From: jean rodda [ma
Sent: Tuesday, November 01, 2011 7:04 PM
To: Edwards, Karen
Subject: RE: restricting chickens in the City of Hamilton

Dear Karen,
I want to make this submission regarding the keeping of chickens in the city. There are groups who are attempting to put pressure on cities to allow chickens within the city limits, at least in the urban areas, not just the rural areas. I would like to direct your attention to a website entitled, www.birdmites.org. You will find it extremely disturbing to know what people have gone through because of bird mites. A local veterinarian told me of the time their family converted a chicken barn into a horse barn. Every warm-blooded family member, person, dog, cat, and horse, became infested with bird mites. Only because she was a vet and recognized the problem, was she able to quickly and completely eradicate the bird mites. In the process, she herself had to be hospitalized due to the quantity of pesticides that it was necessary for her to use, in order to cleanse all persons and animals of the bird mites. This horror may come on citizens in Hamilton if we allow chickens to be kept within the confines of the city.

Thank you to those responsible for putting forth the new bylaw, and having the sense to realize that some things are best left the way they are.

Jean Rodda