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Referencing proposed "Town of Ladysmith Animal Control Bylaw 2024, No. 2167", and proposed amendments to the Zoning Bylaw:

Good morning,

I would ask the Town's consideration, prior to voting this evening, to review the Backyard Poultry Exclusion Areas Map when considering which neighbourhoods are best suited to fall outside of the Exclusion Areas ensuring backyards back onto backyards. Not only would this help to clearly define 'backyard' under the Bylaw when placing the backyard coop and pen, but it would also help towards making for positive shared experiences nurturing backyard poultry acceptance.

The neighbourhood of a portion of Louise Road and Gourlay Place has been named in the Inclusion Area to house backyard poultry as shown in the Schedule presented to Council. Taken from the Town of Ladysmith Web Map, I have attached a screenshot of the neighbourhood where properties regardless of the civic address are presented in such a way that the backyard of 513 Gourlay Place fronts the adjacent properties of 512 and 516 Louise Road, and 520 and 522 Louise Road front entrances and drives are off Gourlay Place, or what would be considered based on address as their backyards.

As the Exclusion Map stands for this evening's vote the potential for Backyard Poultry coop and pen placement and Bylaw enforcement could lead to individual interpretation, that has the potential to pit neighbour against neighbour, as well as affecting neighbourhood curb appeal that plays a key role in property value remaining consistent with the Ladysmith properties designated as 'in the Exclusion Areas' (shown in red on the Bylaw schedule).

I thank you for taking your time to consider my request.

Sincerely,

Vicky Stickwood-Hislop

Property Owner and Resident of Ladysmith

