078 and #8211 letter etc.**

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February 13, 2018

Mayor Richard Walton  
District of North Vancouver  
355 Queens Road  
North Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mayor Walton,

RE: Bylaw 4078 Keeping of Pigeons & Bylaw 8211 Keeping of Domestic Hens  
(copies of each bylaw attached)

This letter is about two issues that I have brought to both you and the Councillors, and staff with no satisfaction since spring 2017.

Last year when the Keeping of Domestic Hens bylaw was under consideration for adoption I spoke at the Public Hearing on May 16, 2017. I was against this proposed bylaw and I still feel that way. However it was adopted September 11, 2017

During my speaking to Council I referenced the Pigeon Bylaw 4078 that was adopted in 1971 and amended in 1978. I referenced this for many reasons one of which was I was concerned that if we were now going to adopt the Keeping of Domestic Hens Bylaw 8211 in 2017 there was nothing in either bylaw that stated only "**one coup of any kind**" (either pigeon OR chicken) would be allowed. I requested this be in the new bylaw #8211. I also request that the older bylaw #4078 be reviewed by district staff for possible changes in light of the Keeping of Domestic Hens bylaw for appropriate consistency.

Mr. Mayor your comment back to me was that you were unaware of the pigeon bylaw and agreed with my point of only one coup of any kind and was "sure staff could handle that". Then bylaw #8211 was adopted saying in 6(e) "...have or permit more than one enclosure per single family residential lot...". The word enclosure as defined in 2(d) "means an enclosed structure designed for the keeping of chickens ...". Therefore, there is no definitive statement for one coup of any kind. I am requesting bylaw #8211 be modified to say such.

I have also been dealing with the Permit & Bylaws Department since the spring of 2017 with no satisfaction about [REDACTED] who has a 12 - 15 pigeons. He has never had a permit for this pigeon coup and as of today, February 13, 2018, still does not have a permit. He allows his pigeons to fly and perch on neighbours properties without any control or supervision. The bylaws department told him in the spring of 2017 to remove the pigeons until he obtained a permit. He did this for 1 month and then brought them back to his property. **Still with no permit a year later.**

After several conversations in the past year with the bylaws department staff and Manager Carol Walker I was advised I needed to provide proof of them flying around my property, [REDACTED], and perching on my roof. This is ridiculous as he is contravening the law not I. They need to just look in their records and see he has no permit to keep the pigeons. It is also absurd to think that I have the time or ability to sit in my yard stalking his pigeons with a camera in hand. Have you ever tried to capture a flying bird with a cell phone? It's impossible. I wonder what happens when I am not home? He is in violation of having this coup & pigeons, but the bylaw department has changed its attitude and won't do anything!

As I mentioned, I [REDACTED] and I do not feel it is safe letting anyone, [REDACTED]. Please see attached article from Medical News Today regarding "Birds and their droppings can carry over 60 diseases". These pigeons also perch on my roof, and eaves, and fly around my property. [REDACTED]

Please find attached a copy of bylaw 4078 Keeping of Pigeons and Doves. This bylaw has not been updated since 1978, 40 years. Again, I request this bylaw be reviewed considering the bylaw 8211 Keeping of Domestic Hens. Please note the following in particular: One of my expectations of bylaws is to address issues that affect the community and enforce the law. This is not being done.

Again, I am asking that these two bylaws be consistent and state only one coup of any kind per resident. I ask again that the pigeon bylaw #4078 be reviewed and updated for a number of reasons:

1. One coup of any kind per residential property should be included in this bylaw.
2. My neighbour has for over a year been in violation of:
  - a. Point #2, #2a, #2b, #5, #6, (I have seen rats eat where the food falls thru the coup and [REDACTED] because these rats are sometimes coming from their yard [REDACTED].) and yet the Permits & Bylaw department has yet to act even though I have informed them of his violations several times.
  - b. He is also in violation #11, #12(1), #12(1)(a), #12(1)(b), #12(1)(c), #12(2)(a), #12(2)(b). Please note that I am requesting that #12(2)(b) wording "...coops and lofts" be changed to "coop".
  - c. He is also in violation of #13, #14 (rats & mice), #17 (he has no permit, no inspections, no supervision and lets them fly loose in neighbourhood),
  - d. Permits and Bylaws is not doing #15, #16, #17, and #18.
  - e.

Bylaw #8211 "Keeping of Domestic Hens" contains the following that bylaw #4078 does not:

1. Definitions (2)
2. Defined Applicability (3)
3. Defined or referenced Fees for permit etc. (4)(a),(4)(b)
4. Well defined coup construction, maintenance, and location as in (4)(c)(l) thru to (4)(c)(viii), (4)(d) thru to (4)(k). Owner of pigeons would be violating (4)e as there are rats climbing his coup, (f) food is drooping on ground attracting rats, and (g) for same reason
5. Inspection (5) – this coup has not been permitted even thou it would be due for an annual inspection. The Permit Department is not collecting annual permit fees because it has not come out for initial inspection and granted a permit even though they are aware of the problem for over a year.
6. Prohibited Uses (6) –
  - a. (c) there is no limit on number of pigeons [REDACTED] has between 12 – 15 pigeons but you are only allowed 6 hens.
  - b. (b) no age requirement on pigeons as in hens
  - c. (e) states “have or permit more than one enclosure per single family residential lot”. I would like this to read “...more than one enclosure of any kind per single ...”
  - d. Please reference and compare both bylaws with 6(f) to 6(l)
7. Enforcement (7)
8. Obstruction (8)
9. Seizure and Disposition (9)
10. Offence and Penalties (a) & (b) - the pigeon bylaw should be consistent with these obligations of the Owner and the fines imposed
11. Municipal Ticket Enforcement should be consistent with pigeon bylaw and this table of fines should be added to pigeon bylaws.

In summary I would like the two bylaws to be made consistent with each other as they both involve the keeping of birds and highlight that between the two bylaws only one coup of any kind is allowed. Also, I would like the bylaw department to enforce the bylaw and act to have the pigeons removed until and if a permit is issued (as they did in the spring of 2017). I would like to be notified if and when a permit is issued.

Thank you for any assistance you can provide.

Best Regard,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [Lisa Muri](#)  
**To:** [Dan Milburn](#)  
**Cc:** [David Stuart](#); [Carol Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Bylaw infraction @ [REDACTED]  
**Date:** April 04, 2019 4:38:47 PM

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Let's start the process of repeal.....

Councillor Lisa Muri  
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On Apr 4, 2019, at 2:35 PM, Dan Milburn <[milburnd@dnv.org](mailto:milburnd@dnv.org)> wrote:

Hello Councillor Muri,  
Further to your voicemail message today, please see my last correspondence with [REDACTED] below. We also spoke on the phone after this email exchange. Essentially, we were hoping to receive any evidence that the pigeons were still a problem. (Our bylaw staff have gone by the site but seen no evidence). Given that [REDACTED] has been spending a fair amount of time at home, I'm wondering if [REDACTED] has witnessed the pigeons still flying over, and perching, roosting or nesting on public lands or private property in contravention of the Bylaw. We need this evidence to pursue enforcement action, because the Keeping of Pigeons Bylaw permits this use. Personally, I would have no concerns if Council were to decide to repeal this bylaw. It is a very uncommon type of use in the community.  
Dan

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**From:** Dan Milburn  
**Sent:** November 02, 2018 4:53 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** David Stuart <[StuartD@dnv.org](mailto:StuartD@dnv.org)>; Carol Walker <[WalkerCA@dnv.org](mailto:WalkerCA@dnv.org)>; James Gordon <[gordonja@dnv.org](mailto:gordonja@dnv.org)>  
**Subject:** FW: Bylaw infraction @ [REDACTED]

Hello [REDACTED]  
Thank you for providing me with an overview of the impacts you have experienced from [REDACTED] pigeons.  
As a follow-up, please confirm to me the following by return email:  
<!--[if !supportLists]-->1) <!--[endif]-->A rat and mouse have been observed near [REDACTED] pigeon coup in early spring 2018  
<!--[if !supportLists]-->2) <!--[endif]-->Every nice (fair weather) weekend since this summer, the pigeons were observed flying over your property and over adjacent public lands (Karen Magnussen Community Recreation Centre).  
<!--[if !supportLists]-->3) <!--[endif]-->Pigeon's have flown over *and* perched on your property in the past (see photos sent in July, 2018).  
In addition, could you please confirm whether pigeons have been observed, "perching, roosting or nesting" on your property or on public lands (either observed by you, [REDACTED] since this summer. The reason why I am asking for this information now is that I have checked with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Such evidence is necessary, as the owner of the pigeons has

claimed that their removal of six pigeons in August has eliminated problem. I know you find this whole matter very frustrating. I am hoping you can provide this evidence (i.e. your written confirmation of your observations) so that we can pursue this matter further.

As for making amendments to the Keeping of Pigeons Bylaw, staff would need direction from Council [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in accordance with the Council Procedures Bylaw, recommending the repeal or amendment to the Keeping of Pigeons Bylaw. [REDACTED]

Regards,

**Dan Milburn**, MCIP, RPP, RI (BC)  
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**From:** Dan Milburn

**Sent:** July 27, 2018 1:38 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Bylaw infraction @ [REDACTED]

Hello [REDACTED]

As I mentioned, it is not currently in our work plan to update the Keeping of Pigeons Bylaw.

Council would need to direct staff to prepare amendments to the Bylaw. However, it is not on our list of priority issues at this time.

Regards,

**Dan Milburn**, MCIP, RPP, RI  
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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** July 27, 2018 9:33 AM

**To:** Dan Milburn <[milburnd@dnv.org](mailto:milburnd@dnv.org)>

**Subject:** Re: Bylaw infraction @ [REDACTED]

Thanks Dan. What are the steps to get this bylaw updated? Thank you.

[REDACTED]  
Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

----- Original message -----

From: Dan Milburn <[milburnd@dnv.org](mailto:milburnd@dnv.org)>

Date: 2018-07-27 8:09 AM (GMT-08:00)

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Carol Walker <[WalkerCA@dnv.org](mailto:WalkerCA@dnv.org)>

Subject: RE: Bylaw infraction @ [REDACTED]

Hello [REDACTED]

Thank you for providing this additional information. This evidence is very helpful

for our investigation.

As discussed, a Bylaw Officer will be attending [REDACTED] property in response to your complaint.

They will work with [REDACTED] to obtain bylaw compliance with respect to the Keeping of Pigeons Bylaw.

Thank you,

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** July 26, 2018 8:43 PM

**To:** Dan Milburn <[milburnd@dnv.org](mailto:milburnd@dnv.org)>

**Cc:** Carol Walker <[WalkerCA@dnv.org](mailto:WalkerCA@dnv.org)>

**Subject:** Bylaw infraction @ [REDACTED]

Hi Dan,

Further to our conversation today I was in my backyard today and one of the pigeons flew right into [REDACTED] twice.

Also several pigeons were flying around my house, resting on my house, sitting on the roof of [REDACTED] I have attached some pictures but unless you magnify them it is very hard to make out the birds. One was flying right at me.

Again, this has been going on for 1 ½ years that I have been phoning the bylaw department. I would like these birds removed until a proper permit is issued and that he be told the birds cannot fly loose around the neighbourhood. I am concerned about the mess they leave on my property, rodent infestation from their feed droppings, droppings [REDACTED], resting on my house roof and my [REDACTED]

As I presented to Mayor Walton and Council when the chicken bylaw was passed, this 1970's bylaw needs to be updated in line with the new chicken bylaw and Mayor Walton told me staff could handle this. However nothing has been done to date.

Please let me know what the outcome of this will be [REDACTED]

Thank you,  
[REDACTED]

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