



Project overview

In 2012 Calgary City Council endorsed the CalgaryEATS! Food System Assessment and Action Plan. The vision of CalgaryEATS! is to create a sustainable and resilient Calgary food system so that every citizen has access to local, healthy and environmentally friendly food. The review of Calgary's planning and development rules will ensure there continue to be opportunities for a strong local food system that contributes to the overall strength and health of our community and citizens.

The City of Calgary is reviewing the planning and development rules for growing, processing, and distributing food. This is to ensure there are opportunities for businesses and individuals to produce and process food in the city and to see if existing opportunities need to be clarified. This review of the Land Use Bylaw includes the indoor and outdoor growing of food, small scale food processing and opportunities for growing food to support other uses, such as restaurants.

Engagement overview

This report covers the questions and responses asked during a public online survey that occurred from March 3 - March 18, 2016.

What we asked

Stakeholders were presented with background information in order to have a greater understanding of the project prior to providing feedback.

Background information: Growing Food

The Land Use Bylaw currently allows for the following, subject to applicable permits and approvals.

1. Growing food in a maintained garden in the front, back and side yards of your residential property, or hiring someone else to do so.
2. Growing food as a member of a community garden on public park land.
3. Growing food in rooftop gardens in multi-residential, commercial and industrial districts.
4. Farming on newly annexed land prior to urban development and land that is designated for current and future transportation and utility needs.
5. Growing food indoors in industrial areas.
6. Producing food intensively (indoor livestock operations and greenhouses) only on parcels specifically designated for the use by Council.



Question: Are there any changes you would like to see made to these current opportunities for growing food? Why or why not?

Background information: Processing Food

The Land Use Bylaw currently allows for the following, subject to applicable permits and approvals.

1. Manufacturing food in industrial areas and some commercial areas.
2. Smaller scale manufacturing within a specialty food store in some industrial and commercial areas.

Question: Are there any changes you would like to see made to these current opportunities for processing food? Why or why not?

Background information: Distributing Food

The Land Use Bylaw currently allows for the following, subject to applicable permits and approvals.

1. Occasional distribution of food from a community hall, church, or other public gathering place.
2. Permanent farmer's markets in some commercial and industrial districts.
3. Seasonal or special event farmer's markets associated with a community hall or other public use.

Question: Are there any changes you would like to see made to these current opportunities for distributing food? Why or why not?

Background information: Additional Opportunities

Additional opportunities are being considered during this review, subject to applicable permits and approvals.

Growing Food

1. Growing food in the landscaped area of a multi-residential, commercial, or industrial district.
2. Growing food outdoors on vacant lots in residential, commercial, or industrial areas as a temporary use.
3. Commercial outdoor and indoor food growing in some commercial and industrial areas.
4. A small greenhouse and/or outdoor growing area associated with another commercial use, such as a restaurant.
5. Growing food in the landscaped area in a low density residential (i.e. a house), multi-residential, commercial or industrial as an accessory commercial use. This is where a company or person who is not the owner, resident or business operator of the land uses the landscaped areas of the land to grow food, harvest it, and sell it at another location, such as a farmers market.



Questions:

What do you like best about these additional opportunities being considered for growing food?

What concerns do you have about these additional opportunities being considered for growing food?

Are there restrictions or rules you would suggest in order to make these additional opportunities being considered for growing food successful?

Are there any additional opportunities for growing food that are missing from this list?

Background information: Processing food

Aquaponics (using fish as part of a system to grow vegetables) and/or aquaculture (producing fish for consumption).

Questions:

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Are there any additional opportunities for processing food that are missing from this list?

Final thoughts: What else would you like us to know as we consider changes to the Land use Bylaw for growing, processing and distributing food?

What we heard

Themes for the question of “Are there any changes you would like to see made to these current opportunities for growing food? Why or Why Not? “

- Allow urban livestock (chickens, hens, rabbits, goats, bee hives)



- Reduce the requirements of permits for growing food, and reduce the restrictions for growing in general
- Allow growing of food on street side boulevards, back alleys, and front yards
- Do not make any changes – current opportunities are adequate
- Increase the number and access to community gardens. Increased support from The City of Calgary for community gardens
- Allow residential rooftop gardens

Themes for the question of “Are there any changes you would like to see made to these current opportunities for processing food? Why or Why Not? “

- Do not make any changes – current opportunities are adequate
- Increase opportunities for processing food in personal residence, providing that these increased opportunities do not negatively impact safety, smell, noise, or produce excessive garbage and should require regular safety inspections.
- More information is required in order to answer this question or “unsure” was the answer provided
- Reduce or remove all food processing regulations and restrictions
- Increase public access to communal and/or community kitchens that meet current food processing regulations and standards
- Only allow food processing in designated and regulated areas
- Increase regulations and restrictions for food processing

Themes for the question of “Are there any changes you would like to see made to these current opportunities for distributing food? Why or why not? “

- Do not make any changes – current opportunities are adequate
- More “Pop Up” food distribution opportunities
- Increase food sharing opportunities within communities (examples include at community gardens and neighbourhood food stands)
- Increase the amount and duration of farmers markets
- Lessen the regulations and permit requirements for food distribution
- More information is required in order to answer this question or “unsure” was the answer provided



Themes for the question of “What do you like best about these additional opportunities being considered for growing food? “

- Availability of local produce, supporting local growers, and an increase in community well being
- Positive and efficient use of public land and vacant lots (referring to growing food on these lands)
- Respondents in favour of all additional opportunities in general
- Positive economic impacts including increased business and employment opportunities
- Environmentally friendly, sustainable, and a reduction in carbon footprint
- Increased food security

Themes for the question of “What concerns do you have about these additional opportunities being considered for growing food? “

- No concerns
- The ability of The City of Calgary to monitor, maintain, and uphold cleanliness to gardens on public or vacant lots
- Use of pesticides, fertilizers, and chemicals on gardens on public or vacant lots
- Safety, security, noise, smell, and cleanliness of gardens on public or vacant lots
- Additional opportunities too restrictive and should require less permits and approvals
- Food safety

Themes for the question of “Are there restrictions or rules you would suggest in order to make these additional opportunities being considered for growing food successful?”

- No additional restrictions or rules
- Restrictions and rules pertaining to maintenance, security, garbage, smell, and noise for gardens on public or vacant lots and aligning these restrictions and rules with the community standards bylaw
- Regulations on use of pesticides, chemicals, and fertilizers
- Restrictions or rules that emphasize local, organic, and non GMO growing
- Regulations on soil testing for contamination
- Regulations on health and hygiene standards

Themes for the question of “Are there any additional opportunities for growing food that are missing from this list?”



- Urban livestock (chickens, hens, rabbits, goats,)and Aquaponics
- Bee Hives
- No additional opportunities
- Growing food on school properties
- Community orchids, berry patches, and fruit trees
- Rooftop gardens

Themes for the question of “What do you like best about this additional opportunity being considered for processing food? (referring to aquaponics question)”

- General support of aquaponics
- Support for the sustainability of aquaponics
- Reduces need for harmful chemicals and pesticides
- Respondents need more background information on aquaponics to provide quality feedback
- Food security
- Efficient food production

Themes for the question of “What concerns do you have about this additional opportunity being considered for processing food? (referring to aquaponics question)”

- No concerns
- The ability of The City of Calgary to monitor, regulate, and guide aquaponics
- Animal welfare and the humane treatment of fish
- Odors
- Waste management and water waste management
- Respondents need more background information on aquaponics to provide quality feedback

Themes for the question of “Are there restrictions or rules you would suggest in order to make this additional opportunity being considered for processing food successful? (referring to aquaponics question)”

- No restrictions to suggest
- Policies and bylaws to enforce and monitor aquaponics and to conduct regular inspections for food safety and waste management
- Animal welfare and the humane treatment of fish
- Food safety restrictions and regulations



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- Aquaponics training or pre requisite class prior to implementation by The City of Calgary or external source
- Respondents need more background information on aquaponics to provide quality feedback

Themes for the question of “Are there any additional opportunities for processing food that are missing from this list?”

- No additional opportunities to add
- Urban livestock (chickens, hens, rabbits, goats)
- Bee Hives
- Fruit and Orchid tree areas
- Increased access to community kitchens and kitchens approved for food production at lower cost
- School food production (eg. Including community gardens as part of curriculum on school property)

Themes for the question of “What else would you like us to know as we consider changes to the Land Use Bylaw for growing, processing and distributing food? “

- Respondents place a high value in locally produced food
- Permit urban livestock
- Respondents in favour of Incentives by The City of Calgary for Calgarians to produce their own food
- Respondents showed positive reactions that The City is considering amending the current Food Use Bylaws to allow for additional opportunities
- Respondents feel that The City of Calgary should remove red tape and barriers to allow one to produce own food
- Food security is an important issue



Verbatim Comments

Question: Are there any changes you would like to see made to these current opportunities for growing food? Why or why not?

Bee-keeping in residential areas

Chickens, we want chickens. You're letting the egg farmers association direct city policy. And they lie to protect their own interests.

Move away from the prescriptive "prohibited unless explicitly permitted" model to a more principle based "implicit permission unless explicitly prohibited" model. It does rather strike as slightly absurd that something as integral to the development of humanity as personal food growth / production should even have the words "subject to applicable permits and approvals" anywhere near it.

If the Canadian electrical code can support a non-prescriptive regulatory model then I'm pretty sure Calgary can for personal food growing.

Why should a permit be required for a backyard garden. That's ridiculous.

Backyard chickens (hens only), limit the number, have some sort of license requirement, should be allowed.

No

These are sufficient

Legalize chickens and ducks.

I have a beautiful park in the back behind my house. It is all grass (which needs to be maintained weekly all summer) and some trees. I would like to see areas of the park set aside for gardens. It gets lots of sunlight and very few people use it other than to walk through it to get somewhere else. Not as a community garden but as private garden. There doesn't seem to be demand in my neighbourhood for a community garden.

With permission, plants can be grown indoors in residences, for food. Limited amount.

Up to 5 chickens (not roosters) can be grown in a city lot, for eggs and/or meat.

Both of these (indoor plants, and chickens) can be for personal consumption or sale.

I would like to add growing food on the grass boulevards.

Seems to work well.

We need to grow our own food in Calgary. The reasons are numerous advantages to Calgarians from food security, healthier and fresher foods, sustainability, reduce demand on transportation from other countries and provinces.

Greenhouses should be allowed in any residential neighbourhood subject to design controls.

I would love to see more allowance for urban livestock with very clear limitations. We have so much urban space in Calgary (large lots) that could be used with little to no impact on neighbors.

I'd like to have the ability to raise hens for eggs. I also think bee hives should be included/allowed as part of a "maintained garden". I know that currently there's no bylaws against bee hives, but it'd be nice to have some legislation that specifically allows for them.

Being able to grow raised garden beds, container gardening or small plot gardens (by permit) on boulevards attached to residential property as maintained by the home owner. Currently in many areas this is wasted space. As a home owner of a corner lot, our Boulevard takes much time to rake, mow, fertilize and keep clean of others trash, animal feces, cigarette butts- I would rather be doing



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some thing useful to that end.

Growing on city land for profit.

Allowing taxation relaxations for developers who find farmers to grow on prospective land, while awaiting development.

No public food gardens should be allowed next to a private residence as such a garden would reduce the value of the residence and reduce privacy.

I would like to see the opportunity to have individuals have hens on their properties for additional food security.

Are there provisions specifically for bees? That isn't clear.

A permitting process for backyard hens & bee hives on low density residential properties, if not already allowed under current guidelines.

Keep it the same.

#5 should allow for growing food indoors. (Scratch the in Industrial areas) I should be able to grow tomato's in my home if I should chose to do so..

we should be able to do all of this and raise small livestock without approvals

Allow chickens in maintained back yard gardens.

Loose the "permits and approvals" red tape. Most people have a veggie garden for pleasure/personal use. With such a short window of time to garden in Calgary, why not maximize the sunny areas available on the property. I'd be delighted to see more front yards used for food instead of lawns.

I believe that we need easier ways to grow food. indoors or outdoors. food planing is so much better then lawns.

I think there should be community gardens available in each community. The bylaws should be significantly loosened because of the need for organic foods and the high cost of produce. I would like to see the bylaws be similar to those in small towns.

I would love to be able to keep chickens in my yard for the fresh eggs.

Backyard chickens

No change needed. Current Bylaw covers all segments of growing food.

Yes, growing food in streetside blvds instead of grass in residential areas

Permission to keep backyard bees and chicken in order to provide Calgary residents the opportunity to produce locally and ethically sourced animal products. Loosen regulations regarding greenhouses and indoor hydroponic systems for non-commercial use due to short growing season in Calgary.

The ability to grow food on utility corridors (community gardens or rented private food gardens).

The ability to grow food on vacant lots, even temporarily.

I am not sure how greenhouses in residential yards are covered. Are they considered intensive growing? Is there a size maximum or percentage lot coverage maximum?

I can't think of anything else for this section. Perhaps, growing food outdoors in industrial areas, provided that the land is environmentally safe for doing so.

WHY do i need a permit to grow food in a backyard garden??????? People grow flowers which usually are not suited to the area, either noxious or invasive, or non native, but i can't feed my family???? People can have stupid land wasting water wasting pesticide laden green useless lawns and i can't grow tomatoes???



#4 How about farming within urban spaces like along roadway borders where we currently have grass.

Because that's a lot of space wasted that could be producing food.

Change to #1. Anyone should be able to maintain their own garden on their own property without any permits or approvals.

Farming in shipping containers is a novel and potentially important means of growing food locally in Calgary. This allows food to be grown on vacant or marginal land throughout the city, and I would like to see this type of activity to be formally allowed.

Regarding food, but more on the animal side: Ability to keep small number of hens for food (eggs). Given that pigeons (much more of a noise/smell issue than properly cared for hens) are already allowed, it seems foolish to let a few baseless fears about disease (far more common in large operations), smell and noise (as I mentioned, far bigger issues with pigeons and any number of neighborhood animals, such as dogs) hamper food security during a recession. It could be done on a permit/license basis (revenue for the city). Black Diamond recently conducted a pilot and neighbors were pleasantly surprised by the lack of noise/disease/etc. In fact, backyard hens can reduce pests by eating the larva of harmful insects.

Residential rooftop gardens for single-family houses? Also -- is there any provision for small private greenhouses or for community greenhouses on public land?

No. Looks good.

I would make them broader.

I'd like to see the city allow small farm animals, such as chickens, sheep or goats, provided they're in sound-proof enclosures or indoors overnight. It would be easy to implement in R1 properties.

Another thing: anyone growing garden crops or maintaining small animals should do so in an area that has a pesticide-free or non-harmful pesticide policy.

Emphasis on aquaponics. It is an ingenious system designed to grow plants organically while saving as much water as possible.

The wording makes it sound like you need a permit to grows food on your own property. That is ludicrous.

I would make changes to the following

- Community gardens are currently forced to maintain strict rules about boxed gardens and not using rain water. Those restrictions need to be removed.
- getting a permit for building a greenhouse on personal property must be made easier. As well as placing a greenhouse around the existing structures.
- the parcels of land which currently allow chickens and bees are too restrictive and must be changed to allow all citizens to care for those animals

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I would like it if we were able to produce food in small residential greenhouses as well



I think community garden rules should be relaxed and more gardens all over the city encouraged.

No, it appears adequate.

The wording makes it sound like you need a permit to grow food on your own property. That is ludicrous.

From a policy point of view, there seem to be enough possibilities to grow food. In practice this doesn't happen too often. Perhaps it would be good to encourage condo boards etc. to support urban food production.

Growing food in public spaces.

Addition of an allowance for residential properties to have 2 to 5 chicken hens, no roosters for personal use per household.

Raising chickens in urban back yards not only allows for affordable protein sources but also keeps herbicide and pesticide use at bay as chickens eat the way nature intended.

I would also like to see more fruit trees around the city for public consumption.

Allow for more local food production and growing within the city, reducing GHG's from long transports.

I'd like to produce food like mushrooms, possibly herbs as well, in a greenhouse, possibly in my basement, for sale to other people and maybe to restaurants or grocery stores; and it sounds like "specifically designated for the use by Council" is going to be a hindrance, sounds like you're going to make it exclusive and difficult. I'd also like to raise chickens for eggs, and keep a beehive, but again, this sounds like it's going to be very controlled. Why don't you explain that further?

Livestock still needs to be restricted. Stricter rules around "maintained" gardens-- should not be allowed to cover a large front yard area in established neighbourhoods-- nothing but mud and dust and dirt for all the neighbours to deal with. Issues with privacy if rooftop gardens permitted in single family homes. NO to growing food as a commercial use in low density residential! Owners are welcome to garden and harvest themselves, but we don't want to have the added traffic of outsiders coming and maintaining and harvesting (potential for numerous people and numerous times) in our established low density residential neighbourhoods. Feel free to make changes to new developments-- the owners who are buying into them will be aware of the changes and would presumably buy in because they agree with the policies...

Allow chickens in private residential lands.

Aquaponics should specifically be permitted indoors in residential areas and chickens should be allowed in yards.

I think more incentives are needed to encourage people to grow their own food

Yes, I've seen a lot of people in Japan planting vegetables in a pot and it's really amazing.

Yes, backyard use for growing if it's kept in nicely. Backyard chickens!!!!

Allowing vertical greenhouses on private property.

Change the wording in #1. If I am gardening my own property and growing food, maintenance is implied; by stating that it needs to be maintained denotes subjectivity and leaves it open for people to complain. For example, a permaculture style food forest may look less "maintained" than some are used to.

And, do I need a permit or approval for #1?! If so, why? I disagree if the City has to approve my

residential land use; seems like meddling to me. Hopefully this is not the case.

Beekeeping should be added. Possibly chickens, too.

6, livestock production should not be intensive, nor indoors. Small flocks of backyard chickens or meat animals such as rabbits should be permitted.

I think we need all opportunities possible to allow people to garden. Active encouragement of growing useful plants rather than wasting water on grass would be beneficial for many reasons. I would like more encouragement and education on what will grow and be beneficial for our environment. Also, I would like the city to re visit backyard chickens and reconsider allowing them.

We should be able to buy permits to farm green spaces.

Backyard egg-laying hens in every Calgary community.

Define size and quality of housing structure and limit number of hens.

The current bylaw seems adequate.

I may be confused by the word "parcel", but I would hope that green houses would be allowed within residential properties as well. As the cost of living goes up, and my children are getting older, I would love the opportunity to be able to teach my kids how to grow our own food year round. Especially with or growing season being so short, greenhouses would help with this.

Food and access to food should not be restricted. Red tape must be reduced so that people can grow food regardless of land type and zoning. Restrictions should be put on selling; not production (making sure that the food is sanitary, etc.)

Urban chickens should be allowed under similar rules to dogs and cats. (Limited number, no roosters, must be cared for properly)

More community gardens

If community associations don't have space the city should provide some community gardens in green spaces.

I am a permaculture designer and urban farmer. I would like to see the city designate plots of land that can be leased to people intending to grow food for the local market. A full fledged urban agricultural system could create 10 to 20 thousand jobs and keep our economy local.

I'd like to see the bylaw amended to allow for keeping small livestock for food, such as chickens or rabbits.

Growing of plant based food should be encouraged as much as possible through government programs as well as public and community support. Animal agriculture of any kind should not be increased further than the current bylaws - especially in residential areas (i.e backyard raised animals should not be permitted in any situation).

Ban indoor livestock operations within the city limits: #1 animal abuse #2 because it smells #3 it's disgusting. A vibrant city should require this.

the elimination of permits for everything except indoor livestock operations.

Allowing a small number of chickens for food (eggs, meat) should be allowed. They provide significant benefits to the owners and some will keep them as pets. There is no noise or smell associated with a small number in urban settings.

Growing food on public land as an individual not associated with a community garden.

I can't think of anything to add, except growing food in gardens on city boulevards in front of houses where the sidewalk divides it from the property. This will give more space to grow food.



get rid of the need for a permit on private property. If you own or rent the property then you should be able to grow food on it. The City is being a "cash Grabber" requiring permits or approvals.

One should not need a permit or approval to "Grow food in a maintained garden in the front, back and side yards of residential property". This seems overly bureaucratic. Conversely, people should need a permit to grow grass or at the very least, a permit to spray chemicals on their yard or use fertilizer....this goes directly into the Bow River.

Greenhouses should be allowed everywhere on residential lots so citizens can have a longer growing season for their own food. Small animals and livestock should also be allowed so people can raise their own meats and eggs

I would love the chance to raise chickens.

Greenhouses should be allowed on residential lots.

Permits should not be required for gardens in any residential lot.

This would allow residents to provide healthy fresh food for their families and neighbors as well as extend the growing season.

Small animals should be allowed to be farmed (chickens, rabbits, other birds) on residential lots. This is an additional healthy food source and business opportunity that connects neighbours to each other and their food source.

growing food in a maintained garden around a residential property should not even require permits. Considering the current state of the environment and economy it should be mandatory for people to do this. The fact that we even want people to get permits for this just shows how behind the times we are and is kind of embarrassing because it makes us look really uneducated. By getting rid of that restriction it would probably encourage more people to do it and help to improve the overall environment of the city, not to mention the health benefits of growing your own food.

Yes, that new community gardens must be built to be accessible for the disabled using Universal design codes so that people with disabilities can actively grow food in their community garden. If they need money to make the garden accessible there should be funds provided to them through the city to do so.

That money be allotted to communities that already have community gardens in them (for example Inglewood and Sunnyside) so that they can use the funds to make their gardens more accessible using universal design code for community members with disabilities to grow plants and volunteer there .

Allowing for accessory food growth in spaces and on parcels approved for restaurant use either indoors, outdoors, or on a rooftop. Many restaurants have been gardens they use to produce food on site. Allowing an expanded area within approved uses offers more flexibility for restaurateurs.

to have people look after these places ,as a calgarian i was driving around last summer and noticed several of these gardens are all weeds and nobody doing anything about,it. example the one at the calgary public library , were not taking care of at all, people helping there shelves to anything they wanted , especailly after dark

I would like to be able to raise hens in my back yard.

No, we don't need any change.

Growing food in the back and side yard.

A roof top garden over my detached garage. This would allow me to fully utilise my property instead of having "dead space" that is just for housing cars. We allow living space above garages, but I am not



allowed to grow food. Above the garage will protect my garden from pests like rabbits and deer and from foraging fingers of other people. Lot sizes keep getting smaller in new neighbourhoods, we need to be able to grow a good garden and a good solution is to allow us to grow on under utilised space. Building codes exist for garage foundations strong enough for nanny suites and bonusrooms, they can be expanded to create safe gardens as well.

No !

I think you should be able to grown food for personal use without permits and approvals

I would like to see chicken and bee-keeping included. It seems silly to me that people are not allowed to keep chickens in their yard when other noisier, smellier animals are allowed (like dogs).

I would really like to see allowance for backyard chickens. Not roosters - just chickens. I also wonder if we could grow food on boulevards in front of our houses.

Room for more projects like Grow Calgary.

Requisition of land for allotments for people to from food. There is such a massive waste of land space in Calgary around major road junctions with huge swathes of empty grass that just grows the dreaded dandelions and needs mowing. Can we stop the massive arcs and loops of road and make a smaller junction whilst requisitioning some of that land for allotments.

The part that I have difficulty with is the "permits and approvals". Why does anyone need a permit to put up a greenhouse on private property?! Yes I can see cases where permits are relevant, for example in public spaces. But for what produce grows on privately owned land I fail to see the necessity. Has there ever been a complaint that someone is bothered by the excessive lettuce growing at the industrial complex nearby?! Have bylaws and guidelines, but the permit process is ridiculous and clogs up the system.

Though it has been said so many times; backyard chickens. If my neighbour can feed the pigeons and my friend has a family of magpies in their front yard, what is the problem with two hens again?

The following should not need a permit or approval:

Growing food in a maintained garden in the front, back and side yards of your residential property, or hiring someone else to do so.

Urban chickens would provide a much needed protein source for Calgary families. They eat a multitude of scraps/ insects and their waste provides the perfect compositional fertilizer to go back into gardens creating the ideal closed loop producer/ consumer network in a backyard!

Growing food indoors in your private dwelling...

if its food, it should be allowed to be grown any where. food feeds us all.

Add small poultry operations (6 or fewer chickens and ducks) to urban areas, for eggs and meat. The risks of disease are very low. Sound problems are negligible. Odour is not a concern if the coops are kept clean.

Green bins so the city can use the compost for community gardens and reduce waste in landfills. Repurpose abandoned lots for urban farming. Make green dollar bills :) Let people have a backyard chicken coop.

Thank you for the opportunity to input ideas. I would like to see goats and chickens, maybe even rabbits allowed in our city yards.

I would like to see the allowance of large greenhouses in home owner's back yards subject to height



restrictions so that neighbours sight lines are not affected.

I didn't realize permits were required. There should be no permits. Growing food is better for the urban ecosystem than lawns.

Allow chicken coops in the backyard of private homes.

Allow more of Calgary's unused land and public spaces to be turned into public gardens and or space for growing food for the homeless/low income communities. We have so much unused wasted space in and around the city, let's get everyone involved and help feed our community!

I would like to see more study on greenhouse growing

Will allow for more fresh produce cultivated near home

I would like more encouragement from the city to have homeowners/tenants to grow food not grass.

Yes. It was recently brought to my attention that a school has been trying for several years to build a "teaching garden" and the city has denied the request several times. I would like to see a change that clearly states that a school can build a garden for this purpose. This school is in Airdrie, however, so I am not sure if these Land Use Bylaws apply. Regardless, it should be included.

Simply, we need more locally grown food - family, community and commercially. Growing food in residential, industrial or other areas, in or on any part of land or structure or greenhouse, intensively or otherwise should all be allowed. Livestock operations need inspection and licensing.

My backyard faces Grow Calgary. While I love the idea of Grow Calgary it's a mess, they only seem to clean it up when bylaw goes by from complains. I am almost 100 % sure someone is living there. They have bon fires at night, in summer they crank the radio that echos across the highway and makes my backyard nights intolerable. How would you like to live across from what looks like a dump. The RV park isn't as annoying as they are. All winter they have been there? What are they doing in the winter there? I don't mean once or twice a week I mean everyday cars, trucks. There is mulch and tires and it just looks disgraceful. So great he is helping feed the homeless all while I am a property tax paying Calgarian that also had a berm put in behind what used to be a private yard. We bought this house for the privacy, but now that the berm is there, I have every tom dick and harry gawking into our house and backyard everyday 365 days a year all hours of the day and night. A community garden is nice Grow Calgary is my nightmare 12 months a year. Bonfires they deny, they had fireworks go off 2 night last year but they deny it. Paul Hughes.. has blocked me on facebook because I complained about the disaster going on over there. Nobody from the city seems to be keeping an eye on what he is doing and why he is there 24/7 or someone is there. Just go over and look Trailers, trucks, machinery. I have made several complaints that fall on deaf ears.. I can hardly believe the gave land to him the guy who fought with the city over chickens and decided he should grow potatoes on someone else property.. ya that guy. Fools I say. He looks like a squatter, and acts like a squatter.

I would like to see family based chickens added to the by-law (providing eggs and or meat for the residing family). This would be a limited number of chickens per household as it would not be for commercial purposes.

What does maintained mean when referring to home gardens? Is this contained? Or weeded etc? I would like people to be encouraged to expand their gardens for food space. And be able to sell the extra that they may grow. Also included roof-top gardens in residential areas, not just multi-family residences/complexes.

No. However I think people who want to grow things on the land between the sidewalk and the street shouldn't be penalized...



Yes, we need to be able to grow food all year round. We live in Alberta and it gets very cold. I am in the process of designing a green house that will meet the rules of building a shed. The size of a shed is not really enough floor space to have a sustained amount of food being produced all year. In the summer I can use the garden with less risk of loss due to weather changes (hail, frost). However, come winter, it is a completely different ball game.

My suggestion is to make the process of setting up a legal greenhouse of up to say 15' x 15' something that is easily achievable and does not require a building inspector to visit. Let's face it, the cost of food is getting ridiculous and with the economy the way it is, we need to be able to grow our own plants year round to feed our families. Please consider reviewing this as it would really help. removal of permits and approvals for growing food in residential yards to allow for residents to feed themselves and create a permaculture food forest in their residential yard, to allow neighbours to come together to produce food as a group, allowing for keeping of chickens (limited number to maybe 10) for the production of eggs for personal/neighbourly use

I would like to see #1 amended to to state: Growing food in a curbed and maintained garden in any area visible from the street.....

In my area of Montgomery, just down the street from me, there is a front garden that looks like an upchucked cat's breakfast. Mulch and whatever else is strewn over it usually spills onto the front sidewalk. Other homes in this area have made curbed front veggie gardens, and they look great!! Another resident in this area has put a garden ON TOP of their front driveway in front of the garage. Therefore, they have to park all 3 of their vehicles on the street. Please make a note in the bylaws to make this illegal.....especially for inner city where parking is often an issue due to higher density. add chickens .. we need backyard chickens.. max of 4 per household... helps people a lot in these tough times

I support any changes or initiatives for more food to be grown locally - commercially, residentially and in community gardens. I think this is important for all citizens for fresh, healthy, cost effective food and for a healthy planet.

Being allowed to keep bees and/or a chicken within the city would be nice, as well as tax credits for growing food/composting.

add food growing to curriculum for young children and ensure they can consume the fruits of their labour by starting with excellent, safe soil.

Permitting roof top gardens in residential areas - many properties are getting smaller so yard space is at a premium - if I can use my garage's roof (assuming it's a flat roof), why not?

Allow public boulevards for community gardens

The opportunity to have urban chickens! If a place like Manhattan can handle it, then I think Calgary can. The arguments against it make us seem like a backwater city. Treat it like any other animal bylaw: on a complaint basis.

Allowing green houses at community garden sites, allowing food gardens on vacant lots.

I would like to see the City plant a lot more fruit-bearing trees and set up a department for maintenance and care of these trees and the fruit produced from them.

It should be legal to keep chickens and maybe other small farm animals in the city.

Being allowed to keep bees and/or a chicken within the city would be nice, as well as tax credits for growing food/composting.



No

Growing food indoors in residential areas is something that I would like to see in the land use bylaws. As Calgary is located so far north, the outdoor growing season is not long. Growing food indoors is a necessary alternative for residents in the City of Calgary. I would also like to see the opportunity for small livestock (such as chickens) to be allowed in residential areas. Providing local food opportunities is an important step toward improving food security within our city. Particularly now, with food prices on the rise and the economy doing poorly. Both indoor food growing and ability to keep small livestock in residential areas is extremely important.

I would like to see the inclusion of condo buildings in #1. Currently under the provincial legislation (Condominium Act), urban agriculture projects are not allowed unless an owner of a unit is the one doing the growing. The condo I recently moved in to had explored the possibility of hiring the Dirt Boys to use some of our land to grow food and the provincial legislation did not allow this. I understand that this is provincial jurisdiction as opposed to municipal but I would love to see some advocacy from the City.

Would like to see owning chickens allowed on residential property.

including outdoor livestock such as chickens.

Easier permit process and procedure. Permitting for small scale livestock (eg chickens) on properties. Easy permitting for bee hives to support inner city pollinators.

I'd like to add chickens to the list of what we can grow!

stop using all chemical herbicides and pesticides, sprayed and applied by the City of Calgary and using alternatives, such as wild flowers, holistic grazing, organic etc.

Add: growing food in church yards, school yards, public parks. Grass lands are great where sports are played and for children to run. But greens like swiss chard and lettuce could be added to all the flower beds the city plants and children could learn a lot about food by growing a few items in the school yards.

With food becoming so expensive and the Notley government putting farmers out of business we must be able to grow food wherever we can

Allowing chickens

Growing food on City lands that are not currently being utilized for donation to food bank.

#6 producing food intensively - what does "intensively" mean, and designation of parcels is also a question. As a sustainable practice what are the risks that are attempted to be mitigated vs the socio-economic benefits

I would like to be able to grow food in a greenhouse in my backyard, regardless of size of greenhouse. How can I suggest changes to any of this when you you state "allows for the following" and then says "subject to" What do I know is allowable at all? Its practically saying these things may or may not be allowed. How do I suggest changes when the possibilities are UNKNOWN?

Broaden the scope to include vacant lots and areas which are not in obvious use by the land owner, subject to owner approval or with applicable permits.

It's time we as a city recognized the benefit of growing food in areas where there would otherwise be only trash. We need to use every space we can to feed our citizens food that is healthy and sustainable. Distribute the food via the Food Bank or DI Centre, but get it to the people most in need.

No! It is working just fine. The system allows for unsightly or questionable growing operations to be removed or fixed. If the growing area is well maintained, there will not be any complaints and



therefore no permits will be required. The City Bylaw Enforcement doesn't go door-to-door in the suburbs to check that people have a permit for their backyard garden. But unusual growing areas (front yards and community growing areas and the like) must be to a higher standard and therefore I approve of a permit.

How much money (and time, which is money) is council planning on spending on this issue? It works - leave it. Focus on something that ISN'T working, please.

You should not need a permit to grow vegetables on your own property.

Indoor livestock operations need to be kept outside of the city, or at least very far away from residential areas.

Why would you need a permit to grow food on your own property?

It would be wonderful to see the community gardens expanded - the ones in Marda Loop for example have extensive wait lists and you only get a 4x8ft plot.

yes. lawns should be a thing of the past. you should have to apply for a permit to have useless land like that. all properties should be cultivated with workshares taking care of plots belonging the elderly and disinclined. every usable space in an urban area should be devoted to food and fibre so that cities can become more self sustaining.

I would not eliminate any of these current allowances in the bylaw.

City should make a shift towards the PROMOTION of food growing on front and backyards rather than is being 'subject to applicable permits and approvals'. CBE should have food growing as part of its curriculum and on school yards. Beekeeping.

Maintained rooftop gardens should be allowed on individual residences. Allowing gardens on top of garages built for that purpose.

I would add "Growing food instead of grass in the green areas between the sidewalks and the streets."

I think it's important for the city to make it easy to produce, process and sell locally sourced food for individuals. For business greenhouses I'm pretty happy but we should keep the permits since industrial land might contain lead etc...

don't know where there are mismatches between what people want and what the bylaws currently allow.

Would love to be able to keep a couple of chickens, but i understand that is outside this current review.

food should be grown everywhere, fruit trees on boulevards, parks, perennial plants like onions, asparagus, sakatoons, etc. wild berries, and several edible forest pants should be grown everywhere. calgary has a rain and sun cycle summer and a tons of food could be grown.

No maximum growing space cap. If a owner wishes to devote all of their lawn to cared gardening, So be it.

we should be allowed 2 chickens per standard city lot for egg production and pets only

Growing on city Property is an obvious one. In order to effectively treat our food system as local, municipalities need to step up and offer larger spaces where large amounts of food can be grown.

They need to realize that growing food is difficult, time consuming and critical and they need to allow farmers to profit, even if they are simultaneously growing food for denizens of a city. There is no reason why a portion of produce cannot be donated while the others sold.

Calgary has large bodies of untended city land. We are paying and wasting water to irrigate this. This is foolish and wasteful. We are paying people to mow. We are not paying them to grow food, is there not an obvious hole in the head of the municipality here?



Also, growing aquaponically, both residentially and commercially needs to be opened up. Business, in the core need to be able to produce food using aquaponic systems and these need to be saleable. The fish also needs to be saleable.

Not sure how onerous the "apply and approval" process is but it should be streamlined.

No changes needed, I think.

No. I like urban food growing opportunities..

I would like to be able to grow food on any place possible, including verges, empty lots, etc. I thought anyone could put a greenhouse on their yard. Is this not the case?

Chickens/hens in yards allowed, gardens instead of lawns, permaculture food production in front yards, larger greenhouses allowed in rear yards

No. I think people should be able to grow their own food on their land provided they are tidy and well kept.

I'd like to be able to raise and keep hens, a maximum of about 5. Because we currently can't, and chickens are excellent.

Planning and land use guidelines that require the permanent incorporation of food growing spaces into all new land developments.

Relaxing restrictions (ie only allowing on designated parcels) on intensive food production

Allowing large greenhouses to be built without requiring a permit

Why not chickens?

I do not believe you should require a permit to grow food on your own land without a permit. We should encourage this, not discourage.

chickens.

I like the suggestion of using landscaped areas on multi-residential properties to grow food. Lawn is such a waste. I also do see the necessity of requiring a permit to grow food in my own yard, whether it is front, back or side.

I want the ability to grow food in front, side & back yards.

As well as rooftops & community gardens.

Absolutely every provision should be made to allow for growing food. The city should be planting more fruit trees and shrubs instead of all non food-producing trees.

Ban use of herbicides and pesticides in the city. Have articles in the paper discussing vegetable growing. Encourage all schools to have vegetable gardens.

Provide opportunity to purchase small greenhouses through the city of Calgary. The city would be able to get a great deal from a manufacturer if buying a large quantity.

Sell compost to the public. Or have it available for free for pickup.

More gardens, less grass. Lawns are a waste of water.

I'm unsure what an indoor livestock operation is.

FOR GOD'S SAKE! LET US HAVE CHICKENS!

Additional category for a for profit business to grow food on municipal and private land. We also need provisions for indoor growers (microgreens, hydroponics, aquaponics, mushrooms, etc)

Certainly keep what we have at very least. Im hopeful those with experience can suggest what more we can do...

See final notes

#6 is the only one that i wouldn't want in my neighborhood



Small scale livestock operations should be allowed, subject to bylaws that are working well in other jurisdictions. Chickens and rabbits are the two animals I can think of that would be best suited to this and are already being farmed in the city.

Addition: Growing food within residential green spaces.

Amendment: Make community garden regulation less onerous. This city NEEDS to make it easy for its citizens to make garden beds, versus difficult. Raised beds can be kept small and in places that do not interfere with multiuse such as recreation.

more bylaws supporting peoples ability to produce food.

Yes, we should allow people to grow food along public land outside the house along the footpath that is our responsibility to clean during winter.

This is great

Indoor livestock operations should not be permitted for animal welfare and ethical reasons.

New developments should be required to have community gardens developed.

Growing food in the landscaped area of a multi-residential, commercial, or industrial district.

Growing food outdoors on vacant lots in residential, commercial, or industrial areas as a temporary use.

Commercial outdoor and indoor food growing in some commercial and industrial areas.

A small greenhouse and/or outdoor growing area associated with another commercial use, such as a restaurant.

Growing food in the landscaped area in a low density residential (i.e. a house), multi-residential, commercial or industrial area as an accessory commercial use. This is where a company or person who is not the owner, resident or business operator of the land uses the landscaped areas of the land to grow food, harvest it, and sell it at another location, such as a farmers market

Aquaponics (using fish as part of a system to grow vegetables) and/or aquaculture (producing fish for consumption).

The above opportunities should be explored as we are too heavily reliant on the food systems outside of Calgary and even outside of the country. We need to make as many opportunities available to residential and commercial operations as reasonably possible to encourage local food production.

The additional of community greenhouses would be beneficial as well. Our growing season is so short that a garden is subject to short frost cycles as well as hail. Community greenhouses would help with this.

1. I'd like to see schools grow more. I know summer is an issue but students whose families had gardens could adopt plants. Or it could be done as a parent sponsored container garden project. Or through working with a community garden in the area, with plans for summer maintenance and harvesting. 2. Incentives for people to replace grass with vegetable gardening, fruit trees or native plant gardens using less water. 3. Rain barrels; more encouragement to capture rain water and alleviate waste. 4. More education about mulching, composting and discouraging excessive fertilization (the latter also benefits waterways and groundwater). I'm aware that the City does quite a good job on the website but getting out in the community more would reach people directly and start conversations.. Maybe composter incentives as well as rain barrel incentives. City does large bulk purchase passes on savings? Other places have done this and sold out. Composting takes education



too. 5. In economic downturns people respond to financial incentive. Educate about money saving, provide savings with bulk purchases and incentives and in the end the city will save money on reduced strain on infrastructure through less runoff, less yard waste and reduced use of landfill. Plus happier citizens. 6. People in more densely populated areas like downtown can garden in common property, rooftops if structures allow and balconies. Amazingly little space required. 7. It is particularly important to include gardening opportunities for seniors in seniors housing. For continuation of lifestyle and better mental health. 8. In Denmark a produce store exists that redistributes "ugly" and almost expired fruit and vegetables at vastly reduced prices. A huge hit in less affluent areas. Could the city encourage such a project as a. volunteer operation in city owned property or even as a city run project? We must have many thousands of unemployed and lots of vacant spaces. 9. Encouragement of allotment gardens is another incentive to learning about good sources and encouraging more self-sufficiency. Unused city land cannot be better utilized. 11. Many North American cities are allowing guerrilla gardening, hell strip gardening and xeriscaping of front gardens instead of a ridiculous obsession with water-hog green grass and non-native flowers. A lot better to encourage xeriscaping and rain gardens than to have endless unattractive brown grass or excessive water use. 12. Difficult, but try to educate about non-native invasive species that act like weeds. I know it's hard to control consumer demand and retail and wholesale distribution. 13. Evaluate what is on the list of no-no plants/weeds. Some see a weed, some see a medicine. Thinking of things like plantain which is an excellent dying remedy. 14. Last but not least is to ensure that pesticide and herbicide use does not harm our citizens, especially children. Tough call when the "science" is conflicting but if corporate interest in research is removed it seems conclusive that pesticides damage. Why should residents need permits to grow food in their own yards? Permits should not be necessary for residential kitchen gardens.

Growing food indoors in residential areas and schools allowed.

Growing food should be prioritized over land uses that provide no benefit to society or nature, such as man-made concrete structures, or ornamental and non-native grasses. Food production should be actively encouraged through things like urban farming workshops and property tax reductions. I strongly urge you to look at synergies with programs like ALUS (www.alus.ca) that encourage ecosystem services to help our society with things like flood mitigation, etc.

No permit should be required to grow your own garden. Being able to eat is a human right - being the gatekeepers to feeding a family makes the city a ruler over (and therefore an enemy of) my family's health.

If you live on a street where there is a section of grass between the sidewalk and the road this should also be a usable space to grow food.

completely depends on "subject to applicable permits and approvals." Not know this, these questions are hard to answer so this survey isn't helpful. Hopefully gardens in yards require no red tape

Growing maintained Garden spaces in the dead concrete spaces at ALL Calgary Public & Catholic & Private Schools. Gardening creates a natural respect for nature and everything around us and if it is incorporated into the curriculum from Pre-School onward we'd be not just raising plants to enjoy or eat but very very healthy minded /spirited individuals.

Take away the need to get approvals for this. Right now, say that everyone is free to do these all the time!!! Why should we need approvals for food and not for pavement?

Utilizing road allowances to grow food in a maintained garden or containers.

Subsidies for growing your own food, which would make incentive for people to learn micro-



agricultural techniques and provide low income families with food and extra tax relief.

Seems ok to me.

I would like to see more schools have the opportunity to have a garden so children could experience the joys of gardening. It would benefit everyone involved especially the children who have less of a connection to the outdoors and nature than ever before.

would love to see the laws change to be able to grow vegetables and/or fruit on "city" property where it exists on or near your own property that you are expected to care for....and I would have chickens in a flash if I was allowed.

Why are back and side yard food gardens subject to permits and approvals? I understand front yards, or otherwise exposed areas... who cares if vegetables are grown in someone's back yard that is probably fenced????

Having animals ie. Chickens & rabbits, available to use in your home to assist in your food growing opportunities.

no

I would like to see maintained residential gardens NOT require permits and approval. Like general landscaping, allow people to plant and grow fruit, veg and herbs as they like. If something is overgrown, unmaintained or a nuisance, it can be addressed through bylaw, just like regular garden/landscape issues.

the city of calgary should plant edible landscapes whenever possible. in order to support gardening ns food production, places for composting, water collection, etc should be allowed and contracted to assist residents

I want to be able to have a garden, a green house and chickens (not a rooster). Also, several community gardens. It is important to be able to grow your food in a sustainable and local way. I agree with having clear bylaws with enforcement policies, especially with chickens so that people will do this in a way that is humane for chickens and respectable to neighbours.

NO to growing food in the front yards of established low density residential because it would feel like a permanently unfinished subdivision. NO to rooftop gardens in established low density residential because of overlooking/privacy issues it creates.

Why should we even need a permit? Seems like a huge waste of time, resources, money, staff, etc.

People can tear out their lawn and replace it with natural grasses without a permit. They can build all the flower gardens and planters they want without a permit. We shouldn't need a permit to have a vegetable garden in our yard or on our roof.

There should be no restrictions to people growing their own food. Any applicable permits and approvals needed to do this should be revoked. This is a food security issue. food supply needs to be localized, and decentralized.

No. Having a garden to produce food for your family harms no one. Government needs to stop putting their finger on people's everyday lives

YES!! I would like the city to encourage the following.

Growing food in the landscaped area of a multi-residential, commercial, or industrial district.

Growing food outdoors on vacant lots in residential, commercial, or industrial areas as a temporary use.

Commercial outdoor and indoor food growing in some commercial and industrial areas.

A small greenhouse and/or outdoor growing area associated with another commercial use, such as a restaurant.



Growing food in the landscaped area in a low density residential (i.e. a house), multi-residential, commercial or industrial as an accessory commercial use. This is where a company or person who is not the owner, resident or business operator of the land uses the landscaped areas of the land to grow food, harvest it, and sell it at another location, such as a farmers market.

I would like to see council revisit allowing families to have 1 or 2 chickens in residential areas, with neighbours consent.

What does "Indoor livestock operations" mean? If that's about animals, I'm absolutely opposed to any animals being kept that will be killed and eaten. And if laying hens are kept they'd need to be strictly monitored to prevent animal abuse through neglect and bad living conditions. I don't think just anyone should have them, and I don't mind the idea of having them in the city as long as they are ethical, licenced and inspected and baby chickens are not ground alive as happens in industrial operations (that cruel practice should be banned altogether). But I'm all for any opportunity to grow food in garden and greenhouses wherever there is unused green space on private or public land.

Growing food in roof top garden in residential districts

Growing food indoors in all districts

Growing food in vacant lots after building demolition

Growing food on public property in residential districts (boulevards, alleyways) so long as traffic, safety and utilities are not effected)

Allowing residential properties to keep up to 5 laying hens for egg production (not meat production)

The growing of food is important and should be a protected right of the people, in so long that it is done with respect to property. This should be of upmost importance. It is much better to use the land for food than for watering green lawns, growing beautiful flowers, etc. It should be a protected right of all citizens to grow their own food in so long that they are doing so responsibly without being a nuisance to others.

Yes, I would like you to pass a law permitting me to grow live stock on my balcony please. I was thinking about having a cow and a couple chickens.

Growing food on one's private property for one's family and to share among friends and neighbours should not require a permit or approval.

I would like to see the city open up opportunity for urban farmers lease land along the wide grassy roadsides in the city, as long as it does not interfere with utility right of ways or road safety. There is a lot of "lawn" that could be turned into market garden, that would increase diversity of flora and fauna and increase food security in the city. It would be the urban farmer's responsibility to maintain the 'leased' land from the city, and remove the city costs to maintain it during the growing seasons.

Leasing open land that is not designated "park" to urban farmers would create a new income stream to the city and a business opportunity to the farmer.

I don't think we should have to have permits or approvals for food gardens, it should be our right to grow our own food.

I support the use of open land within multi-home rental complexes for growing food to be used by residents. Why? This would offer low cost fresh food to renters, enhance the physical fitness of the gardeners, and build a sense of community.

I support the creation and use of roof top greenhouses for the growing of food either collectively (by those living/working in the building) or individually by designating specific garden spaces in the greenhouses; food to be used in employee/resident cafeteria or kitchens or donated to homeless shelters. Why? This would enhance the physical fitness of office workers, provide a source of low cost



fresh food to workers/residents and build a sense of community.

I support the creation of school yard gardens for the multiple purposes of teaching children how to grow food, take care of a market garden, harvest the food and cook meals in the school cafeteria using the food grown by the students. Why? This would teach children about growing/harvesting/cooking fresh food they have grown; it would enhance their physical and emotional fitness by having to do the physical work and build self-esteem through a real life accomplishment they would directly benefit from. It would afford them a supply of healthy, fresh snack food.

Within a community garden, it would be nice to be allowed to grow food directly in the soil. For example, our garden wished to installed perimeter bean bushes along our fence but in order to do so we are required to build raised beds for the beans rather than plant them in the ground directly.

Also, in a community garden the ability to use collected water sources for watering. Such as rain barrels.

I don't believe you should need a permit from the city to grow your own food or have small community plots to grow your own food providing that it is kept in good shape. Which by the way doesn't mean having the "bylaw police" on your ass because the weeds are growing faster than you can pull it. Putting a price to pay (permit) and going through red tape at City Hall would be a deterrent for those who really need/want to grow their own food.

It is my land I pay taxes I want to grow food , is not toxic not poisoning.

Ford should be part of environment of school programs we should grow food free of artificial , man made pesticides and fertilizers everywhere !!! We should take pride of it . improve it, sue lady bugs - as pesticide . etc.

I'd like to see a program in place to encourage growing food and perhaps tax incentives to do so (or reduction in property taxes). I'd also like to see the city allow chickens on properties - I know this is not part of this amendment but I want to mention it.

Also has the city talked about using alley ways? I'd like to plant potatoes and rhubarb in my alley - not sure if this is allowed? I'd like to see some movement in this direction as well.

No ,this is a city not a farm, you want to grow your own food buy a farm, grow it in your back yard not in my ball diamond or park, there are vacant fields all over this city .

I think approvals required for a backyard garden go against our rights to sustain ourselves in a healthful way. How are candy vending machines allowed in public places but organic gardens on private property need approvals!

Add balcony gardens in multi-residential buildings.

Public areas I. E. Downtown containers, inside office buildings, more fruit bearing trees, builders should be encouraged to plant fruit bearing trees in new communities

Yes. I would like to be able to raise small livestock such as hens on residential properties.

Growing gardens not only should be allowed it should be encouraged, for both front and back yards, note: not areas that may have been contaminated by various industrial/resident polluters or pollutants,

Small scale chicken coops for the collection of eggs for your own family needs should be allowed.

Brooklyn, NYC allows this, a city the size of Calgary should definitely allow for this.

Yes. Being able to have small food producing animals in residential areas. At least enough to produce that food item for the household such as 1 or 2 chickens or rabbits. Chickens are way less noisy and



disruptive compared to most dogs that live in my neighborhood.

N/A

I definitely think there need to be more garden and food growing opportunities for people living in apartments, with no yard. Every human should have the right to a small piece of land, and the ability to grow their own food.

To be able to keep chickens and other microlivestock within city limits.

To have a permissive bylaw for honeybee hives

To have urban farms on public land

If a private property owner has a lot that is vacant for more than one year and has no immediate plans to build, there should be a mechanism for local residents to put in a community garden. I suggest with raised gardens and a sixty day removal period.

Our current pattern of growing, cutting, and watering acres and acres of grass yards is a massive waste of time and resources. Chemical fertilizer and weed killers are also a source of pollution. How about a scaled tax credit system for homes who remove lawn and grow other climate-appropriate ground covers or who use mulches. And a similar tax credit system for homes where organic gardening methods are proved to be used. It's not hard to manage a compost! Food production for commercial purposes must must be organic. Good opportunity to apply some of the principles of ImagineCalgary.

Shouldn't need permits to grow food on your own land or inside a greenhouse or garage for personal consumption or for trade without exchange of money. For example you trade your lettuce for a neighbors tomatoes.

We need approval or a permit to grow our own food on our own property? Ridiculous. We really need to get off this green carpet lawn BS.

Be able to use any unused space to grow food. E.g. old parking lots, cul-de-sac, parks, city building yards.

Also balconies, porch.....

Let people be imaginative as long as it is not out of control.

Chickens / ducks under a certain number should be allowed in city. Livestock under a certain number should be allowed ie 2. There should be a program to allow certified beekeepers to manage hives in city parks or wild areas ie along cp rail tracks along deerfoot.

Yes, what about growing food on common areas of condominium developments?

Numbers 1-5 are great ideas, but more explanation is required for #6. It is not very clear what allowances and limitations would be put into place

Would love to see more green roofs and functional gardens implemented on municipal buildings & sites!

I am confused as to why I might need a permit or approval to grow a garden in my front, back or side yard. It is my property. Perhaps we should be encourage to get rid of grasses and put in gardens. Grass is a weed afterall.

Option 1 should not require an approvals. For all other options, onus should be on objectors to prove why permit should be denied.

I actually have more questions that I have suggestions...What about growing food indoors in non industrial areas? Which parcels are specifically designed for producing food intensively? I think it



would be great to see more intensive greenhouses on vacant properties in urban and periurban landscapes - for food security and for economic growth.

Allow chickens

No permits required for residential growing of personal food.

Portable or dismantle green house to be used for part of the year. Laying hens 4 to 8 depending on family size, no rooster. Allowed to sell food locally grown out of farm or adjacent farm house . Allowed to grow food while keeping a good esthetic look for personal use on up to 60 percent of land. Outdoor and indoor aquaponic . Rain barrel on property gives discount on water bill.

No.

I would like to see guidelines for growing food on city-owned boulevards in front of residential properties. I have been growing vegetables on the boulevard in front of my house for 3 years, and have had many positive, encouraging comments from my neighbours. Guidelines on whether Boulevard gardens are permitted, and regulations around clearance around sidewalks and roadways should be available. Many boulevards are sufficiently wide to accommodate a large garden while still allowing room for accessing parked cars, clearance around sidewalks, etc.

Changes: Seriously loosen the "rules" to allow for faster, easier approval for all of the above.

Why? To allow for more healthy food to be grown and shared!!

I like to grow what I eat so please don't change my ability to do so.

Rooftop food residential

Yes, allow food to be grown on public land, and sold, or otherwise distributed to Calgarians.

Permitting the use of aquaponics, to grow produce in residential homes. Removing or streamlining the requirement for licensing.

Growing plant-based food for personal use only on private property or within community gardens should not be subject to permits. Growing meat on private property should be restricted only within noise and refuse bylaws.

What about growing food on land that has other zoning or designated use until such time as the defined use is required? fallow lands and such where the land is designated for future housing or business development but in the mean time can be used as a garden.

What about encouragement of garden/growing use for private lands prior to development?

I would like to see the growing of food in a maintained garden in any area of a residential property and on rooftop gardens be subject to no permits or approvals. With the increasing cost of food, and future food shortages in the world we need to promote and encourage growing food in residential areas. This will decrease the growing need of food banks and public assisted programs and directly feed the citizens of Calgary.

Do NOT have food only gardens in the front yards of established low density residential because they need to maintain landscaping so they feel like finished neighbours. Encourage companion gardening of food mixed in with permanent landscaping to keep soil in place.

I would like more encouragement for growing food. I live in a dntn highrise. The rooftop would be ideal for a community garden but it sounds far fetched. If there was more dialogue this issue may gain traction.



Growing food in residential property using a hydroponics unit

I would love to see abandoned lots encouraged to be gardens again.

#6 Change to allowing to any parcel(s) land in Calgary

Permaculture gardens should be permitted on all private residential property (front, back, and sides) as well as in community gardens

I would love it if I were allowed to keep a small flock (3-4) of egg laying hens for my own personal usage. This would exclude roosters.

No changes. These are fine.

Urban chickens in backyards should be added as part of a city-wise food plan:

<http://www.rivercitychickens.org/resources.html>

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/edmonton-hatches-plans-for-backyard-chickens-1.3479115>

I'd like to see gardens allowed on single family flat roofed homes.

I enjoy having a personal garden and do not need anything to change.

Rules need to be relaxed and more permissive. No permit should be required to grow your own food on any and/or all parts of your private property.

Growing your own food should be a right everyone should be taught how in school

No permits required for residential growing of personal food.

The definition of intensive food production as being the use of a greenhouse is vague. Greenhouses are used to extend the growing season. Hydroponics are used to increase productivity of limited spaces. The definition should be 'commercial' versus 'personal', with personal food production allowable in all cases where said greenhouse, etc, also meets building code requirements. Specifically, bee-keeping should be added as a defined and allowed activity, as it is not currently exempt, but not specifically mentioned, that I am aware of.

Would love urban chickens.

I didn't realize there were any barriers to growing food on private lots, or even on certain public ones. We've used a community garden, and have a backyard garden, so I'm not sure where the roadblocks are.

More opportunities for urban areas to raise small animals chickens, etc.

Yes, there is always room for improvement.

Add growing food indoors in residential areas, for small scale growers.

Not just allowing temporary spaces for urban farming - but actually planning in agricultural uses into new or redeveloped areas. This would allow for some more permanent growing spaces.

Support growing food at home. The only way to get proper organic

No change

Yes, Often the majority of our residential park spaces (playgrounds and sports fields for example) are nothing more than underutilized lawns, requiring the upkeep and resource expenditure by the city. Allowing more of these spaces to be turned to permanent food production (for commercial or community purposes) will give the benefit of food security for our communities.

Solutions to the sometimes neglected community gardens are the implementation of perennial



foodscapes (food forests for example) that function and yield well but do not require intense maintenance.

Have greenhouses on private property without Council having any say.

Hi- I'm sorry, I'm not sure what you mean by subject to permit approval stated above. If I want to grow a garden in my own house I need a permit? That seems strange to me so I'm guessing I am misunderstanding.

Growing food for commercial (or any) use should be permitted anywhere in the city with the permission of the landowner. This should not be discretionary or require any DP application and shouldn't be seen any different than gardening or planting flowers.

Unclear why I need permits and approvals to grow food in my own yard? What is the definition of food? Does food imply for sale rather than domestic use?

To allow growing food indoors of your residential property, in order to facilitate production all year long, and potentially allow you to run a business selling food to local restaurants.

I think the 6 point above cover what would be possible

No. So long as abandoned land is assessed for contaminants prior to use.

We should be allowed to have & raise chickens in suburban areas because we should have the right to raise and eat our own eggs without being forced to buy them from a company. This way I know where my food comes from, that it is ABSOLUTELY treated properly and what it is fed before I ingest it.

Everything is great. For those with unlimited vertical space make it legal to grow backyard farming vertically to any height. I want to grow any type of legal herb or plant. And take away any restrictions or paperwork loop holes that limit a home farm operator. Also public parks that are not designated for sports should have community farms. Instead of grass.

I don't believe a permit or approval should be needed to grow food in any part of your home.

Use more community green spaces for community gardens.

I don't understand #1...what is maintained garden and you need a permit to grow on your own property?

I'd like to be able to use the wasted space that my front lawn inhabits in order to grow my own food in a garden. The current bylaws prevent me from using wasted space on land that I own, and instead require that I waste water maintaining something that is wholly esthetic.

More land is required for this due to the increase in population in small urban areas. Too many highrises and not enough land for people to grow gardens which is positive for people and communities.

Yes, they are plenty of "city owned" spaces such as back lanes where people have used 2 or 3 feet of space along their property to grow vegetables/flowers for their own use that would otherwise grow weeds that have run afoul of bylaws - this should be amended. Better to grow something useful than have an eyesore!

Please allot a space for school gardens where kids learn to grow and harvest veges and fruit and use them as snacks and lunches.

I work as noon supervisor and would oppose the use of baby carrots, inorganic veges etc.

If an apple tree can be planted at school it could give healthy option.

Alex Munro school have their own garden where they grow tomatoes, cucumbers, squash and herbs

I think it is important to maintain the above so people can grow food for their own use in their own gardens as stated above.



I wouldn't wanna see food production/processing in areas with heavy industrial, or next to a autobody paint shop.

I would like to see changes to allow for urban chickens in reasonable numbers. Having been a neighbor of urban chickens they provide many benefits and are not nuisance.

Growing food on rooftop, single residence buildings.

These seem reasonable, although part of different bylaw, small scale chicken raising as well is something I would love to see!

I dont see why growing food for personal use needs a permit.

I grow a vegetable garden in my front, back, and side yard. I am glad that this is allowed in Calgary. As long as it's reasonable tidy, there's no reason why this should not be allowed.

The need to please homeowners adjacent to community gardens makes putting in community gardens prohibitively expensive. A garden is a garden. It's not the Taj Mahal. I saw one community that spent \$150,000 for an all cedar, raised bed affair. What madness just to please the pickiest of neighbours.

Specifically allowing the green strip on the other side of the sidewalk to be used for raised garden beds, with of course the city being permitted to excavate there when necessary, but giving the grower as much time as is reasonable in the situation to rescue the plants in advance. Obviously a water line break is an emergency and would not permit for the reclamation of the plants.

Opportunities for growing food should be maximized in Calgary. Any restrictions that are embedded in our current Land Use Bylaw should be re-considered and the assumptions and arguments supporting them reviewed in light of our current knowledge about urban food security, food safety, and population/business trends related to local food.

#3 - Growing food in rooftop gardens should also be allowed in low density residential housing types (single detached, semi) and on residential garage roofs.

#4 - Greenhouse growing in Calgary would help combat our short growing season. Any options to expand greenhouse possibilities, for industrial/commercial and residential users, should be pursued.

No.

Growing food in landscaped land in residential area such as boulevard and cul de sacs

well you already said chickens aren't under review but that is the only change I would like to see - I would be interested in having 2 or 3 as a means to use up kitchen scraps and provide fertilizer for my gardens, flower beds as well as provide fresh eggs

I would make the addition of some outdoor livestock as designed for by Council or Administration (e.g. hens, bees).

All Calgaryians should be able to grow their own fruits and vegetables within their property lines for their own consumption. We should not have any rules changed other following the By Laws already in place.

There should be an inclusion for producing food via backyard chickens. A limitation can be put on the number of chickens per household/residence and permitting only hens to reduce noise and odour concerns.

I can't think of anything that has been missed

Make permits unnecessary to grow food for your own family.

no



I want chickens

Why can you only grow food indoors in industrial areas? Why not also include indoor vegetable gardens? Especially since many gardeners may start inside with seeds etc and then transplant outside.

1) I would like to see the inclusion of allowances for raising backyard chickens for eggs (and/or meat), pigmi goats. etc. dependant on size of property, with strict observance of sanitation, food safety, and clean manure composting practices.

N.B. Chickens: Hens only, as roosters would be a really- really bad idea.

2) Backyard Beehives would be twelve layers of helpful for families, communities, gardens, and agriculture at large. We need to creat safe spaces for bees.

Yes - city staff should plant more perinneal food producing plants on city lands in a variety of settings to increase food production. Growing food should have a goal of organic as much as possible. Growing food indoors in non industrial areas also considered. Permit costs should be kept minimal for small scale operations to increase ease of access.

I would like to see larger Greenhouses not have to be on specifically designated parcels, unless I am misunderstanding #6 above. It would be beneficial to be able to build those on side and back yards since Calgary's weather is totally unpredictable and it will protect what we grow, without it impacting the building codes in residential neighborhoods.

Great ideas!

Maybe make it more affordable and easier to get a permit.

Yes. Gardening for food, especially on private property, shouldn't need permits and approvals. It should be a basic right for an individual to produce their own food without those kinds of restrictions, as long as the gardens are well maintained.

Allow chickens!!! Many other municipalities are doing this successfully!

I think that food should be allowed to be grown on the boulevards as well (as long as they are maintained) and that things like aquaponics or growing food for sale should be allowed in residential areas. I also think chickens but not roosters should be allowed within city limits

It is important that we make use of more urban land to supplement the local food supply. Any reasonable addition should be seriously considered.

I would love the city to allow us to grow food/edibles instead of lawns, it is more sustainable for our homes!

I think that the empty green space at highway roundabouts would make a great space of highly irrigated soil to product food for the less fortunate so the food bank would have an abundance of fresh food, and then canning classes could be implemented/taught to engage people on how to preserve their food.

No, I think its fantastic to support families to grow their own produce.

Growing food indoors (for commercial purposes) in other areas of the city (not just industrial), possible with restrictions around scale.

Growing food on designated public lands, leased by the City to growers (small-scale commercial)

Residents of single family homes, or even four plexes, should be able to grow a maintained fruit or vegetable garden in their yard instead of grass.

Would like the see flat rooftop gardens in single residential as well as multi unit.

What about other used land like along rail lines, along interchanges, etc



chickens in the city, 2 per household

unsure

3. should include growing food on balconies

6. greenhouses should be allowed on any residential property

No, although I'm concerned about legal growing of marijuana under proposed Liberal law changes. I do not want legal growing in residential neighbourhoods.

I would love to see much greater access to good food for everyone! There are many initiatives that can be applied here, far beyond letting people grow food in their yards. That ought to be a given, already. Some cities are planting fruit trees everywhere, and converting some of their flower beds into vegetable patches. That provides food for homeless people, and for anyone who needs it. It is hard for me to comprehend that we are debating what we will let people grow, with regards to food! It would be so much wiser to focus on how to encourage people to grow more food, and to make opportunities for that to happen ...more!

If chickens are not allowed, no livestock should be allowed for the same reasons

Growing food indoors and having greenhouses for intensive operations ought to be viable anywhere, not solely in the areas described above

Why do you need a permit or approval to grow a vegetable garden at your home in item 1? You shouldn't need a permit for this.

I would like to see more education around growing food inside a home - food rather than houseplants. Not to the scale of mould producing illegal grow operations for drugs, but smaller, year round herb and tomato type indoor gardens. Not only is it a great way to naturally purify the air inside a residential facility- it also provides nourishment.

I don't want permits or approvals for growing my own food in my front or backyard. I can understand guidelines but I need to feed my family.

Why would I need to apply for permit to grow edible plants in my own backyard or anywhere ppecially the plants are for my own consumption?

I'd like to see planting good on boulevards on quiet streets and other such strips of city land: fruit trees and raspberry bushes that anyone can harvest would be great.

No changes

Allow growing food on residential rooftops

Grow food in any public land, including schools, community centres, church property.

Government has no business telling people what food they can grow on their own property.

Continue to restrict front yards-- still need landscaping and can companion garden to keep down the dust.

I would like #1 to be amended to allow for food gardens to be grown in front, back, and side yards of residential property 'without' the need for applicable permits and approvals.

To have a personal garden should not require a permit!

The allowance of crop growth to others, not owners of the property, with the permission of the owner.

growing food should be widely allowed

The city dwellers should be allowed a limited amount of small livestock on their property subject to removal by the humane society if not cared for and maintained.

Growing food indoors in residential areas. 2 reasons: citizens with reduced mobility/strength and/or



without access to traditional means can provide for themselves; to save water (hydroponics are more water-efficient)

Not sure, because I don't know what is meant by permits and approvals for the activities listed above. Basically I would make it easier to have front yard vegetable gardens, maybe have guidelines on how to ensure they are aesthetically pleasing. I also recommend making a survey question that's easier for lay people to respond to!

Adding the ability to have greenhouse space in residential areas

I am happy with the current bylaw.

No this is adequate

More community garden spaces available on community or city land, either for free or for a nominal fee (with expectations that you will use & maintain your space, at risk of losing it or not having it again next year)

The allowance of crop growth to others, not owners of the property, with the permission of the owner.

No this seems to allow me to have the freedom to grow a garden in a responsible way.

No. I believe growing food in our own yards allows people to grow locally eat more organic foods it allows the city to maintain pollinators such as bees and other insects.

No, the current bylaw is fine.

No changes, what we have works fine.

The diminishing of barriers to greenhouses should be explored (commercial and cooperative)

Front yards need permanent landscaping, not just veggie gardens. Rooftop gardens can cause privacy issues.

I would like the city to make it very easy for a community to start a community garden so they can just reach out to their members and ask who wants to grow things in the garden. I am not prepared to have to spearhead it and do the paperwork etc, but would definitely participate in a community garden.

"subject to applicable permits and approvals." - not sure anyone should be subject to permits and approvals for growing food for their own (family & friends) consumption especially in their own yards; permits for greenhouses larger than 100sq ft already seem heavy-handed, especially when I can buy easily buy them larger than that and no retailer gives warnings about needed permits (even a small carport requires a permit - they can make great backyard greenhouses); but I do see the need for permits and approvals in public/multi-residential/commercial/industrial situations especially for commercial purposes.

Don't require "applicable permits and approvals" for residential land owners to grow food for personal consumption on their own land. I.e. allow for tended gardens in a front yard.

I would like to see people allowed to grow all the vegetables and fruits they want on their properties without any special permissions.

You should be allowed to grow or raise whatever you want, wherever you want.

I think the bylaws should allow for the growing of food for personal consumption or local trade. There should be a law against using GMO seeds so that there is no chance of cross contamination with those who don't use them. The use of pesticides and herbicides should be monitored if there is trade involved.



people should have the option to grow their food by whatever system they want be it hydroponics or aquaponics or all natural means without someone telling them how to grow it on their own property are you sure people can use their front yard to grow food? I've heard of people who were ratted on and had to remove their gardens by by-law services.

Why can't empty city-owned and private lots be used as community gardens? (i.e: 50th Ave SW power corridor). Why did former Alderman John Mar sic the police and the city on people growing potatoes in Scarborough?

Can bylaws be amended to allow people to have rooftop gardens? Does the city have plans to develop unused rooftop space to grow food? Every piece of flat rooftop space should have both a garden and an energy generation/collection system.

Allow the growing of food of residential rooftops, which have been properly reinforced and protected. Allow limited animal farming on residential lots, with guidelines for size and space, noise and smell. (Bees & ohter beneficial insects, fowl, sheep, goats,small herd animals (eg - mini horse, cow)

Growing food indoors should be allowed also other places than industry areas. If someone can afford to do it somewhere else, why to limit

Growing food indoor in commercial designated areas should be allowed. Industrial areas are isolated and usually further away from where the people area. We need local food system close to where people live. IN addition parking lot and other non utilized spaces can be designated for food production.

It is our land and we should use it as we, the people see fit. Not following some by law, that council sees fit.

Grass is a waste of space and water unless you can play on it. We may as well grow food in as many places as possible and feed everybody.

I agree with the above as long it does mean that home owners can convert the entire front and back yard to a garden(maintaining is a given as is caring for lawn).

Allow small scale urban farmers to grow commercially on approved public property locations

In addition, considering adding a bylaw to address urban poultry. Allowing individuals on land zoned for residential use the opportunity to have 5 hens - no roosters - to raise for pets or personal egg consumption. Selling or advertising eggs for sale is prohibited and poultry cannot be raised for meat purposes or cannot be slaughtered on residential property.

I support any opportunity to grow food in vacant or unused suitable land, whether in residential, industrial or public land. Natural areas would of course be an exception - no food growing there, but there are opportunities to plant more native trees and shrubs in natural areas and rid them of invasive species, e.g., caragana, cotoneaster.

#1 should not be 'subject to applicable permits and approvals' on private properties owned individually. It should be unrestricted to the inhabitant of the home. Because individual owner/dweller does this without encroaching on others' rights or properties. It is a healthy practice for food consumption and for conservation of a healthy environment. However, pesticide/herbicide use on any kind of plants/lawn in the city should be limited due to environmental and public health concerns. For #2 and #3 approval should be acquired for the 'community garden' in park or rooftop. This is because it is shared/public property. There should be sustainability/structural assessment of these places and public consultation before any new kind of use of the land. However, the approval/permit cost should



be limited to a minimum.

Some form of monitoring with livestock for appropriate treatment and hygiene.

growing food anywhere on public land as long as the person who plants it, can maintain it. to allow for more food to be grown where people can harvest or eat it as they pass by. it would create a better community atmosphere.

Better use of public land for growing food or using plants that create vegetable and fruit. There are many areas that have bushes that could be replaced with food based plants. Also opening these areas for private gardens if proper applications are made

You need to have rental properties included. Many ppl would like to garden but don't own property and so you need a mechanism to encourage landlords to allow use of their property to be used for gardening.

I don't believe you should need a permit or approval for growing food in a maintained garden in the front, back and side yards of your residential property.

I'm in favour of wide-spread organic food production on all available public land. This could be an income generator for the city, through renting land to farmers. It could be income neutral, giving the land for free, and saving the city landscaping costs. It could be community generating, supporting social service agencies to develop profitable (and therapeutic) food production programs.

looks good.

There needs to be changes to grow more food closer to home in the urban setting. City green space can be used more effectively to provide fresh produce for a few months a year. Plant fruit trees from the University of Saskatchewan Fruit Program along city boulevards. Apples, Dwarf Cherries, Haskups. good with it

I would like to see freedom of anyone to grow food anywhere they chose.

Allowing for the use of larger greenhouses of residential properties. Raising of chickens or other small fowl on residential properties land size limits apply.

allowing the use of growing food in public parks (fruit shrubs & trees)

growing food on vacant land - residential & commercial

the use of city owned land for the purpose of growing food in greenhouses to include fish & aquaculture by way of licenses and permits.

honey bees in some residential areas or public areas like parks

Growing food between sidewalk & street in raised beds

I would like to have aquaponics system in my backyard. That I can keep tilapia fish to feed my plants.

Front yards need to be more than just veggie gardens to keep up appearance and keep down blowing dirt and weeds.

Define food intensively ? Also why only certain parcels

I think we are good with growing. I do think chickens and bees should be allowed to be owned privately.

Facilitate more community gardens through promotion, education and funding. Open new areas for this use such as roadside boulevards (eg along now bottom trail) or unused municipal rights of way.

Your wording implies a permit/approval is necessary for a personal vegetable patch in ones own garden. If this is true, it should be changed.

If any part of growing on my own land requires permits or approvals this condition should be



removed.

Allow goats in city limits

I would really appreciate it if the government would butt out of my business - specifically, growing a garden in my own yard. Seriously - a permit is needed for this? This just steams me. If I want to either a) feel like a pioneer woman and grow my own vegetables, b) teach my children science in a tangible way, c) include my children in growing vegetables so that they miraculously may eat something they have helped to grow, d) be in charge of what money I spend at the grocery store since the prices of produce are expensive and prohibitive for some, or anything else someone else may have as their own personal reason - then this should be my personal choice. Honestly, the government does not have to get involved in every. single. thing. an individual does.

It should be prohibited to use any sort of pesticides. Also, home composting should be encouraged.

No

More opportunities to grow food in community gardens and such.

Allow us to grow food inside our own houses. This implies that growing food inside in residential areas is not allowed.

1 - Designation of prime growing land - especially valley bottom land - as Market Garden Zones, to be used not for building businesses or homes forever at risk of flooding, but for market gardening.

2 - Integration of market garden zones into trail networks for transportation and recreation, with integrated parcels of parkland and wild land.

3 - Restoration of valley bottom agricultural lands by the purchase of flood risk properties and restoration of land for agricultural production.

4 - Designation of parcels of public green space for urban farming, with guidelines for maintenance and the design and maintenance of required structures.

5 - Allowing (perhaps requiring) needed structures to be movable through construction on skids.

6 - Allowing for the construction of community greenhouses on public land, similar to community gardens, so long as they are solar heated (removing concerns about regulation of combustion appliances).

7 - Completion of a physical survey of city lands to identify opportunities for urban farming, based on availability of open space currently poorly utilized, close to interested community people and with access to water, sunlight, and shelter from winds.

Yes- there should be an urban agriculture bylaw similar to Edmonton where city lots are allowed to be "farmed" with a greenhouse, shed or other small structure without requiring a larger livable structure on the site.

Front yards need permanent landscaping of some kind to keep the dust and weeds down. Food growing can be mixed in, but not a whole pile of open dirt for most of the year.

Who has had the stupid idea to allow growing food in front yards? Oh wait, I'm sure its Druh, Brian and the typical granola fringe who also want to raise chickens, marijuana, and bike lanes. Aren't you people tired of dictating this continuing stupidity.

I'm very much in favour of the proposed addition of gardening on vacant lots, as well as the other additional opportunities. I'm in support of any additions that will increase local opportunities for growing produce.

No changes needed

I don't feel several of the above should require permits and approvals, mostly the ones referencing



growing gardens on residential property.

I think land should be used for growing vegetables, having small live stock. I used to own ducks back home I never had an issue

None come to mind.

Lots that are vacant, or have been for some time and are neglected should be available for food growing with the permission of the plot owner. Restaurants should be able to develop small veg and herb gardens in association with their kitchens

Add Growing food on public land

Community gardens which allow for modest sale of produce to encourage greater participation and investment in the garden, to keep food low cost (ie. Not farmers market prices!) and ensure that those not volunteering still have an opportunity to take ownership of such projects. Would definitely need a few guidelines and some careful monitoring....but I think this is more sustainable than selling sometimes hefty community shares for people on low and fixed incomes.

I would like to see the City plant edible fruit trees and plants instead of decorative flora. If a plant is installed, why not a plant a hungry person may benefit from?

Sustainable power sources, such as small scale wind turbines to be able to water gardens and green houses with rain water from rain barrels.

I would like to see existing right of ways utilized for community gardens where practical. I am thinking large sites that could accommodate a garden farm type of operation (2+ acres) on a long term basis.

#6- Intensive indoor livestock operations? We are trying to get away from unhealthy, commercialized animal production. Allow chickens in peoples yards at least!!!!!!

We shouldn't need permits to grow food in our own yards.

Greenhouse land use on private property should be made easier, without permit or council involvement.

All community centres should have public gardens for growing food.

All municipal unused land should be able to be used for growing.

Chickens, Meat rabbits and fish should be allowed to be grown on private property with out the need for council involvement. (run the city, not my garden or back yard)

No changes. I believe all canadaians should have the right to grow food anywhere

I think these allowances are great!

Yes, to allow better usage of both foods and growing spaces, to make affordable healthy foods available to more citizens, to encourage apartment dwellers to grow food and utilise all spaces.

Personal greenhouses in the back yard are part of gardening. There should be no restrictions.

It would seem that gardeners.homeowners can grow their own food on their own property or in community gardens. I support that.

I would like to inquire as to why chickens are not allowed in this city when so many other large cities have this as a sustainable option . I think more community gardens would be excellent and especially for providing continuous food to help communities of lower income if for organizations like the food bank and even a movement towards sustainable greenhouse gardens for homeless.

No change required

permission of commercial cultivation of food on (select) city park land on vacant or underutilized City owned land subject to a long term lease at rates that reflect income potential

Growing food on street boulevards and back alleys should be allowed. Helps with water run off, adds



nutrients to the soil, is usually a sunny location and doesn't require transportation to a community garden. teaches children where food comes from and the value of food if you are growing it yourself Growing plants indoor can be allowed in more residential area. However, should be limited to plants with a limited smell. I.E. weed should not be allow in residences. Growing a row of beet should not be a problem if the individual desire to sell the produce. Back yard chicken keeping should also be allowed as long as no rooster is present.

addition: allow small flocks of (6-8) laying hens as part of the local food movement for both egg production and meat.

No - current bylaw seems adequate

I like it except for the indoor life stock. I think the rules for animals should be far stricter to ensure a healthy and humane life even as livestock. The numbers should be far lower for animals kept inside during winter, there should be mandatory space outside that the animals use in good weather, and there should be space for water, shade, room to run and play, and far less steroids and antibiotics. I think space for animals should be a reasonable % based on their natural roaming and movement patterns. This would of course drive the price of meat up and would not allow for many large scale operations but meat should be expensive and we don't really need to be eating so much of it.

Its not clear about schools and I believe that growing food should be part of our children's education as well as enhancing their daily food nutrition.

I also think we should be planting food producing trees and shrubs in public parks.

More community gardens. More public gardens. More services to enable people to find garden space. Using vacant lots as well until they are developed. To make better use of the vacant land.

There should be NO LAWS put into place concerning the growing of food especially privately, EVER this includes greenhouses. I agree that livestock operations should be in designated areas. Humanely maintained with proper ventilation and good working conditions. Our livestock plants that house hundreds of animals at a time are too big. Smaller facilities and better conditions for all animals.

Urban Hens Pilot Project

I'm good

Protecting land for growing food (much like laws in BC)

Growing food on "leftover parcels of City of Calgary owned land"

Growing food (ie fruit trees) in City of Calgary parks -to provide free food for those who need it

Growing food is a way to bring communities together. Every neighborhood should have a community garden. There shouldn't be a lot of red tape to go through or high fees to pay, especially on private property. If I want to rip out my lawn and replace it with a garden, I should be able to. If I want to share my produce I grew with my neighbors, I should be able to. If I want to build a greenhouse on my property, I should be able too. If you don't need a permit to put up a shed, you shouldn't need a permit to put up a greenhouse. Food is free!

That there are not permits and approvals... growing one's own food should not be subject to permits.

I would like to see less regulations regarding growing food on residential properties as this should be a basic human right.

-Ban GMO and chemically produced pesticides, insecticide and fertilizers.

-Abolish the need for all gardening permits and evoke the freedom of rights to grow anything, anywhere (owned, rented or leased buildings and land) at any time.

I don't know much about the permits and approvals needed to grow food in one's front, back or side



yard, but I do know people in Calgary who have been harassed for keeping tidy gardens instead of lawns in their own yards. I believe that if you are a homeowner in Calgary or have the homeowner's approval (in case of rental properties), and your garden is maintained regularly, you should be able to grow food, herbs and flowers as you like inside your own space, regardless of the feelings of the neighbors. In many countries in Europe this is commonplace. A well maintained garden should not even require a permit, so long as non-invasive, non-noxious plants are used.

No, I don't think this would require any changes, just the ability to allow an individual to grow enough for the home without a permit

chicken coops should be allowed within city limits, up to 4 birds. water should be made available for growing food on city property that is used for right of ways, and right of ways should be permitted as available for food production as long as there is access to it without the endangerment of people for that purpose.

I want to see more land available in the urban area for community gardens. In addition, it would be great to have a place for apartment dwellers to take their organic food scraps to so that these items could be composted and used in city parks instead of using synthetic fertilizer. In addition, I would like to see the city support the use of abandoned land like condemned housing be used for urban gardening in a way the protects the land owner (ex locals can use space and if land owner decides to sell, then a certain amount of notice needs to be given to the local farmers, but at the same time the owner's property rights are protected by the city in a practical way). In dense urban areas, where local tax payers are subsidizing suburban sprawl with their property taxes, I would like to see more of the tax base come back to the urban centres in forms of urban gardening supports and other reimbursements.

ease some of the regulation in order to allow people to grow food on a small scale and provide the market with minimal if not no permits or approvals. allowing the market to reward the best product or lowest price naturally. i do understand

More opportunities is better. Let's break down those barriers. How many fatties are there because we subsidize corn, soy, and wheat? There should be no barriers to people who want to grow their own healthy food. As Justin said, it's 2015, which means even more now because it's 2016. Also let's get some chickens running around.

No

Shouldn't need permits for our own residential lot. Front yard gardens are totally acceptable.

Given that we are unlikely to over shoot the 2 degree climate change target in 2030 and that the UN reports that 40% of invertebrate pollinators are on route to extinction, I think we need to recognise that food security will become an increasingly salient issue the city will have to deal with. Urban agriculture needs to be fully supported, and move from a hobby based type of activity to levels of sustainable production. It will become increasingly important that we bring the sites of food production much closer to sites of food consumption.

It is my understanding that the City of Calgary is reconsidering the land allocated to the use as city golf courses. These sites are ideal locations for urban farms. Pilot research projects between the City of Calgary, the office of Sustainability at the University of Calgary, and Olds College would be a proactive step in helping solve some of the food security issues we will face over the next few decades and into our very different future.

Thank you,



offer reduced water and sewer feeds for those who produce food in their own gardens. They are growing productively instead of watering grass.

Growing food on my own property should not be subject to permits and approvals.

Yes. A person should be able to do roof top gardening in any residential area and within any home for their own consumption.

I think this just about covers the opportunities available. I do not want to see urban chickens in city limits, because most of the yard space in houses is really close together. The houses with huge yards are the exceptions.

I believe greenhouses should be allowed on private property if it is within permitted size

Add the right to raise chickens!! Minimal impact. Positive outcomes.

People should be able to produce food for themselves and family and friends in a greenhouse capacity if they wish. Any opportunity to grow healthy none GMO/pesticide laden food should be encouraged

I would like to ban indoor livestock operations within city limits. The main reason is the smell and refuse that is spread in nearby communities. An example is lillydale in Ramsay.

Planning our city to include future community garden plots. Also to know what areas in the city could be utilized for gardens.

We need to allow and encourage any food production in the city, any where. No one should need a permit to grow Vegetables in their own yard.

Growing food indoors in residential ,multi-residential, commercial and industrial districts.

Chickens! Up to 4 chickens should be allowed. Albertan's were raised with chickens and we'd like to see that come back

Do not understand the need for permits to grow food, specifically in your yard. If we are to hope that we can promote sustainable cities and one aspect of that is through local and community food one of the biggest priorities is to have easy, accessible engagement not more restrictions that may push people not to engage with such practices. Please at some point explain what is the different between planting a bush or some flowers in my yard and planting vegetables...I am specifically speaking to home-use gardens as I do agree specific bylaws are need for community gardens, rooftops and the like, however the restriction/permit on home gardens baffles me.

I fully believe in the phrase "grow food, not lawns"! I would also love to see some of the ornamental trees in the downtown area done as fruit trees for anyone to enjoy.

I think the current bylaw is acceptable. Maintenance is key to any food growing to avoid decay and pests.

I would like to see changes to include commercial urban farmers to grow food - this may include allowing for this use on unused / undeveloped City parcels, or in citizen's yards at their discretion (i.e. spin farming). Food is essential, and should be more accessible to all people - it truly is the backbone of our communities.

No, but it is difficult to maintain a front "veggie" garden that looks attractive and compatible with other neighbours' sense of aesthetics.

Nope

Is it possible to keep small animals considered "farm-only animals", such as chickens and ducks in the city? In terms of cleanliness and noise they aren't that different to, say, dogs and add a lot of benefit to gardens.



Yes, in regards to having a permit for aquaponics. How exactly can it be self sustainable if you make unattainable for others to create healthy sustainable local food. You need to take a look at the u.s and the way they are implementing aquaponics on a large scale.

Consideration of change of bylaw to allow city residents to keep chickens on their property. .

It should not be allowed in the front of yards....ruins the neighbourhoods and totally ugly.

I feel that growing food and the ability to grow food without having to worry about any backlash is crucial.i also feel that people now more than ever need to look after there own needs. Grocery stores charge so much for produce and it is very taxing on the public.

Food should be able to be grown on any privately owned property - without a permit. I am wondering why my community of Falconridge isn't listed. This should apply to all communities.

no, It is quiet lots of spaces and it is good to use all of it.

sorry sirs or madams, land use should be left to alone!!!!!!we rented an empty parcel to grow for food bank here in yyc# now what? Fort Calgary Community Gardens, in the middle of yyc does feed many women and children and families. also we now have a rented plot to grow food for food banks. classified as land use for veggies for the poor.

Planting apple trees and berry bushes in city parks, along the boulevards etc.

You shouldn't need a permit or approval to maintain a garden in front, back or side yards of your residential property. Nor in a rooftop garden.

Inclusion of indoor aquaculture and hydroponic technique operations for food production on parcels specifically designated for the use by council. Opportunity for sustainable food production and innovations in the industry could use a little more attention locally, provincially and federally.

Education is everything.

Indoor intensive livestock operations should be banned entirely. Not only the suffering of the animals, but the greenhouse gas emissions (primarily methane) from such operations should be sufficient to ban such practices.

I would live to be able to have chickens. I know it's not growing food.. well I sort of is. Lol i would die for fresh eggs from my own chickens. I hate buying these eggs that come from abused, caged chickens whom are fed garbage their whole.lives and never see the light of day.

No Permit should be required for Backyard food. community approval for front yard. permit for public park and rooftop. Food indoors is no permit. permit and community approval for indoor livestock

I believe that "Growing food in a maintained garden in the front, back and side yards of your residential property, or hiring someone else to do so" should not required any approvals or permits.

Additionally, I believe that "Growing food indoors" should be permitted in residential areas as well.

Would like to see more allowance for garden on properties and growing food in front, sides and back of garden ok'ed. If we are using water and maintaining a garden, we should be able to grow our own food, not just useless lawns which are high maintenance and huge water consumers.

Around school kids can learn and have oppotunities to grow there food!

No changes to small scale food production. Unless it's to deregulate it more. People should be free to grow whatever food they want. It should be a right and not a privilege.

Community gardens at every community center would increase community togetherness and create a network of friends within the community, I believe that is something missing in our city. urban food gardens should be encouraged.



I would like to see balconies included in acceptable growing areas.

Do not think any livestock should be farmed in the city.

No it is good the way it is.

I don't think you should have to get a permit or approval to grow food on your own residential property, period...you pay property taxes already, so you shouldn't have to get a permit.

Yes definitely! Residential areas should be allowed to have a greenhouse that may take up a large chunk of their back yards (setback bylaws need to change, they are ridiculous!) There is not enough room in this survey to explain the benefits to having a large greenhouse but, I would be more than happy to write you a novella on the subject.

Allow for food to be grown on any area wherever grass is allowed to grow. especially schools and parks. eliminate toxic spraying.

I have been trying to organize a community garden for 2 years. The beauracracy is a nightmare!!

Getting a community garden going needs to be much easier!!

Do not permit food only growing in front yards-- who decides what "maintained" looks like; unattractive dirt everywhere.

An explanation of "intensively (indoor livestock operations) needs to be made. This sounds like the already controversial farming that is now going on: overcrowding of animals in a confined space.

I have been trying to organize a community garden for 2 years. The beauracracy is a nightmare!!

Getting a community garden going needs to be much easier!!

I would not like to see changes made that restricted or reduced the current opportunities. As the world population grows, food needs to be grown in more pockets of land, wherever we can find it.

I don't think vegetable gardens maintained on your own residential property should require permits or approvals from the city. What a homeowner chooses to grow in their garden should not be the concern of anyone unless they are growing something that is a prohibited substance.

No - I think this is a balanced and reasonable approach to food resiliency. The bylaw doesn't say anything about orchards and we're hoping that before orchards (or permanent plantings of this type) are considered thoroughly before being approved.

Yes. I would like to have a large greenhouse in my back yard for personal use only.

Why is rooftop gardening only multi residential. It seems like there is potential for a private home (or more likely a shed or garage) to have a green roof with food production capacity.

Is there a permit required to grow food in a well maintained front yard? I can't tell from the wording above. I don't think a permit should be required.

I do not think that there should be any limitations on using residential property for maintained gardens. I know in the past that there have been some limitations on front yard gardens - as long as the property is well maintained there should be not be any restrictions on what you plant.

The ability for residents of calgary to raise hens for egg production in their back yards would be of great benefit.

Rooftop gardens can be allowed anywhere.

#5 growing food indoors anywhere, even residential if conditions allow for it.

#6 could expand which land can be used not just that by council

Low intensity livestock such as chickens in residential yards

I believe we should be able to plant food in our own property , whether you rent or own. As long as the home owner has no problem.



Yes. I would like to see the rules encourage and support local agriculture. I would encourage the city to put up any unused space as potential community garden plots.

i live in a townhouse complex - which would be considered multi-residential. Does this current bylaw allow us to have a private community garden area for owners to use on complex property?

if chicken`s are OK, how about rabbit`s, they don`t smell as bad as chickens, and I know several people do raise them in their garages, quietly ! (Italian area)

I am completely against the use of livestock and other animals. They are totally unnecessary to the health and nourishment of human beings and factory farming is a disgrace that I would love to see our province do away with eventually.

Personnel Greenhouses should be treated as gardens in residential areas.

To be able to have a garden in yards

Allow all residence the ability to grow any vegetables or fruit on their own property without having to apply for a permit.

A person should be able to grow food indoors in their own private home if it doesn't impact neighbours. Is this included somewhere? I often see people growing food in their backyards in small greenhouses for person consumption. Is this included somewhere? I believe both of these activities should be included.

I feel that growing food and the ability to grow food without having to worry about any backlash is crucial.i also feel that people now more than ever need to look after there own needs. Grocery stores charge so much for produce and it is very taxing on the public.

I would like to see homeowners that maintain meridian space (the space between the sidewalks and road, sp????) being able to grow gardens on that space. Also- egg laying hens. I know thats not part of the by-law, but please make it law. I want to feed my children high quality protein I can afford. And teach them animal husbandry.

Question: Are there any changes you would like to see made to these current opportunities for processing food?

Why or why not?

I would definitely like to see food processing opened up so that people can use their homes to manufacture food. I understand it is now necessary to have a separate facility in the home for food manufacture. Current bylaws make it prohibitive for anyone trying to start a small business. I don't choose to sell at the famers market so it is almost impossible to sell my product elsewhere. I am a laid off worker trying to find a way to make an income. The bylaws in Calgary make it impossible to start out small and grow a business. Too much investment is required. I have no concerns with inspections to ensure food is being prepared properly and in a clean environment but I can't afford to build a complete 2nd kitchen to do so. To rent a facility is a possibility but it brings in a whole new set of complexities including time, transport of goods, storage and facility availability.

Allow canning of plants (e.g., pickles; tomatoes) for consumption or sale. Limit amount.

Seems to work well.

Processing should be allowed in other communities as long as it does not impact safety, nuisance such as smells, noise, garbage, etc.

Smaller scale manufacturing should be allowed in residential neighbourhoods in commercially certified kitchens providing it is not a nuisance (smell, smoke etc.). This would incubate future food manufacturing business that could start at home.



It'd be nice if people could create and process their own food without the need for an industrial kitchen. There's some ladies I know who will bake and sell cakes to friends etc. but they'll never become legit businesses because of this hurdle. Same goes for things like jams, and pickles etc. Considering women have been doing these things in home kitchens for generations, it seems weird to prohibit commercial sale of such products. I understand that there is a health risk involved, however I believe that education and not an industrial kitchen, is the solution for making it safe.

No.

No

Allow for food to be processed through a home business licenses.

This is good as it is.. processing food is not the same as growing your own.

No comment

I would like more farmers markets with cheaper stall rental available in more areas of the city so that we can purchase better quality food from local people.

No, change needed. Processing in designated areas is a good practice.

Don't know enough to have an opinion

Not sure if this applies, but current food safety regulations should apply even to small scale / specialty food manufacturers and direct marketers.

No.

I can't think of anything to suggest.

I think our current bylaws are appropriate.

I'm not sure how this accommodates small producers who might rent a church or community hall kitchen or might have facilities installed in their own home.

Not sure. Make small scale food production as accessible as possible. Food security should be a top priority.

I would give more opportunities for locally produced and processed food.

Food should be handled under more controlled circumstances using less toxic chemicals.

Drying herbs and putting them in a bottle could be considered "processing food" and this can be done on a home based level without restrictions on location.

-microbreweries and homemade juices, jams and other prepared foods can be done at home with home grown produce

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Selling, trading and distributing food products from home needs to be acceptable practice which does not affect the land taxes

No.

Most small-scale food production should not be perceived as an obnoxious land use. For instance a bakery is comparable with a restaurant. However most bakeries have to be located in an industrial area. I think it would be beneficial to allow these kind of business to be located in commercial /retail areas.



Expand it. Local grown food is healthier and lot cheaper and it is fun producing food.

No change needed

No change at this point. I think greenhouses heated by waste heat would be a great idea.

Do not want food processing and or traffic from customers in residential areas.

I think more incentives are needed to encourage people to grow and process foods locally

Yes, if these can help boost the economy .

I wouldn't want bylaw to restrict innovation and small businesses.

Home processing should be made more viable.

I am not familiar with this and as of yet does not personally affect my practices. If this does apply to local restaurants supplying local food then I am all for it.

No changes.

The current bylaw seems adequate.

No, these rules ensure that food is produced in conditions that promote safety.

People should be allowed to produce value added food products In their homes

Small scale manufacturing should be made accessible to producers in areas other than sole industrial and commercial, providing certain health and safety criteria is met.

no changes that I can see

Those look like reasonable opportunities.

No, but it's not something I've thought much about.

Clairty in the details of the regulations. Plain language versions.

Not familiar enough with this.

Allow residential manufacturing of food for sale.

No, don't know enough about it to ask for changes.

This should be expanded to allow more people to make and sell foods provided that health code and hygiene requirements are met.

Should include allowing sale of home grown vegetables, eggs and meats as well.

that a certain percentage of the healthy food on the Canada food guide goes to people with low incomes (and no income), and the agencies that serve them. No healthy food should end up being wasted in the dump.

I'm satisfied with the current rules for food processing.

i thnk if yur going to have a garden and yu nneed to apply for a license ,

If processed food is used to be sold should follow the business regulation, but I think is already this.

There is already the CFIA for this.

Grow food where ever possible.

No!

n/a

Small scale processing in homes that have been inspected would be great. I think we would get more cupcakes, sauerkraut, bone broth and other funky handmade stuff for sale. People who are excited about processing food are often locked out of even trying due to the cost of meeting bylaws permits and approvals.

No.



Make food production easier for small scale producers.

The ability for a homeowner to set up a specific room within their home for processing food (subject to meeting public health requirements for cleanliness). This would foster more home based business opportunities.

No comments

n/a

What the Land Use Bylaw allows for this is satisfactory.

Manufacturing anywhere should be allowed, subject to health standards, permits and approvals.

Grow Calgary is looking to expand at who's expense.. homeowners.

No. Seems to work...

No comment here

no, manufacturing process should be regulated for food safety

The current market does not allow for provincially inspected meat to be stored within Calgary as there are no facilities available. As many Alberta producers do not use the federal plants, this is problematic in terms of our food security. Some kind of incentive in this area would be greatly appreciated.

no

ensure soil is tested and safe - i.e. no toxins in soil; non-pesticide philosophies

Perhaps allowing small scale "manufacturing" (not sure what qualifies as manufacturing under this definition) in mixed use areas would be beneficial to businesses (ie. someone who creates frozen gourmet pizzas could operate in a mixed use neighbourhood and be able to sell directly to the public there instead of making the customer find them in an industrial area)

Make it easier for people to process food in their homes, without having to install a commercial kitchen. Alternatively, make it possible to obtain short term permits to process food in semi-commercial spaces like community centres/halls.

I would like to see the City help community centres, that are interested, renovate their community hall kitchens so that they are at commercial kitchen standards. This would be particularly good for communities that already have or plan to have community gardens on the grounds around the hall. We would like to be able to process and/or manufacture foods such as jams, juices, wash and sell produce from the gardens, prepare and cook meals for events and fund-raising and donations for charitable organisations or community members. etc.

No

This regulation does not allow for broad enough abilities for local growers to process food within their own residences, if they do not have access to a commercial location. This is a barrier to small businesses that operate out of more residential areas. That is not to say that food processing should be allowed to occur in those areas without a permit or approval. They should still be subject to permits and approvals, but the areas you can get those permits for should be expanded.

I am content with this.

no. doesn't affect me, and don't see any issues.

Easier permitting for a home based food business.

No

what do you mean by manufacturing food - Bureaucrats use words to confuse so they get the answers they want



Requirement to donate all leftover edible food. We waste so much!

smaller scale "manufacturing" - health and safety is of course a concern, but why the limitation to industrial and commercial areas; possibility of small scale zoning

No.

Up to 5 backyard hens for egg production should be allowed in Calgary. They are quieter and much cleaner than dogs in backyards. They also make for good neighbour relations, and are good for children. There should be guidelines for care in the bylaws (like every other pet.) Why are pigeons allowed?

Broaden the scope to include residential applications for small scale producers. It would add to our sustainable approach as a City if citizens were permitted to process food in our homes, pending approval of appropriate permits. Small scale producers can only benefit our city as we lean towards eating local.

Nope. It works.

not too sure, but from some documentary info, there are some restrictions placed on small processing businesses that match large scale production lines. if cleanliness can be established on a small scale then, regulate on a case by case basis...

Would add manufacturing out of the home, provided health standards are met.

Small scale food manufacturing should be opened up to most zoning as this is the type of activity which makes communities vibrant, store fronts vibrant and interesting.

i'm assuming home canning, food preservation, etc for personal use is outside of the bylaws. What about a home-based business that does canning for others or makes and sells canned goods, etc

manufacturing organic produce should be allowed ANYWHERE, residential as well as commercial.

No, just state how and where food is grown.

small scale manufacturing in a specialty food store as long as there is no pesticides herbicides or toxic waste.

Small scale manufacturing in restaurants and schools too.

It should be possible for most people to process food for sale subject to some safety regulations.

No

Allowing smaller scale manufacturing to take place in more types of location

Looks good. Promotes local eating

If you are selling food, this should require some oversight.

safety first

No comment

Any provision for manufacturing food should be encouraged. Food security is going to be a huge issue in the future. As a city, we need to look at any way to become self sufficient.

Cottage industry manufacturing at home, for sale, using home kitchens.

See final notes

no worries about this.

No, I think there are lots of opportunities for small businesses who want to process food to set up their own kitchens within the current laws?

creating more opportunities for small scale food manufactures.

No. Less industrialized food is better



I haven't seen any problems with it currently

no. it is important for the city to have opportunities to manufacture food to help ensure good food security for Calgary

Again, provided that the manufacturing meets appropriate food and health regulations, I am not opposed to having manufacturing on a small scale within residential areas as well.

Happy with small scale operations as long as health and safety standards are adhered to. In fact smaller operations encourage use of local production and help wean us from the increasingly unhealthy Big Food industry. Local should be encouraged as much as possible.

Allowing food to be grown indoors in residential and school areas

It should be easier for community groups to support low income individuals with food production. Insurmountable health codes are well intentioned but increasing our social issues.

Let people live. No permit required.

Continued MFG of food in both industrial & commercial areas as they are now, keeping applicable permits & approvals in place. I am not sure of the guidelines for food safety but if there is room for improvement there, I'd suggest that specific area to have changes made.

No opinion.

Seems OK to me.

I think home kitchen-based processing should also be allowed, following health & safety codes.

Food processing should be opened up to many more people in any area. The struck regulations surrounding it are stopping many small businesses from emerging and keeping good, small batch, healthy food off of many Calgarians tables.

no

No

it seems alright. not sure what the limits of production are....it seems wide open which is probably okay

no

Keep things the same.

I don't know enough about this to have an educated opinion.

There should be no restrictions to people processing their own food. Any applicable permits and approvals needed to do this should be revoked. This is a food security issue. food supply needs to be localized, and decentralized.

No. Why fix what is broken. If there are already permits and approvals in place leave as is.

not sure.

Allowing home occupation class 1 - food productions for cottage industries and small scale. With cottage industry becoming popular, it makes sense to make it easier for home run operations to exist.

I do not have strong opinions on the matter.

There should be no limits on any of these. The right to grow food is a human right, regardless if it's a business or individual. This is YYC not the DPRK.

I would like to see food processing, manufacturing, packaging and sales to be allowed in homes, Community centres and churches provided they meet common sense health and safety guidelines. In order for Calgary to become independent of the industrial food distribution model (there is only about 3 days of food in a city at one time, we are dependant on the existing food supply network, the



monopolies that control it, the dependence on petroleum for industrial food and transport), I believe it is critical for the citizens to be challenged and encouraged to grow their own food, and to be able to process it for themselves, and buy, sell or trade in an open market.

Too much of Alberta's primary production is sent out of province to manufacturers, where the raw materials are made into value added products for sale back to Albertans. By encouraging Calgarians to grow & process food locally, a secure, diverse and resilient food supply would be available for the city population in times of need. Unemployment can be reduced as people provide for themselves and other Calgarians from their urban farms and home processing enterprises. Calgary can become a model of sustainable local food production for the rest of country.

Again make the process easier. In our economy, it is important right now to encourage these as opposed to making it impossible or cumbersome to do so.

No large scale. we should do it communities, help each other involve families kids, use different environments, lands, roof buildings floors in towers schools property etc

No - I'd like this to be encouraged.

No. this is not a farm !!!

Chicken in backyard is okay.... proper education for best results & community by in needs to be available

Yes. Smaller scale manufacturing in residences to allow for nano-operations and facilitate neighbourhood start-ups.

I would like to see green houses on every large Structure in Calgary, helping ending poverty by giving and allowing easy and cheap access to nutrient rich foods for the many poor and impoverished in our city and community.

Yes, this is important to ensure a clear understanding of commercial food growing.

N/A

If people are processing food for their own consumption, no permits should be required. Those opting to sell/distribute their processed foods should require a license, and be held to the same standards as commercial distributors. Food safety should be a priority.

This seems to cover it

Allow for small private producers to sell fresh or lightly processed (e.g. pickled) food at community markets.

Tax credit or another form of fiscal encouragement aimed at increasing organic food production methods. Good opportunity to diversify Calgary's industry to become a premier producer of organic produce and products. Food production and processing are industries with a golden opportunity to encourage use of sustainable energy use, eg solar and clean natural gas. Indoor livestock operations are problematic. There has to be a humane alternative.

No, I haven't heard anyone complaining about it

Smaller scale should be aloud in residential area, in buildings or separate rooms in houses as long as it meets foodsafe regulations

I think manufacturing food ie home canning should be allowed at home. Processing and putting honey into canning jars for selling should be allowed in a home. These methods are safe and been proven. Otherwise the city should help by subsidizing commercial kitchens for small entrepreneurs to make products to sell. The city would benefit by having more local products sold in stores outside of



summer farmers market season. Currently renting commercial space for canning and honey can be very expensive. Having subsidized commercial kitchens or allowing selling canned goods from home could help boost economy during times of downturn. I make excellent preserves that local cheese shops would sell but I cant because I make them at home. They are fine to sell at a farmers market but I cant sell them in a store. If I had a subsidized kitchen or allowed to produce food from my kitchen I could subsidize my lack of income during this time in Calgary where I cant get a job in the oil and gas industry.

Should be allowed at home with permit/approval

For food safety reasons I think food processing should be kept to regulated facilities. Having said that, it is difficult for small food processing business to access commercial and industrial facilities. Access to these needs to be improved and be made more affordable.

None

No.

Allowed to process food on farm assuming proper safety guideline and alberta health services rules are meet . Process and sell locally on your own farm or at the location where the food was grown

No.

What: Loosen the "rules" to allow for faster, easier approval for all of the above.

Why? To allow for more food to be produced other than by large, mass production operations.

Allow at homes with proper kitchens, and upgraded community halls kitchens

Allow a new type of community kitchen.

Find ways to accommodate for small producers who may not be able to afford expensive processing facilities, especially meat processing, in order to promote small businesses.

Keep the same.

Can food be processed in residential homes with appropriate permits?

#2 - Allowing small scale production in residential areas also. More self-employed entrepreneurs can participate. More income more taxes for the local govt.

Apriaries (with limited capacity) should be permitted on rooftops

These are fine too.

No - looks ok

no

This seems rather restrictive. What about the local resident, small scale processing.

No.

Manufacturing food for commercial purposes should be allowed as a home business subject to health inspection rules. Manufacturing food, including butchering, etc, for personal use, should be specifically allowable in all areas.

I think generally, not just food, but breweries, distilleries, and small-scale production of any goods, should be allowed in a greater variety of commercial areas. They should be allowed to have a fairly decent amount of retail as well, so that production and sales can be in the same location. I also think there is room to have small scale food production, which is perhaps potentially less 'noxious' than other production, definitely within commercial areas, and in neighbourhood commercial areas adjacent or within residential communities. local bakery??



Chicken for private and local commercial use (selling to neighbours-both animals and veggies/fruit)

Growing food on common city owned land such as boulevards.

The City of Victoria is exploding with these gardens and it is inspiring! This improves access for those not near to community gardens.

yes, these are very limited options

Has to be allowed to do it at home for owner use

No change

Need more inspections. I have purchased food and been ill from it.

Food processing should be allowed in restaurants, specialty food stores and general industrial, as well as home kitchens that meet AHS standards

Smaller scale manufacturing within a specialty food store in residential areas. Without a permit or approval necessary.

Not applicable to my small garden at my home!

No. Please encourage small businesses too.

If they are not legal. Please include garage fermentation facilities to the list of allowed processes. For food fermentation and alcohol production on a home scale.

I believe having chickens and smaller animals to be used for food should be allowed in residential areas, as long as they don't break any noise permits.

Please add... Aquaponics (using fish as part of a system to grow vegetables) and/or aquaculture (producing fish for consumption)

Adding the ability to produce ones own food on a residential lot that isn't fenced in out of view would be ideal.

use of less chemicals, avoidance of low quality tin materials, food colours and preservatives.

I believe having restaurants grow their own foods is OK, if they currently have the space to do it, as stated above.

No, i do not know enough about the processing of food to comment on this matter.

No

Does this permit home businesses to can their own produce for sale? If not it should be permitted in the same capacity as other home business activities - not clogging the street with customers or generating any excessive noise or odor. It should be subject to quality control checks if the person is selling it, at their own expense, and with their own liability accepted in the case of contracted illness.

Just as the Land Use Bylaw should encourage opportunities for growing food in Calgary, increased food processing opportunities in non-traditional land use districts would encourage a more vibrant and entrepreneurial local economy.

Expand to all food processing anywhere subject to noise and exhaust concerns. People should be able to provide for themselves with the assets at their disposal with out taking on the full expense of commercial operation. ie If my neighbour can make a few dollars by selling pickles, jams or home baking, they should be allowed to.

This seems reasonable but then I'm not sure what other opportunities there might be that aren't currently being explored

All are working now. Why change?

Home processing on a small scale for purchase would allow for small scale artisan-type businesses to start up



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Cottage industries should be allowed to operate without licensing for sales at farmer's markets, etc.

no

Growing in vacant lots

No

Home food production facilities, where the producer has a predetermined knowledge and skill set (course work?), a production suitable kitchen, and insurance.

I would like to see #2 become more lenient, allowing for more interesting and artisanal foods to be part of Calgary's makeup. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE MORE COMMUNAL KITCHENS FOR LOWER INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS.

Great ideas

No. Not educated enough on topic.

No

If people want to produce their own food anywhere in the city on their own property and sell it then it should be allowed.

I think that small scale manufacturing should also be allowed within residential areas

Could we make it possible for people to have small scale home businesses that produce food? A set of health standards and compliance inspections would be required. Maybe properly equipped and monitored central locations could be established for small scale commercial or home use canning. The space and equipment could be managed by a community co-op.

This does not affect me, I have no opinion

I wish that the regulation for home/attached processing would be easier for people who want to turn parts of their residence into their processing area so they can maximize production with efficiency, time, proximity, and limit the amount of travel time.

no

egg collection

unsure

There should be provisions for the processing of food within some residential spaces.

No changes considered necessary.

I am sure that there are many processing activities (cooking, baking, canning, chopping, to name a few) that can be carried out with perfect safety in the kitchen of any home. Unless the activity is posing some sort of risk, I see no reason to restrict it.

Widen the range of facilities,

Community kitchen , or home preserving to sell at seasonal markets.

Community-based or cooperative commercial kitchens could be explored for start-ups and smaller scale operations

Greater opportunities for small scale producers to find commercial kitchen space that meets regulations.

Smaller scale manufacturing within residential areas would encourage smaller scale small business to form.

No, it's good

does manufacturing include canning? What if someone rent a commercial area for personal use and the cans are for personal consumption? Why would permit be required?



Don't know.

No changes

No

Encourage community centres to offer local food processing courses, including food safety.

Labeling of GMO foods should be mandatory.

Keep the same

Food Processing happens in every kitchen in the city on a small scale, processing should not be contained to commercial properties, It should be regulated by noise and odour violations etc but not by activity. Production of food of any scale should be permitted in community centres, and homes for both private, non profit and or for profit enterprises. Control of the food supply and its production is not an area of for the city to regulate. The state has no business in the kitchens of the people! unless they really smell!

Why not allow in residential areas when the owner is the one having the facility, i.e. A cake making/decorating business in an area of the home separated and inspected to comply.

small business food production should be allowed at a home

The focus should be on food preparation process not the commercial kitchen. Contamination can occur in any size operation so the current commercial kitchen rules seem overblown. Let's focus on education for the food preparation teams not on the side of their oven.

Perhaps smaller scale manufacturing in home kitchens subject to health inspections.

I am happy with the current bylaw.

So long as health regulations are followed this is adequate

Why not allow in residential areas when the owner is the one having the facility, i.e. A cake making/decorating business in an area of the home separated and inspected to comply.

As long as bylaws are reasonable and enforceable, I am in favour of leaving the land use bylaw as it is. Commercial should be away from thr home or limited but for own personal use or farmers market should be allowed.

This should be expanded to allow more food manufacture in residential areas and non-specialty stores, subject to permits and approvals. This would ensure that people who are already doing it can come out of the shadows and get proper inspections.

No changes, what we have works fine.

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Looks okay

Requirements for a proper commercial kitchen, and food handling courses for staff generally limit any serious food processing to only commercial ventures.

No. I believe that food processing, with the intent to sell to the public, should require permits and approvals.

People should be able to process certain foods (drying, jams, preserves, pickling, fermented vegetables, etc) in their homes pending the proper sanitary guidelines via some course certification or inspection or something.

Co-op processing in public buildings ie halls. It shouldn't be illegal to set up nano meaderies/breweries. Reduce the red tape.

Processing food should meet Canadian Food production standards.



i should have the right to sell excess produce i grow in my yard being residential

Small businesses tend to start in their home. What is allowed or documented for that?

It is our land we, the people, should be able to use it as we see fit.

What about personal non-business related food manufacturing?

No

no

No comment at this time.

don't know enough about it to comment.

No changes suggested.

Great! Keeping it local is important.

Perhaps small opporations in residential areas. With proper health regulations I do not see why some one could not produce food in the home

Not that I am aware of as long as the food processed has to be proven safe.

I'm in favour of broad and permissive regulations that allow home preparation of food for sale, similar to the California Homemade Food Act

I'm not familiar with commercial operations. No opinion.

Broadening things that are safe but would promote local food preparation

no

Residential processing small scale

Yes,

Keep the same.

Allow food prep in homes

No.

I'm not aware of any changes that are necessary.

no

No

1 - Allowing for site processing - harvesting, washing and composting - at urban garden and greenhouse sites as above.

2 - Review of current bylaws to ensure that community processing facilities at a community scale are allowed, to bring processing into neighbourhoods. This may be done through the utilization, perhaps with some improvements, of current community assoc. hall kitchens.

Industrial scale processing facilities have different challenges for communities, and this is recognized.

3 - But cooperation between neighbours for processing their own food should be encouraged through guidelines that recognize Food Safe practices, and space and capital constraints of neighbourly activities...

No

looks good

Keep same

No.

None, as I am less familiar with what this area entails.

No changes needed



Food processing should include rules and regulations for maintaining as organic, whole food and pesticide free food as possible.

We should have the right to use our homes as we see fit as long as its not unsettling neighbors

None come to mind.

Processing food in homes that have completed a commercial kitchen training program.

Would like to see smaller scale manufacturing for home-based businesses added to increase economic opportunities.

I think dry foods should be able to be processed in any clean facility (even a home)

no

Too conservative, broaden the allowable usages in more areas. Accommodate home based businesses more.

I love to experiment recipes from smoothies to main dishes. If I want to turn it into something productive as, like now, Im working in reduced hours, so I need extra income and I live in a condo building. Would there be a possibility to allow that small business opportunity in a condo or mobile home areas? I wish there would be as lng as it is governed by appropriate rules and wont distract other residents' rights and ownership. Thanks!

Everyone should be able to grow and sell produce that they create.

Community centres should allow for kitchen use (free or at least a discounted rate) for members of their community to process and bring the produce to market in accordance with the farmers market guidelines.

None

I would like to see an opportunity for the fruit from the many fruit trees in Calgary, from apples to cherries, etc. to be processed for use by the food bank and the outreach programs for the needy. We have so much food going to waste by not being picked. If there were excess vegetables that they be included as well.

People should be allowed to produce food in their residential homes as long as it is done in a safe manner.

I would not want large scale operations such as feed lots any closer to the city, but smaller mfgs and those medium or large that don't have high pollutants, effluent, odour or the like should be allowed to create business in more areas of the city, particularly reuse of other spaces, Luke closed schools etc. I think community kitchens should be expanded.

Food prep from grower direct to consumer should not be regulated or kept to certain areas of the city. Requiring a "commercial kitchen" to make goodies from the garden and sell directly need to be supported across the board

As long as soil, air and water quality is good, I see nothing wrong with this.

NO

All food stores should be permitted to grow food on site for sale on site including green houses, hydroponics aquaponics or rooftop gardens

Some food processing allowed in a commercial kitchen housed in a transportable manner - similar in idea to food trucks.

Small scale meat smoking should also be allowed in residence.

clear identification of where and what is being done at the site

No - seems adequate



I think this is reasonable as long as say a commercial grade community kitchen could be used to manufacture food.

I think we should be teaching ourselves and others in the community how to preserve and save our food.

No. Unfamiliar with the entire process.

Processing food inside your own home with a permit and inspections.

Smaller scale manufacturing of plant based foods is acceptable. No live animals should be handled or processed in this area, too messy and smelly and there is no guarantee the animals would be treated humanely.

Urban Hens Pilot Project

I would like to see less regulated Mom and Pop stores creating fabulous home made sandwiches and small baked goods.

Seems okay but does this mean food trucks must manufacture their food somewhere other than their trucks?

There should only be regulations regarding the sale of such goods not for personal consumption.

-Ban GMO and chemically produced pesticides, insecticide and fertilizers.

-Abolish the need for all gardening permits and evoke the freedom of rights to grow anything, anywhere (owned, rented or leased buildings and land) at any time.

no, manufacturing should be monitored.

I would like the ability to process food (with the appropriate permits and inspections) in my home.

Specifically, the ability to dry corn in my home for sale at farmers markets as parched corn.

there needs to be some permits made available for residential food processing as long as the chef has a food handling certificate. people eat and prepare foods in their houses every single day.

Less Auchwitz-like conditions. Come on people. That cow is way smarter than that dog you buy bow-ties for.

No

Not, industrial uses of land should be regulated.

Manufacturers reviewed based on policies to deal with wastage and over production. i.e. Donations to food bank or homeless shelter.

I might be able to answer if the permits and approvals processing food is subject to.

This is tricky. A lot of people are not having home-based businesses, so it's a fine balance between maintaining health and safety and encouraging small businesses.

yes - the ability for places like the foodbank to be able to process fresh vegetables/fruit

Yes smaller scale food grows should also be allowed within the communities with the ability to sell at Farmers Markets or too friends and family.

Again I would like to ban the processing of livestock within city limits for the same reasons mentioned above.

Not sure

no comment

Gardens must be curbed and manicured if visible from the street.

Hunters should be allowed to process their food at home.

I do not want to see food processing occurring in neighbourhood homes beyond activities for personal



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consumption (i.e. canning, bee keeping, etc.)

Changing this to include kitchens not located in industrial or commercial areas will allow people greater access to food grown in their community - thereby increasing capabilities for local resilience and decreasing energy inputs, like transportation.

No

Yes. Approved home processing with proper standards.

I'm not sure what manufacturing specifically refers to, but some form of urban/ non-commercial food preparation would be awesome. "Neighbour flavour" just came out in some parts of Australia, and enables households to sell food (kind of like Uber or AirBnB but for food). It really brings communities together, and helps people earn a little extra income.

Yes, make it a simple easy sustainable system for communities and individuals at the local level no changes needed.

It is reasonable.

yes food store in N.E.=yyc???? should not !!!!! open!!!! as it does only affect n.e. communities????? I do not live nor get to travel, nor grow for own use? why they think they open a market for only n.e.????? no way!!!!!!! i do not live in n.e. yyc# ??????

We need more community kitchen arrangements for cottage businesses to flourish. This would also make it easier for health inspectors, many kitchens in one spot.

No, seems sensible.

no change

Deregulation

There needs to allowances for peoe being able to cook, grow and give food to people without permits, and all of the other hoops we currently have tp jump through.

No. Supermarkets are doing this now and fast food chains.

Small home businesses should be allowed to sell baking without a commercial kitchen as long as they advertise as a home business.

Good the way it is.

Absolutely, every one deserves fresh, chemical free produce. The more local growers we have the better the benefits!

Label nonGMO and GMO ingredients in food. Minimize packaging, more bulk food. Make it mandatory for food establishments to compost. we need a composting culture, create a compost friendly environment in all business start in city hall.

No.

None, as long as the proper permits are obtained and inspections of these areas are done periodically to ensure the safety of the food.

No, the current food processing rules seem reasonable. Food being processed for sale should be done in an area where food safety can be assured.

It would depend on what kind of manufacturing we are discussing - meat processing is very different from produce. Preferably odors and potential pests next to residential areas are considered before allowing such permits.

Yes. More opportunities for home baking and canning sales. Encourage micro business



If a home kitchen were to meet applicable safety standards, it should be able to process food for small scale home business. Local food resiliency is important, and this seems like it would be low negative impact for neighbour and high potential positive impact on the local food system.

I believe that there should be some limitations on processing facilities if there is a concern about noise or smell. Smell particularly can be very disruptive and difficult to control - so consideration should be made for what is being processed and how.

More flexibility in existing rules for non profits.

I'm not clear what is covered by the word "manufacturing" and not completely familiar with what would be considered commercial zoning - I'm thinking of a small neighbourhood restaurant who has a garden in their backyard should be allowed to make their own preserves, jams, pickles, etc. to sell - but only on a small, boutique level scale. Or homeowner with a large garden that wishes to produce these products to sell at the farmers market - perhaps these scenarios are already covered by the current bylaw

No

To have a smaller scale to process food

Keep it.

Clarify manufacturing / processing food. Both terms are used in this section. People often process food for farmer's markets within the city. People process food from their gardens or trees (canned vegetables, and jellies) within their own kitchens that may or may not be in Health Canada approved kitchens depending on where it is sold. This should be legal. Hobby beekeepers filter the honey in their kitchens and sell it.

Small scale food manufacturing for sale. Ie- I bake my own bread and make homemade yogurt, butter and other dairy products. I would like to be able to sell these commercially.

"Manufacturing" food in a residence, such as cooking/baking specialty items for local sale. So people could establish themselves prior to incurring the risk and expense associated with launching a new business.

Question: Are there any changes you would like to see made to these current opportunities for distributing food?

Why or why not?

Local food sharing at community gardens or neighbourhood stands.

More flexibility in market regs to allow for pop ups. Support from city to comply with and navigate health and safety regs.

I would like to be able to distribute food on the internet..ie cookies or jam. I understand proper labeling and cross border regulations come into it but this option should be available. Also, I would like to be able to bake for other establishments from my home to delivery.

Seems to work well as it is.

Food distribution should be allowed to food stores, supermarkets, etc.

Farmers markets should be allowed in any district provided that there is enough parking. The city should build and operate a permanent indoor public market in the centre city..

Ability to distribute small amounts of home grown produce at some sort of curb side stand to make fresh food more accessible and less expensive for community members with less income and/or limited mobility.



No opinion.

No.

No

Allow for food to be distributed through a home business licenses.

As a grower, I should be permitted to give or sell my produce as I see fit..

should be able to sell it right in your front yard.

Getting permits for things listed here should be easier.

I would like more of the functions above allowed, make it easier and cheaper for permits and approvals.

Yes, specify what other public gathering place is.

Any distribution of food facility should be inspected for health, hygiene and safety standards

not sure

See above - I would like to see more direct marketing, as long as it underlies current food safety regulations and inspection.

There is some very interesting work being done in the US with regards to mobile farmers markets where fresh fruits and vegetables are be sold in areas where those with limited transportation could access them. Examples would be at large bus or train stations/park and rides. This allows individuals who would normally shop for food at convenience stores or similar (due to lack of transportation, money or time) to purchase healthy fresh food.

I can't think of anything to suggest.

Why do farmer's markets have to be seasonal at community halls? Are indoor winter markets not allowed?

Sounds good.

Farmer's markets encourage support for local growers and producers. They also support community engagement.

Food should travel the shortest distance possible from farm to table to cut down on fuel consumption and pollution.

Selling, trading and distributing food products from home needs to be acceptable practice which does not affect the land taxes

(Concerns about health and safety standards can be labeled "at own risk")

Make it easier for church's and community halls to distribute food from their property (make it easier for them to feed the needy)

No.

It should be encouraged to have a permanent farmers market in a more central location. Which could be achieved by allowing this kind of use in a more residential /mixed use setting.

Selling of individual's produce.

No changes needed

I'd like to be able to deliver products to people who want to buy them, or have them come by my place - without having to rent a stall in a farmer's market - I really dislike farmer's markets and it's expensive. I would also say that if you are going to turn farmer's markets into food delivery places; then make sure that's what they are, and not places to sell junk which they are currently AND they're selling fruit and veg that are no way produced in Calgary - they just buy them from Safeway and re-sell



at a higher price. That needs to be looked into. I think someone's small operation can be deemed safe and inspected, and can also be organic or not; you shouldn't have to go to a farmer's market to sell things. There are all kinds of issues with everything from the expense to accessibility issues. What if someone can raise the food but can't afford the stall rental? What if they're allergic to some of the stuff floating around in the air, or they're subject to panic attacks in crowds?
Think about it.

Keep this the same-- community halls should not have to pay extra for permit.

I think more incentives are needed to encourage people to grow and distribute food locally

Yes.

Why only occasional for #1?

I love the seasonal and permanent farmer's markets, but this town is SORELY missing green grocers, Vancouver style. Old school produce vendors. Places where you get good, cheap produce not gussied up at a supermarket or farmer's market. Places that sell dollar bags of produce nearing the end of its lifespan. Why do those not exist here? I only know of one (sorta): DJs at 11/12th & 46th Ave SE. And it's pretty informal, a proper building for year round sales would be great. These should be pushed to exist on main streets and ideally not boutique style, just food, if that kind of thing can be promoted.

Food drop points for producers to meet customers in the city should be readily available.

i like these practices. I would like to know more about regulations on farmers markets.

No changes.

The current bylaw seems adequate.

Streamlining an approval system for getting an approval for setting up a food kiosk, small farmers market, or individual food truck.

The markets need to be where the people are. In high density areas like the beltline.

Food distribution should be encouraged as much as possible. Food distribution encourages social benefits for communities and events.

No changes that I can think of. These small scale distribution centers and events aid in community building.

Those seem to cover all the reasonable options.

Permits are a City Cash Grab. Surprised we don't need a permit to breathe! Too many permits or licenses for everything.

Reduce the bureaucracy around these activities. They promote sustainable farming...these opportunities should be promoted and cultivated throughout the city.

Distribution of food should be allowed from anyone's abode. For example, family run in-house restaurants as allowed in Cuba. Also, allow for sale home grown vegetables, eggs, meats, etc out of residents' homes.

The more farmer's markets the better!

Residents should be allowed to sell food as a business out of their own homes as long as the food is properly handled.

Farmers markets should have an area in which stores can donate healthy food to people living in poverty, and to agencies that serve them. The area should include a list of all the donors in it as form of advertisement and thank you for their support in helping Calgarians with low incomes (or no incomes) have access to safe and healthy food.

More accessibility for pop-up markets in parking lots, and private vendors. The current "red tape" for



approving small scale temporary events or markets is prohibitive in nature. Once learning of requirements most would rather "nevermind" than attempt to navigate the system, especially when there is no guarantee of approval. Short term used are not possible under the bylaw with the exception of special functions. However, someone trying to host a weekly weekend farmers market in a parking lot utilized by business not operating on weekends currently has little to no option under the bylaw. More flexibility for space sharing, time of peak use, and actual instead of possible impact need to be evaluated.

yes would like to be notified where these gardens are grown in the calgary area , and find out where and what grown and where they are selling or giving it away to the neddy ,

No, leave it like this. We need more freedom to support farmers and local producer.

Continue on.

No!

n/a

I would like it to be even easier to obtain permits for these activities. Sometimes the bureaucracy kills good spontaneous ideas.

The regular closing of roads during the summer months to allow for an outdoor market. Our current farmers markets are all a driving distance away. A regular weekly walkable market close to down town would be fantastic. The Lilac Festival is fun and fabulous and similarly a walkable regular market in a closed off street would be fun and fabulous. Regular closing of roads for a market is very common in Europe and would work here too. it also sends the message that good food and not the car or truck is important too. Closing the road for a wonderful Christmas market once a year would be fabulous too.

I love the bus stop farmers markets in other cities, I bet they would do very well in Calgary at the LRT stations. It would be great to see a low income initiative for fresh produce.

No

Regular weekly food distribution at community halls and areas directly accessing inner city neighbourhoods. Healthy food access, especially for at risk demographics such as seniors and affordable housing residents.

Neighbourhood farmers markets.

Seasonal opportunities for people that have gardens or fruit trees to sell smaller quantities of they have grown out of their homes. It could be restricted to certain days of the week (e.g. Saturday). For example, someone might plant a garden of spinach which could supply several people for the summer.

I love farmers markets

better promotion of the distribution centres

Going back to the first topic of "Growing Food", if there was an amendment to allow teaching gardens, the school should be allowed to sell surplus food for fundraising, let's say for upkeep of the garden, if they so choose.

Subject to safe food handling, permits and approvals, food should be available from anywhere.

Accessibility for all is key.

More designated spaces for food sharing and sales.

No.

allow people to sell excess food produced from their residential yard, in order to make an income or supplement an income in this difficult economy with many job losses and increasing food prices



I think "occasional" distribution should be any time.

incorporate promotion of local food grown at appropriate municipal and non-for-profit events and information.

Make farmer's markets available anywhere and everywhere - we need real food available all over the city. Reduces a carbon footprint if I can walk in my neighbourhood instead of having to get into my car and drive across the city.

See above requests.

No

Does this mean bake sales, lemonade stands, etc. are currently not allowed? If that is the case I think that broader ability to distribute food for fundraising efforts, etc would be a good start.

I like the idea of bringing food to where folks are currently living, especially within walking distance of communities where there are high concentrations of folks with limited mobility (i.e. seniors, people with disabilities, etc.). No more food deserts!!!

no.

there should be no limitations on consenting adults selling or trading food/products

Anything that supports the distribution of local food supplies to local markets, allowing those that grow the food to benefit the most from the sale of their food.

Soe restaurants say after lunch should be able to give foodto homeless people

Requirement to donate all leftover edible food. We waste so much!

Definition of occasional is required.

home-office distribution permits is an interest - just like any other home-based business

No.

No. It is working. Why spend money trying to change it?

home businesses might be a way to go. help open up alternative food sources during the downturn and beyond

Would like to consider "occasional" and "Seasonal or special event" changed in 1 and 3. Perhaps to "year-round."

I'd like to set up pop-up farmers markets at the local community center without too much red tape.

farmer's markets should able to operate anytime in churches, community centres or public places like the carrabean.

Foods should state where and how hey are grown to the purchasing public.

food exchanges and distribution on public property as long as the space is restored after the exchanges

Food grown on public land must be saleable.

Food needs to be sold in Grocery stores. It would be wise to establish a certifying body that could determine quality, safe produce not based on money and access to the best tools, but actually by safe, clean handling practices. This doesn't require sanitized vegetables. Much of the produce from the grocer has dirt on it.

Permits must be possible like they are for buskers. People should be able to do pop up markets after purchasing a pass. This pass needs to be a nominal fee.

Stephen Ave needs to stop being the worst markets space in the World and actually be awesome. That space could be packed with vendors. Unfortunately it is expensive and poorly advertised. It's another



massive failure of our city. We could have high end chefs going to Stephen Ave to pick up fresh produce, instead they go to the grocers. It's a huge lost opportunity.
Bicycle vendors need to be able to sell while cycling. They should not need permits for one spot only. This is stupid. Make the permits zoned to a 2km*2km area so that the food can move around to high volume areas based of the obvious traffic inconsistencies

Let's have even more opportunities to distribute local food.

No

Requirement that the growing and sharing of food be recognized and incorporated as a required component of community spaces within each neighbourhood

This makes little sense. What does it not allow.

No.

I would be interested in seeing distribution of food from a community hall, church or public gathering place more often than occasionally.

I would like stores and restaurants to be able to easily provide leftovers/food that doesn't "look right" to homeless shelters and other organizations in need.

If groups are providing food to the homeless, etc. they should be exempt to paying license fees. Safe handling of food needs to be addressed, but should be done in a more collaborative manner with providers.

The ability to distribute food as a cottage industry (up to a certain \$ amount in sales) and the ability for farmers (urban and rural) to distribute food and products with regularity (weekly, biweekly).

No, locally grown ... locally distributed

The current system is working well for me, and I think for the farmers I get food from. There seem to be a lot of options.

Addition: produce grown in residential green spaces may be freely distributed to residents living in that said community provided the produce is grown organically.

have more farmers markets in communities. more pop-up farmers markets. greater accessibility for grower to sell directly to consumers with ease.

Yes, pop up farmers markets in front yards or community parks should be encouraged

No change

I think these opportunities need to be encouraged so the fewer hurdles the better.

Farmer's markets should have more leeway as to where a d how often they can be held wrt #'s 2&3.

Charitable good distribution is going to be more critical until the economy recovers. The farmers markets are invaluable and, again, encourage shopping local.

Three different gendered city beaurecrats in matching leaderhosen are obviously a reasonable requirement to allow this to happen

Make it easier, perhaps bring in some caveat emptor clause.

Add "city park or playing field " to number 1

More opportunity for people to sell their own food safely, under a recognized/regulated body, but with less barrier to entry (farmers market cost, etc)

Seems OK.

or private home such as "yard/garage" sale.....

I don't think permits or approvals for these activities should be necessary, except for compliance with



public health & safety.

I think if someone has a surplus of fruits and vegetables from their property or a number of properties that they should have the ability to sell those in a small stand right on their own land. It's their land, their food, and should be their RIGHT to do with it what they please.

no

I would like to see the word "occasional" omitted. Allow the frequency to suit the need.

no. what about selling food you've produced from your yard.

I would like to see more and permanent farmer's markets to provide income for local and small farmers and for consumers to source local, organic and local food. This leads to greater sustainability in our communities.

Keep things the same. Don't charge community associations for permits for 3.

Again, I don't know much about this.

There should be no restrictions to people distributing their own food. Any applicable permits and approvals needed to do this should be revoked. This is a food security issue. food supply needs to be localized, and decentralized.

No. Again is it working? Any complaints? Or is this just another money grab for government

I would like all of the above have less strings attached.

Food distribution should be allowed to take place wherever there is need--the Calgary activists that bring food for the homeless every week should not be impeded in their efforts for example. It would be great if there were neighbourhood food distribution for families in need that find it difficult to access especially fresh produce.

Sale of plants for the purposes of food production allowed as a home business (this would not be a direct food sale but would allow for heirloom products to remain in easier circulation.)

I would love to see laws in place that encourage (or make it mandatory) for food establishments to donate edible foods to the less fortunate than throw it away. It is ridiculous how much food stores and restaurants throw away simply because they aren't the freshest, or the prettiest.

I should be able to sell my cows, chickens and carrots where ever I see fit. As long as I clean up the poop why not?

I would like to see distribution of food from community halls, churches or other public gathering places opened up from "occasional" to "regular" to provide more opportunity for charity AND marketing of home/community processed food.

I would like to see more community farmer's markets allowed from community halls or churches or other public gathering places in residential subdivisions. This will allow local growers and processors of urban farming to have a lean, simple local marketing opportunity. Local growers and customers would build relationships, and any questionable vendors would quickly be weeded out. These public buildings often have their own parking lots, so congestion would not be an issue.

If you want Calgary to develop a sense of Community and have communities take ownership of what's happening... all of the above are essential.

accessibility. we are citizens of earth , land should be free , food should be free for everyone - with communities we should take care one of another. everyone can get involved - stop paying for everything, start creating more and more. Value life !

No changes - encourage it if anything.



no this is a city not a farm . grow in your back yard !!!

Increase proliferation of farmers markets and ways for healthy foods to make it into our lives.

Markets should be encouraged in new communities

Distribution of food from a small-scale residential operation to allow for nano-operations and facilitate neighbourhood start-ups.

I want it made illegal for stores and another agencies to throw away food rather they must donate it.

People should be allowed to sell food grown from their gardens in front of their homes. Cities like Saanich and Victoria allow their residents to do this and it prevents food waste and encourages an 'eat local' mentality.

"Farm gate" sales should be permitted at market garden locations (market gardens need not necessarily be in designated "commercial production" areas). Small producers should be allowed to sell produce at a roadside vegetable stand as long as they have the requisite insurance (ie. the same insurance required to sell food at a farmer's market, as well as a food handling certificate).

Review the cost of Business License to sell vegetables outside of a Farmer's Market. We sell vegetables at 2 Churches and 1 Community Hall from late June to late September. (14 Weeks) We pay a yearly fee of \$700 for this non resident Business License. It is very costly. As a rural producer supplying vegetables to the Calgary market, could there be concessions considered for a seasonal Business Permit?

I agree with these

These are good - is there a way to incorporate permanent farmers markets into some of the Transit Oriented Developments without putting costs out of the reach of small producers, vendors and consumers?

Permanet farmer's market should be permitted in every communities including residential. Should not be for commercial and industrial only. Lots of people do not use farmer's market because they are not easy to access without driving.

No I think the distribution of food is fine, except I wish they would relax where canning products are made.

I also read in the news that ppl were giving homeless ppl sandwiches to which the city told them they couldnt do this. This is ridiculous. PPI should be allowed to give a homeless person or lots of homeless people food.

Food distribution trucks in neighborhoods, not unlike the ice cream trucks...

All of these are great ideas. Please implement all of them! More support for local foods and local farmers.

1 and 3 should not require a permit.

No comment.

Let people do it from their homes.

No

Allow farmer to run occasional farmers market on their farm to allow them and other farmers and local people to sell their own foods locally

No.

Changes: Seriously loosen the "rules" to allow for faster, easier approval for all of the above.



Why? To allow for more healthy food to be grown and shared!!

Why occasional? It should be my right to distribute healthy alternatives to friends and neighbours or sell my 'extra' at a fruit stand like the old days

No hollering, no Jesus, no speakers.

Small groups like Food Not Bombs should be able to get a FREE permit to feed the homeless and poor.

Stronger application/awareness of food safety and safe food handling requirements for "Distributing Food". I think of downtown where several pop-up feed the homeless situations have arisen where safe food handling and food safety were not present. The idea is not to stop a family picnic but to ensure food safety for larger events.

Why does a community hall or church need a permit or approval to distribute food? There should not be barriers to feeding people.

I would love to see a framework that allows urban farmers able to sell food from the lots they grow it on within the neighborhood they are growing. This is something Saskatoon and Edmonton are working toward and I believe that it can go a long way to making food more accessible in more places. It will also encourage more urban farming.

Keep same, but don't make community associations pay for the permit

Food exchange in residential areas could be encouraged. many gardeners produce more than they can eat.

No

I would like to see less restrictions around community building events - Aka pot lucks, sharing of food in the neighbourhood.

Permits should be loosened

What about storage and distribution of food - large scale warehouses, coolers, freezers

No - looks good

No

It should be simpler to apply for a permit for a bake sale / special event farmer's market, and not just at a public use facility - these should be similar to a block party permit.

several community associations and churches have commercial grade kitchens, and it would be GREAT if they could re-purpose, or rent these out for occasional use for commercial production and distribution. I like the idea of small catering companies being able to rent these facilities on an occasional basis, as necessary, instead of having to lease/own their own facilities in an industrial area. I can also think of a few communities that could benefit from the ability to use these facilities to produce and distribute food (perogies! baking! catering!) that would help support their communities and the fundraising they do.

If I have extra produce I would like to be able to sell from my yard (like a yard sale or lemonade stand)

Yes, slightly restrictive as is.

Totally support distribution

No change

Private individuals should have the freedom to distribute food to other private individuals for compensation or not. Food is a right and a freedom that should be shared with all.

I'm sure this is in place - If I grow my own veggies in my yard, can I take to a farmers market? I would hope in this case this would be subject to permits to make sure the food is safe to eat.



Food distribution should be allowed from the same places that food manufacturing should also be permitted. Businesses that do CSA boxes should be able to do so from commercial (specialty food store) industrial (general industrial light) or with a Home Occupation class 2.

Why not sell produce to other local businesses to facilitate new small business growth for residential growers. Limit the amount of permits needed so as not to discourage applications.

I think the current allowances are adequate, as it gives freedom to organize small temporary farmers market, but at the same time keeps it organized.

Make it accessible to small businesses. I'm much more willing to support local.

We as Calgarians should always have the right to give away food to the homeless without being hassled for permits. Everybody has the right to access this basic need without the City bylaw hassling us with a money grab for permits that will ultimately protect no one and is only for the gain of said Corporation.

I believe you should be allowed to distribute free food anywhere you like, but maybe have people who consume it sign a waiver?

Yes quit permitting everything...food should be available for distribution without needing a permit i.e. from a church

Yes to more farmers markets!

Distribution from a private residential operation would be ideal as well. Though a niche request, the cost would be negligible with added community and environmental benefits.

School gardens provides a best opportunity for kids to learn to grow, and sell food, plus its healthy and without chemical spray.

No.

Need to be able to deliver food to restaurants, markets, etc.

No we love and purchase food regularly from Farmers Markets held at community centers.

On public distribution of food that is not for sale (non profit), i would like to see support by means of a free permit. If food is for sale, by all means have a permit.

I think raw produce should be permitted to be sold, lemonade stand style, on any spot with the land owner's permission, so long as it doesn't block foot or vehicle traffic by itself or by the customers it may attract. I think sellers like this should be required to clearly post the origins of their produce and should have a displayed license verifying it. They also should not make any claims to "organic" or "non gmo" because it is obviously not traceable or regulated, and it would be very easy to lie.

I appreciate having more local opportunities within my neighbourhood to access fresh food. Farmer's markets in commercial/industrial areas are nice to have year-round, however they can be harder to reach (sometimes only by car).

Expand. People, the majority of us anyway, actually consume food in our homes. Our homes are in residential areas. Apparently, our leaders have this vision of walkable neighborhoods. To make that vision a reality, people are going to need to be able to get food where they actually will consume it.

What is the definition of occasional? Would that included a weekly farmers market, one day per week?

This also seems reasonable but again I'm not certain what other opportunities there might be that aren't currently being explored

encourage/ allow redistribution of food (e.g. "day-olds" getting to shelters)

As long as the organizations are following the By Laws in place, no changes should be required.



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Cn't think of anything else

No.

no

No

As above, people should be able to produce and deliver their products. I'd like to be able to do catering prep in my home and then deliver to people's homes for consumption both ready to serve, and cook on the clients site situations. I am a qualified Cordon Bleu Chef and want to expand my business.

Food should be allowed to be distributed directly from food producing sites (purchase or donation). Schools/churches/other community groups should be allowed to distribute food directly from on site activities for money or donation.

Good ideas, about time

Current seems ok.

Yes - food distribution from #1 should be less restrictive.

Be able to sell it from backyards and residential properties. Not everyone has the means to transport or pay for a space at a farmers market.

no, I think this seems reasonable

Can we have a pop-up food truck sort of thing for fresh produce? Calgary doesn't really have "food deserts" - I think most parts of town have good and accessible grocery stores - but maybe a licensed local produce vendor would be a good addition.

I would love the city to allow us to grow food/edibles instead of lawns and in place of current places where weeds are more common than edibles.

I wish that there would be stricter regulations for food wastage. The amount of food that the grocery stores throw out, and they are not allowed to give it way to the food bank b/c of possible legal claims- it's terrible. That's 4 grocery carts of fresh meat and product that is just being thrown away.

I think it should be more relaxed, it inhibits small organizations and charities.

More clarity or more allowance in terms of distribution from community/public spaces (ie what does occasional mean and why is it only occasionally permissible).

no

give eggs to food bank

nothing comes to mind

Food trucks and street vendors are an existing way of distributing food yet are not mentioned here. These forms of distribution should be expanded.

No change considered necessary.

I don't see why any of these activities ought to require a permit or an approval. This is not dangerous goods! I think if people want to grow vegetables in their garden and sell them from their home, that ought to be fine too.

Pick-ups onsite where food is grown or processed would be ideal - less transportation and emissions overall and encouragement of local growers and eaters building community

More should be done to encourage schools to distribute food to students. (To grow food too...) breakfast and lunch programs should be encouraged - and it should be encouraged that produce for these programs be sourced on site in a year round green house.



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If one has a party at a church or hall, a permit is required?

Seems fine to me.

No changes

#5

Food can be distributed freely everywhere.

Let people grow and sell food without government interference.

Keep the same, but no charge for CA permits

More flexibility for markets, commercial space is too costly for start up local markets

City owned SFUD land should be permitted and offered up by the city for these purposes.

Why not permanent farmers markets associated with community association, church or other hall?

Occasional distribution of food in the various locations should be unlimited. People should be able to grow, cook, share any amount of food that they want with the public, as much as they want to share, and as often as they want. Access to food and water is a basic human right. The distribution of food should be free and always be free and if the supplier/business wants to charge for the costs of supplying that food it should be up to the supplier - tax exempt.

way to complicated for little ones, while big ones don't follow rules

How about fresh produce for four bank whrn there is surplus

More permanent community farmers markets, more than an occasional food distribution (ie once a week)

Current bylaw seems fine here.

Greater access within the city to distribute on a regular basis.

I am happy with the current bylaw.

Food should be for sale anywhere that does not impede parking access

Why not permanent farmers markets associated with community association, church or other hall?

I believe leaving this land use bylaw in place is not only important from a community building standpoint, but future-looking a very sustainable way of providing locally.

No I enjoy having the opportunity in my community to go to farmers markets and buy local

No changes required, current rules are fine.

No changes, what we have works fine.

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Keep permits, but no charge for community associations.

I think most of the current applicable permits and approvals for distributing food are appropriate.

Raw, uncooked, whole foods should be able to be distributed without the need for a permit - as long as they are not charging for the food. Processed food could still be distributed provided a permit was issued for the processing of the food - but not the distribution.

Permanent (or permanently seasonal) farmers markets in community gathering places -- please make it easier for families to walk and get their local vegetables.

Let people set up honour system food distribution schemes as they wish. Buyer beware.

yes let us sell our excess produce by any means be it kijiji or facebook or however and why do we need approval for everything its getting out of hand

Permanent farmers market in commercial and industrial district allowed.



We need to allow delivery to home and businesses by bike and car/bus.

Permanent farmer's markets should be allowed in more areas, especially downtown, including Chinese markets and all other indoor/outdoor markets. We hardly even have any proper grocery stores downtown. If you want to keep downtown alive, then you need lots of markets and community spaces. And parking that doesn't cost as much a rent!

No

increase access for urban food distribution

I think this portion is essential. Perhaps this could include ways to divert food that might otherwise go to waste to those who go hungry - I'm unsure if that could be included in the first point.

farmers' markets - official and unofficial - are a great way of enabling food producers to get their produce directly to consumers - encourage more of this.

Unrestricted private distribution to neighbours, family and friend should be allowed - not subject to permits or approvals. because it should be a private matter - what people choose to share with or feed their family/friends and what family/friends choose to consume.

Great!

No I see no reason to change these. This has been done for years with no problems.

I'm in favour of widespread and easily accessible food distribution from public gathering places and farmers' markets. Basically I support any and all measures that helps us build our local food sustainability and create opportunities for economic resiliency for people in Calgary and our foodshed.

Yes Permanent farmers markets in any community that wishes to host one. Allow home grown produce to be sold from the residence.

no

Anyone should be able to feed the homeless without a permit, it is our God given right and charge to take care of those suffering.

Permanent community markets

Yes.. Why not.

Keep the same.

Community halls should all be approved

No.

Roadside food stands should be allowed in certain places and at certain times.

No, I believe the farmers market clauses make it easybfor small producers... although knowledge is limited

Opportunities for more community farmer's markets in all areas of the city. Perhaps when new shopping malls or redevelopment is being considered, a portion of the property is set aside specifically for farmer's market set up, rather than putting them in the middle of the shopping mall parking lot.

No

1 - Increasing the number and locations of farmers markets if requested - but current bylaw may be fine.

2 - Integrated into planned Market Garden Zones:

Provision of bike paths along "bicycle freeways" that could allow for:

- "farm to market" bicycle trailers;

- max 2% grade



- optimized shorter distances between city land market gardens

This would radically lower the carbon footprint of fresh produce being supplies to city residents.

No

I think you could add seasonal food stands in some areas to make truly local food available in neighborhoods where it is being grown.

Keep same

No issue

I would like to see less restrictions getting food to those less fortunate, I understand some church groups have faced opposition from the mayors office.

Any person or group distributing food free of charge should be able to do so without having to pay any cost to the City of Calgary.

Leftover food from grocery stores should automatically go to the homeless and peas fortunate people so they have accessibility to food regularly.

We should have the right to sell wares from our homes and exchanging foods grown within a community

Ability to sell home grown produce in the neighbourhood, from home.

Development of a local food hub that provides distribution of locally produced food and meat in the Urban Setting.

Approved home-based and/or community centered distribution areas in neigbirhoods to allow home-based gardeners to legally distribute food and encourage smaller carbon footprint and community spirit.

I think food should be distributable anywhere, anytime by anyone.

no

Too conservative. Too little, "occasional distribution" ? We don't need food occasionally!!

All community centres should have a farmers market at least once a week (not special event, or seasonal).

All community centres should have a community garden for growing food for everyone to use with designated access and space being given to those that rent so that they are able to grow their own produce.

The farmers markets by the community centres should be structured so that people within a community can grow and sell food they grow.

People should be able to grow and sell the food they create. If a CSA is able to grow on land and sell that produce, everyone should be able to do the same thing.

Not that I can think of at the moment.

People should be allowed to sell food from their own homes also.

Again, make it much more readily available, convenient and legal, groups like yychelp and their efforts should be easily and cheaply able to do as they do without a lot of bureaucracy or fees.

Trade and exchange of food and food products as well as sales under a certain \$\$\$ level should be free and available to any citizen. Most farmers markets and community groups charge so much that there is no profit for small scale mom and pop production.

Seems fine.

No change

Roadside sales like in the country, like a garage sale with grown food instead



Individual should be able to start stands in front of their own property for selling produce grown on the same property.

no change - community sharing is good and builds ties within the community

No - seems adequate

I think this is reasonable.

If people choose to publicly share the food they grow this should be allowed.

Unsure there is a need for change.

No, sounds good.

Farmer's markets should be able to permanent even in community halls or other public use other than commercial and industrial districts to make it more convenient for everyone and open up business opportunities for more people.

Urban Hens Pilot Project

Relax permitting

Should allow for regular distribution of food (not just occasional) and include schools

Also should allow for community and church groups to distribute food to the needy in parks, etc. (issue recently in the news)

Make it easier to get permits, drop the costs involved.

Subsidies for organic local food producers and distributors.

No changes necessary all of these are okay in my view.

1. Food distribution should always be allowed without city permits or licences
2. Free permits for any type of organic farmer's market should always be allowed anywhere.
3. Stop making so many bylaw that infringe our rights and freedoms to garden organically.

Food distribution is something to encourage, especially in our economy right now. No one should face harassment for providing food to anyone at anytime, unless of course there is some malicious intent such as providing rotten food.

This works.

Why can't we use public spaces like school parking lots, school buildings to support farmer's markets. These lots are empty on the weekends any way and the infrastructure belongs to the public anyway. I would like to see more spaces for farmers markets and more room for people to grow their own food instead of land used for "green lawns"

food producers should be able to sell to restaurants or small grocery stores.

Are people really limiting food distribution? I mean, I guess there's a health and safety concern, but if the food smells weird or the guy seems shady don't eat it. Otherwise ... Pretty Jesus said ... Something about distributing food to the needy ... Or maybe that was Ronald McDonald. But yeah, all the food, all the time.

No

Distribution from private households. Grown on private property.

Distribution of food should be broader, incorporating the Food is Free and urban farming movements.

I would like to see less restrictions on the community hall, church and gathering places.

Unsure. I don't know enough about what you are asking.

If a church group wants to gather and share food it should be their religious right to do so. I grew up in a church where potluck was a monthly event, now they can no longer share food at church because



health Canada has regulated them to death. It's ridiculous!

Not sure about this one, whether there is more demand for it.

I think it should be made easier and less costly in order to decrease the costs to the public

Relax the rules. This type of activity makes a city more livable and friendly.

If people want to sell veggies from their homes it is the consumers job to do diligence. If they had a large scale capacity I do believe they would be at that point moving it from their home in any case so large volumes of traffic wouldnt be a problem.

Yes there are to many rules to selling food. Buying products from the dollar store can be just as toxic to your health. There should be some accountability on the buyer not just the seller.

no permit should be required for the above

The word Occasional should be removed from "The distribution of food from a community hall, church, or other public gathering place." also no permits should be required

Feeding the homeless without permits.. That is the right thing to do after all!

wonder why distribution and/or sharing of food needs a permit if not for profit. Again I wonder who is benefitting from such permits and approvals and I would not suggest it is the local citizen or community. Seems like another roadblock to local food production and informal communities based on social caring, and instead we promote formal exchanges within the capitalist system--there are many benefits when things are outside of conventional flows of capital and do not require monetary exchanges.

I would like to see neighbourhood markets allowed for exchange of food grown that was intended for personal consumption but may otherwise go to waste.

The process should be made as simple as possible for community halls, churches and other public gathering spaces to host markets and distribute food to community members.

No.

Yes. Distribution from homes with processing approval.

See above, about food preparation and distribution at a household level.

Yes, stop making food hard to access for people who want to buy and support local food!!

Allow personal garden produce to be sold in community programs.

I feel as long as it is not in a home it would fine.

anyone should be able to give away anything they grow without a permit.

What is done with food that is considered 'not fit for sale,' yet still edible. Good examples of this is food that is physically deformed or not perfectly ripe. Being able to create effective ways to divert food waste is beneficial to the energy cycle and can further help people eat healthier and lead stronger lives.

This is an issue that I feel, although out of context, needs to be investigated on a larger grocery store style setting.

It is reasonable.

the N.e. and S.e. immigrants and high poverty communities MUST NOT get special permission for land use or distribution purposes!!!! that food market they want to open????? I do not support!!!!

zero special permissions for immigrants!!!!!!



Line one - needs to be defined as to annually, monthly, weekly, biweekly or just take out the work occasional. If your community wishes distribute food let them, provided they meet all the applicable permits and approvals. These people are extremely valuable in the present and to our future generations.

no change

Would be great if Farmers' markets were available any day of the week and not just around weekends and yes to farmer's markets at community halls. The more we can support local growers, the better.

A public/community free farmers market

Pwople should be allowed to give away food when they feel its needed.

No.

Good the way it is.

More foods need to be donated to the homeless and low income.

Actual venues to watch chickens cageless and purchase real eggs without refrigeration. Allow food to be sold in the street like everywhere else in the world.

Explicit inclusion of food transported from official Community Gardens to charitable organizations for sharing.

Keep the same.

Farmer's markets are a wonderful way to access fresh food. I don't know of any changes that need to be made at this time.

Explicit inclusion of food transported from official Community Gardens to charitable organizations for sharing.

Distribution of food by charity groups should NOT require permits as long as the food is of a low-risk nature. The group that comes to mind is the group that gives low risk items (sandwiches, muffins etc.) to homeless individuals downtown. There is no reason this group should need a permit to provide this food. If they are serving hot food then the city's role should solely be to ensure that the group has the necessary approvals from Alberta Health Services. The city should not place unnecessarily barriers in front of groups that are looking to provide a service to their community.

I would like to see more than "occasional" distribution of food since communities should be allowed to address the needs of their community on an as needed basis. The "occasional" seems to be a bit bureaucratic rather than a meaningful condition.

No changes.

No changes - I think the current bylaw addresses most concerns

provisions should be added to allow small street vendors to distribute food throughout the city

1 remove the word occasional from #1 so it can happen all the time if so desired.

#3 even parking lots not used on certain days of the week churches, schools, closed business on weekends

Flexibility for non profits to offer informal food sharing such as the community fridge program in Ottawa, which reduces food waste by allowing those with excess food (restaurants, grocers or just residents who are heading out of town) to label and leave the food for those who need it. Those taking the food sign a waiver that they accept the food as is.

Opportunity for restaurants to provide unused food to those in need, rather than throwing healthy food into a garbage.

If "occasional" distribution of food from a community hall covers a weekly farmers market at a



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community hall, then I think these current regulations are reasonable. But, I would be interested to further understand how difficult/costly the permits are?

No

Number one

Keep it.

"Farm gate" sales should be permitted and included. These items include selling honey and fruits and vegetables from your garden.

I feel as long as it is not in a home it would fine.

I would like to be able to sell foods in sidewalk stands. I want to sell my food I make in my home without having to pay the high priced farmers market fees.

Allowing the distribution of food manufactured in one's residence.

Question: What do you like best about these additional opportunities being considered for growing food?

Availability of fresh local produce. Supporting locals.

Locally sourced

Less shipping means less carbon footprint

Yes I like them all. I like that it means better use of public land, fewer pesticides, more food for low income and more food security if prices go up. Also better water preservation if done right, i.e. capturing rain water instead of sending it down sewer with grass pesticide runoff in it.

I think there is a great opportunity for small businesses to grow with these new opportunities. I also think these additional opportunities should be made available for non business use such as for families to be able to grow food for their own use.

I prefer land to be productive. I like the idea of more local food sources.

There are many marginal land within the city that is vacant, not being used, etc. that should be allowed to grow food.

Yes to all of the above and chickens.

I would specifically love to see the implementation of options 1,2 & 5. Providing more growing opportunities on otherwise un- or under-used land could increase food network accessibility and sustainability with little impact on surrounding areas.

I fully support allowing people and businesses to grow food whenever and wherever possible, for personal and commercial use.

Access to land for urban farmers. Access to food for consumers.

The opportunity to grow more food in the city and use the land productively

No public food gardens next to any private residential property.

Great. Allow for a greenhouses to be constructed in rear yards and side yards (non combustible construction) and have them not count towards lot coverage.

Why would you need a permit to do this at all?

we need to be able to have chickens

Love all the above ideas!

All are positive additions.



Would be great if the city would make a rule that vacant lots can be used by anyone for growing food. For instance if not used for a year and no plan for building in grown season

I like all of the suggestions listed above but only if it is easier and cheaper to attain permits and approvals

I would love the opportunity to get rid of my front lawn in favour of food production. I would be open to having my neighbours use that space to grow and maintain vegetable gardens for their personal use.

I like the ifs of growing food any where we can. As well as green houses!

I like 1 to 3

They allow start-up urban farms access to growing within the city.

Sourcing of food locally, short ways of transportation, opportunity to produce food sustainably.

Allowing individuals to grow food for selling on property that is not their own such as other residential, public or unused commercial areas is a great step in the right direction. We need more opportunities to pro

Allowing more space for growing food in these areas will make the space more beautiful, attract beneficial wildlife, attract people to walk around more, and also contribute to growing more of our own food. We have become so dependent on imported and trucked in food, and it is time to do more for ourselves, despite our short growing season. The interest in growing more of our own food has reached a tipping point, and we should take advantage of this.

I like them all, but I really like the idea of putting vacant lots to good use by growing food on them.

Makes good use of otherwise wasted space. Encourages local food availability. Allows for more affordable, more nutritious food with a much smaller ecologically harmful footprint. Opens up employment opportunities.

I am most excited about options 1, 2, and 5 and would like to see them happen. I think all of these ideas are worthwhile though, and that they all should be allowed.

They potentially allow for many new types of businesses, important during these economic times.

Food security and better use of land than lawns no one plays on anyway.

These options enhance our tactical approaches to growing our own food and enhance our food security.

I think these initiatives are a great start!

Good opportunities to generate domestic and local consumption. I'd prefer buying tomatoes from Calgarians as opposed to stale foreign produce, or something generated in a different province.

I love the idea of getting more people involved in growing food. It is overlooked by most people in today's society.

Vacant lots should all be used to grow food. Tax exemptions should be given to land owners who allow our start community gardens

What I like best about these additional opportunities is that the city is open to exploring them and is not limiting citizens access to food cultivating and sale

I am very proud of calgaries elected officials for making these efforts

All of them.

I strongly encourage all of these ideas, especially in landscaped areas of neighborhoods (excellent idea) and in vacant lots.

#5 opportunities for third parties to grow fod



Vacant lots should all be used to grow food. Tax exemptions should be given to land owners who allow our start community gardens

I think it would be good to provide more opportunities to grow food.

I like that people can grow food anywhere good land is available, especially on vacant lots, but also in all landscaped and other areas. Greenhouses sound great.

All proposals are acceptable

The chance to increase local food production and consumption.

I love the idea of using vacant lots to grow food! I see many empty lots near my building, so why not try and grow some food if no one is using it?

As long as people are not using deadly chemicals, and are NOT using animal or any kind of manure (e coli) to fertilize their food, then within reason they should be able to sell it at home. Church basements would be good.

Fresh food is more readily available to people of limited means. There is no better use of waste land or under used garden beds. Places like France and Todmorden in the UK are way ahead of us in this.

Yes to 1, 2, 3, 4. No to number 5.

Yes

I think edible landscaping can be beautiful and is a very sensible use of land. Edible landscaping also tends to garner more attention by the gardener and thus would beautify eyesores such as vacant lots. These are all great considerations.

I would really like to see more community garden growing in and around low density residential areas, I think it would be a great opportunity to employ people within lower income or elderly households.

These will create job opportunities .

Love all of the above!

Giving people choice and ability to grow as much as possible.

Grow food everywhere and anywhere!

use of vacant lots for temporary gardens. Cleans things up, allows people to care about taking care of their community, allows those without yards the opportunity to participate and learn about horticulture.

I like all of these additional opportunities and would work with others to use vacant lots for useful purposes.

I like a 5 additional opportunities.

The current bylaw seems adequate.

I love the idea of restaurants being able to grow their own food on site. As well as vacant lots being able to be used temporarily.

I like that it makes use of land that may other wise go unused. Most of all I like that when any means is taken to grow food close to home it increases food security, decreases emissions from refrigeration and transportation, and promotes healthier life styles.

I love the idea of vacant lots being put to use. Food security is so important, and local food solves many issues including helping limit climate change.

Anything that reduces the amount of manicured lawns that are an environmental disaster, suits me fine. Flower beds should be food beds. At least have a percentage of food mixed in. Bee hives should be incorporated into our communities as well to improve the ecosystem.



Growing food opportunities in the community

The quality and positive economic benefits of local food.

I like the idea of restaurants being able to grow fresh food.

Access to food and growing food is a right for every citizen. Not only does growing food teach people healthy eating, a connection to nature, respect for the food supply and provide access to affordable healthy food, it is a far better use of land than grass. Growing food increases green space, promotes community and can provide food security to some. A healthy and vibrant city is based on healthy and vibrant citizens.

#1,2,4

the business opportunities they present! Especially with so many people looking for work these days.

They sound great! The only thing to add to point #1 might be to ensure there's been a Phase 1 environmental study done to make sure there is no contamination present on the site

It has the potential to reduce maintenance because farmers have a vested interest in maintaining their crops.

Some great ideas here. #5. As I mentioned in a previous comment. If people can grow some of their own food, it's better all around.

All of these are good ideas. It helps and encourages healthy eating if people can grow their own food. Also those with experience can support others via commercial ventures in some areas. People should never be discouraged from growing healthy fresh organic food. Only limits should be on pesticide use as run off could potentially get into water systems.

These are all great steps in the right direction and will foster a greater sense of community throughout the city.

More opportunities for people to grow their own food.

I love the idea of using vacant lots to grow food!

This all promotes local small businesses, local food, fresh food, and community awareness of food. Wonderful!

It's allowing people to take advantage of unused lots, it supports local restaurants for providing some of their own food at low cost which is great for the economy, and would make it more common place for people to see urban food growing which the entire world is adapting to because we need that resource of local food.

I like #2, #4, and #1.

I also like farmers markets.

It offers a valuable opportunity to take advantage of under utilized spaces. Allows modest monetary opportunities for homeowners and businesses to take advantage of. Cost saving production amidst rising food costs, especially in produce.

to make sure they are well taking care of nothing more embarrassing to your guest that say oh what a mess, of a garden is this, why aren't they taking care of

It's ok if they follow the CFIA regulations

Like it all

The use of land that is just sitting idle and growing weeds! I think it is an ideal use of these spaces.

Yes I should be able to grow food on my property or have a green house

What I like about these additional opportunities is the potential for beautifying unused areas as



vegetable gardens are lovely, IMO. Gardens also bring communities together and encourage communication amongst community members.

I love all these ideas. It's important that we start thinking about food differently, and all these ideas will help. I love the DIY aspect, and I think it will make our city infinitely more interesting. Calgary has chewed up so much potentially productive land - I love the idea of the city providing something more than subdivisions.

Calgary is a very vulnerable city due to the lack of food being grown here. We are expanded and sprawled but cannot support ourselves locally with food. We need to be growing more in our short season. The high cost of food in Calgary hits the poorest hardest and is damaging in an economic downturn pushing more people into poverty. We need more sustainable food production and processing within City limits. The fact that food prices in Calgary have been hit so hard by the drought in California say it all. We need more control over our food supply. We could have urban farms and green houses within city limits providing food for local communities. Just right now the empty office buildings and glass towers should be turned into grow-ops for local tomatoes cucumbers peppers and leafy greens!

All of the above are good!

Landscaped areas are wasted space; they can be just as beautiful while growing food and I like that that is considered. Giving someone the opportunity to make money off of it increases the likelihood this space will be used for farming

It allows more flexibility for home owners, restaurant owners, etc. It creates a greener, healthier, more involved city.

Every opportunity to grow more local food is a good one! In our climate we particularly need greenhouse access at commercial locations as well as community gardens. Spin farming is a brilliant way to utilize land and human resources. I believe all landscaping opportunities in all scenarios should have food production components. Kale and spinach rather than annuals and food forests incorporated in design.

i like these very much, there will always be demand for food, especially locally grown. It will help our economy and our environment. less grass, which doesn't feed anyone and instead lets grow more food! also more fruit trees (apple) around the city, instead of just decorative trees. Graft apple branches onto existing trees. Plant food for the homeless, give them the knowledge and skills to tend and harvest food for themselves.

All great ideas, and worthy of approvals. They allow for entrepreneurship, and create further processes for food security, and for more nutritious foods and a greater variety of foods to be available.

2 and 4

It should be easier for businesses and residents to grow their own food.

Wonderful way to grow good food for everyone. Great for people not working to be able to sell. Good ideas.

I think they are all great ideas with one caveat. For number 5 as it would benefit someone that is not a community member I would limit the growing area to the back of the house so as to not affect the curb appeal of the neighbours. Any growing in the front would have to fit with the character of the community.

I like #1 the best

I agree with all of these new opportunities. I love that it allows communities to get together and grow their own food. I'd love to see a focused effort made in lower income neighborhoods to build and



maintain public gardens.

good for end consumers

We cannot eat grass. We need to reconnect with the earth so that we have direct experience with what we put into the ground become part of the food we eat. We can make a difference in providing organic food to all Calgarians.

I like that it would be using vacant areas for a needed purpose. Everyone needs to eat. As well, it is adding green space.

Growing food in these places is a great idea.

I do like being able to donate to shelter etc. We mostly grow food for our families but making more community gardens and having the people that are using the food bank maybe they should be participating instead of it looking like another handout someone else had to provide.

All of them I agree with. The more food we can grow locally, the less expensive it is and people have better access to healthy food. Wasted space should not be wasted.

Awesome!

They all sound good to me!

I love all of these ideas! This allows people to feed themselves and also to create or supplement an income in order to make ends meet

As mentioned in the current land use bylaw, I would like it to be stipulated that any veggie gardens visible from the street be in curbed gardens.

I would also like it to be mentioned that it is NOT acceptable to install a garden ON TOP of the FRONT driveway!!!

They would increase our local food security, drive down the price of food, raise awareness about residential pollutants, and create greater income opportunities for Calgarians.

I agree with these changes.

I would also like to see more community gardens where people (homeless, people in need, or anyone) can take food freely as they see fit. I realize this requires some manpower to monitor. I think the city plants beautiful flowers in parks in the spring but these could be used to focus on flowers that are good for bees as well as food people can take freely, such as pea pods and easily accessible food.

I like the idea of greenhouses for restaurants best.

Increased awareness throughout society of food security issues, maximizing opportunities for extremely fresh and minimized carbon footprint for food production.

they are ALL FABULOUS and should be implemented

I like and welcome all of them. I would like to include the inclusion of green houses on community association property for the use by community gardeners.

What about City run/community run hen houses for egg production?

I think it should be easy to grow and produce food.

I like the idea of greenhouses for restaurants best.

1. Same opportunity that single family homes have is now being extended to multi-family (gardens).
2. A garden is more visually appealing than a vacant lot
3. Greenhouses/gardens attached to commercial uses promote the activity of composting and the use of compost, a market we need to promote.

Growing food in the landscaped area of multi-residential, commercial or industrial district and greenhouse and/or outdoor growing area associated with another commercial use, such as a



restaurant.

Oh! Yes, I'm happy to see that multi-residential buildings are included!!!! The more local the better! Our condominium building is on 9 acres of land.... 9 acres!!! This land could be used so much more productively especially if there is an opportunity for lower cost produce for many of our elderly residents! Best of luck with all of this!!!!

I love that it allows for more opportunities to grow food, and for people to have more access to fresh food, and it may also encourage others/educate about growing food.

I love all of it.

I think all of these would be excellent improvements or additions to policy.

all of them

I like that others can grow on your property. Lots are able to afford a yard, but it doesn't mean they want to garden on it, so this works out for more people. These new ideas also mean we are more able to. Grow fresh and local foods, which often means better quality, and therefore better health for the people growing and eating these foods.

These are all great ideas.

Locals supporting locals with healthy choices.

these seem to be good - we shall have to see how bi law people interpret these words. They are like gestapo

All great ideas! This could be a great demonstration of mixing food plants with ornamental plants. As well as making use of empty spaces!

These are great! Almost any chance to increase opportunities to grow food inside the city is the correct direction for the city to be moving.

Growing food on vacant lots as a community initiative could feed those who don't have enough in the community.

The small greenhouse would support sustainable onsite productions of food and enable restaurants to be more sustainable and use locally grown foods that they produce.

2. the productive use with community building opportunities - both social as well as economic
3. the direct linkage between source and use
4. the opportunity to lease/ license in a controlled accountable manner

Using public spaces that are vacant for communities/volunteers to grow food. These areas tend to just sit there and go to waste. The landscaped areas in communities is an amazing idea. Gives the community surrounding these areas access to fresh local veggies, that they may not be able to get/afford otherwise.

1. Growing food in the landscaped area of a multi-residential commercial or industrial district should be as "allowable" as common unproductive landscaping is. There is no question growing food should be encouraged or at least seen as "landscaping"
2. Vacant lots in every type of area should be set aside as places to grow food - the City of Calgary should set aside lots in every area for community food production.
3. Commercial outdoor and indoor food growing should be an option in every industrial district in Calgary.
4. A greenhouse area should be part of every restaurant in Calgary. There should be funding for rooftop gardens for Restaurants with nearby space.
5. Why is number 5 even a question? Landshare is a blessing for all involved!



- the productive and practical use of otherwise un-used space.
- the ability to source much more genuinely local produce
- allows people who otherwise would not be able to grow their own food an opportunity to participate from start to finish in the production of healthy produce.

Growing food is a win win situation.

I would fully support the most of the changes. (See next answer)

Allowing food to be grown closer to where it is being used just makes sense.

It makes good use of local land.

as stated above food should be grown in every available space... labour can be easily divided amongst all interested parties.

Greenhouses attached to restaurants.

all of them, add beekeeping.

It will provide fresh and local produce which is healthier than produce stored and shipped before available to the consumer.

We are using existing space to diversify our options for buying food! It's great!

growing food on vacant lots. great opportunity to turn an eyesore vacant lot into a productive space i like all of this, please make it happen.

All of these suggestions sound great, time to take advantage of unused lots till a proper use is found for them.

we should grow food where ever we can and the city should stop using growing spaces solely for flowers and not edibles. The food grown by the city should be available to anyone who walks by and wants it, no fines unless the growing space is damaged.

The city needs to establish an affordable regulating body to test soil quality and health. Purchase of a permit should give access to ensure that food will be safe and the city should establish these bodies-- soil labs etc.,

Also, you need to start taxing empty spaces heavily. We shouldn't have companies sitting on empty lots paying a nominal tax, while food could be grown there. They should be able to get a tax break by establishing a community service: garden, basketball hoop etc. or allow a farmer to use the land to grow food. 10% of this food could be donated to needed communities, and that could be the farmers payment.

Also, there needs to be a policy that this food is grown Organically. No more toxins in our drinking water.

More food at a cheaper price. Community and micro gardens are the way of the future.

#2 seems especially useful. #5 would need some sort of supervision/code enforcement etc. to avoid neighbourhood nuisances or quarrels over access to desirable areas.

We often have vacant lots that are an eyesore. Communities should be able to use them as temporary food growing and/or leisure/park spaces.

I like that it would give more opportunities for people to grow and sell food within the city limits. This would reduce the environmental and negative social impacts of our food supply and create opportunities for small business.

More food production in low density residential areas



I think people should be given the opportunity to grow as much of their own food as they can. The implications for sustainability, appreciation of our planet and education for children and adults alike on healthy food and where it comes from are endless.

We should grow food everywhere, put a garden or 2 of perennial vegetables in a high traffic area of the park so people can grab a quick healthy snack as they enjoy the park.

#5 allows others to grow and sell off the owners.

Providing viable opportunities to food growers and processors to partner/access each other

Any thing that gets people growing food is a good thing.

I think growing a garden is educational and a good use of public property.

I've always had an edible landscape

I would really like to see those with backyards be able to have chickens, or other small livestock - goats, pigs. These animals are not noisy, they help the environment and it reduces household costs. Lets allow people to be self-sufficient.

all good ideas.

Thank you

Love all of them. Fruit and vegetable plants can be just as attractive as flowers and other ornamental foliage. However, there needs to be consideration given to banning herbicides, pesticides and fertilizers that are dangerous to bees, other insects, birds, our water, the environment and to people. Again, education is key.

Urban agriculture is critical to a sustainable future for our city. We already have a growing urban agriculture scene and we need to respect the urban ag business already in operation with whatever bylaws are changed.

Fosters community development....social and economic. Allows more control by individuals over what is consumed....

a positive impact on our lives together. We need to have locally grown food and produce. In affordable and free growing places

There should be as many opportunities as possible to grow food within the city for both commercial and non commercial purposes.

I like the flexibility to provide more opportunities for growing food. We are overly dependent on importing our food. We need more opportunities growing our own food for creating healthy people and communities.

We should also be able to grow food on the public boulevards. Fruit trees in urban parks could provide fresh fruit for homeless people.

I agree that all additional opportunities should be allowed by the new by-law amendment. I believe these actions will allow for greater food accessibility for community members and increase community engagement. There are so many small parcels that could be utilized and beautified by adding some form of vegetation. I also think this is a way to educate and connect urban dwellers back to nature in some form. I would love to see an increase Albertan grown products available at affordable prices.

Green houses, allowed on personnel property, front, side, back yards

They are excellent. We should add growing food in schools

All 5 should be implemented as long as it is kept looking good and does not have the use of pesticides causing harm to neighbours animals and residents.



I like the growing food at a multi resident

It is important to ensure vacant lots are utilized for the good of the community,

It allows for entrepreneurial opportunities to grow organic ingredients and produce artisanal food products, provide delicious dining options AND grow the local economy.

Food is a necessity of life. It should be allowed to be grown wherever the conditions for growth permit, regardless if this is a "landscaped" area or not.

Putting vacant land to use is a great idea as this will provide opportunities for work, local food production, and a reduction in "weeds" on vacant land.

Greenhouses are ideal in our climate to extend the growing season and should be welcomed provided they meet the appropriate building codes/sizes/etc.

More local food. Greenhouses, rooftop gardens or ground level gardens for restaurants are a great move

These five suggestions are great. I love the idea of allowing restaurants to have their own kitchen gardens.

I like them all due to the rise in food prices and need for more locally produced food.

Let us eat. Leave us alone. Stop protecting vacant lots from being used. Stop micro managing our lives or we will elect a trump in response.

growing food outdoors on vacant lots is a good use of space. It allows people to grow food for themselves or for donation to food banks and homeless people that are hungry. people shouldn't have to go hungry if there is space available to grow food.

Farm to Table is so huge in Eastern Canada & BC. It is not so publicly advertised in Alberta. If more restaurants were able to *Farm to Table* keeping in guidelines of Health & Safety etc. then we are therefore eating more locally grown foods!

Let people grow food everywhere. Please. Why not?

Using road allowances for gardens or temporary green houses. Using school board property for gardens and greenhouses.

I like #5. There's lots of places that would make for great gardens but are city-owned! Also #4, allowing for restaurants to grow their own food, is a great idea!

I like the community aspect of it and being more self sustainable. The opportunities this would open up to help low income families who don't have money for fresh organic fruits and vegetables would be awesome! This is especially important as so many families are being affected by the bad economy. Also, would be great to be able to offer access to a garden to senior citizens who can no longer have a garden of their own.

the ability to "share"builds community

The more options for local food production, the better. Local production is much more sustainable.

The addition of small green houses is a great step forward, but it should have already been around for years. There are many politically motivated regulations that do not serve the people and stop any progress in the local food system.

I like all these opportunities - they're what I would have come up with if I'd been asked.

With the rising costs of vegetables and fruits and the increasing layoffs in Alberta this would help to supplement and enrich everyone's diets as well as encourage healthy eating without adding greatly to the cost.

improved use of green spaces for food production that is close to consumers



That they provide increased opportunity to grow more food. Opportunity for people to return to community gardens, gardens that service restaurants with local, fresh and more sustainable foods. Increased opportunity for better use of greenspace than simply lawns and aesthetics.

Love them all

I like these proposals. I would really like to see every household being able to grow gardens and to responsibly have some livestock such a chickens

Okay with 1, 2, 3, and 4 above.

It just makes sense! It helps alleviate demand for food, helps the environment, and really has no downside!!!

All of the above should be allowed immediately for growing vegetables.

The more people are growing local food the better, from my perspective!

They all seem viable. As long as there are no health risks to the consumer what is the big deal?

100% all of the above!

No

I like the idea of growing food anywhere as long as it's ORGANIC and NON-GMO, and I would strongly object the use use of pesticides and herbicides anywhere. Birds and bees are dying because of it so I'd like to see gardens that are safe for birds, bees, butterflies and all living things. And I'd have a problem with commercial use of land in the city to grow food.

The increased use of unconventional and smaller-scale spaces for food production.

#2 is great! We often see vacant lots sit for years - even a temporary garden would be beneficial for the community.

#4 is also great, farm to table is very popular and many restaurants would love the opportunity to grow produce for direct sale in their products.

I am a strong believer that any space that should be used to grow fresh food should be used. With obesity growing everyday - it is so important to teach everyone (especially kids) about the basics of food and that starts with gardening. Landscaped areas are perfect places for berry bushes, parks full of fruit trees. There is so much landscaping potential by using food bearing plants and what a wonderful way to provide quality nutrition to the people who most need it. Cheap, processed food products are often the cheapest. Therefore the homeless, and even students often feel their hands are tied when wanting fresh produce. This can be included almost everywhere in Calgary. It would also be so beneficial to bee colonies. The current movement to farm to table could have a shorter travel time if more were permitted to grow and harvest foods on rooftops, in the backyards, in the planters out front.

They are too restrictive.

I fully agree with the above additional opportunities of growing and selling food. They allow people to have cottage industry in urban farming and food processing. It builds community between local growers and local consumers. It limits the carbon footprint of industrial farming. It builds resiliency into the city as freedom from industrial agricultural monopoly. It builds new skills for urban farmers and gives opportunity to employ persons to grow, harvest and process the crop. It diversifies the job market. I highly recommend that the city check out YouTube for Urban Farming, especially Curtis Stone of British Columbia.

Collectively, these additional opportunities maximize the availability of locally grown, low cost, fresh food.



The ability to use a green house in a community garden would also be an excellent opportunity.

"A small greenhouse and/or outdoor growing area associated with another commercial use, such as a restaurant." This is such a common idea in Europe and Latin American countries, I don't know why we don't have that as a common practice as it would definitely encourage people to eat more in season and not rely on importing food paid in US dollars.

It is a start - How you can do it if you do not involve schools , and communities and people !!!!!

Everything is large - too large,

I like the idea of using spaces (such as grass boulevards) for something better than growing grass. If we someone wanted to take care of a boulevard or other green space as a community garden or farming plot and sell the produce, I would support this and buy the produce. Locally grown is great if we can have it! I also would like to see a reduction in "grass, annuals" and a movement to perennials and native plants - more xeriscaping.

NOTHING , THERE IS NOTHING GOOD ABOUT IT !!!

#4 is great, give a restaurant a gardening area to provide its own herbs and vegetables, reducing costs for themselves and customers.

Excellent ideas. Needs support from businesses. I water source needs to be available

Overall I love this initiative. I think these opportunities help to build a more sustainable, resilient, healthy city. They will help optimize underutilized spaces, green and beautify the city (currently there is a lot of hardscape), and allows residents to rely less on food that has been shipped across continents. More of this will help raise the bar globally.

I think we need to start taking care of our own food production, it would reduce green house gases, would help insulate us from price increases to fresh produce, victory gardens should be every where, Food growing should never need permits. Food is a necessity. Vacant land owned by the city with no immediate plans should be up for grabs when it comes to community gardens.

We are over regulated. Having people participate in the landscape is AWESOME. It's better than a parking lot or an untended lot.

Those are great. I think if there is land or property that people are willing or able to grow food on we should be encouraging it!

Commercial production (small scale market gardening) should be allowed in locations that are not specifically designated as commercial production locations.

All of these are great ideas to produce more local food.

I would love to be able to grow food year round, in a community greenhouse. Our typical winters are long, and cold, leaving us with a short growing season, and forcing us to rely on foods flown in from around the globe. We have the technology to create spectacular indoor gardens, which would allow us to be more self sustainable, and keep Canadian dollars circulating locally.

I like the inclusiveness and flexibility offered by the new bylaw changes

Love them all as long as there is an independent government agency monitoring commercial food production.

Should consider non plant food as well. Chickens should be allowed. As long as noise and cleanliness are followed. No different than having dogs.

Given the ongoing threat to our socio economic ability for a human to provide for themselves, their families and their neighbours, it would be a great and long term forward thinking opportunity to consider developing gardens for food on vacant lots and green spaces in and around Calgary. With the



input of landscaping, ecologists, arborist, gardeners and other similar professionals, the average calgarian could make a solid impact to our local economy. Educate the Calgary people to feed themselves and we open a whole new area of opportunity and empowerment!

That people can grow their own food if they choose and can share it if they so choose. Love the idea of gardening in vacant lots

Greenhouse and using vacant lots

There should be more encouragement of having certified beekeepers having hives in the city.

Allowing people to grow food in vacant lots is a wonderful idea. I think if someone wants to grow food and sell it in a market, the land should first be offered to local people or the food produced from said lot should be offered at a significant lower price to the locals. There are a lot of people who could feed themselves who may be struggling. I dont like the idea of land being given to businesses strictly. I think it should be shared to accommodate half local half business with priority given to people who live in areas where they cant grow their own food such as low income housing or condos.

I like it because anywhere we as a community can access healthy foods not sprayed with pesticides and mass produced is a move in the right direction

All of these are great ideas. Please implement all of them! especially #5

Also, providing incentives, or educational programs on the benefits of growing food in residential yards instead of lawns would be great! Introducing ideas like these would also benefit from correlated projects regarding rain gardens to increase the amount of water going into the water table, versus straight down the gutters and into the river

Again these should be easy permits to get with onus on objectors to prove why permit shouldn't be given.

People should be allowed to grow food anywhere if it is for their personal consumption and they have the approval of the landowner.

I do not see any issue with growing food for profit (point 5.) on private or public land as long as the food is processed (ex. washed, extracted, etc.) in a regulated facility and the landowner approves.

The more the merrier

Any opportunity for growing food is a great opportunity. Our city should be widely promoting the opportunity for folks to grow their own food without deterrent.

Growing food for restaurant should still go through alberta health services to ensure safety of the food

Improved use of empty space. Encourages more local food consumption.

Gardens are temporary and seasonal, and are a great use of underused land, such as vacant lots.

Vegetable gardens can be visually interesting and beautiful, and incorporating them into multi-residential areas allows many people to participate in agriculture, and learn more about their food.

More healthy food can be grown and shared.

All oppotunities should be considered

Greenhouses necessary in our climate

We have so much land available that could be put to use to feed us.

Good ideas

I like and encourage all 5 above with the understanding/requirement for remediation of the grow area post use. You should not be able to tie up land by putting in three potato plants (or any crop/garden) and never tending to them ultimately causing the city to spend money to clean up.

All of these opportunities should be approved. Food shortages are already happening throughout the



world, and this is the new reality. Calgary should take the lead in promoting growing food by all our citizens. Residential food gardens are common in many other countries and should be a priority here.

These are all good ideas.

Add 1, 2, 3, 4 but NOT 5.

Fresh produce is expensive. If people knew how to grow food and it was as common as watching tv or taking the bus the health of Calgarians would improve.

Everyone should have the opportunity to grow their own garden. It is challenging in inner city / high density areas. Allowing a garden on public space would help this issue.

Beautify neighbourhoods and local produce for restaurants.

#2

The more opportunities and the more diverse opportunities, the better. Especially for small businesses

I love all of the proposals!

A good use of idle industrial land.

Provide for diversified use of existing space. More local food source potential. Like the greenhouse allowance.

That restaurants can have the opportunity to put green houses next to their establishments and self-supply some of their fruits and vegetables.

All sounds great.

I think all empty lots should be used to grow food for the less fortunate

Any opportunity for growing food is a great opportunity. Our city should be widely promoting the opportunity for folks to grow their own food without deterrent.

They appear to increase the ability of Calgarians to grow their own food.

I think every person & every restaurant should have the opportunity to grow their own food.

yes to all of the above. sounds a bit like 'light' agricultural? if in residential, you may want to consider limiting the use of motorized/vehicles for harvesting? I can think of a few vacant lots that could accomodate the use of a tractor in plowing, seeding, and harvesting - but you'd want to limit times because of how loud it would be. Great idea to temporarily activate a space that would otherwise be an eyesore.

There are many opportunities to grow food in empty unutilized and even ugly places in the city.

Access to green house options in Calgary (like a community garden, but a greenhouse would be awesome)

I like it all. All opportunities to inspire more food growing, especially in this economy, are welcome.

Using empty lots is a great use of wasted space, still not broad enough.

The more opportunity to produce local food for personal consumption or as a business the better

4 & 5 will lead to some amazing opportunities to optimize the local food available in our city - at markets and at restaurants. There is already such a vibrant urban farming community in Calgary, it would be amazing to legitimize it and help it grow.

Support

Seems like a reasonable use

They allow for more freedom to produce and distribute food locally!

Lets face it, fresh home grown food is healthier and better for us. Also, teaches our children how to do it and then harvest it and cook it.



I think the more opportunities we create to grow food safely is great. Creating volunteers and community initiatives to do so even better. I applaud the City for taking a look at this and making it easier to feed those unfortunate folks.

All of the above yes.

I thi they are all important options and should be adopted

They are all opportunities I would like to see come to light. They provide a road to a easier access to community produce and opportunities for alternative sources of income, with little need so expensive start-up costs (as long as you leave the cost of permits low to non existent!). Taxes will be paid after all on any income a new small business will make.

I think these are great ideas - honestly, I think any area that could be used to grow produce is great. Local food. More education on where our food comes from. Food builds community. Small business opportunities.

These are good ideas as long as you remember food should be free, meaning that charging unreasonable prices for permits or making the approval process too complicated can ruin these ideas.

I like all of it. Please keep everything easily accessible and encourage the sharing of food.

I love all of those!

Get people growing there own foid helping community get back to knowing their neighbors; opportunities to get youth involved. Grow food for seniors and food banks

Being able to grow food on your own as a resident of the land would be ideal. None of the proposed options above fit the need of a struggling family looking to optimize their owned land. Planter boxes in the back yard are only as useful as the yield of space you have. Being able to turn the wasted front yard space into a functioning part of your family's food supply could help hundreds in our current economy.

Provides opportunity for good sustainable use of the land that will benefit communities, people and biodiversity.

I think it is prudent to use whatever land we have to grow food!

definetly, all big commercial residential area and land scape shold allow their residents to grow their own veges and fruit.

Especially this time when ression when food proces are so high.

I think we currently need more areas to get people back to the basics of where our food comes from and making it more difficult would be a bad thing. Opening this up with of course, "applicable permits and approvals", is good and that there are a lot of vacant lots that have not yet been developed that people that live in the city can teach their children about where the food in the grocery store actually comes from and how it is grown. It would be a great educational tool.

forward thinking!

I'd rather see a vegetable garden than an empty city residential lot!

They open up so much opportunity for people to reconnect with the art and science of growing and make EFFECTIVE use of our landscape. The beauty that gardens provide, the learning opportunities, the health benefits are all exciting aspects of these opportunities. It's also a great option for management companies if tenants are maintaining some of the landscaping.

I think any opportunity to grow fresh local food by using otherwise vacant or "unused" space is phenominal! Having the capability to provide more local fresh and healthy food should absolutley be supported.



Expansion of growing areas as a community activity.

I love restaurants using local grown fresh ingredients. All these ideas seem reasonable.

#5 is a great idea I hadn't thought of before. Temporary food gardens in vacant lots is a spectacular idea.

I like that these options support the best possible use of our available lands in Calgary. So many of our vacant, forgotten, or manicured pieces of land could be put to better use growing food.

#1 - Could inspire neighbour/coworker community garden groups and help encourage social interaction and counteract isolation

#2 - Vacant lands reduce the vibrancy of a community. Allowing for temporary gardens helps activate streets and can provide an important public gathering place.

#4 - I think it could be very attractive for restaurants, grocery stores, markets to be able to grow food that they could then cook or sell onsite.

#5 - accessory commercial uses add an incentive for property owners to make the best use of their land by allowing them to make a profit by renting their growing areas. With increased opportunities, property ownership can become more affordable. If you would allow a property owner to grow, harvest and sell food themselves, then why not allow another person to do it?

Offers opportunity to those who do not have green space to grow their own food

I like that it allows citizens the opportunity to be self-reliant. By removing obstacles to the most basic of human activity, we empower people to control industrialized food production simply through competition.

Growing food in the landscaped area of a multi-residential, commercial, or industrial district.

I love these ideas. We need to become more sustainable as a city. Were a major crisis ever to occur we would be in a difficult place given the number of people that live here now. Also, whatever we can grow fresh in an organic manner is going to improve the health of all of us - we shouldn't be dependent on getting food from other countries where we have no control over their growing practices.

I really like #4 A small greenhouse and/or outdoor growing area associated with another commercial use, such as a restaurant. And would love to see that applied at a community or household scale (e.g. non-commercial greenhouses)

Yes this is a good idea. If you have a sizable lot to enable small scale growth of edible items, then yes you should be able to allow others to take care of the gardens and the harvesting the produce. I would set up a deal to receive produce as barter payment for use of my land!

Allowing for the use of empty lots and in landscaped areas would allow people to be more self sufficient and the use of land in this way would also be aesthetically pleasing and keep empty areas from becoming overgrown with weeds

It opens up access to more opportunities. We should all be permitted to grow our own food in our yards, with neighbors, with greenhouses, for community sharing without permitting.

more and better use of land not being used

All are good points. Number 4 should be encouraged more

I like that we as a community are making food production possible. It will reconnect people with a healthy relationship with food.

ALL of them. I think the greater the diversity of food growing options the better! It would be wonderful to have schools producing more food and support from city budgets to help run these (instead of



focusing on lawns). Some ways to save money include eliminating herbicide use and using the money savings to grow the food. I also feel that a focus on a diversity of food is important (ex. Perinneeal sorrel, fruits that produce at different types of year, not just apple trees but cherry, pears, etc. Kiwi fruit vines, etc.)

I prefer to know where my food is coming from and how it is processed, therefore any widening of access to fresh local food is very beneficial in my eyes to communities and neighborhoods. Why not food instead of flowers? Or weeds? or Grass? It only makes sense to use what is there in an optimized way that benefits people, if they are willing and interested enough to want to do it.

Again, great ideas!

I best like idea #2. I think empty lots should be freely accessible to for charities.

That businesses have the opportunity to purchase local, organic produce from within the city, or produce it themselves.

That there are going to be more opportunities.

I like that areas of land could be used for food production, rather than just for aesthetic purposes. It is also a good thing to get people used to seeing produce being grown and to understand the importance of that.

I think these all sound like good initiatives. We need to diversify and make food more local and sustainable.

I really feel that growing grass is a waste of time and water. Yes, it stops erosion and stabilizes the land. And, yes, it is a great place for kids and dogs to run and jump and play. BUT - much of our urban land is not used for dogs and kids. We are just conditioned to put grass in - it is our default answer to landscaping. IF, people are willing to be good stewards of a plot of land they can put it to much better use growing food.

I would love the city to allow us to grow food/edibles instead of lawns and in place of current places where weeds are more common than edibles.

I think there should be a tax incentive for businesses/citizens to grow their own food, minimizing their impact on the environment, and teaching them invaluable life skills.

If businesses create gardens out of typically cement space/parking space- they would encourage people to car pool, ride their bikes, minimize food costs, create branding opportunities, and be unique.

I think any opportunity to allow people to grow fresh produce is fantastic.

That it gives people further opportunities and uses land that isn't currently occupied.

It is very comprehensive in terms of allowing many different potential options to those interested in growing food.

I grew up in, and lived in, established communities, and there are home lots that have been vacant for most of my life. With the owner's permission, why can't this land be used by a community group (church, school, service club, social club), grow a garden for the Food Bank? Or the land be used as a community garden? It would add value to the life of the area, and improve the resident's quality of life. For large plots, that are not likely to be developed, could fruit trees and bushes (apple, nanking cherry, raspberry and saskatoon come to mind) be planted in orchard like settings?

they provide many opportunities for growth. What about greenhouses in private resident front yards?

I love these ideas! Encouraging landscaped areas that aren't going to any real use to be filled with the



potential to grow food! Incorporate food growing into the collective conscious as "normal" and "valuable" and have it be part of the city's culture.

I feel strongly that opportunities to grow food should be expanded across all sectors of society, and these opportunities are going in that direction.

No issue, except where food is grown for commercial purpose in a residential area, where a MURB or single family residence, the garden design should ensure the garden remains visually pleasing even after harvesting, until the soil is prepared for winter or the next crop. Consideration should also be given to which chemicals are used to ensure safety of pets and children when access is available, ie a front yard.

Greater accessibility to good food, and that is huge! Better return on our use of water. Retention of gardening skills. And on. And on! There is no downside to providing and encouraging more access to better food, to more people!

5. Allows use of land by those willing to do the work, and appreciated by the home owner who might not be able to do so himself.

All of it. It makes sense to keep food that's grown as close to its source as possible, and to promote and/or encourage enterprises that are or would like to do so

Love this addition!

It encourages more participation in our food chain. More diversity in the products offered and more opportunities for everyone to learn.

Yes to all of the above! Grass is ugly, weedy and water intensive. Grow food!

They allow for the use of empty space to provide food.

I dont like permit to grow my own food. Thia isnt sustainable. Its red tape.

Well, the city is trying to increase its tree coverage to 20% I heard. Fruit trees would help with that.

Numbers 2 & 4

I am in favour of as much liberalization of local food as possible

Government has no business telling people what they can grow on their own property.

Okay with 1,2,3,4

I really like the initiatives set forward. The more opportunities for growing food locally, the better for our city and citizens.

They are alright but the growing season here sucks! Greenhouses should be permitted on five or ten year temp permits on SFUD land on large scale 2,000 SF or larger similar to other tent structures. Industrial and commercial land is too expensive and makes no sense for food production. The land must be valued at \$1,500/acre and leased from the city and \$100/acre/annum if the City wants to be a leader in local food production systems

This will help get to food independence and less reliance on imports.

Mixed edible gardens are a boon to all life

They should be allowed and permits given as per the community association guidelines. There should be free access to food, growing food, selling food, buying food, community gardens, community markets and trade markets. Paying for permits to grow, sell or distribute food from any of the above areas should be governed by the community or owner of the property and the city permits should always be free.

very good idea

How about easily implemented, easily permitted attractive small greenhouse structures

Any way we can grow more food locally and on a small scale will improve the lives and nutrition of the citizens.

Absolutely, we need to be use any availability of space to grow and give opportunity to keep it local Utilizing underused areas for growing food, rather than weeds. The more food we can grow for ourselves in the city, the less the food travels, the better.

Thinking outside the box - growing in vacant lots is a great idea. I like all of the above!

Options for multi family areas and single homes.

Growing on vacant lots!

I am in support of being allowed to grow food in vacant lots.

Accessibility

These are excellent ideas! There are many attractive edible plants & trees available. Maybe an adopt a tree program? Ie: if a fruit tree is placed on a green space, a family can adopt it, either paying a small fee or doing some sort of community service?

Also, what about edible plants/trees on school property? Apple trees instead of the crab apples that seem so popular?

This will help get to food independence and less reliance on imports.

Mixed edible gardens are a boon to all life

These are broad-minded initiatives that have the potential to provide opportunity for those living in densely populated urban areas to grown their own foods.

I think there should be spaces in condo or apartment buildings to have a community garden that residents can be a part of.

Helps lower costs for residents.

I do not like any of these additional options.

That they increase the resiliency not only of our food system, but our ability to embrace opportunities as they arise (ie: vacant lots/ common areas)

I like numbers 1 to 4.

Anything to improve food independence at a local, community and municipal level is worth considering.

For #5. Having a third-party alter the landscape is part of the contract between the landlord, any tenants, and the third party not sure why the city wants to weigh in? unless this is discussing city-owned property, but even then... except in the cases of commercial or industrial land, where the conditions might be less than favorable for healthy produce (ie contaminated soil).

I have often wondered why restaurants don't have a little garden area to grow their own expensive herbs and micro-greens. The plants could also create a nice ambience and clean the air; they could even use it as part of their marketing campaign. They are allowed a fireplace (albeit, I've only seen natural gas), and beautiful fish tanks (some with edible fish? crab and lobster for sure) but not real plants, or at least not real edible plants? Maybe Calgary has been too heavy-handed in this area?

I think the city should encourage more gardens in the community.

I like the idea that Calgarians can be more confident to grow their own food (especially in this downturn)-- and for those that additionally embrace it maybe they can supply some food for those that cannot grow their own.



They are all no brainers in my mind.

excellent idea we should be allowed to complete our growing season on temporary lots and these could all be donated to food banks and shelters etc

these additional opportunities are a good first step to allowing residents and the city to make food production not only a consideration but a necessity for the future.

Replace dying trees and shrubs on city property with fruit-bearing trees, shrubs. Include vegetables and fruit in containers so that the homeless and hungry can have some, with leftovers harvested and donated to the Food Bank or other charity.

I really like these additional opportunities. With the high cost of food, I think it is important to make it easier for people to grow their own food if they want to. There are many people who do not have access to gardening space, but at the same time, there is a lot of wasted space in our city which we could use more productively. I like the above mentioned points because they can allow for more people to re-connect with the land, which positively influences both physical and mental health.

All in all, why not to allow

They all seem like good ideas.

We should allow for container type of indoor growing like Freight farms on commercial or industrial designated properties. The above are important to increase our summer growing capability. But with the climate in Alberta we need allow for more indoor / greenhouse type of growing to allow for year round growing.

Not having rules and laws put in place, for growing our own food.

Yes! Make use of as many spaces as possible to grow food. Feed your citizens you bunch of feudal Lords.

They allow more flexible and greater accessibility to food.

I would like added that all goods grown all organic and no GMOs allowed to be used.

this adds access to fresh, affordable, sustainable food and raises the visibility of food production in the city.

That Calgary is a part of developing sustainability solutions and allow the population to find other ways to supply food for themselves and others.

I support any additional opportunities such as those listed above.

All of these are viable options. The commercial areas should not require a permit for regular food production if the owner of the commercial operation is involved in the food production. A greenhouse may need a permit depending on the size of it (in height) because it might block the view/sunlight of neighboring property owners. vacant lots should require permits at minimal costs to protect the food-grower from vandalism or dispute.

Sustainable, making use of vacant areas, local food, less expensive food for all.

everything! yay!

Better use of currently unused space. Promotes more local food at home and in restaurants

See my comment about renters.

As long as a residential landowner gives permission or is the one doing so - I see no problem with the above.

I love the idea of growing food anywhere and everywhere we can.

Learning opportunities of citizens of all ages to appreciate fresh food. Access for low income families.



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Encourages to grow at home when city examples are showing the way how to.

We need to plan for more food closer to home for many reasons. The municipal government can foresee the opportunity for growing fresh produce closer to home. Quails and Chickens are safe meat / egg sources when managed correctly.

Local growing of food is good. Small scale commercial application (farmers markets, restaurant) is good

I would like to see freedom of anyone to grow food anywhere they chose.

very progressive thinking.

Restaurant growing their own food & vacant lots being used to grow are fantastic

Organic gardening.

Its good to utilize these underutilized spaces. Landscape areas are a waste of water and fertilizer to maintain - better to grow food.

1,2,3,4

All good

I like the fact that land is being used for a purpose, of which is to grow food. It will also enable food growing and consumption to remain local.

I like that space that is otherwise going to waste can be productive.

Yes yes yes, all opportunities to promote local sustainable and educational food growth should be pursued!

Its the idea of maximizing self sufficiency within our given resource, especially being able to grow more food locally not become reliant on other regions for food.

They sound good.

I think they should all be approved. Food growth is the best use of land

Yes please, let us grow our own food and be in control of our health with consumption of produce! But please reduce the amount of bureaucracy needed to pursue these goals.

All great ideas and should be strongly encouraged.

Growing our own food is a lost art and should be brought back for the next generation as one never knows what will happen with our current sources

I support more opportunities for individuals and communities for personal and not-for-profit purposes.

This sounds like a much better use of these spaces.

People should not be required to buy food commercially. These changes increase our opportunities to grow food for ourselves and to share it with others.

Growing food in a plot or greenhouse associated with a restaurant.

But see comments about opportunities above.

Note also that my comments would be based on organic farming methods. There should not be any provision for allowing industrial farming's toxic brew of GMO crops, fertilizers and pesticides into our neighbourhoods, bottom lands within city limits, or park lands.

The city's official position should be to encourage organic farming in any case, due to public health concerns, and as part of the city's efforts to battle climate change.

Better use of vacant space



It's a good start, but again, review Edmonton's new bylaw and you will see it goes beyond this. Also there is a growing interest in container (ie shipping container) gardening. This is becoming quite a big thing in other cities and is usually set up near or in conjunction with a house or a community hall. These are large structures and they need water and electricity to them.

Agree with 1,2,3,4

This is just stupid. Why should we turn our established neighborhoods into commercial farms, with all the attendant traffic and workers? DO we have the right, if these are unattended or overgrown, to plow them under ourselves?

I like that they will provide greater opportunities for growing & providing fresh produce to homes & communities

#5 is not the City of Calgary 's business. If I decide to let a chef down the street use my yard to grow vegetables, it's not your business.

I approve of all of the above, subject to a reasonable permitting process.

It promotes whole food living starting at home.

I don't see why communities can't use public land to grow food. Alloments back home have worked well to provide for their families, especially low income.

More availability of organic, locally grown food.

Makes use of unused land and/or provides people and businesses with the ability to grow local produce

I have grown my own food and have enjoyed the process, benefited from a greater understanding of the Calgary life cycle for food and have begun a small business around food. Many more urban dwellers want to know how to grow food, there is a growing group of very engaged growers (YYC growers for one) that could be mentoring and producing more food locally all pointing a more resilient food system that is good for Calgary.

Especially like #6, which can encourage landowners to work together for growing food. The city may need to set some guidelines to ensure affordability (such as capping CSA share costs, or requiring a review for approval to keep costs reasonable vs benefit to the city/community).

All for them

The ability for a restaurant to have an attached green house.

encouraging use of under used land

Going in the right direction but not enough progress as usual. What ag groups have you consulted with? I can't believe they wouldn't be pushing for more?! How about on defunct golf courses?

I like the idea to use landscape area for growing foods. But who can grow foods on that area, private people, business group, or city? Since I live in a condo building and there's a righ-of-way and park right next to the building, I want to be part of growing foods on those areas. In fact, I started to grow indoor green leaves veggies on pots so I wont have to pay for it. I dont know if it's allowed. My email add is maquino0414@yahoo.com

I like the fact we, as a city, would have better access to affordable produce.

There should be no permits or approvals needed to have a garden. Run the city, not my yard.

All of these new opportunities are positive for the local marketplace

I agree with all of the additional opportunities. The city should be open to new ways of economically producing food for the city residents. Using unwanted parcels of land and adding greenhouses to commercial developments is a great idea.



It takes into consideration many of the possible spaces that can be utilized for growing food. There is so much lawn that requires high maintenance and the application of the fertilizers and herbicides that could be better utilized as garden. There are also many unused residential lots (houses have been torn down and not replaced is a prime example), several spaces behind commercial buildings that are not used as parking lot or storage, just a mess of weeds that could be used to provide food. If some of this food could be handed over to the Food Bank and the needy that would go such a long way to help out our community.

I like that there will be more opportunities for people to grow food and distribute it to the community.

More opportunities for everyone! I love them!

They should all be allowed and encouraged.

As long as the growers get permission from the land owner, I think it is a good use of space.

Can provide sustainable food sources for everyone .

Nothing

These options sound like great ideas!!

These additional opportunities allows the growing trend of urban farming starts in Calgary. To developed Calgary as a home, instead of a location to work. These steps are important to have a community built.

increase in land use for food production, increases awareness of where food comes from for children/youth... (and adults)

great ideas

I like that we are starting to not waste valuable land to grow food and are supporting the people who are already prepared to grow food and distribute food in the city.

I like them all!

Greenery and a great way to teach our children the food cycle, where it comes from. It also helps diversify our communities.

I like 5 the best.

Growing food on vacant lots is a great use of space. Everyone allotted the same amount of space keeping it fair. Great that restraunts could grow their own herbs etc. Again with point number 5 as long as the area is shared equally and is not necessarily used to sell at another location but could be kept for private use as well.

Urban Hens Pilot Project

I like all of these, especially #5 which I think is prevalent in Kelowna. Makes good use of available land and avoids waste. Not sure if this is related but we should allow and encourage harvesting of crab apple trees and other unwanted food from residential properties.

Growing food locally makes people more aware of where their food comes from and the work that goes in to growing, harvesting. They appreciate it more, don't take it for granted as much.

Food grown in public spaces should be GIVEN away, not sold. Food is free.

That this is being considered! Thank you!

Like!

I like best that there be no laws prohibiting the right to organically grow food, period!

I love that it encourages food independence and also responsibility of growing your own crop. We value more the things we work for.



I like that there are opportunities to use the green spaces properly

Yes, I would. I would also like to have community supported and city supported green houses for urban dwellers who don't own land but would like to grow items in the winter.

yes of course, why are we restricted from growing our own food.

Yeah, let's grow food everywhere. Every verge, lawn, deep belly button. I like them all!!!

All are good, but numbers 1 and 2 are my favourites.

I would like to see vegetable gardens in front yards and empty lots.

Growing food locally makes people more aware of where their food comes from and the work that goes in to growing, harvesting. They appreciate it more, don't take it for granted as much.

That we are bring back food production into our communities like our grandparents generation .

I like the fact we are making much better use of the available land and bringing the production of food much closer to the consumer. I also like the idea that it may increase overall awareness about sustainability issues in the urban landscape. Two thumbs up for SPIN!

Fantastic!

It encourages community spirit, and making use of resources. Think back to the World War Two blitz spirit! I think now with the higher cost of food then these options deserve to be seriously considered.

That it allows for those who do not live in an area that can

It makes the city a better, friendlier and more sustainable place.

more people can grow food... Ex: projects for homeless

I believe growing food any where we possibly can will only benefit Calgarians. Supporting local and helping the low income eat healthy. The food bank never has enough produce.

They provide more opportunity to grow and purchase local produce and sustain a local economy/industry.

That there is a variety of options

They all sound awesome!!

Like that thinking about food and food production across places, sites and venues for a wide variety of people

It's a much greener way to do farm to table in the restaurants.

I have no objection to this proposed land use.

They all provide a greater opportunity for people to grow their own food, in some cases re-rehabilitate soil, beautify an area, and build community.

Expands opportunities for newly arrived immigrants to provide from themselves at much reduced cost.

Love the idea of vacant lots and other areas being used for growing food. I thought restaurants already had outdoor gardens.

Why exactly do you need licenses and permits to grow your own food on a individual level. I can understand companies for obvious reasons. The city creates an invisible barrier to be able to attain your own food by growing it. You put permits in plice for what exactly??

Allow 5!!!!!! Pleaseee

I like and support 1-4. 5 doesn't really make sense.

none

With rising food costs, water shortages, etc. as a city we waste too many resources on trying to grow



grass without weeds where food could be grown and end up saving the city money on watering boulevards, etc. I would like grassy areas near interchanges and along roadways to be utilized as community gardens. the more restaurants can grow the better for all of us. Calgary could set the standard for urban food production! Gardening is such a family-friendly activity - neighbors could be drawn together... possibilities are endless!

That the energy and resources used to keep a lawn healthy (which is practically useless, although beautiful) can be used to help create self-sufficiency, to some degree, for any person.

I am interested growing food in my back yard.

#5 not for re-sale!!!! well then Sunterra market???? why u twice as much as safeway or other???? claiming as locally owned or operated????

then not for re-sale to markets is food grown for our much muchly needed FOOD BANKS!!!!

Our city should set the example, replacing landscaped decorate plants with fruit bearing varieties.

That they may be allowed.

Line 2. - take out temporary use, food is a necessity. Any chance to grow food is vital for any community

Outdoor locations replace the typical monoculture of grass with a polyculture. Not only are growing vegetables pleasant to look at, but they attract a more diverse set of insects and birds.

These opportunities are fantastic! I'd love to see these added.

Environmental and sustainable! good fro humans, community, and environment. No pesticides or chemicals allowed!

I agree with all 5 of the above opportunities being considered for implementation, especially #4, "A small greenhouse and/or outdoor growing area associated with another commercial use, such as a restaurant."

Yes, please let us or others with permission, the right to use our land for practical purposes and not just ornamental ones. Gardens that produce food can be beautiful too and incorporate ornamental plants along with edible ones. Yes to all above.

All of these ideas should be put into place!!

Just having locally grown foods that are allowed to ripen properly and then used in local businesses

I support all five points.

All of the above.

Good idea as long as they are maintained and not allowed to be messy

Sounds good, if the owner of the property agrees to it. An owner should not be forced to allow others to use their land.

Great ideas but, there needs to be far less restrictions on home owners wanting to use their back yards, their "usable space", in such a way that it benefits the home owners. The City has far too much control over the home owners property. This is unfair. In a society where "going green" is promoted, the City certainly makes it difficult to achieve this!

I like all of these options. I think it's very important to encourage local growing at all levels and in all areas!

As long as you control and label what food is sprayed with. Capturing water from roof tops, Like earthships and permaculture design.

1,2,3,4



Growing food on vacant lots would be a wonderful idea. In our area there is a large lot that has been vacant for a number of years with nothing but overgrown trees on it. They were cut back at one time but grew back again. This is wasted space that could be used to grow a large garden.

I like the idea of being creative with the use of green space, using it for more than just grass and bushes, to expand the opportunities to produce food for a growing population.

I think that we should continue to explore any opportunity available to produce healthy, good quality produce in Calgary. Food insecurity remains an issue for many Calgarians and by enhancing community gardens and other food-growing opportunities we can provide much-needed nutritious food to residents who otherwise may not have access to this food.

We're using unused or under utilized or vacant land and building food resiliency in our communities. We're taking the entrepreneurial spirit of Calgary and making good use of those who want to do the extra work to cultivate small spaces and make them productive and generate economic incentives.

Additional food cultivation opportunities for everyone - access to lands for food development as they do in other cities

Affordability for single parents, large families and young families. Having a large quantity of healthy grown food, you can't get more "local" than your own yard.

I like all of these ideas, particularly if the landscaping has aesthetic values as well as strictly utilitarian ones. Food gardens can be beautiful.

We need to change our perception of growing food and gardens and these opportunities are a way to make that happen. Why are we OK with concrete and grass but not planters filled with food crops?

they are a step in the right direction

More usable areas. What about including the city planting fruit trees, or berry bushes in parks for public use.

Growing food in landscaped areas of residential, commercial or industrial areas makes use of underutilized land...

We need to be able to have more places to grow fresh produce. This is a great step at sustainability.

I really like these ideas. I like that the proposals encourage land use as well open the door to business opportunities for producing and selling locally grown fruit/vegetables.

All five are great opportunities and should present no concern, but be encouraged.

Restaurants would have the opportunity to source their own produce, which would likely be grown without pesticides due to public pressure. Small greenhouses would also allow for more diverse selection than commercial growers can offer.

I think it's important to allow the greatest number of people access to reasonable growing space, regardless of what type of dwelling they live in. I.e., if someone lives in an apartment, having access to a community garden plot or as a building be able to collectively agree to maintain a small residence garden instead of a lawn

make all growing, as easy to do as possible, it should be everyone`s right

I think it is great! I am 100% in favour of our residents being able to grow and/or local produced food. Also being able to eat locally sourced food at our restaurants would be wonderful as well!

5 should be allowed

Having our own garden on our property

Only the owner of the property can grow and harvest the food for their own consumption.

I like them all. Growing food and knowing where your food comes from should be a right of all people



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in the City. Selling your food should also be allowed.

Number 5, being able to grow food in an area you do not own and able to sell in a farmers market.

I like the idea of not "wasting" land by letting it lie idle pending development.

Question: What concerns do you have about these additional opportunities being considered for growing food?

None they are wonderful opportunities.

I don't really have any concerns.

Non

I'm more curious how the City will guide and monitor how well people need to maintain gardens on vacant lots in residential areas to ensure optimal insect, pest and animal control.

Potential problems of safety, security, noise, smells, garbage.

None. Growing food is necessary to Calgary's resilience and quality of life. Urban agriculture is the future.

None

Soil quality needs to be controlled, especially if the produce is to be sold later. There are many contaminated areas in the city, especially in the industrial or former industrial areas that are unfit to produce food.

See above

No concerns

They sound way too restrictive.. applicable permits and approvals isnt going to fly in my opinion. Set out the rules without the need for approval or permits..

None. :)

Use of unnecessary and or unlawful pesticides and herbicides.

Any opportunity for grown food is good and i think there should be opportunities for livestock as well. My concern is the availability of these extra spaces. There should be a minimum of 1 large community garden per community.

but not growing food per 4 and 5 for commercial use. I certainly wouldn't want to be their neighbour

Access to water.

Food safety, residues of pesticide and fertilizer in food, land management (e.g. fertilizer use in watersheds), pest control, lack of knowledge. If these new regulations also include the production of animal products: infectious diseases, parasites.

That the application processes or permits are too complicated and/or expensive.

That the changes do not go far enough.

Definitely it is important that these areas are regularly looked after during the growing season, and should be monitored for this, and the opportunity to grow food taken away if the areas are neglected.

There needs to be appropriate considerations for safety, especially growing in industrial areas. There needs to be an investigation and continued monitoring of potential contaminates so they don't get into our food supply.

None that I can think of.

None



#5: There could be disputes about how such areas are used, i.e. property owner may not approve of type of containers being used to grow plants, may feel the level of garden/food production area maintenance inadequate.

Intrusive lighting from greenhouses; potential for erosion/dust in the non-growing season; need for restrictions on types of farm equipment being used, odors from compost, soil amendments, potential for contamination from pesticides

I don't have any concerns.

None.

Use of pesticides or harmful chemicals on adjacent lawns or properties.

None.

Nothing

With new city wide composting it would be ideal if there is a citizen owned company which processes the compost into soil and sells it back to the citizens.

In this way our efforts are profiting the citizens and not some corporation

My greatest concerns are pesticides and herbicides - I feel it's essential for urban farmers to ban or keep records of chemical sprays in our cities, as well as how they impact ecosystem and urban animal health (dead birds and squirrels)

I strongly advise tax brakes for citizens who set up wind or solar energy, as well as rain water collection being encouraged.

Hemp is also a cash crop - loose restrictions on this plant

none

I grow everything organically. I would hope that knowledgeable people (horticulturists) are the growers. I don't think GMO seeds and plants should be used. Also, the use of herbicides and pesticides should not be allowed.

None. I strongly support them all.

None

Nothing

People that want to grow food should be responsible about the maintenance of the land they are using.

Can't really think of any downsides as long as any food for sale should be relatively pollution free.

No concerns

Proper maintenance of gardens in high visibility locations and vacant lots.

A ban on the use of chemical fertilizers/pesticides for gardens grown on city owned land.

Lack of control over chemicals, and over the use of manure as fertilizer. Handling issues - are the people who handle the foods clean, are they using precautions against things like Hep C which can be spread via food. Other areas that a health minister would be more aware of than I am.

None

NO to growing food as a commercial use in established low density residential! Owners that don't want to garden should not be making money off of "pimping out" their land-- better that they offer a garden plot to an interested neighbour. Could be changed for new development areas if desired, but not to the established communities.



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None. They sound wonderful.

None

None

None.

Unightly premises. Standards of appropriate state of aesthetics should be enforced.

Animal welfare.

some regulation for building materials, possible city supplied? costs for being a part of. Keeping the cost low would seem important.

No concerns.

Added costs for inspection and enforcement of such things as pesticides and waste management.

Using land for commercial use would worry me. Part of our problem is that small town farmers are being bought up into larger conglomerates. It would be infuriating to have large scale companies come in and use land to make further profit when other families could use the land to help themselves and their communities.

If processes are too difficult, or expensive than it prohibits the good intentions.

None.

None.

If I were to grow and maintain a garden on the green space I back onto. Would the city have issues with their weekly lawn mowing. And try to mow over my garden area.

None. We need to become more self-sufficient and reduce the carbon footprint required to obtain food in the city.

#3 #5

them being abandoned at some point in time and getting ratty looking

the potential for pesticide use, introduction of invasive bugs and plants

None, growing food is a right and should t be considered a "privilege" granted by city officials.

People stealing food or vandalizing the gardens that are public facing.

Pesticide getting into water system. Ban their use and encourage organic growing.

None.

Too restrictive. Make it so it includes small animals such as chickens and small livestock.

This also needs to include residential greenhouses, animal husbandry (chickens/other fowl, rabbits, goats, fish, etc), full yard gardening in all neighbourhoods in the city. This allows people to live more sustainably and provide healthy options for families as well as linking community and ensuring children become fluent in growing food.

Too much regulation or confusing permits to deal with. This happened with solar energy as well and people in the permitting department at the city didn't know how to deal with it and it became really difficult to go through the permitting process which turned people away. There needs to be some freedom with this so people will jump on it and progress which will in turn boost local economies.

None. Due to the economy I know a lot of Calgarians are hungry. I also know from personal experience how hard it is to feed me and my family while being on a low income. I think it is a disgrace that in a city and province as wealthy we are..we still have people experiencing hunger every single day. We should make poverty history so that all Calgarians can afford to eat healthy food.



Safe use of fertilizers, chemical products. Visual curb appeal of residential properties.

to have a permit and have someone that drive around to be sure they are taking care of .

Nothing.

Gardens kept free of weeds. Kept clean.

Nothing at present so long as it is an equal opportunity situation for all groups and it is managed well.

none

Vandalism always seems to be a problem with community gardens creating frustration among the gardeners and making the garden look messy and uncared for. I'm not sure what the solution is to this problem.

It will make some people mighty cranky. But...oh well.

No concerns about growing more food in Calgary ever!

Letting things go and it being a real mess!

My concern is only for people who do not understand how things grow that will complain. However, this is what makes these initiatives so important.

Food safety for restaurants.

That they be executed without the use of chemicals and GMO's and that people are educated in permaculture practices to create the most sustainable and successful food production.

None really.

None.

1 and 5 - hard to control what will happen to these areas (contamination, garbage, pesticides) etc pesticides getting into watershed. Smell. seed contamination.

I know of a couple empty lots near me that were gas stations and hve not been cleaned up. These may not be appropriate to use for food. Would we be able to encourage the owners of such properties to clean them up?

My biggest concern it the use of poisons that will enter our local environment. I think that herbicides and pesticides should be banned!!!! Please speak to an entomologist at the University. Local bee populations could be threatened. Children could be put at risk. Organic methods only.

The grower should not use pesticides

none

My only concern would be vandalism or theft. However, if the community is active in these areas, hopefully this would not be an issue.

The businesses growing commercially in this way only provide food for high-income Calgarians. EG: the price point of their product is prohibitive for average Calgarians, and does not contribute to the food security of those in need. Can you afford \$4.50 for a bunch of radishes?

Property values..

Limited access to water (need rain barrels etc and a water source that can be maintained). Low cost access to gardening skills, seeds, compost etc.

None.

None. We should be able to grow food. end of story

use of pesticides and fertilizers should not be allowed. production should be pushed towards sustainable practices such as permaculture, which look after the full ecosystem, including soil and water. Permaculture, when done properly, reduces/eliminates the need for extra water consumption,



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fertilizers and pesticides.

My only concern is that people won't realize this opportunity so I think the changes should be made well known.

"Going too fast" without adequate consultation with neighbours, neighsayers. Ensure those who might have concerns have enough info re: benefits to society to minimize opposition.

it will be great for the city!

none, its about time Calgary did this!

None. I would love to see these opportunities go forward and for us, as a city, continue to consider even more opportunities as they present themselves.

None.

None

None, I feel these are very positive necessary steps for the city to take. If anything I believe that more additional opportunities are required.

no concerns.

The soil and air need to healthy for the plants - so not on contaminated soil or near industrial pollutants.

None

normal health & safety requirements

None

red tape, by-laws, government getting in the way of all these great ideas.

the city needs to create "Memorandums of Understanding" instead of more bylaws

No concerns, growing food is always a good choice.

none yet save bureaucrats interferring

Food being grown in contaminated soil in an industrial area

None

I don't think we should change currently landscaped areas to food growing locations. Vacant lots yes, but where we have already used taxpayers dollars to landscape a public space, we should consider alternative areas first before "re-landscaping"

cost and ability to appropriately administer

For growing food in vacant areas temporarily, as soon as there is something permanent going into these areas, the work to grow food could go to waste. If building construction is to being in July for example, and the community put in tomato plants, they won't be ready for harvest but would still need to be removed. Even knowing these areas are temporary for these kinds of projects, people will still complain when the land is ready for development.

I am concerned about micromanagement by the City. You must trust the people - gardeners are generous community and life sustaining types. Let them live in a wholesome way. We all need to eat and share and come together. Let Calgarians come together naturally and build communities.

Gardens are by far the best and most natural way to do that.

All the worlds problems can be solved in the garden.

Intentions for distribution of food should be clear. I'm not thrilled about the possibility of for-profit organizations monopolizing the process. Perhaps these opportunities could be reserved for non-profit



organizations or for-profit growers intending to donate to the Food Bank, for instance.

... actually, I'm not a fan.

Commercial gardens will have security placed on them (obviously), and this will be unsightly in the middle of a city.

I have no concerns.

My biggest concern would be #2 - growing on vacant lots. We can't even take dirt to the landfill without special tests anymore it seems. What kind of testing and cleanup would be required before allowing anyone to grow food on these vacant lots?

The possibility of food borne illness related to stray cats and dogs in some of these areas.

people are at a stage where not everyone remembers or knows how to work the land or with growing things, classes and online info will help move projects along

No concerns.

we should be growing soil as well as this is the foundation of growing food

I am sure Calgarians will come up with many more brilliant ideas during this process. It is awesome.

I don't think community gardens should be talked into making commercial space available for small businesses that want to use the land/soil/water for their own profit. That goes against the principles of having a community garden.

contaminated lands, ownership of the land, ownership of the food, access by all, how to transition from the growing space of a vacant lot to an eventual development by the owner.

none.

As long as the grounds are cared for there is no issue. Weeds will grow in the areas anyway so why not take advantage?

They should not be allowed to use pesticides or herbicides fertilizer unless it is organic

I am assuming in this case they must get the owners permission and they can't just squat grow on someone else's land? ---Growing food in the landscaped area in a low density residential (i.e. a house), multi-residential, commercial or industrial as an accessory commercial use. This is where a company or person who is not the owner, resident or business operator of the land uses the landscaped areas of the land to grow food, harvest it, and sell it at another location, such as a farmers market.

That the city will make it too expensive for small producers to survive.

That the city will establish a hyper-intensive regulating system that will make a bureaucratic mess so it is impossible and undescribable for anyone to want to grow food

That the city actually has no idea about what Food security means. (see many sharerow bike lanes for an understanding of what ignorance during implementation means)

That large companies will be able to come in and these huge business ops for local people will be eaten up by larger more powerful organizations

That people will grow poor food.

That there will be contamination issues.

That urban farming will be greenwashed

That

I'm concerned they will not be approved!

Ensuring people maintain the gardens, clean them up of excess vegetation and weeds, etc. ... And we provide video security against vandals.



It may not be enough to shift cultural norms and preference for lawns. Doesn't allow for chickens

None. I have a fear that current rules will become more restrictive.

None

I think the laws should be looking after people growing their own food. Like chickens. And people in any community should be able to use land to grow food. At least allow the public to be self sustainable.

no.

unsafe practices. night soil, cat or dog feces.

I think it is important to be able to grow food plants as much as, & where ever possible.

Gardens not being taken care of. Overuse of water. Being aware of the past land use, not growing food on a site with contamination.

The licensing, if any, needs to respect the financial realities of agriculture (tight margins and seasonality).

I have none. Its a necessary evolution of our by laws

None run pilot projects and deal with the issues after

Perhaps there should be guidelines on the types of fertilizer etc to be used to avoid any pollution/run off issues into the river that large amounts of synthetic fertilizer could create. Also regulations around pesticides/herbicides as a safety concern for people/children in the area. In my experience small scale urban farmers tend to use more organic techniques, but this should be regulated. Outdoor gardens should be maintained, ie cleaned up in the fall, to maintain good neighbor relationships.

None

The only concern I would have are soil, water and air contaminants from surrounding parcels. As long as a site assessment is done and the area is monitored if trace contaminants are present then i do not see any other concerns.

None at all. They are very encouraging

Increase of use of pesticides

No concern

I think it is really important to encourage these opportunities although would be concerned about pesticide or herbicide use. Needs to be as natural as possible.

I would want the restriction to be "organic" food production only within city limits to reduce exposure to hazardous chemicals and contamination.

1. Access to privately owned property whether multi family or single family for commercial growing has possibly abuse and privacy invasion issues. Legal advice would have to be available to owners, or a standard contract with defined limitations like residential tenancy? 2. Temporary use can be difficult to end if land is needed in the future. 3. Growing food in areas that have become "traditionally" grass can be controversial. If an element of multi family housing there could be big issues with strata corporation boards and residents. And I believe that is provincial jurisdiction?

Residents and businesses should not be allowed to use chemical fertilizers or pesticides that could harm water supplies. Community and personal gardens should be organic and much as possible and reasonable.

None. I believe food should be grown everywhere for everyone. We have far too many children showing up to school hungry. Public food gardens should be available to everyone .



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That the city has any power to stop us from living is a serious concern and breeds distrust and extremism

Specifically growing food in the landscaped area in a low density residential etc... (#5 from last) that individuals meet ALL Health requirements, don't use chemicals and sell at fair and reasonable prices.

My concern is anyone who imagines there is a reason not to!!!

I would always favor small business over large scale development, as it is more sustainable as PART of a community instead of a different sector of the city.

Just not sure how permission will be granted for public spaces or empty lots: how would that work?

I would think that anyone who takes the time to plant would also take the time to care for....

The quality of the soil and water in the water table/ toxic run-off from streets, toxins from construction debris. I really wish there would be accountability from builders and renovators to not allow (construction) debris to contaminate soil and groundwater.

The quality of the soil, particularly in the industrial areas, as chemicals may have been leached into the ground meaning the food grown there would not be safe for consumption.

None.

none

maintenance of space and provision of services such as water

how is this achieved and who pays

I would like to see restaurants (commercial facilities) have whatever size of greenhouse their space can comfortably support.

none. just odour but not too worried unless it's really horrible

Just that chickens are raised and cared for humanely.

Absolutely NO to any commercial use in established low density residential! Could totally destroy these established communities.

None. Let people grow their own food if they want to. Please step back from the big government end of the spectrum.

None

None

none so far

sustainability--would love to see these spaces developed as permaculture, capturing rainwater for irrigation, using green tech only etc.

I encourage and support more growing food opportunities and think more should be done in schools as well to teach kids about it.

None.

The only concern is that industrial agricultural chemicals be limited, to avoid pollution from runoff into the local water system and into the rivers and ponds.

Not a concern, really, just a caution that those growing food under opportunity #5 would consider this a business and may seek to restrict other community based food growing efforts as an incursion on their (#5 opp growers') ability to profit. Recommend enshrining voluntary nature of this endeavour in any bylaw. In other words, use or ownership of a commercial market garden within an existing property should not entitle grower to territorial rights.

None!



chemicals and pesticides high prices etc - start small for 1 -2 year pilot program in a community in Calgary 0 involve everyone create a program - see how works !!!!

Ensuring that people take care of the plot if using public land. Clean, garbage free, etc.

WASTED LAND ON A FEEL GOOD MOMENT. THEFT, UGLY LANDSCAPE, ANIMALS FEEDING OF THE GROW AND PEOPLE WANTING TO STOP THEM ,USING POISEN ,ROCKS, GUNS. PEOPLE STEELING THE GROW.

Holding people accountable for maintaining, should be group efforts therefore stronger by in to maintaining.

Ownership, maintenance, accountability. If the sites aren't well designed and maintained, citizens who might have reservations about increasing agricultural production in the city will have a harder time buying into these ideas.

Also, how would you distribute these lands? Would they be purchased? First come first served? What would be the criteria?

What about controlling pesticide/herbicide use?

Just grow some healthy food, organic with no GMOs

I am concerned that this is going to get bogged down by government legislation and by-laws.

My only concern would be when people lose interest. An untended garden can be a messy site.

None.

We should be doing everything we can to foster local food production. There is huge production potential in Calgary.

None

I do worry that the cost of renting space in a community garden will be at a price point, that lower and middle income earning families won't be able to afford to participate.

I have no concerns. I think this is a great opportunity

"NIMBYism", too many City restrictions

There must be educational requirements and educational opportunities tied to permits for commercial food production and also for garden water management. Pesticides, herbicides, chemical fertilizers have no place in food growing and contribute to environmental damage. This is a great opportunity to bring common sense back to food farming.

We should be encouraging people to grow their own food and eat better. It's more affordable, has less chemicals, and encourages people to use their water resources for more than a lawn. Front yard food gardens should absolutely be encouraged.

I hope there will be control over pesticides, herbicides and fungicides. We don't need more of these introduced into the neighborhoods. This should also be another reason for the city to quit spraying dandelions altogether, who wants to grow their own food covered in pesticide drift never mind the negative impact on the ecosystem like birds, bats, etc. Other than issue, sounds good.

The city needs to encourage more beehives, not just large commercial beekeepers but smaller outfits. Hives and gardens should compliment each other.

as long as the property does not become an eyesore in that equipment is left about or the area goes to weed because of inattention

If anything, some homework may need to be done on sites to ensure that soils are not contaminated...



If food is being produced for sale, how would this be regulated?

Honestly, the only issue I have with food grown in urban areas is the high traffic - this means people stomping on the gardens, urinating in the gardens, etc. And then the urban farmers trying to sell this contaminated food after. We would have to make sure the urban food was processed/washed/regulated correctly. I think this issue for the most part is avoided in rural growing and commercial situations.

I don't think it would ever get to this point, but perhaps in the far off future only a maximum number of permits should be issued to make sure our rural farmers still have a competitive advantage/equality. Rural farmers are important too and unlike urban farmers, finding an alternative employment to farming their land would be difficult.

Perhaps lingering animals such as seagals.

Nothing!

Make sure it does not become eye soar and that a certain percentage is kept undeveloped landscape That the City will keep the "rules and requirements" as they are now, which only serves to bog down the process and deter people from going ahead with a desire to grow their own food and increase nutrition.

There are many abandoned food garden projects through out the city. Can the city provide access to education on growing

The food may absorb chemicals leached into the soil from industry and building materials.

Food should not be grown in areas where there is soil contamination, unless it is completely separated from the ground.

Remediation of the land to usable state. Holding users/growers accountable for their actions unlike what has happened with the gas stations where they just leave and it goes to court for long periods and no remediation takes place.

I don't have any concerns.

Absolutely NO commercial use or growing in established low density residential!

Not all plots of land are suitable for gardens, especially considering water. Wildlife and vandalism is a factor and would require fences, which may not work in public spaces.

Pest control, such as raccoons.

None - I think it is great. A return to how it use to be. Growing "free" food on the land you own!

#6 -

No concerns, other than that they may not provide enough opportunities by being too restricted

Process to stop growing food to develop warehouses. Simple?

Soil safety in industrial areas - who will monitor?

Management of pest, rodents, small animals.

None.

Nothing!

Aggressive 'squatters' feeling that they own the place after a while or after they have put in effort time or money. I am afraid for the 'vulnerable' owner who may be bullied for not knowing their rights.

If a surplus is produced we should be able to trade or sell to buy what other foods we need.

Many other spaces that are healthier and less dangerous already exist that could be easily used for food production. Eg- Parks, green spaces, schools etc



Nothing. Let's make productive use of the land available.

I would be concerned that people who don't understand how urban ag works would try to stop it from happening out of fear... There will have to be an education component

No concerns

No concerns

I hope that a rigid bureaucratic process does not make it difficult for small businesses to proceed with their plans.

None, let people grow food. Curtis Stone and www.greencityacres.com is a good resource, he has helped pioneer urban farming for profit in a few Canadian cities including helping with their bylaw evolution (kelowna)

Nothing

They might get marred in bureaucracy and become inaccessible to those who would use it.

My only concern would be to develop a set of standards or rules to ensure tidiness, ensuring that pests are discouraged and that people using spaces such as in #5 above do not abuse the space for the property owners or who ever leases or rents the space.

Again, ensure that sites are appropriate for growing or processing food to protect the consumer.

If we increase overall good produce in the city. Supply and demand can drive down existing food costs.

Leaving more money in the pockets of consumers to spend elsewhere and stimulate our economy.

This will also help our ability to save for and afford good food during the winter/ no growth season.

No concerns at all

That people will be pay pay pay...permits etc

Nothing proposed seems to help the at home gardener.

Education about not growing invasive species are planted that would take over.(e.g., some house plants, or ground covers that take over and replace natural vegetation).

educate people about the bees issue, as whenever any one talks about gardens bees bees bees issue are raised.

Bees are helpful and they are very imp, and can be well managed.

My only concerns would be making it cost prohibitive. I think there are a lot of people that would be interested in having more community/communal gardens.

People who stretch the boundaries and definitions/intent of this bylaw.

Potential use of sprays in residential neighborhood, we choose to grow without any chemical fertilizers etc so if there was larger scale spraying that would be of concern to me. Also having a way to ensure that food grown in commercial/industrial areas is not used in soil that could potentially have contaminants from outside sources.

Contamination, pesticides.

Where is the water coming from, and how much excess use will there be?

I think that growing, harvesting and selling food in more areas in Calgary is very compatible with the majority of our communities. Generally, it is a fairly non-disruptive activity that wouldn't cause increased traffic, noise, pollution etc.

No concerns

The inevitable creation of yet another police force to patrol small gardeners.

Growing food outdoors on vacant lots in residential, commercial, or industrial areas as a temporary



use - could this only be done by the landowner?

No concerns. I would also like to see more fruit trees, bushes being grown in parks and on public land. This way we would still have the trees we need and there would be more food for those that are having a tough time making ends meet.

None

My concern is the tax payers money funding the By Law Enforcement.

none

None. People who grow food don't generally tend to be the kinds of people who violate the rights of others.

the use of chemicals that can work their way into ground and river water

None provided the growing is organic

None

It would be nice if people are able to sell veggies they grow at home. Why would they need to go to a farmer's market?

None

I have none and I believe this should be aggressively encouraged in urban spaces.

None at this time.

Only pesticides being sprayed in the air if a commercial garden was too large and close to residential areas.

none

I am concerned about the use of pesticide and fertilizer. I believe when food is grown in close proximity to other activities we must be more careful than usual. Also we should require a history of land use and possible sources of contamination.

I don't have concerns about this, this would improve our environment, save costs for those who are unable to afford healthier foods.

There needs to be proper education, and monitoring to allow efficiency.

Commercial growing being restricted to 'some commercial and industrial areas'. Are there opportunities to allow small scale (1 acre or less) commercial indoor/outdoor growing areas in institutional settings (e.g. universities, hospitals) and on underutilized public lands?

Security, mainly. The theft of any tools stored on the property, or produce, and vandalism.

none

ummm

that the food won't actually be used and will go to waste :(

In general, there may need to be guidelines for not leaving ripe produce unprotected or rotting in order to discourage wildlife from seeking food.

5. This concerns me as landscaped areas are usually considered an amenity for use by tenants, and if the land use were changed to not benefit tenants it would unfairly devalue rental properties (for those already engaged in leases). This could also be problematic as tenants and community members may feel entitled to the harvest and could inadvertently (or not) steal produce and face repercussions. In order to prevent such activity, areas of formerly common ground might be fenced or otherwise restricted. This is also not a dog-friendly idea, as dogs would not be allowed near the area- Calgary is already a very difficult city to be a renter with pets and there is no expectation of providing a



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dedicated potty area.

As stated above.

None. (Well, needing to hear the complaints of people who have complaints, I suppose....)

Nothing I can think of.

Vacant lots - signage would be appropriate to promote awareness and prevent misconceptions of 'community food'

None. These are excellent!

Regulation. I think it should be easier for people to create and distribute food, but there still needs to be regulation around it. Someone ensuring that food safety standards are held high and that the food being distributed is safe and as-advertised.

The one concern I would have is someone e starting but abandoning a garden. Also the potential for someone to grow on contaminated land if it wasnt identified.

I'm concerned over squabbles regarding who gets to use public land with private families and small businesses losing to those with more money.

Harvesting - who is responsible?

none

Only that people take advantage of them, because our wellness as a community depends on it.

Home-grown food should not be legislated. The government should only monitor food safety where it is mass produced.

none

That people will have to get a permit to grow their own vegetables.

They aren't significant enough, extreme times and uncertain futures require exceptional efforts.

Systemic change is required and the city is heading towards the bureaucratic abyss relying on the past as an indicator of future income. Plan for \$40/barrel for the next 10 years with volatility spikes that take food off the shelves and which are impossible to time for long range projects. Plan for the worst hope for the best, help families feed themselves with good policy.

None

Permits to growing and distributing food from private land, community land, donated land, community gardens should be FREE. PERIOD. If the taxes on the land are paid (by whomever owns the land) then the use of the land is up to the owner. Basically it should be easy, and even encouraged for land owners to offer open land to peopel or groups of people who are willing to grow and maintain that land for the purpose of growing food and distributing that food. Food is free.

no concerns, only concern is that's not allowed

Education on safety and cleanliness. Also the use of chemicals should be restricted as we return to more natural pest control methods.

Allowing only organic methods is very important, as to not to contaminate the soil/water/air

No concerns.

Nothing

Who can take the fruits/vegetables, how to control access to them

None

Two concerns: theft and vandalism, and the other is neglect after the 'newness' has worn off.

None.



Unnecessary.

Do not want or need this in any residential area.

Get to work on something of real value and/or need.

Vacant lots might have to be "safety swept" before use.

Perception that the City may be wading into affairs that it has no purpose in other than to levy permits and approvals (ie tax grab). Many of these things currently occur or could occur as simple contracts between multiple parties.

What is the distinction between for "personal use" and "commercial use"? Is it the land zoning? The size of the garden itself? How will you determine intent?

I would perhaps add protections to properties from the owner perspective -- if someone rents a property and makes a market garden, they should properly maintain the land and mitigate any damages to it.

You should be allowed to raise rabbits for slaughter in the city. Let people do their things. They will learn and figure it what works, also grow community connections.

that we plant it and before its ready some dothead in council allows it to be destroyed because they like food out of a box from china that isnt really food

none

Vandalism, which is a problem regardless of the nature of the vegetation, be it a food source for people or for critters.

Who will be responsible for maintaining the food resources. Will the public be respectful?

People should also be able to build raised beds for gardening in space around their apartment buildings. Raised beds are especially important for those who have mobility issues.

None.

Health. You cannot use the soil of brown sites or other sites that have been sprayed on and produce healthy food.

We should be able to grow food that we, the people, see fit.

That people will turn it into a business and charge unaffordable prices and throw away what goes to waste. Give people tools that they can return at the end of the day, teach them how to use them, end hunger in this city. Simple.

I have no concerns except for allowing the use of GMOs. Please ban them from use within City Limits.

we need to balance the interests of business and the public

None at this time.

none

Pesticide/herbicide use, safety concerns that might be related to specific plant species, structural damage to buildings (in case of rooftop gardens), and vandalism/dispute over food ownership in public or shared spaces.

Quality control, proper use of pesticides.

none

None

None

I don't have any concerns, and support the process being simple to implement and with minimal bylaw complication.



Food will not be wasted so the vermin will not have a chance to use un attended gardens as a food source.

concerns about whether these are organic or using chemicals, pesticides within the urban area.

nothing

Nothing.

No to #5. Absolutely NO commercial use in low density residential.

None.

Concern will be pollutants within and around the area that may impact the growing of the food ie toxicity on site (land, air, water, etc)

No concerns.

Conflicts with land owners of vacant lots

Will Pesticides and the like be allowed? If so, how will the City keep control? What about chemical residues?

My SOLE concern is that the amount of permits, red tape, pages & pages of forms to fill out is going to be so prohibitive that people are not going to want to, or be able to pursue this.

none

I am less enthusiastic about commercial purposes. RE: #5, I would not support commercial purposes in a residential or multi-residential location; a commercial or industrial location would be OK, though. I might be concerned about industrial pollution on that food, though, if not in a greenhouse.

Ima little concerned about the security of the food and how it is grown.

Ensure that plants that spread too easily, such as dandelions or peppermint, must be contained in some way.

- 1 - That we allow industrial farming methods to be used, as per my comment above;
- 2 - that we allow former industrial lands to be used for growing food, without proper analysis of soil and air to ensure that the resulting food is not toxic;
- 3 - that we encourage an idea or attitude that urban farms are "industrial," and best consigned to industrial or commercial zoned land.

Use of herbicides and pesticides.

Increased traffic

Increased noise if machinery such as rototillers are use regularly in areas in or near residential areas

NO to 5-- no commercial growing in low density residential!!!

Traffic, neighbor issues, unkempt properties. Why should anyone who has rented a front lawn to grow lettuce, care to keep it in good shape?

I am concerned about the soil quality in vacant lots & if any environmental assessment will be done.

That you are trying to tax a basic human right to grow food, that the city's bylaw officials will be going around and ticketing people who have cold frames and/or green houses on their property.

I would like to see more of this.

I'm not worried about it. As long as the noise bylaw is upheld.

Quality control of pesticide or herbicide use.

Maintenance. It seems that in the initial enthusiasm for something like this, people jump in and then become tired of it, not realizing the amount of effort required

I think there needs to be oversight offered by urban farming "experts" also from YYC Growers. This



would ensure that the passion and idea is sustained for the whole growing season. Plus I know they need more space.

Spraying and treatment of land areas being considered. Hopefully more gardening will bring down city landscaping costs and lower rates of pesticide, etc application in general. Major concern with allowing community or market garden in industrial area or areas bordering industrial areas: often the soil and air is contaminated with industrial pollutants that will show up in the food being grown there. The city should consider providing support or testing kits for applications occurring in these types of areas. Need some protocol around verifying food safety. Also concern that commercial projects may take priority over commercial interests. This city needs healthy, affordable fresh food. I think that commercial projects should be required to donate at least 10% of produce crop to a non-profit which feeds the community, like a food bank or a church program for distribution.

None -

Should have special recognition for not for profit opportunities. Give them more opportunities than commercial options. IE access to land.

Still demonstrating a disconnect between what the community wants and needs. What about rainwater harvesting regulations? I have heard the city has some stupid regulations about rainwater harvesting?

I think I already mentioned them above.

The price and need for permits.

Chickens need to be allowed.

Meat rabbits need to be allowed.

Fish in aquaponic systems need to be allowed.

In urban areas you need to have consideration of your neighbours. As long as the process does not create additional noise or traffic issues.

That the owners would resist using the land in this way. There is also the possibility of vandalism, but that cannot be a deterrent.

None

None!

All of these opportunities should be organic required with no chemicals or GMOs allowed in public areas

The land owner should have first dibs on whether he/she/they wish to grow items.

Let's leave these opportunities to rural areas adjacent to the city.

Need more discussion or information about the conditions of a temporary use. Is this a year to year arrangement. If so that is not acceptable for a business person needing to make investment in the property to maximize yeild and profitability. Even soils amendments may not pay back in one year..

Application of chemicals by the city - herbicides and insecticides

Cross contamination of industrial waste and plants in industrial area. Heavy metal and waste oil from a car 'junk' yard may leech to the lot next door.

none

not being able to participate in growing of food in multi-resident location, but someone who does not live in our building can use the land - not fair

The kinds of pesticides and fertilizers people would be using and how it affects the environment and our health. Also, animal traps that may be used that could be a public danger.



none. its food.

Non. Let's do this!!

No concerns with any of them.

The biggest concerns are the use of pesticides and herbicides, people being irresponsible. No chemicals should not be allowed, only natural and organic practices. NO HARMFUL CHEMICALS WHATSOEVER, NONE. Everyone is responsible for taking care not to spread weeds, maintenance, watering, aesthetics, and be mindful of other's people space.

Urban Hens Pilot Project

Food safety (re distribution of food)

The health concerns of growing food on potentially contaminated land in an urban area.

Please don't impose a permit on these things.

None.

My concern is the creation of laws, bylaws, permits and licences limits our freedom and right to grow organic food.

The parties growing food on public land should register with the city so that if a garden plot goes untended and becomes a significant mess or is abandoned, they can be held responsible for cleaning it up.

That the tenants of the multiple residents can benefit

chickens,

as long as someone familiar with horticulture deems the site sanitary and safe, not mentioning the food handling which should already be in place at a restaurant or any commercial food handling facility.

None! And ignore the fogies that do [have such concerns]. Seriously, f\$&\$ em.

They should meet basic hygiene levels, and have common-sense guides.

I think it's awing in situation. We will have local fresh vegetables available. Important with the financial downturn in our province.

The health concerns of growing food on potentially contaminated land in an urban area.

None, but I'd really like to see chicken raising opened up.

That they don't go nearly far enough. Tick tock, tick tock...

Pesticide use

It just depends on the mess involved, the green aspect, and how the food is distributed. I would love more urban fruit trees and berry bushes that anyone can come and pick instead of just the normal decorative trees in this city.

That some developers will come in and try to make large profits on it or that the government would require too many rules/regulations/permits that would deter the smaller grower

None.

vacant lots r not a good place to grow food. it gives media the opportunity to make the owner look bad if he/she ever wants to develop the land. the permits should b seasonal and up for renewal at certain times of the year.

I have concerns with people spraying additional pesticides however I think the majority of people attracted to this opportunity would likely be more of a natural and organic demographic.

I can't think of any.



None

Just another excuse for landowner to have an unsightly yard.

None

see earlier comments on needing permits for home gardens and consumption and informal sharing outside of monetary gains

Water supply, maintenance and pests are of concern if these spaces are not properly managed.

That people will be short sighted, and not want this option provided to their neighbours.

An outside company or individual may not care for the concerns of the residents of the community who live near the site.

None.

I think logistics would be tricky, in terms of gardeners, making sure the garden is well used and shared.

It would also be awesome if passers-by (not just a gardening group) were encouraged to pick stuff if they happen to see something they like. Also the inclusion of small "farm" animals would be cool.

Definitely doable though.

Food is the most important item in our lives, we need sustainable long term solutions to buying and growing local produce. The harder and more hoops you have to jump through to attain this lifestyle of healthy sustainable food sources is an important factor for our kids to teach them about growing and producing your own food. Stop making it more difficult

allowing others onto the land, who owns what? again, added strangers and access into neighbourhoods which is not ok with vulnerable populations around and therefore, at risk.

My only concern is the person that breaks the rules and sells out of there house and it increases traffic.

Vandalism.

It is concerning that there could be lengthy processes and unrelatable/hard to understand vocabulary that could discourage people trying to start this type of project. A strong goal for these new guidelines would be to create independence and as well encourage healthy lifestyles, especially for groups of people that do not have equal access to them regularly (ex., financially, culturally or educationally.)

The only problem I have is lots of it is new for me and I am not sure if I do it right. I am very worry about aphids and other plant problems.

good u do support local grown, NOT FOR SALE!!! food for food banks here in yyc.

That permits will be difficult to obtain, and that bureaucrats will stymie the process (see: John Mar fussing about people growing food on a vacant lot near his house).

Indoor operations imply extra energy for heating and UV lamps to stimulate plant growth. The result is that more coal is burned to provide the electricity for such operations, and that's a net loss for the environment.

None

should be allowed given majority vote by community association

Regulations on pesticides or other growing mediums for commercial or restraint uses.

Possible soil contamination in some industrial areas

Non property owners trespassing, having any control or influence on the use property owner's land.

Some of these areas may not be overseen, and uncontrolled herbicides or pesticides might be used.

Would security measures need to be enforced so vandals don't ruin or harvest the food?



Expand the communittee gardens programs.

Some people can't even maintain a small bed and should not be allowed in larger areas.

Use of chemical pesticides and non organic fertilizers shouldn't be allowed

Sounds good, if the owner of the property agrees to it. An owner should not be forced to allow others to use their land.

Zero

Very exciting!!

NO to number 5-- no commercial growing in low density residential!

I don't have any concerns about these opportunities.

In terms of vegetables and other low risk foods I have no concerns. Chickens etc. are probably not appropriate for inside of the city limits.

Being careful that big organizations don't take advantage of the land and leave out members of the community who would make use of it themselves - keeping it local as much as possible. Ensuring that those who take ownership of these spaces, do so respectfully of the people who already live/work/play there.

None

None.

None - it is an incredible opportunity to actually use the land we have within city limits to produce something and not just consume water and maintenance resources.

none

None.

None really

No concern.

I worked for Canadian Pacific Railway. in Vancouver there was a shortline that was retired for many years and people living along the line started using the track area for gardening. When the company decided to reactivate the line it caused huge public outcry (picketing, going to the media, requesting help from city council) because they were going to have to remove their gardens - even though they always understood that the company still owned the track and this could happen at any time. So, I'm sceptical about #2 above due to this previous experience.

The snobs will have their noses out of joint, they want pretty, instead of useful !

none

None

The only concern I have is with green houses. These should be allowed under the building permit section of already existing bylaws.

That the city will try and create permits and such for people growing there own food for personal use.

My only concern is the person that breaks the rules and sells out of there house and it increases traffic.

None. If space is available, grow food. We do not live in a world where lawns are more important than high quality,local food.

None



Question: Are there restrictions or rules you would suggest in order to make this additional opportunity being considered for processing food successful?

No

As long as the area is maintained and pleasant to look at I feel it would be successful.

Explicit by-laws on how to maintain a garden on a vacant lot in a residential area.

Any such activities must respect by-laws for safety, security, noise, smells, garbage. Other than that, it should be allowed almost anywhere.

Limit the use of horse manure.

Not that i can think of

Some sort of subsidy program would help too because Alberta growing season is so short. Again, maybe a taxation relief for developers who are sitting on land awaiting development. If they find someone to farm it.

Soil testing for contamination? However, a person should come out to collect samples as opposed to people sending them in to reduce the risk of a fraud.

See above

Business licenses that have to be applied for every few years.

Set out the rules without the need for approval or permits..Let us know what is allowed, then leave us alone. We do not need the bureaucracy..thanks

none

nope

the least rules the better

No

Food sharing organized among community members might be more useful than individual family gardens. If there was a city run program for trade of gardened goods...

Again, they must meet hygiene, health standards. I would also want to see rules and accountability for avoiding stagnant pools of water servicing these grow ops.

Allow urban female chickens.

Would like to see a demonstrated knowledge about sustainable land management, food production hygiene and food safety from anyone who is producing food for sale to the public. Regulation on high risk foods like sprouts.

If food is to be grown in vacant lots or other previously industrial area there should be mandated soil testing and restrictions on how food is grown dependent on what is found in the testing. Also should be some restrictions as to what/how much chemicals are used on crops for sale.

There should be restrictions on what kind of land can be used for growing food (i.e. former gas stations, land adjacent to industrial areas using hazardous chemicals, etc.). There should be land restrictions on industrial activity as well, with an eye to making that land usable again particularly for urban agriculture.

Safety considerations along roadway corridors for all users. Written agreements about the use of public land and the time frames.

I think we should have as little regulation as reasonable on these activities

Re: #5, permission of property owner/resident/business operator should be obtained by those



undertaking such an endeavor, city should provide clear guidelines as to how such agreements ought to be handled.

Greenhouse lighting hours in the winter restricted or shaded; restricted hours/seasons for rotor-tillers etc; fully composted soil amendments (no silage or raw manure); large expanses or bare soil mulched for winter; tight restrictions on pesticide use

I would encourage restrictions on wasting arable land and other growing space. The city should take every measure to enhance our Eco system. Decorative space should be bee and butterfly safe, for example.

I think if people are going to start growing in a vacant lot they should take responsibility and see it through.

No dumping signs on common enclosures. Do not permit vegetable growth near heavy industrial areas, unless it's carbon capturing or soil remediation measures, and they're clearly marked. Neighbourhoods should implement a pesticide-free area, or other means to control certain chemicals from entering the food stream.

Emphasis on organic and local producers.

No chemical pesticides

No chemical herbicides

No neonicatoid seeds or plants!!

In home of city gardening !

Native plants encouraged and lists of those plants made public online.

no

Grow organically and do not use GMO seeds and plants.

No. Restrictions should be minimal. Personal and locally grown food is economical, healthy and enriching for communities and individuals.

No

People growing food should be held responsible for keeping the grow area tidy.

No dogs allowed. Do need to have some controls about looking after the gardens and any buildings, leantoos that are to be erected. Probable need a group or individual who is responsible that will be given a licence for garden. Can community associations take on responsibility to be overall responsible?

No

Proper maintenance of gardens in high visibility locations and vacant lots.

A ban on the use of chemical fertilizers/pesticides for gardens grown on city owned land.

Leave contact information (maybe) for when one uses a vacant lot to grow food. If a company decides to start building on the property, it would be kind of them to contact the person growing the food to ask them either to come take what they have started growing, or leave it.

I'd have to think about it, and hear what other people have to say first - ask me in six months.

There would need to be education as to best practices for harvest and maintenance

Absolutely NO to growing food as a commercial use in established low density residential.

I would suggest the city hire some permaculture designers to do public examples on city property complete with informative signage to promote excellent ideas for citizens to be inspired by and mimic.

keep the amount of people maintain on garden to a minimum, especially if it is a community garden.

None



Strict codes of animal welfare to be put in place.

heights of fences, materials used (so nothing that would pose a hazard to children and pets) clean up rules seasonally to leave the area ready for next season.

None.

Prohibit them.

I would like to see that land within communities should be used to serve that community.

no

As long as safety and noise bylaws are upheld and commercial sales don't occur in residential locations I'm fine.

Must be maintained. And yearly cleaned up. Can not be left poorly.

Restrict the use of herbicides , pesticides and chemical fertilizers to protect people's health , the soil and the water shed.

None.

Animal agriculture (backyard farms, etc) should not be considered due to a number of health and safety issues. Citizens don't live in the city to be next to animals being raised for food.

some rules on maintenance

Creating by laws that require farmers to maintain their crop.

Ban pesticide use.

Can't think of any.

The less restrictions the better. Allow people to be more self-sustainable and know what goes into their food by growing/raising it themselves.

No restrictions other than keeping yards maintained.

no chemical fertilizers or pesticides can be used. larger projects with commercial buildings or greenhouses should have to use things like solar heating or rainwater catchment to reduce operational costs and maintain a certain level of sustainability

that all community gardens become accessible to the disabled members in the community so that everyone can enjoy the process of gardening, experience nature's healing powers, and grow their own healthy food.

Integrating the food growth lands as satisfying landscaping rules in the land use bylaw. E.g.) including it a soft landscape area, reduction in required shrubbery where applicable.

yes grow a garden , nota weekd bucket place thats never taking care of and only vetables ,no plants or anything else, and watered properly

No rules for growing, only rules if the food is intended to sell and these rules already exist.

Except for having chicken as other smaller farm animals this should not be allowed

There should be some guidelines on pesticide/herbicide use as well as on proper maintenance and spring/fall cleanup and how to deal with the waste.

Any commercial activities have to be kept very small scale, so that they don't disrupt the lives of residents with equipment and a ton of activity.

Time to remove restrictions and rules in this city of bylaw overload and let enterprise and great ideas flourish.

Must be cared for... and not left as dirt.

As much as I would like to say no, perhaps something about fertilizer use? People who are not



supportive of these projects will not be impressed if the grower decides to use large amounts of fish fertilizer and stinks up the neighbourhood!

No.

Organic, non GMO, non chemical production. Water conservation/ rain water capture must be a consideration and integrated in all gardens.

Not that I can think of at this time. As with anything new, there will be some growing pains. But just try to keep it inclusive to all citizens and cut the red tape as much as possible.

Only use approved pesticides/herbicides.

Restrict roundup etal. to be sprayed around these areas.

Ensure that all of the growing opportunities are ORGANIC. BAN all herbicides and pesticides please.

No invasive species

none

Have a contact person or a regular group of volunteers in place. Rules of the space should be posted in each space. I would hope that only organic gardening practices would be allowed.

Public areas, land and public institutional land must never be allowed in commercial/for-profit food ventures. Instead, these areas need to be reserved for community or accessible food growing opportunities where people can contribute to their own food security at an affordable cost.

None that I can think of.

Just around the size of greenhouse allowed on residential lots

production should be pushed towards sustainable practices such as permaculture, which look after the full ecosystem, including soil and water. Permaculture, when done properly, reduces/eliminates the need for extra water consumption, fertilizers and pesticides.

Pesticide free should be mandatory for all additional uses.

Consultation with public, neighbours, commercial and other groups who might become alienated due to lack of education.

reduce the red tape

We should consider the use of compost teas, review the use of pesticides.

Pesticide free should be mandatory for all additional uses.

No

No

I would love there to be some form of incentive provided to these small growers to make low cost produce available to low income community members... or even a manual provided to these growers of how to minimize food waste through vacuum sealing produce for use by community kitchens, etc. (ala Belo Horizonte in Brazil).

no

None

confirm land is adequate (land-fill, toxics in soil checks)

No

there should be no limitations on consenting adults, producing, growing, selling or trading food/products as long as they are produced safely and sustainably

Soil assessment completed in advance, and possibly every few years to ensure there hasn't been any changes - ex. leakage from a neighbouring property.



Agreements would have to be put into place as to who owns the food once it is grown on City land.

Use of chemicals and fertilizers - which impact the quality of air/ water/ land

In regards to "Growing food in the landscaped area of a multi-residential, commercial, or industrial district." there is risk of different people complaining and disagreeing on what the land should be used for. There would need to be restrictions on how much space and how many people need to agree on what the space should be used for. Otherwise you run the risk of an area being used a community garden, but some residents playing soccer on it and trampling it anyway (for example).

Fewer restrictions and rules.

Ensure there are rigorous cleaning guidelines in place for raw foods such as lettuce, cucumbers, tomatoes, etc.

as the wave of growing things inside urban centres expands, restriction of emitting vehicles inside city limits or core limits becomes desirable.

No.

promotion of organic ag. restrictions should be placed on big seed suppliers who may seize this opportunity for sponsorship. this must be local local local.

Consideration of ownership and distribution may need to be considered. Also what fertilizers and chemicals will be allowed.

Keep the gardens/greenhouses/composts well maintained.

A minimum period and good timing (considering the growing season) for notification to the end of the temporary growing use. Also alternative spaces to the vacant lot then being developed, maybe relocation of the good growing soil to a new location.

May nearly need to make it MANDATORY for vacant lots to be offered as growing space to force the owners to overcome difficulty of offering the lot to the public, etc for growing on a temporary basis.

it would have to be tried first to see how it works. perhaps it should be allocated through an application process.

State where and how foods are grown for the purchasing public. In chalk or written paper signage

Come on you guys get on this: only organic pesticides herbicides and fertilizer. You need to consider soil stewardship

Growers need to grow using organic methods

Growers need to be growing to help the soils.

Once a farmer has space, they have that space for 1 growing season and that is contractual.

Businesses cannot revoke their space suddenly.

There must be a food cleaning and prep laws that exist already. Let's not reinvent the wheel on this and use the laws already on the books

See above re keeping things in a reasonable state of maintenance and weeding.

I would like for the city to reconsider it's rules around grey water use. Using rain water or other grey water for food growth would make it possible to grow food in many locations that might be difficult to connect to the water system. Other cities have safe policies in place for much more use of grey water.

Chickens and bees!

All should comply with safe food handling

no chickens in people's backyards, they are loud & smelly

safety audit if they choose to sell

I would like to see the growing of food in public areas have to lead by example in the use of NO



herbicides and pesticides and concentrating on restricting the process to organic production.

no

Just that everyone be respectful of their neighbours. Share. Use principles of permaculture to preserve land and water.

no

See above. Guidelines/restrictions on synthetic fertilizer use, pesticides/herbicides use.

Yes - we should ensure that the growing of fruits and vegetables is organic so as not to pollute our city further.

No

no.

No use of dangerous bee killing pesticides and other harmful chemicals

In dense areas, no oversized vehicles

None

Restriction on pesticide use.

Perhaps some rules around treated water use to prevent wasting our precious resource.

Chemical free methods only.

Restraints on use of fertilizers, ensuring that areas are contained and do not impinge on the property of others, smells are controlled so as not to effect neighbourhood ambience. Another question would be how greenhouses or other needed auxiliary buildings such as sheds, for example, fit with city bylaws about allowed maximum development in city lots, especially if on a foundation.

Gardens should be organic. Harsh chemicals should be prohibited.

Restrict spraying of neocides (herbicides, pesticides and fungicides) to indoor production only in order to lessen negative impact on pollinators.

Drop all permits. Let anyone grow on their own lots.

Any foods grown not meeting the guidelines for Health Canada to be not permitted to be sold, penalties for those who fail to comply but the opportunity to get educated in proper growth of healthy foods if available to the public.

Restrict pesticides especially from people killing dandelions. Dandelions are beautiful and they are good and they are healthy. Stop the lawn poison.

Not sure.

Food destined for personal consumption should not need to be regulated imo, including food grown in backyard greenhouses or on commercial property for personal consumption.

Food quality & safety testing, and site testing.

Only to make sure that fertilizers aren't contributing land or air pollution and that any runoffs from watering the gardens don't dirty public sidewalks.

if the land base is public space there needs to be requirements for maintenance, weed control, tidy work space etc.

Though it's exciting to see increased opportunity for local gardening and sustainable food practices, it is equally important to consider the negative effects of herbicide/fungicide/insecticide use in the city. Increasing our food source sustainability must not increase our environmental pollution.

mushroom farms are stinky...would be careful about those.

Yes, with chickens, the number, hens only, cleanliness and adequate care given.



Absolutely NO to any commercial use in established low density residential! Could totally destroy these established communities. Possible consideration for new developments if it is supported, but NOT established low density residential.

Nope. Just let people grow their own food.

Livestock in the city may not be the wisest thing.

No

No. It's a vegetable garden! What's the deal here. As far as I am aware veggies don't carry disease not at this time

no herbicides or pesticides

non-commercial use--fair or share only

green tech

permaculture

Regulate use of fertilizer and pesticide products for city storm and sewer contamination

Food safe rules in regards to safe fertilizers and compost are important. Food borne illnesses are often linked to the factory processes that deal with them and not the foods themselves. Having basic rules about maintaining the dirt and what water can be used would be important.

No more rules.

I would suggest simple, common sense food and work safety guidelines to ensure quality food and safe working for the urban growers and consumers. Licensing and occasional inspections to secure that home growers are complying with the simple food and work safety guidelines. I caution very much against any big food producer from having any governance over the urban farmers. Big Ag is very good at squishing out the little guy to remove competition.

A. Prospective growers should have to:

1. commit to at least one full growing season (not abandon a plot after a month, for example)
2. commit to plant only crops that are non-invasive
3. commit to recognized organic growing and pest control strategies (e.g., cooperatively growing plant varieties that afford other plants some measure of pest control)

B. Prospective growers should have the option to either keep or barter plant yields for personal use or offer those yields to other individuals or groups for fair compensation, including the time required to grow plants to maturity.

C. Prospective growers specifically wanting to engage in large scale market gardening within city limits should have to get a farm license or other such license to operate and sell produce.

not allow the use of blanket pesticides.

Food is for body mind and spirit - we should create programs that are respecting universal laws not human governmental laws - we should do it in a way that is better for earth for food itself for animals for us. We should do it right from the beginning. Educate involve - do not ask for profit anymore !!!! Look for sustainability - increase energy and consciousness !!!!!

I would like to see a partnership between the public and the grower. Why not sponsor the grower and have his or her food "pre-bought" - kind of like a co-op. I pay 200 dollars for the season and am guaranteed X boxes of food... Or something like that. I am obviously making up the numbers. There are a number of small farmers that do this in BC and one in Alberta I believe.



Land Use Bylaw Amendments: food growing, processing and distribution

Stakeholder Report Back: What we Heard Online Survey

March 22, 2016

STOP IT NOW DON'T DO IT . KEEP IT IN YOUR OWN BACK YARD NOT ON CITY OWNED LAND, I WANT A COMMUNITY GARAGE TO REPAIR MY CARS

Food and beauty gardens should be encouraged.

If gardens are not maintained ...what are the consequences , timelines need to be identified

Restrict chemicals used by the growers.

I would actually propose a reduction of city taxes for those who dig up their yards and instead plant gardens-food based. This prevents water from being wasted on 'green lawns' and encourages an 'eat local' mentality as well as a sense of community and ownership. Gardening is also proven to help with mental health issues.

Clean up after yourself

I think so

None

no

Make the application process extremely simple and not necessarily for "associations".

There is a huge opportunity here to use the land well. Food growing permits should be regulated by a group separate from the current DBA. If organic gardening and proper management is to be encouraged and or mandated, then people more knowledgeable in these areas should be handling this type of permit.

Greenhouses should be limited to enclosed areas. Raised planter beds in lieu of a front lawn should be welcomed.

Yes, they should be no pre-treated seed allowed. Example, 95% of canola seed is GMO pretreated Monsanto seed. The runoff from these seeds is poisoning our water systems like ponds and creeks and are killing our endangered song birds, bats, etc. I'm all for any kind of gardening as long as it is not having a negative effect on our ecosystem.

Need a license to process and sell. Soil testing, strict guidelines on chemicals usage. Residents that grow is for personal use unless license and regulation are met and proven

All city gardens should be useful. Do not just grow flowers and shrubs but food and herbs where ppl can pick and use or the homeless feed themselves. Seattle is a wonderful example of an urban forest of food. Calgary has such a short growing season, I think it's necessary to use what land we have to grow food to support ourselves and our poor and take some pressure off of the farmers.

bylaws concerning appearance of the land and the ability to enforce the bylaws

Phase 1 assessments to ensure the site was not previously contaminated, as some vegetables take up contaminants. Either that or raised bed gardening if you are not doing an assessment.

As little restriction as possible. Onus on objectors to prove why an approval or permit should be denied.

The City should try a pilot project! They are a great way to test out the idea and get informative feedback.

Perhaps restrictions on pesticides and insecticides.

Not at this time

Allow restricted number of hens but no rooster

Develop some prototypes, and standards.

Ensure temporary operations restore land/premises to a clean state at the end of the process.



Perhaps a performance bond is required for any not for profit group that seeks land use. Perhaps a maximum land volume is placed so that no one individual or group can tie up all the land.

No

Absolutely NO commercial use or growing in established low density residential!

Only that they are maintained, not unlike a vacant lot.

Gated/fenced.

Limit the volumes of pesticides used and the manner of spraying

None

the way items are composted at the end of a growing season; use of chemicals; and pest control.

Already seems so complicated. Perhaps plain language rules would help.

Encourage use of vacant lots for food growth. Much nicer to look at

Not at this time

restrictions on size of area? restrictions on use of machinery? there are vacant lots of considerable size that could be 'farmed'. which is not necessarily bad, on a small scale. but creates noise issues. and visual ugliness if not stored properly. storage of mechanical/machinery to be in a shed? or screened? operation limited to certain time? or does noisy bylaw rules apply?

A safety guard for the owners must be in place first and foremost.

NA

If it is your land you should be able to lease or use it as you want

Just make sure the soil is safe - find a way to simplify soil testing so urban farmers can get it checked easily

Do not allow to grow drugs

No

LESS RESTRICTIONS MORE FOOD FREEDOM.

As long as the person or persons growing food have the landowners permission, they should be allowed. However, where lots are vacant, I think growing food should also be allowed provided the growers don't damage the property

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As per my comments above on fair rules to ensure no one can abuse the space, and ensure that the space it kept tidy etc

I think you should work with the provincial government to redefine a commercial fishery such that there are fewer restrictions on small scale aquaponic businesses.

No chemical herbicides or pesticides and be sprayed from the air. So that my farm cannot be contaminated by someone else's chemicals.

Just that no noise bylaws are being broken and any other laws that would disturb the peace.

I think insted if looking at rules and restrictions we think about positives and benefits that successful garden's could bring to every community in this city

Add an addendum to the non-resident/owner section of the 5th proposal. Growing food in the landscaped area in a low density residential (i.e. a house), multi-residential, commercial or industrial as an accessory commercial use. This is where a company or person who is not the owner, resident or business operator of the land uses the landscaped areas of the land to grow food, harvest it, and sell it at another location, such as a farmers market.



Change to include an owner living on the property as well.

I think that land should not be allowed to be covered with cement for a greenhouse regardless if it is providing food.

Keeps dogs,cats and other pets away from them.use natural fertilizers,and install compost bin in residential ares

None that I can think of at this time.

Ensure ground contours does not allow runoff off of the property.

To ensure maintenance happens I would say there should have to be a board/committee for groups of land spaces. Something to that effect.

Soil testing in industrial/commercial areas to ensure food is being grown in safe soil.

No synthasized chemical/fertilizer spray of large scale gardens in a residential/highly dense area.

Gated, locked areas, limited access. Grown without pesticides.

Mandatory Install of drip low-pressure irrigation systems. This will ensure maximum benefit from minimum water.

I am concerned that many of these additional opportunities may be subject to complicated and restrictive development permit processes. I would encourage permitted uses in many of these instances to encourage uptake. Especially for #1,2 & 5.

No

Anti-complaint laws. Should a citizen decide to complain about an operation and should that operation not be found to be in contravention of any rule, the complaint should be fined and future complaints should only be investigated for a fee. Each complainant should be advised that the only way they can control all they see, is to own all that they see.

Only that they would need to be responsible for keeping it neat and tidy and the weeds under control Having gardens of my own I know how they can get out of control if they aren't being taken care of properly.

None.

All opportunities need to have a signed affidavit from the users that they will follow the by laws.

no

banning the use of chemicals i.e. only natural fertilizers and pest control to be used

No

Clean, organized city pick up of vegatble/green waste for compost creation would eliminate problems with smell and pests, and create a saleable byproduct to offset costs.

No

No

Preference given to charities and non-profit groups.

none

People who use neighboring land need to agree to limitations to their use of chemicals such as de-icers and out door cleaners. By the same token, vegetable growers need to be responsible to see that their activities do not impact their neighbors.



I have no opinion

a list of required plants that need to be planted, when, how, how they thrive, and what cycle to plant in next..

Less restrictions

If possible, restrictions/rules around growing practices like organic, low reliance on city water, minimal waste, etc.

Just that the gardens have to be maintained. They should be nice to look at, for the surrounding properties.

mandate that berry and fruit producing bushes and trees be planted instead of decorative and non edible foliage

I recommend not allowing the use urban rented spaces as commercial growing space. It could create conflict as it implies that a landlord or hired workers would need to be present more than usual landscaping needs, yet the space would not be usable by tenants. Worse, there could be unfair expectations that the tenants help care for the space or life with overripe produce that needs to be cleaned up and attracts wildlife.

Use of herbicides or other toxins in small yards or near walkways where kids or pets might come into contact

No, more that it would be helpful to have a public awareness campaign to encourage residents in accepting the concepts beforehand

Mandatory food safety training as well as a registration/licensing process to ensure controls are known and enforced.

Gardens in front lawns. Grass is not pretty to everyone. If my garden grows within my property lines, I should be allowed to grow it.

Not sure

No

No

Use organic methods. No spraying of pesticides or insecticides that bioaccumulate in soil and harm beneficial insects.

Restrict government to the monitoring of food safety where it is mass produced.

No to number 5!!! No commercial use in low density at the very least

For the commercial gardeners, there should be some form of regulation on pesticides.

Where a TUC is located in close proximity to a major road, this should not be used directly for food as the road salt would tend to sterilize the soil

Permits should be easy to obtain. They should be free or as affordable as possible. Growing food should be free to anyone that wants to grow food. The city needs more community gardens and education on how to support ourselves locally.

as little rules as possible

Some regulations for sheds and structures simikarr to what is in place for back yard sheds

Some regulations for waste containment and composition

Perhaps easily access , no charge composting areas for local use

Education prerequisite.

Look at successes Ana challenges in other cities that have implemented these things. Restrict pesticide use for those applications, encourage rain water use.



Size appropriate for the amount of people that would able to maintain it. Height restrictions for greenhouses in single home residences

No

No

Where a TUC is located in close proximity to a major road, this should not be used directly for food as the road salt would tend to sterilize the soil

Is there a way to have a 'contract' with the participants? Something like - you can grown here for free, but if we have to clean it up, we will bill you.

Tree and bush control....we have weed bylaws but when a neighbours yard has trees and bushes taking up almost the entire yard it should be restricted for appearance.

No.

Yes, do not allow these changes. What is wrong with what we have now????????

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Absolutely NOT number 5-- no commercial use or commercial growing in low density residential Spin farmers are already renting backyards, renting land from a commercial or industrial building shouldn't be a problem, however the possibilities that the land is contaminated might be slightly higher in those areas.

I would add protections for the gardeners -- what happens when gardens get pilfered?

None. Perhaps some testing of products for toxins from city life and or farmer added chemicals, when advertised as organic. The city should cool it on herbicide application and encourage more mixed vegetation on city plots, as they absorb and retain much more moisture than non native grasses.

let us decide how what where when to grow without stupid permits and approvals

incentives and kudos for doing the right thing and for the city to stop fining people for growing food.

Consider the viability of growing particular foods. Rhubarb, say, is tough. Fruit trees less so. Sheep, goats need a certain amount of area to be available for grazing. Do bees have enough forage in their area? Limit or ban the use of pesticides & such.

No.

Annual inspection once the permit has been issued and follow up actions if the rules are not followed. Look at this question..... Putting restrictions and rules on growing food successful. Wow, that seem stupid.

Yes, one rule: if someone is in charge of a plot and neglects it, they lose it. But applications for plots should be free.

My only concern is the use of GMO products. I would like to see Calgary that a stand like European countries and Ban GMOs from being grown on any soil in the City Limits. Allowing GMO adds toxins to our soil and the damage will be present for many generations.

None at this time.

monitoring of growing conditions needs to be done to ensure that pesticides and other chemicals are not being used in the growing process if this produce is being sold as organic or pesticide-free.

Low-cost approval/permits for shared/public property for safety purposes.

Monitoring and education for the growers.

n/a

They seem fairly straight forward



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I believe there should be a mandate that condo boards cannot refuse residents the right to set up a community garden (in an area that offers optimal growth conditions).

no

Let the market and economics determine if the growing food is successful. If the cost of living or standard of living can be improved by growing food closer to home then loosen the restrictions.

Keep bigger retail out of it - producer to consumer - also rules and awareness about use of chemical and pesticides be clear and stringent

nothing

Limit pesticides gmos promote organic

none.

No to #5. Absolutely NO commercial use in low density residential.

No.

A toxicity assessment for the area considered.

No.

none

My only thought is that they should be well kept up. Weeded regularly and designed in such a way as to also be good curb appeal

It should be very clear to the public what the source/location of the food is if it's grown in a commercial or industrial location.

Maintenance, community input, proper scale. Note that the idea for Market Garden Zones would be mangled quite differently fro community gardens and greenhouses.

And quit being afraid of chickens!!!!

Organically grown food only.

Zero noise

Minimal increase in traffic/parking

NO to 5-- no commercial growing in low density residential!!!

Yes, not to be done in established areas.

There should be land use agreements for vacant lots in order to secure time specifications. I'm not sure if there is any requirement to inform a grower how long they have access to a space but this should be clearly communicated.

None that I can think of at this time.

The problem really is thieves

Preference for organically grown produce, restricted use of chemicals used on produce.

No

No herbicide spray used anywhere near the growing of this food.

An allowance for sale and consumption of this food for the general public - providing the grower has undergone food saftey courses etc.

No manure/animal fertilizers - but only use of green organic manures (plants)

See above. Main concerns over soil and air contamination in areas which may be impacted by industrial and commercial activities, or historical contamination. Also restricting pestcided

No

some kind of support or lack of opposition from immediate surrounding neighbourhood.



Mentioned above.

Get the city out of the way and let people grow gardens.

Less legislation is required, not more.

Restrictions on pesticide and herbicide use should be very clear and users should be fined for non-compliance

I would personally prefer an organic approach to growing food, rather than sloshing them with chemical fertilizers and pesticides.

There must be rules about who is responsible in the example #5

No... neither a successful nor a failed food crop would hurt anything.

Keep them chemical free and don't allow GMO or chemical pollutants in the public areas

Where does the water come from? and who is paying for that? I think any food grown in these areas would need to be "organic", that is no pesticides, or harmful fertilizers that might come into contact with residents.

Please do not limit the discussion to LIMITATIONS on the operator. Please talk to potential operators about what their needs may be to ensure that what is being offered in the zoning by-law is practical for their operation

The gardening should be organic

Small live stock has not been mentioned in this amendments. Pigs are best not kept within populated area. However, sheep, chicken and rabbit can be considered.

none

if a group can apply to make money growing food in a multi-residential location, there should also be opportunity for the residents of that location to also have access to grow their own food first!

Strict rules and regulations for the types and amounts of fertilizers and pesticides used, particularly strength of the chemicals and how they affect the location. We do not need someone spraying industrial grade pesticides all over their backyard and into the neighbour children's lungs as they play. Also, people should not lay animal traps that harm the animal at the site. It would be a danger for animals and children. There would have to be humane ways to keep animals controlled.

No. We should be encouraging people to work together to grow and share food.

None.

Agreement that vacant lot growing is only temporary.

Yes as I've stated above, cooperation, responsibility, and NO HARMFUL CHEMICAL USE WHATSOEVER.

Urban Hens Pilot Project

Less bureaucracy

Growing food is a right and freedom, there should not be any restrictions to organically growing food, or sharing it, or selling it or distributing it.

the types of food

I would like the city to plant fruit and edibles on common land so citizens can harvest these items for food. In addition, I would prefer no pesticides be used in these areas.

maybe restrict them to not serving the harvest until the grower has already had one round of harvest in order to raise the standard of food being served.

Everyone needs a chicken

Must be organic



No chemicals

It must be organic. No GMO crap and caution regarding pest control. We must take care of our bees. Which is another addition to our yards. Bee hives and honey. Not adverse to chickens either.

Use of pesticides. I'd like to see organic standards used and no chemicals.

Soil testing to avoid heavy metals, like lead, making their way into the food supply.

Consideration for managing pesticide use in the larger / commercial farming applications.

Consideration for the management of extra bio waste from farming - esp larger or commercial applications.

I think to make growing food successful the government needs to take a back seat. Growing food is not a new thing that needs to be regulated. People have been growing their own food for thousands of years.

I think periodic inspections of the area would be good, just to make sure they are "above board" and conducting themselves accordingly i.e. no disguised grow-ops, no properties that become eyesores. Gardens should be attractive as well as functional!

that gardens are not owned by large companies or that produce is limited to specific vegetables. a rule that should be considered is that the area should be kept up and no weeds/garbage should be allowed to accumulate. Also that in order to get a permit to grow or use a space should be easy to apply for and the application would be available at locations other than downtown at city hall.

None... let people try it out and if there are unforeseen problems, deal with it at that point.

No

It would be nice to have all community associations in the city have some consistency in terms to sustainability and food security since both issues are such a concern everywhere. I understand each community association has different things to offer but when it comes to bigger issues like food security etc there should be some accountability on the part of individual communities to take a lead in engaging the community to address solutions.

Gardens must be curbed and manicured

Not sure

I would recommend these gardens be organic to prevent accidental poisoning by chemicals.

These should be treated as residential use land and water use restrictions and requirements for maintenance and appearance (curb appeal) must comply with a community's owners' association rules.

Perhaps maintenance in order to assure neighbours that an urban farm will not be unsightly.

Maybe some hygiene rules but none come to mind.

Yes I listed above

NO NIMBY garbage allowed. My yard - my choice

All of these are bad ideas. None should be allowed.

My only concern is if people try to sell it out of their house.

Maybe gardens would need to be fenced? Only organic, ie. no chemicals, to make sure people and pets would stay safe.

Education, access and working community groups! There is even lots of good information on the internet that can help people make basic plots and fill them with food.

using less chemical in back yards we need to be educated about chemical problems before we start



doing it. I myself try to go organic as much as I can.

no more markets!!!! instead of throw away donate!!!! nunused to yyc/food banks????

If food growing is going to be indoors, it should be natural light only.

Not really. I feel we should all have the right to grow our own food. Anywhere.

no pesticides or chemicals.

No but they allow healthier product for public consumption and may prevent bacteria such as ecoli in food, and other things such as kitchen chemicals and grey water to not come in contact with gardens.

Teaching people about walipini construction to extend our short growing season

Anything that will protect the security and safety of the foods grown to consume fresh.

Keep plots neat and weed free.

Upon the owners approval.

No

Only on pesticide and herbicide use: LABEL

Please make community gardens easier to organize! I've been working on a community garden in Renfrew for over two years and the beauracracy is unbelievable.

NO to number 5-- no commercial growing in low density residential!

The only rule would be to make sure these areas are kept free of weeds so they do not become eyesores in the community.

Please make community gardens easier to organize! I've been working on a community garden in Renfrew for over two years and the beauracracy is unbelievable.

The city should wherever possible remove barriers to citizens growing food by eliminating the need for permits for residential properties.

Time limits on those who have claimed spaces but aren't tending to them or making use of them.

Ensuring those local (in the community) have first shot at using spaces in their neighbourhood.

Limit pesticides and herbicides that can be used.

I'm not sure how to best encourage beautiful design for gardens in public space (whether it is a regulation, a vision statement, or suggested guidelines).

no

All areas couldn't be swallowed up by big companies allowing smaller business opportunities

If products are to be sold commercially, it'd be nice to know that soil testing took place.

I would love to see the city encourage this further through grants or programs to assist in starting community gardens or small producers who could in time turn this into a small tax paying business

There would need to be clear rules regarding the maintenance of the temporary food growth on vacant lots during production, and removal of any equipment upon completion.

Perhaps some specific wording around what constitutes a well maintained garden. Although I think people should be able to grow food gardens rather than a useless lawn, I still think it needs to be kept tidy and clean so it's not an eyesore in the community. some suggestions could be wording around what building materials can be used, needing plants contained in raised beds, weed free, that type of thing

no, you want to grow and produce food , should be your right.

Green houses should count as part of the green space percentage of the land usage. Provided that there primary purpose is growing food rather. If the primary purpose is to extended the dwellings



living space, they should count as developed as a percentage of the land use.

No

Set backs are required for all buildings and this would apply to greenhouses.

My only concern is if people try to sell it out of there house.

Change the rules on chickens and small livestock (ie- goats). Calgary's rules are archaic. Most other cities allow chickens and small livestock. Ever seen a battery egg laying operation? Get with the program Calgary!!!!!!!

Obviously owner permission would be required, and "annoying" crops (like dandelions for wine) would not be permitted. For larger areas, machine use within residential proximity would have to be limited.

Question: Are there any additional opportunities for growing food that are missing from this list?

Community orchards/berry patches.

Opportunities for families to grow food for their own use is not presented here. There should be property available for anyone wishing to grow their own food in the city. There are very few community gardens and none that I can think of anywhere near my home.

With permission and safety considerations, grow food beside roads: large medians, expansive shoulders and hillsides.

For any public areas like this, subsidize costs and provide instructional assistance.

Growing food on the grass boulevards.

Food growing seems to allude to vegetables. It should also encompass livestock including chicken and fish, etc.

Chickens, ducks and aquaculture.

Schools and hospital grounds?

See above

Bees, chickens. Grey water storage for reuse in garden plots.

Back yard hens and bee hives.

Yes, please allow people to grow on balconies, in small parcels.

how about back yard chickens :)

Rooftop gardening for all! Anywhere space is available.

No

Let's not forget about Chickens. We should be able to have our own backyard chickens.

no

Implement more water harvesting on city and commercial buildings to cut costs of watering food crops in the urban landscape.

Backyard chicken for humane production of eggs and poultry, beekeeping

Chickens!!!!

Allowing a small number of hens only in residential backyards would be life changing for some people and would show other cities just how progressive Calgary really is.

I would like to see livestock, such as chickens, included in opportunities for growing food. I would also



like to see opportunities for collectives to rent land from owners to use for growing food.

How about fruit trees instead of elms, poplars etc when planting public areas like boulevards, parks etc. Possibly vegetables instead of flowers in public plantings (pots, hanging baskets, raised planters etc.

It is unclear to me if growing in shipping containers or trailers is permitted under these rules, and I believe it should be.

Residential green roofs, urban livestock (chickens, ducks, goats) where space permits. And bees! Fruit trees/orchards?

Yes. Plant fruit trees, berry bushes and edible plants in all common spaces.

Involving Calgary schools and other groups in the growing process would be a great addition to this program.

Local market initiative- is there any policy that encourages field-to-table streams in local markets and supermarkets?

Aquaponics. Aquaponics. Aquaponics.

-Foreclosed properties due to structure, abandoned lots ect - become community garden spaces with greenhouses and beds for rent

-children learn about growing food in school at all grades and use food in school cafeteria for free lunches

-mental health gardening as part of Calgary health programs

-more fruit trees along the streets and in parks

-garden art needs to be considered with community art

Creative ideas like this public free food urban orchard need to be seriously considered

<http://cityofcalgary.mindmixer.com/ideas/57317/free-food-garden-edmonton-already-has-one>

I strongly advise tax brakes for citizens who set up wind or solar energy, as well as rain water collection being encouraged.

No

This list should consider backyard livestock such as chickens which are currently banned but should be allowed and encouraged. It also does not address backyard beekeeping.

Don't know

Addition of allowance for urban hen ownership 2 to 6 hens per household

Allowance for small scale urban bee keeping one to five hives per residential unit

Hydroponics. Renting land outside the city - from an acreage owner. I think it would be an excellent idea for the city to provide allotments the way they do in England - with a shed for tools etc.

The green space around Fort Calgary would make for an authentic looking allotment garden in the east village area giving a permanent home to the keen gardeners in the core.

The city could be growing fruit/nut orchards on public green spaces then selling the harvests to satisfy a portion of its budget - augmenting property taxes.

None

No

Aquaponics (using fish and growing food together), growing alternative products (sea weed, kelp, fungi), and wall gardens.

I think fruit trees such as apples and plums should be planted in city parks.



Chicken coops.

Schools and community centres could provide wonderful opportunities for growing food.

No

Schools, hospitals and rec/leisure facilities

Schools should be allowed to grow gardens indoor or outdoor and to use this as part of the school curriculum.

Aquaponics, small animals, greenhouses, food forests, no permits needed. These are all important for living sustainable.

community gardens should be added in every community. Children should be given the opportunity to learn how to participate in a community garden so they can grow their own food as part of their school lunch and curriculum.

Children should take field trips to community gardens and food forest (once there is one here) at least once or 2x a year to learn where their food is coming from and how they can help grow healthy food.

Agencies that serve the disabled and the poor should be given free plots to grow their food in the community that is nearest to them.

All community gardens and community locations where the good food box is sold should be close to a bus stop or c-train station so people with low incomes and people with disabilities can easily bring their food home on public transit.

Corporate companies should be given incentives to sponsor agencies and people with low incomes so they can grow their food in their own plot within their community garden.

Backyard hens.

no

Don't think so.

Growing a garden above a detached garage on a single dwelling lot.

Roof tops !

As mentioned above, backyard chickens and bees.

Please can we have chickens!

More beehives

NO pesticides used anywhere

No.

Good food starts with good soil -education is key. Also no food production will ever thrive without honeybees. Hives and more beekeeping opportunities in the City are imperative. It is my hope the City understand the wholistic symbiotic components required for food production so that we avoid failing in this endeavour.

Raising a limited number of chickens



Consider adding raised beds to Calgary's low income housing units for people over age 55. Many people living there used to garden when they were younger. They may not be able to garden in the ground, but could certainly garden in raised beds. Food, exercise, and purpose for the residents.

Schools should have a garden. More rooftop gardens on residential buildings.

I mentioned them in the above comments.

We should reconsider chickens. They benefit garden ecosystems

not that I can think of

Only the omission of schools growing food.

Residential use of chickens are missing.

Not that I can think of.

not that I can recommend

Allow for chickens to be raised within the city

Again, allowing bee/chickens for eggs for family use and tax credits for growing your own.

Focus on educational opportunities within curriculums for the young, immigrants, low income, etc.

Involving these groups during planning and developing to ensure goals of bylaws & agencies send the same message.

City managed orchards of fruit-bearing trees and berry shrubs.

Again, allowing bee/chickens for eggs for family use and tax credits for growing your own.

Not that I am aware of.

Yes, indoor food growing in residential areas for personal consumption or commercial use (in restricted settings, such as farmers markets)

no that i can recall.

Raising egg laying hens in residential backyard.

Are we able to grow food in shipping containers on our private property? le freight farms?

1. turning green space into wild space, bird and bee friendly spaces, absolutely no chemicals

2. peer reviewed production practices and ethics for being sustainable

3. memorandums of understanding so people know what expectations are and can create and dissolve partnerships easily with no threat of litigation

Hospitals, nursing homes and any type of care facility that needs to prepare and serve food. The money saved on food could be paid to special needs workers to maintain the gardens.

Ensuring any permit includes the full cycle - purchasing resources, to disposing of waste - requiring these systems to compost organic waste and recycle. Set them up for success!

I think we need to ensure that the land where food is being grown is not adjacent to a dog park or off leash area.

Growing food indoors in a residential area and/ or use of "residential" greenhouse for commercial purpose - hydroponics and other technological advances make it easy/ reasonable to grow in residences

Boulevards and Utility corridors should be planted with perennial food plants and food trees. Apples, cherries, hazelnuts, honeyberries, raspberries, and native flowers for public access.

EVERY COMMUNITY SHOULD HAVE A PERENNIAL FOOD FOREST - there are now hundreds of certified permaculturists in Calgary - at least one for every community - there is no better way to reduce



agricultural climate impact, improve our local food security, provide educational opportunities, and celebrate growing food for the benefit of all species than the perennial food forest.

Community Food Forester (for each community) should be a position within the City of Calgary.

vertical farms downtown. pink LED towers that supply most of the urban groceries and restaurants

None that I'm aware of.

most parks in Calgary are very underused. along with the elimination of pesticides in those areas, parts should be open for orchards and growing food.

what about green roofs and roof top gardens?

Rooftop gardens on Condos/business buildings. Another wasted opportunity for local foods

Soil stewardship

University campuses in summer. Raised boxes and beds in shared neighbourhoods spaces that are part of the City Parks.

I'm sure there are many places to grow food that are not listed. Could a process be created for people to apply to grow food in any way they can imagine even if it is not listed?

Chickens in yards,

Graveyards?

Residential Chickens

Community Gardens and/or School property

school yards- that would be public park land perhaps?

The city could plant small orchards in communities. Apple trees, saskatoons, raspberries.

Allow chickens.

Aquaponics, hydroponics, microgreens, small batch food processing (cottage industry laws like California).

Maybe

Beekeeping. Orchards.

I would like to be able to have chickens so we could have our own fresh eggs from our residential yard.

Raising bees and chickens for food. Likely this falls under a different bylaw but people are rising up not only for growing plants as food but also honey and eggs. Remember the importance of having pollinators available to assist in the growth and health of our food system.

no.

Yes, abandoned and vacant lots. The city should create a bylaw that the owners to provide access to people who want to grow food on vacant lots until such time that the owners want to build something there.

Not that I can think of

There maybe some opportunities alongside highways and utility corridors where it is safe to do so.

Not sure.

Community greenhouses (similar to community gardens)

Solar power use in growing, starting and prolonging seasons.

Business and residents should be allowed living wall gardens.

Back yard chickens need to be a thing! !

I applaud the City of Calgarys efforts to further our food security. Thank you



Education! Encouragement!

Get out of the way.

Growing food at schools - Education from the beginning is great knowledge for future generations. Allowing students to have in school markets to show their communities the processes they've learned etc.

Wildflowers and dandelions. But we need to stop the culture of destroying everything.

I don't think so.

crown land, road allowances

School playgrounds, drop-in centre, any place that would improve access of fresh produce to low income families.

Yes! Why aren't indoor and outdoor gardens included as part of our educational process at all levels of public and private education so children learn from a young age and carry the good habit throughout their lives?

None that come to mind.

Not at this moment

no

Nope. Just let people do it if they want to.

YES! That any water/earth and other sources be environmentally friendly.

Indoor aquaponics and keeping chickens for egg laying in residential districts

Nope.

Allow everywhere, urban agriculture is the way of the future!

Homeowners to be able to grow food on the grassy verge between the sidewalk and road in front of their residence. Homeowners are required to maintain the area, why not farm it? Of course, no trees or woody bushes that could interfere with utility right of way.

1. Growing food on school grounds to provide healthy snacks and lunches for children.
2. Growing food on lands owned by religious and community organizations to feed the poor (can also become a point of entry for the homeless to rebuild their lives through volunteering to work in the gardens).
3. Planting hardy fruit varieties on downtown city properties at street level to offer free, fresh food to passers by.

Let people use their own land as they wish. If they choose to grow veggies in their front yard that is their choice. Just insist that it should look tidy.

See above - schools and everyone can be involved !!!!!

As above - boulevards, alleys, allowing the homeowner to rent out their yard for growing if wanted. I would also like to see a "fruit harvesting" program for all of the Apple, cherry, crabapple, and rhubarb that grows in the city and goes to waste. There is a registry for "come pick my fruit" in Vancouver - I am not sure if it is the same here.

NOPE YOU ARE A BUNCH OF WING NUTS I AM AGAINST IT BUT IT WILL NEVER MAKE IT TO YOUR COUNT YOU ARE A BUNCH OF SELF RIGHTOUS POMPUS ASHOLES

- Support around hail-proofing to support productive gardening.

- Infrastructure needs such as sheds and water

A community garden in every school to help kids learn about growing their own food, also health



benefits of growing as well it will reinforce belonging to a community.

A need to encourage Calgary residents to get ride of lawns, they are a waste of resources.

Boulevards.

Make it easier and more affordable for rural producers to sell in the Calgary market. Make it affordable to sell outside of existing Farmer's Market venues.

It would make it easier for single producers to target specific communities in Calgary, at Churches and Community Halls/Associations, to set up small, convenient farmers markets during the growing season.

I cannot think of any right now

Homeless people could grow food for their own consumption or as a source of revenue.

Fruit walls, in the old days people could have fruit walls that heated up in the day and kept fruit plants warm at night, and kept wind down. We have fencing restrictions that would not allow it

Vertical farming, aquaponics permaculture, condominium rooftop community garden

Beehives. I am a newly certified beekeeper and want to find an opportunity to have a urban hive.

There are lots of challenges especially with having a backyard beekeeping initiative in my community and house insurance. The city could make life easier by encouraging sites and creating opportunities by cutting through some red-tape.

This would be a great opportunity to educate people on invasive weeds and how to control them as well.

none.

Hens eggs livestock production in backyard

Community gardens tend to be popular and oversubscribed. Allowing more city land (ie in parks) to be used for community gardens would be beneficial for high density area such as Kensington.

Yup, having chickens in my backyard

I believe that Urban Miro-livestock should be considered. I do not think that chickens represents anymore of a threat to public health than dogs or cats. Chickens especially are an opportunity to divert a large portion of the edible biomass that currently enters the waste stream daily. They are also great at keeping mice, ticks and other vermin to a minimum. Currently a lot of people in the city are housing chickens and rabbits and it will continue and likely grow in the coming years. I would recommend that the city embrace this so that it has a say into how these critters are kept in the city.

No

Schools?

Growing at community halls? Or city property? Potential possibilities?

Allowing bee keeping

More community gardens on boulevards, and in the grassy areas of interchanges and adjacent to overpasses; also, apiaries

Backyard chickens.

No

Encourage living roofs in single family homes

Balcony gardens and common areas in townhouse lots.

New community development should mandate the use of edible fruit plants, i.e. raspberries, blueberries, apples, plums, saskatoons, etc as a hedging material, with an exemption possible through



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a higher fee. Community development should include planting space in alleys and along walkways sufficient to offer small garden plots for residents. Community gardens could be alternatively offered.

Boulevards.

City owned boulevards

Back yard chickens should be allowed. Their supposed impact on neighbours, environments and community are grossly exaggerated if not entirely fictional.

Trailer bio units on property.

Indoor residential growing (like microgreens) - industrial spaces can be out of reach for some small business owners

No

No

This is a great start! Here are some suggestions

Perennial Polycultures integrated into our communities and commercial spaces (also known as food forests)

The implementation of Permaculture design strategies in these systems

Whould schools be included in any of the spaces discussed above? How cool would it be for children to plant at their schools to learn about growing? The only drawback there is that there would be no one to maintain the space over the summer months. Too bad. I love the idea of restaurants being able to grow their own food though!

Chickens.... but that's kind of like beating a dead horse around these parts.

Not that I can think of.

Residential growth on owned land that is currently restricted by the bylaws in place. I shouldn't be fined for doing away with grass on my front lawn to grow food for my family.

None that I can think of at this time.

Heard that keeping bee hives could be banned within city limits. I hope this is not the case!

More opportunities community gardens would be nice. Perhaps even in workplaces, schools, and at food banks.

Yes, the ever decreasing lot size in Calgary makes gardening unlikely to be able to provide a significant amount of food. Should we ever find ourselves in need of "Victory" gardens, should our retired ever want to add to their means through gardening, should a bad economy ever make gardening an attractive means of reducing expenses,....well we just can't do that in Calgary.

I would also like to see more fruit and nut trees, bushes being grown in parks and on public land. This way we would still have the trees we need and there would be more food for those that are having a tough time making ends meet.

N/A

school yard gardens?

Personal home greenhouses outdoors.

Indoor vegetable gardens with or without artificial lights

Urban chickens and beekeeping.

Yes, boulevards adjoining residential properties.



Nope, good starts

Not at this time.

Backyard chickens!!

Are residential green houses currently allowed? If not - can they be considered please?

I think that there should be opportunities to grow food in public spaces such as on the city owned portion of sidewalks (as long as they are kept neat and aren't a hazard)

Not that I can think of. But someone will think of something wonderful. There should be a mechanism to approve new initiatives with as little red tape as possible.

I would like the city to review unused city land or city land that is not being utilized for anything other than growing grass and make more community gardens.

Providing more plots for families to grow food from would not only improve the lives of families but reduce the need for the city to cut grass and spray for weeds on land that isn't being used.

I have no opinion

Raising chickens on your property.

Commercial production on public land

Not that I can think of.

along rail lines (such as in Vancouver), unused city lands,

Residential greenhouses should be allowed. Chickens should not be considered pets, and should be allowed in residential and some commercial areas (minus roosters).

See my earlier comments. Fruit trees. Nut trees? What else can the city plant and encourage others to plant? I'm sure there are lots of opportunities!

Maybe a listing of available spaces ? Unless one already exists and is available...

Residential home growing opportunities. Year round greenhouses need to be easier to license (but still safe) and encouraged especially in our climate.

What about growing on city land? For example we could easily plan the strip of grass between the sidewalk and road in front of our house.

Gardens in front lawns. Permaculture

The city is planting trees on my neighbourhood after snowtember hit us. We need fruit trees!

No

No

Yes, chickens. Animals bioaccumulate nutrients that are good to recycle back into soil.

Government restrictions should be closely monitored as they only increase costs and give little or nothing in return.

any green space should be allowed

Not that I can think of. All opportunities should be explored.

Indoor hydroponics and aquaponics in residential areas

No

No

Along the lines of the tree planting program after Snowtember, could we be given a fruit tree, or a credit for one?

The other question I might have around urban gardening is this: are there opportunities for



employment or education?

No.

No.

Calgary's Multi-family Land Use Landscaping Guidelines help to promote food forests (perennial produce) by recommending many drought resistant edibles. I may have missed it, but it would be great if these parameters were applied to the pathway system as well (at end of lifecycle opportunities in developed areas)

As most spin farmers don't need/create any sort of building foundation, the City could lease/rent/allow certain "wasted" green spaces to be used by them, the most they may wish to put up might be some sort of shelter/greenhouse to provide physical security and help avert natural disasters.

I would suggest letting every garden space be allowed poultry (not necessarily just chickens) for proper permaculture options.

Where chickens get messy is having too many. A small limit might mitigate many neighborhood concerns.

For example, having 1-2 ducks for a garden on the landscape of a low density residential space will keep down all the slugs and many of the other detrimental bugs to the garden.

I believe that when the city cuts down boulevard trees they should leave them about the height of an average person and invite artists/farmers to use the trunk for beautification/agricultural projects.

plant fruit trees in residential streets so anyone can pick an apple or plum or pear get rid of non productive trees. if you grew the right kinds of apples a brewery would come harvest the apples for you, Calgary the new place to grow fruit

Create a forum where interested parties can meet and negotiate their commodities for growing food: people with usable land can find someone willing to grow food on it; people with equipment with those willing to use the equipment, and so on. Draw in special interest groups such as CalHort Society to share their knowledge and skills.

Please make it as easy as possible for people living in low income neighbourhoods or in subsidized housing to have the opportunity to grow food. Please allow people to build raised boxes/beds on city property to make it easier for people with mobility issues to be able to garden.

It should tie into water consumption. As if we get a lot more gardens we need to offer solutions to water them in a sustainable fashion.

Let us, the people use our land as we see fit

We have massive amounts of underutilized land in this hugely expansive prairie city and an exceptional growing season. We also have too many homeless people or single parent families struggling to survive with more everyday during this economic downturn. We should be innovators and trend setters for the world when it comes to this. It's obvious and it's easy. Make wise decisions city council.

I would like to be assured that residential growers are able to donate food to food banks and others in need. It is vital that we do not regulate or control our ability to support and help others.

I'm most interested in public/private collaborations such as urban farmers working with residents to expand community gardens benefits.



government buildings, prisons, homeless shelters, cooperative/low-income supported living quarters, and educational institutes - if the occupiers are interested in taking part.

n/a

As mentioned above - condo properties often have lots of usable space that could easily house a community garden - as long as the proposed garden is not relegated to an area that is "out of the way" and not an optimal growing location.

It requires available land, but once those regulations are in place, I would like to see a strong initiative to involve social service agencies that serve vulnerable populations in the overall food production plan.

Quails.

fruit trees and boulevard growing where appropriate maybe.

Apartment complex growing over balconies

None

Allowing chickens!

Small livestock owned privately.

Goats.

I'm wondering about balcony and garden pots for those in condos and appts

1 - Small poultry: chickens! Don't care if it's not a part of this review - avoiding the issue does not make it a bad idea;

2 - recognizing the richness of many of the wild lands that insert themselves into our city, and managing and encouraging wild populations of wild fowl (grouse, ptarmigan), small animals (snowshoe hares), ungulates (deer, elk, moose). Management of these animals through Community Game Wardens to manage populations, and utilizing the results of any culls for food;

3 - Aquaculture: allowing for the raising and harvesting of native species (VERY important!) is fish in off-channel habitat.

An altogether different idea of how to manage our environment, in cooperation with nature, may be required, but that's pretty important anyways...

Allow non profit groups use of vacant lots first

Is there a possibility to use public land? ie road allowances or areas adjacent to community halls?

I'm not sure what land designation schools fall under but I'd like to see more opportunities for school gardens

Vertical gardening. People should be allowed to erect temporary poles up to 20ft tall during the growing season to maximize food production. An example would be I could place a strawberry plant in the ground, it will take up, let's say 1sq ft. if I was to put up a temporary pole, I could hand, let's say 10 strawberry plants without using any more than my 1sq ft.

I also think this could be a viable option for food banks!

None come to mind.

Utilizing the city's compost in these growing areas would help get things to a good start. Calgary soil is heavy clay and needs a lot of organic material to get it "over the hump"

Many people think growing in Calgary is impossible and it is the soil condition that brings them to this conclusion.

It makes sense to plan and prepare for success when making this growing a possibility. It would also



highlight the work the city IS doing around composting and could get more green bins into production. Backyard chickens, and an accompanying end of life program and health support program. Also grey water recycling incentive programs. If we are encouraging gardening, how are we going to efficiently water our crops? Drip irrigation is wonderful, but what does it take to get a water supply to a new location? What options are currently approved for use in the city?

Relaxed restrictions for use of green energy, such as small scale wind turbines for power in a gardening situation.

long term opportunities to share right of ways.

What about schools? Great learning opportunity and schools have huge areas of land that are not being utilized properly.

Mentioned above.

Many, but bringing them up only open up more legislation opportunities.

Including alternative greenhouses such as Earthships (ie. Like the one on the Grow Calgary Site) as allowable building material on sites such as Grow Calgary.

School yards. I don't think that the vast amount of city school acreage dedicated to soccer fields is warranted. Even in countries that are 'soccer crazy', there are fewer hectares per capita devoted to such land uses as here in Calgary. School children should have the option of courses in gardening for food production in their curriculum.

I can't think of any at the moment, but when driving around, I'm sure opportunities would show up.

I think all communities should have access to community gardens.

I think encouraging neighbours to space share, encouraging citizens to give up grass for others to crop - even adding a tax break, free raised beds (donated, reclaimed materials, artist, design contest, etc.) I'm sure there are... Google guerilla gardening, you may see examples of opportunities that wouldn't be covered in your list.

City should approve roof top gardens for garages in traditional residential areas

What about adding small community growing areas to a corner of the various parks scattered around the city?

Allow large greenhouses in industrial zones of the city

Planting food bearing trees and shrubs as part of the urban forest in the city (I think LA has community fruit bearing trees that are for public use)

Government buildings.

ability to raise urban chickens for both meat and eggs (small scale for personal use)

ability to raise rabbits for family consumption (small scale for personal use)

Food bearing trees and shrubs grown in public parks.

I think if you have grown more food in your personal garden that you can consume then one should be able to put a sign on their lawn and advertise it to maybe accept a small donation or give it away without permits. Everyone should have the opportunity to share their food.

Urban Hens Pilot Project

Beekeeping and allowing backyard chickens!

Yes, the freedom and right to grow, share, barter and sell organic food as desired.

no.

Let's look at food security for everyone. I would like session on foraging in the local neighborhood.



Let's support local foraging and local urban gardeners with resources on how to start gardening.

What's known?

No

Bees and chickens.

Regulate only non GMO seeds/plantings

See top comment

Chickens in community and private gardens. I know chickens are not included in this report, but why not? Calgary is so far behind in comparison to other Canadian cities.

Like I said above, urban fruit trees and berry bushes, perhaps adopted by community associations or community groups.

It would be great to use unused or underutilized city land to grow edible forests and plant blueberry bushes.

Partnerships with social housing companies like Metis Housing, Calgary Housing etc. To bring more opportunities to lower income families. Also homeless shelters, emergency shelters, addiction centres schools, daycare etc etc

I want Bee's Chickens and vegetable gardens allowed on any property. Basic family limits only of 6 chickens or 6 beehives but no restrictions on vegetables.

Chickens!!

Add fruit trees to parks and boulevards. Allow gardening on the boulevards
none.

N/A

Chickens, rabbits & fish. I know.

Animal support! They pat-down the land, turn plants into fertilizer, eat bugs and are lovely to be around.

Side blvds on corner lots.

may be school yards. If school teach kids how to grow their own food organically they will have a great life experience. And eating the food is really rewarding.

yes community gardens to feed the poor???? I have owners permission just to grow food, NOT lawns!!!! not condo's not supermarkets, so zero community gardens to the communities that will only feed the own circles???? is very very UNFAIR!!!! no market and kitchen's for communities!!!! \no fair!!!!!! for calgary is not an garden for profit, but gives to many many families in need!!!! do not let the other communities with land spaces to benefit THEMSELVES!!!!!!

permits for rooftops is based on structural integrity of home.

Use of chemicals. What's allowed and what isn't.

Any unused space needs to be used to produce fresh healthy food for YYC.

Just the addition to allowing a greater setback bylaw!

Parks and schools

Can't think of any at the moment.

Urban forestry should plant more fruit producing trees in boulevards.

Perhaps not for growing food but Calgary should follow similar steps as France in prohibiting grocery stores from throwing away food and instead have that food redirected to community agencies or



made available to low-income Calgarians at substantially reduced rates.

Probably but it's a good place to start.

Allowing larger personal greenhouses

Providing an easy to navigate framework for a home gardener or a collective of home gardeners to operate a csa, or for a csa to rent space in people's home gardens for food production. Again, with an eye to neighbourhood aesthetics and respect for neighbours.

How do other urban areas regulate backyard chickens. I would be in favour of this on a small scale if it can follow a successful model.

Raising back yard Hens is a must!!!

Not sure where school yards and other city owned property falls in all of this, but would love to see that space opened up too.

I just moved to Calgary and am thrilled this is being talked about.

I think the existing and proposed covers well

Again if chickens are ok then rabbits should be too, they smell less.

Raising small animals for food like chickens, turkeys, ducks, other fowl and ginny pigs. (Had one in Peru, delightful.)

No

I would like to see a more streamled line way for individuals to potetion the city to use public green spaces as community gardens

Chickens

Chickens

Chickens

also- chickens

Growing food in a residence - along the lines of "grow-ops" but for legal crops should be permitted.

Question: What do you like best about this additional opportunity being considered for processing food? (referring to aquaponics)

Food security

I don't know much about Aquaponics so I can't really say.

I like that it's a closed system. The cycling of nutrients makes sense.

Well, if it is set up properly, it doesn't use a lot of energy or water.

Fish farming is the largest food producer in the world. Canada lags way behind everyone. The conversion of food to produce is 1:1.5 for fish. Chicken conversion is 1:3 and beef way over 1:10. Thus we need to encourage and allow fish production. The waster from fish can be used to grow vegetables, thus aquaponics. It makes sense to use the waste as a resource.

The symbiotic relationship between aquaculture and vegetables in greenhouses is a proven technology.

Gives people another way to take control of their food if they wish

Great opportunity not only for produce but fresh fish as well.

Great idea

Not realistic.

I think it's a great way to use aquaponics for producing vegetables and fish with the least amount of water use. it's win win but of course has dangers when close to power or something like that in a home.

Excellent opportunity to create jobs and provide people with clean produce and fish.

as long as they are in controlled areas, I am okay with t.

It reduces the need for harmful chemical fertilizers.

Aquaponics: Opportunity to grow more sustainably.

I am impressed this is being considered.

I don't know enough about this to make a comment.

I appreciate that the city is considering a variety of food growing possibilities.

No pesticides. Sustainable .. it's a bio-loop right? Ecologically friendly. No waste.

it makes sense, no waste systems

I like that it is being considered.

Locally grown fish could be an addition local source of protein.

Can be productive.

It can be set up in a simple system that most people could maintain from their homes. It's organic, cuts down on fuel consumption and pollution, and it saves a significant amount of water.

It makes sense

I think it's great and will help decrease the impact of over fishing the oceans and rivers, hydroponic water makes safer fertilizer then chemicals and it's locally sourced !

Love this idea. The best part is the use of organic fertilizers.

I support it.

Increased opportunity to grow food.

It makes sense

Might make urban food production more diverse. And perhaps more profitable.

Fish - hadn't thought of fish! Needs to have regulations, which I'm sure are out there. Need to see how it works in other communities.

Allows choice

It negates the need for chemical fertilizers, in aquaponics.

I personally don't eat farmed fish, due to it's unhealthy nutritional content.

More food can grow indoors, making it more viable for Calgarians to support themselves, thus strengthening Calgary's economy. At a time like this, it should almost be mandatory for Calgarians to grow at least some of their own food.

I don't know enough about it, but I'm leery of bacteria, infections etc.

It is a clean and closed system.

Nothing.

It is much more efficient and sustainable than aquaculture or hydroponics alone.

Pretty cool but need to be wary of aquaculture and its waste and energy consumption (although is



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doable).

Sustainability of fish. Less destruction of wild populations.

its renewal. Allows people to sustain themselves more realistically.

Healthy and sustainable.

Nothing

It is efficient and ecosystem oriented.

I think closed loop systems are the way of the future.

Aquaponics is very viable if done correctly.

nothing

Hate it

very eco friendly

Aquaponics improves food quality by reducing risk of plant disease.

I do not have enough information to comment

Sure. I just don't like the idea of fish farming. It is not a sustainable practice, particularly if the existing ecosystem is being altered or if there are non-natural inputs to the system.

It's an additional option.

So cool! Seems like a chance to be more self-sustaining in a city.

Sustainable option! Please let this happen!

It's amazing and is an exceptionally good way to grow food in urban settings in a completely sustainable way.

More options for entrepreneurs and would offer local fish which is a unique opportunity in a landlocked location.

I don't know this technique

Hmmm perhaps.

I think it is fine so long as we maintain odours that sometimes exist without these fertilizing methods

I like the permaculture implications of this opportunity.

Once again, this is a way for us to develop new attitudes and new understanding of our food sources.

That's a good thing.

Love it. Great protein source

Aquaponics is such a neat way to grow food. I think there are opportunities to use it as part of design in public spaces, as a food art piece. Fish are also so calming (lower blood pressure etc) this could have multiple benefits in visible space.

Not sure.

Brilliant! Provides another access point to healthy food.

Great! Let's see more of these outside-the-box ideas being considered in our city.

The water and feces can be used to fertilize other plants.

Fish are delicious. Farming fish could be a good economic boon for all those laid off O&G workers.

Very cool

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It is mutually beneficial and you know how the fish was raised.



Fine by me.

Why would this be an issue. This is exactly what the earth has been doing for millions of years. I hope there is no red tape in this type of thing.

Aquaculture is an excellent additional food source. Aquaponics eliminates the need for chemical fertilizer application.

This is an amazing idea!

I think it's excellent as it allows another opportunity for people to grow more if that is their preferred method.

Zero carbon footprint re: minimized transportation of goods; ecosystem approach to food production.

it's a great idea and sustainable

It allows people to control on food supply and make an income without impacting anyone else.

Awesome.

All of it!

This has been shown to be good as part of a system to clean contaminated water.

The ability to have a complete system that efficiently looks after itself. This is the ideal system for both small scale commercial activities and people to be able to construct in their residences or communities associations.

Broadens the techniques available for local food production.

Make sure this is a sustainable situation and the fish are treated in an ethical manner. Restriction on hormone or antibiotic uses

The natural cycle that it involves... Fish provide the fertilizer. Also the heat from raising fish can be used to heat greenhouses, so there may be fewer additional heating costs.

that it is compact and totally conducive to urban farming.

Cleanliness is and would be my only concern. The more food processed locally the better, however, there must be processes in place to ensure healthy practices are employed.

nice addition

There are many inhumane ways to incorporate fish into a food growing system that may also produce unhealthy toxic fish - This system should meet strict light and space guidelines that closely mimic systems in nature.

Broadens the scope, allowing alternate producers to benefit as well.

I think aquaponics could be a great idea, after reading studies on farmed salmon in ocean settings, I am ,personally, not so keen on the idea of aquaculture.

Innovation being used to feed people.

excellent

I understand farmed fish is not that healthy.

Awesome for sustainability.

it really works and is a good way to produce a balanced diet.

Aquaponics are a great way to fertilize naturally and reduce waste. Go for it.

I think you have to be careful not to allow the use of common waters for this i.e. rivers lakes etc and you have to consider what they will be doing with the water from this production. Only organic pesticides herbicides and fertilizer or food. This will reduce the imprint all this activity will have.

Aquaponics is a viable and brilliant option. This needs to be permitted STAT.



Proven to work

Fresh fish!! yum yum

Not sure about this. I don't know enough about any issues.

I have heard great things about aquaponics.

Great idea as long as it is monitored to ensure it is done cruelty free.

Fish

I don't like it at all.

Aquaponics kicks butt

no

I don't even know what this is or what it would look like....It sounds interesting!

support it

The ability to produce fish and not have it shipped here. The waste water from the fish is a great fertilizer .

It is a low water way to get local outof season products like greens rather than ship them from.California. Provides fish protein as well without shipping it long distances.

i don't know anything about this

Sustainable local fish is needed. Not sure why this is considered processing food though?

Hypothetically could just buy freshly killed fish and veggies from a 'farm gate'?

good.

No comments

Excellent and well overdue

I don't like it.

Potential for fresh fish in a landlocked area.

Prefer hydroponics. Confined fish are not my favourite. Wild fish have muscle tone so are not mushy andtheyvarecalliwedvtolive in a natural environment. Would prefer fish stocked in lakes and streams especissly if antibiotics are used in fish raising. Arbor Lake is great for example.

With the acidification of our oceans we will need Aquaponics to produce our seafood needs.

Aquaponics as a closed loop system is not only sustainable but also ecologically sound. Implementing Aquaponics programs into elementary curriculum can give our children the advantage in this growing industry.

Excellent. Don't disallow this.

I like the idea, still the same would apply - that individuals comply to guidelines created for such.

This is highly intelligent and works very well.

I didn't know this wasn't currently allowed.

integrated systems are more efficient

This really isn't a "processing" opportunity because the fish are integrated into the growing side of things, not the harvesting or packaging. However, it is wonderful to hear that this technology is being opened up to everyone, and hopefully will give people greater access to doing it themselves instead of waiting on fish licenses for months and months as is the case currently.

Given the pressure on fish stocks, and how we're being told to eat more fish I think this is a good idea.

food produced close to market, benefits of fertilization from one industry supporting another,



similarly water use is shared to some degree

Again, anytime we can use sustainable practices or involve natural processes, this is a good thing, provided those involved are educated on the process.

Love it

I am not in support of this, since I believe the fishing industry is too far removed from our location here in Alberta. Also, the fishing industry itself is not sustainable. To do aquaculture here in Alberta is not something I would support. It is not a humane practice.

I don't know much about it, but what are any downsides to it? Just let people do it.

Cost no harm to animals.

I love the idea of beta testing new ideas.

I don't like this idea.

Yes, there is a great benefit to using this type of closed system

I do not like the idea.

It's perfect. The instructions should be posted on the City of Calgary website and everyone should have one in their homes. This is the millennial version of composting.

It is a high volume producing system that is a closed loop. It is leading edge 'simple' technology that is proven to supply high volumes of quality organic food.

Not familiar enough with it.

It is a start especially if we do aquaponics more organic sustainable growing plants using soil . natural fertilizers and pesticides

I have no idea about this and would need more information to make a comment. The first thing I think of when I hear fish, I think "smells bad" - so my first thought would be keep this industrial. My uneducated view.

IT TASSTE LIKE SEAMAN

I love Aquaponics! I think it's one of the futures of farming.

Building resiliency and community.

I like the idea I don't know much about it, I will have to look into it

Sounds great to me! I think this needs to be more regulated as there are some issues that come to mind i.e. smell and the treatment of the fish.

This is a sustainable closed-loop system which has huge potential to provide both produce and fish.

None

Fantastic idea. This would be a great learning opportunity for children.

I think this is an excellent opportunity

Aquaculture and aquaponics can produce two types of high quality food in very small spaces using existing buildings in a closed organic system. Good use of resources.

It's good for garages since we have a short growing season here.

I already buy fresh basil that uses this process I thought it was already allowed

No need for soil and sustainable process. Does not need as much agrochemicals

Its a fantastic idea and Id be interested to see how the concept worked. If it was proven it would be wonderful to encourage more of it.

I don't know enough about this to comment



Amazing, great systems with great potential. Even better if sustainable types of fish/shrimp/seafood are used in the system. This would provide Calgary with fresher, less expensive seafood!

Accessible to home growers

Fresh fish from Calgary would be such a treat!

I'm fine with it

Its green I like

Allows for local options for sourcing fish for consumption

That it is a win win - no carbon footprint

Less fuel burned for food distribution, empowering individuals

Fresh greens all year round!

it's a tried and proven form of production, that uses 98% less water than traditional agriculture. It uses less space and is, by its nature, free from harmful chemicals.

I already grow in wicking grow beds, standard dirt gardening and aquaponically. Personal aquaponics growing is already regulated by the provincial government more than it should be (\$100/year fee, rules of being covered and lockable, etc.) and is well covered between that, and the City of Calgary's bylaws on 'pools/ponds' for safety. Aquaponics works well on a small scale, but I would not recommend it to anyone trying to do it on a commercial scale, as currently, it is not a viable process (no one in all of North America is actually doing this commercially and succeeding as of yet).

Love it.

I believe that Aquaponics represents an opportunity where there is surplus heat currently being discharged. Traditionally this system uses a lot of thermal and pump energy so it is well suited where there is waste energy.

None

It's interesting, I don't know enough to comment.

Natural system.

It is a great system.

Diversity of production and versatility of location

Don't know much about this.

A great system - uses resources efficiently

I don't know anything about it - how would this impact people who have food allergies to fish?

No feelings either way.

This makes perfect sense, and also logically requires that butchering and processing of fish and game animals be allowed for personal use.

I don't agree with aquaponics if they are intense users and polluters of our sewer systems.

Water safety.

Generally considered the peak of sustainable food production. Aquaponics would be a benefit to any family/community/farm/restaurant etc .

Feeding locally has many far reaching benefits

It's a great system that allow for more natural inputs, and it's a closed loop ideally, so what's not to like?

Support



Good solution for food sustainability

It is an excellent, low cost, low tech, low impact way to grow food in our climate.

Local production possibilities. Aqua ponies sounds as though it would create a more diverse ecosystem for the vegetable growing.

Fish fertilizer! Love it.

Hugely in support. I work in agriculture and I believe this technology hold massive potential to feed the world. Let's help advance this knowledge.

It is environmentally friendly.

Consider the square footage per fish used in this system. And then re-think your policies on backyard chickens.

Aquaponics are a fantastic food processing system, provided there is adequate space. I wholeheartedly support the backing of Aquaponics.

excellent. They are dual source of food, fosh and plants, no need of chemical sprays and worrying about mosquitoes, as fish prohibit the growth by eating larves

I don't know enough about it to venture an opinion.

needs a license from alberta agriculture (aquaculture)

It is more holistic and creates new opportunities for entrepreneurs and consumers in Calgary

Opportunity for people to produce and consume home grown food. I think it would be fabulous!

Good examples of this succeeding in locations

Nothing that i know of, natural, organic all the way. I worry about toxins in fish as it is.

Great non-chemical source of fertilizer! Very clever system.

Allows for more economic opportunities for local food.

Same self-reliance as previously mentioned.

Great opportunity for year round vegetables

Awesome for people who still eat fish. Especially in light of the pollution in the waterways and oceans.

closed loop system

n/a

Absolutely.

Could be sustainable

No fish farms

Need to know more to comment appropriately...seems like a good idea so long and animals livelihood is properly regulated and not jeaprodized for profit

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YES so valuable!

I don;t have enough knowledge of this to give credible answers

Healthier local food

Not sure this should be done within city limits.

I love that nothing is wasted and the fish and vegetables both benefit

Splendid.

I have no opinion



That it's included

Hopefully there would be small business possibilites

aquaponics is awesome and I'm so pro a self-sustaining ecosystem of food growing! it's more sustainable in water use, compact and efficient energy-wise!

Aquaponics /aquaculture should be allowed wherever the flood risk permits.

No knowledge of the area.

Additional kind of food is provided.

Im intrigued that fish farming is being considered here. I love the idea to use fish to fertilize fields

It's the new trend! Kudos to Calgary for embracing it!

I highly support aquaponics. It is a great way to get nutrition to the plants without the use of hormones... I am a little confused to see this here though - I thought it was already possible for a residence to get a license to commercially raise fish? How would this application be different from that?

We might have to produce it for consumption as humans are wreaking the ocean for healthy fish to live. Not eating them! And I love seafood.

Not sure

seems like a good integration of ecosystems

Unsure

Done properly, it is ecologically balanced.

As long as the government stays out of it.

Nothing

I do not like it as I have sea food allergies!

Aquaponics can be a great way of farming intensively.

It should be allowed and the people should have access to information, guidelines, training and support in building food producing facilities for the city.

go with the times, kids can learn

A beautiful idea providing meat and vegetables at once. An ecosystem that aids in nutrition and is Earth friendly.

Water-efficient, can produce a complete diet, can reduce dependence on large fish farms and ocean overfishing

Will be fine

I dontknow much about it, but it seems like shops idea

Aquaponics can be a great way of farming intensively.

Aquaponics and aquaculture are interesting choices, not sure what I think of this concept.

Seems like a logical extension of the existing bylaws.

Nothing

Possible use of greywater.

Nothing

I think it is a great idea . We need to start using green space for food growth - not just useless grass that needs watering and does not get used for play areas.

I fail to see why this is under Processing food instead of Growing food. The fish are grown, the plants



are grown. Aquaponics has nothing inherent about processing, in combinations with existing laws, the fish cannot be butchered, and must be sold whole, skin unbroken; butchering requires a commercial kitchen facility with food handling courses.

The fact that aquaponics is listed a processing food, tells me that the city has done no real research into this area and is solely looking at means of revenue generation.

I love that this is being supported. I fully support it. I would set one up in my own greenhouse.

That it is being considered and innovators wouldn't have to hide from the city.

its a win win situation you get two harvests from one source and you bring new industry to the area

The availability of local, fresh food at a cheaper price.

I like that this is resourceful. Being more resourceful is necessary for building a sustainable food system.

It is already in use today in Calgary, so it is good to get some more rules around it.

Of course. Do this. And let people try it out at home if they want. It doesn't hurt anyone.

I do not know enough about this to comment.

Fresh, sustainable food.

I support this.

Great opportunity - but should be limited.

Logical and ecosystems based.

i like that it utilizes a closed loop system and that is more sustainable.

Provide incentives for citizens to do this

I know little about aquaponics but it sounds like an interesting idea, and as long as only indigenous species are used. If fish are raised for consumption they have to be proven safe for such use.

Yeah agraponics! More of it, and more research on how to do it well in a cold climate!

Local sourced. Good for local economy and safe food.

I don't know really anything about this area

great idea! allowing this on a residential premise in a greenhouse or not.

Aquaponics should be legal....

Its awesome!

I don't

Yes include it

Two food sources in one space is efficient.

It's reusing waste from fish and making it a resource for growing plants.

No clue.

Goats

Could be good, as long as it's monitored and no fish diseases or infections get into the system.

I like it

This is intensive but all encompassing.

A no brainer.

Use of natural fertilizers



Self supporting

It is well researched and proven in the marketplace so there is nothing to study. Just do it

None

Nothing Really. Can I raise fish in my kids plastic pond? This is an industrial activity and kept in such areas.

Should be allowed

I think it is fantastic that it is being considered as it provides an alternative to traditional gardening in Alberta, which is greatly influenced by seasonal variations & our limiting climate.

Since we are land locked, I think it's a wonderful idea.

I don't have enough information about this.

I have no opinion

Easier access to organically grown food.

It is brilliant!! EVeryone wins it is a complete closed system that feeds itself. WE need more of this kind of innovation to move us into the future. We need space and examples of this kind of creative solutions to our future needs.

Love the idea. Should be considered also in residential areas.

Very interested in aquaponics, and would love to see support from the city for starting up such an operation.

indifferent

Possibly the only safe healthy source of seafood in the future. It is awesome!!!

Aquaponics already has too much legislation from the ESRD and Alberta Agriculture with permitting and a license. The city does not need to be involved int his at all.

I own Alberta Aquaponics and would be happy to have a conversation with the city about this.

If I am allowed to hunt game and fish and can clean and process that, there is no reason that there should be regulations involving the city.

good source of local protein

Don't know enough about it to comment.

Methods that work together to create more are always welcome, like inter-cropping or companion planting, succession planting to take advantage of space, systems that can provide the necessities for each other make so much sense.

I think it's great, fish is healthy and if this was an option it would be more accessible.

Again, more options! Yay!

Clean fish products!

Not sure that i do.

Restrict to industrial zoned areas of the city.

This is a complete system and makes best use of resources including waste.

Producing native species not introduced species for consumption sounds good but not in favour because of the potential harm fish farms have on the wild native populations.

Instead of a way to process food, aquaponics is more a food product method. Aquaponics has to be done indoor, giving the cold Calgary winter. As long as waste air, and water is disposed properly, this

should be allowed within the city.

close system food production is very positive - would like to see this done

Great idea for small scale use!

I love this completely.

Great idea! Educate the public. Hold info sessions and help get everyone (interested) the tools needed to make this a reality.

It's efficient and would take pressure off of our natural waterbodies for fish consumption.

It is far more healthy and a more sustainable system. No fish farming should be allowed.

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Why is this considered processed food? This is growing food.

I don't know anything about this.

This is a closed, self-sustaining unit. Doesn't create pollution or require synthetic fertilizers. Every house should have one.

No comment

That it is a freedom and right to organically do so without law and limitations and restrictions.

Aquaponics without a license please! Everyone should be free to grow their own food. They take their own risks.

This is a natural substance and it is good to put that back in the ground.

better prices for more people. availability for more people to endeavour to produce their own food.

its great

Fish poop, to my knowpedge, has no other application

Diversity and some controls/regulations but dont stifle creativity and a home grower being lobbied as prodded by big business.

No opinion except it sounds interesting

Production close to consumption.

I know nothing about this

Fantastic!

I think it's neat, but don't know how much I know about the issue.

That it allows for growing all year round

Sustainable and fresh.

i dont like it

Having local clean fish also available for consumption. The ocean is a dirty place. Aquaponics is the wave of the future and a great way to solve much of societies hunger problems. You can grow so many different plants in this system and its self contained.

I would have to know more about it. How it is being imagined and where. I would be strongly against an aquaculture enterprise in the Bow or Elbow rivers.

In terms of aquaculture I think it's a great option but when it comes to any idea I think we need to take a holistic perspective to problem solving. In western society we tend to look at what's best for us as human beings but we need to look at what is best for animals too. If we look at the mental, emotional, physical and spiritual parts of any issue and one quadrant is dominating others I think we need to look at other solutions. Animals need to be stress free, happy fish equals happy food.



It sounds like an interesting idea

Great closed loop system.

why is this idea food processing and not food production? I like it.

Increase of food locally.

There was no question here. Something wrong with your survey.

I had been looking into this previously and would like to see bylaws encouraging small to medium scale aquaponics.

I'm not well versed in either to comment.

I'm not familiar enough with how this works to be able to comment

Strange.

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To do ourselves

nothing

I think it is a great idea.

I strongly encourage the use of aquaponics in residential, commercial, and industrial sites both indoors and outdoors. Aquaponic systems are an excellent way for communities to increase their food security and have a low environmental impact.

Being able to grow food that is a high quality protein that isn't a harm to the oceans or being shipped thousands of miles

Question: What concerns do you have about this additional opportunity being considered for processing food? (referring to aquaponics)

Energy input.

I don't really have any issues with either

I'm curious how the City is going to guide and monitor how people do this.

Need knowledgeable people and support and from the City of Calgary.

None.

None

I can not envision how this would work. Can you provide more detail?

None

Proper facilities for washing and processing should be a part of the solution.

as above

Humane treatment of the fish.

Lack of knowledge, Wastewater, Ammonia, animal welfare, potential use of antibiotics, pest control, food safety (e.g. fish parasites, keeping the cold chain for marketing fish).

Need to ensure there are codes in place to protect buildings from potential moisture damage, especially in residential situations.

I don't know enough.

Fish farms already have huge problems with antibiotics. If we are going to raise fish for consumption this has to be done in a way that is safe, both in terms of keeping the fish healthy, but also in a way



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that does not rely on antibiotics that could affect the health of our ecosystems overall.

None that I can think of... as long as it isn't cruel to the fish.

odors, potential for leakage

None.

I don't.

Invasive species introduced to our waterways.

That there isn't enough information widely available.

None

Gmos aren't currently labeled and gmo salmon is scary as hell !!!

none

None!

None.

None

None

Non

We need to eat more fish, so a great idea if regulated by experts.

None

Moisture in the building, or water leaks. Further, water leaks that are not dealt with properly when they occur, resulting in property damage.

as above

None

Smell, contamination, use of water resources...

None. It is far safer than stocked ponds in terms of watershed protection.

Animal welfare.

maintenance. also properly covering for seasonal and to restrict access from wildlife.

Don't kill the cats and wildlife that dig up your garden due to fish odours.

Added costs for inspection and enforcement of such things as bacteria and viruses.

Sanitation; maybe facilities be inspected in a similar fashion to restaurants?

Proper waste disposal and management to ensure neighbours are not negatively impacted.

Improper mangment of fish rearing and waste management.

Introducing animals into processing or producing food within a city does not make sense. Greenspaces create vibrant communities however people do not move to the city to be near areas where animals are used for food production.

Fish are friends, not food.

humane conditions for the fish, potential smell from stagnant water

None

Smell

As above.

None. Let it happen.

Could get nasty if people don't maintain their equipment setups!



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None!!

some people may try to build systems inside their homes that are way too big and may cause damage to the building.

None at this time.

Follow CFIA rules

Quality of life for the fish.

Nothing

I don't know much about the concept, but my obvious concern would be that it might be stinky.

None

that it be monitored... no fungus or other problems...what happens in the winter?

A healthy aquaponics system doesn't smell, but if something goes wrong on a large scale system it can be overwhelming. Awareness of this issue is important, as not everyone will be accepting of this possibility, even if it is just a temporary issue.

Not. sure.

Don't know?

Safety of the fish.

Aquaculture can be problematic if the fish are overstocked. This leads to eating their own feces and an inability to swim easily.

Fish are smelly.

They tend to be an eyesore but can be designed to look better

I would think that this would best suit restaurants that wanted to do this and someone who knew exactly what they were doing.

None.

none

health and welfare of the fish

Talapia is the best fish for Aquaponics, but it would endanger the local fish supply. An efficient way to get rid of fish would be required in order for this to be successful- like drop them off at the fire hall or something.

There may be animal cruelty issues that arise and will be hard to monitor. I believe there may be issues with fish getting into the waterways, which I understand is already an issue and they can grow quite large. Perhaps if this happens those fish can be taken elsewhere or at least used for the new compost system or otherwise if they don't make it.

I understand that part of aquaponics and wet lands are containing water, possibly still water, in your yard. The issues will be mosquitoes, flooding, and possible water eroding your land, neighbouring land, or flooding into basements.

Mercury levels???

Inadequate education for potential operators causing difficulties during learning curve.

people will assume fish waste cannot be managed (it can - use it as fertilizer for crops) and it will be smelly (not if it's properly managed and clean)

none/

None at the moment.



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Mercury levels???

The management of odours.

Worry that if the regulations or permits to have aquaponics are too stringent or not straight forward it will dissuade people from pursuing this.

Proper labeling... I worked in a vegetarian restaurant for many years and I think some vegans may take issue with this (I eat bacon so I'm cool with it!).

none.

healthy aquatic growing environment & food source adequate regulations

None

peer reviewed and agreed standards of health, safety and sustainability

Possible permitting issues in people's homes. Like is the structure appropriate to hold a system that heavy? Are the fish well cared for?

Terrible living conditions, even for fish.

My only concern might be over the use of water. I'm completely unaware how the water from these operations would be handled (where is it source? How is it disposed of?)

Studies of Farmed salmon show lower overall fish health and high levels of chemicals. I would want to see information on how the aquaculture program might be run before buying farmed local fish.

a part of food production is waste. the dump already provides compost from urban collection, but there should also be compost/digester outlets akin to bottle depots to drop your compostables and animal waste at. this will produce fertilizer and reduce the plastic waste from pet owners

No concerns, smell perhaps.

none at all

Goldfish as invasive species.

i don't understand how this could/would be used? are there opportunities for this that can't currently be done because of the bylaws?

none

None. As long as the product states where and how it was grown (which should be for ALL foods sold to the public)

Soil and water stewardship

No concerns.

None

It's not natural. Keep it natural.

Soil microbiology has a more dynamic and natural way of fertilizing the plants.

none

none

That the fish be treated humanely. That their food is appropriate and adequate. In China, they were feeding tilapia human waste. That the producers be subject to frequent unannounced inspections.

smell and disease

New technology, may be difficult to foresee issues that may arise, not sure if other jurisdictions are doing this yet.

None

what waste will be produced from this food method?



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None

Staying tidy

I am not familiar with this

Usage of water .

Typically fish from aquaculture processing are not healthy and require a lot of chemicals, therefore they are not the most desirable fish to eat. Regulations must be strong enough to avoid production of unhealthy fish.

Safety - providing safety precautions that children cannot "drown".

I would be concerned about fish needing antibiotics that are harmful for consumption and the water supply. I would also be concerned about the amount of water needed for aquaponics.

Costly bureaucrats sniffing around looking for unlicensed gardens is a worry.

poorly developed fish being sold or not being caught prior to sale by Health Canada. So many guidelines to have in place for farmed fish & proper facilities in place for those who want to set up a farmed fish business.

None.

The waste produced. Would be great if it was part of a closed system so waste is used in another part of system but I don't know enough to know if this is possible.

odor, sanitation

Education, to ensure the veg/fish are healthy sources.

I have stated them.

Absolutely NO in established low density communities. No commercial usage and no to the smell of fish fertilizer in large quantities!

None

none at this time.

Ensuring that they don't overpopulated their pond or release fish into a natural stream or waterbody.

It's an abnormal, unnatural habitat for fish. I don't support animals in captivity and animals raised for food.

While I like the idea of incorporating more consumption, in Alberta this would have to be done heavily farmed. I do not support farmed fish due to the environmental concerns. It is an unnatural environment and feeding fish manmade foods affects their omega content so it is not as healthy as wild. The cost to maintain a setup like that in a landlocked province also would be significantly higher with large amounts of waste that we may not be ready to deal with.

No.

People over extending themselves and not being able to care properly for the system or fish. Risk of disease in fish from overcrowding or lack of animal husbandry based on ignorance or greed.

processing food - what does it mean? - chemicals and pesticides, gmo ?

I am english as a second language - should be fresh - of course like in eloper we use to do gem and pickets and fermented food -processing in a natural way - no chemicals =

We eat what we process for winter , does;t have to have a shelf life of an infinite numbers of years.

Smell. Lack of knowledge about it.

If this food production would allow us in Calgary to have better food security during the winter months, then I am all for it. cauliflower for 8 dollars this winter was not fun.



DIRT WASTE, CRIME, UGLY VIEW

Things used as food for the fish and such

the treatment of the fish, this needs to be regulated and monitored but ale encouraged.

Are there health issues?

None

Possible illnesses in the fish, that could contaminate the gardens.

I have no concerns at this time

Excessive water use, unhygienic breeding conditions, inhumane conditions for the fish.

Humane treatment. LUB will need minimum parameters to provide sufficient space for such operations.

None

None, just to see if it would work and be sustainable in our northern climate.

None. To my knowledge, when done correctly, this type of system is safe.

Long as health regulations are followed I don't see the problem.

Keep it safe a clean and looking appealing

i'm concerned about the extreme measures the ESRD are taking, to limit our access to aquaponics.

They're legislation on aquaponics appears less to do with science and more to do with making a government mandated control to the Lethbridge centre for aquaculture. As well as placing ridiculous restrictions on small use producers. They also demonstrate a lack of understanding and legislation directed at aquaponics itself, (seriously, have tried reading the laws? It's all related to ponds and waterways that have no effect and are not effected by aquaponics) \$5000.00 fine per fish for just putting a none aquatic plant into your fish tank. The ESRD and Jim Wagner, need to be brought to hand, instead of being allowed to run the laws like they're own personal dictatorship.

Aquaponics is no different than growing food in a pot and poring fish water onto it, which by the way is perfectly legal, but as soon as you connect the pot and fish tank with a pump, you are required to have a \$150/year commercial licence with mandatory inspections and massive restrictions. Even if all you have is a 10 gallon aquaponics herb garden in your window.

A commercial licence should only apply to commercial production. They should not be allowed to stop or regulate me from having a personal use system.

That's the same as licensing someone to plant a house plant.

Or none aquaponics herb garden in their window, ridiculous.

Follow the provincial guidelines, but do NOT use goldfish or koi for doing aquaponics. Do not attempt a commercial venture in aquaponics without learning the processes first. It is very important to understand the issues of possible contamination of our watersheds, and very few people/businesses care about this.

Waste water control must be in place.

NO to this; high demand on water resource and a lot of smell associated with large scale use of fish fertilizer!

If it is large scale, would there be impact on our sewer system.... and ultimately the rivers.

None

None - think it is great.

No concern



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No concerns

Don't know much about this

None

Food related allergies

There may be lack of food inspection.

The safety of the product depending upon the practices used by the producer. This type of production works well as part of a permaculture or sustainable farming operation.

This might have to be regulated in order to insure food safety. I personally would want to know if the fish I am going to eat at the restaurant was grown in their aqua ponics out back must be done properly to ensure the safety of the fish, plants and consumers.

None

None

None

None

The smell and waste of fish, if they were produced on a large scale for consumption, would have people nauseated in the streets. Best not to go down that road.

Ensuring cleanliness and no possibility of food born illness concerns. (Eg I admit to ignorance if fish fertilizer can lead to salmonella like using manure?)

Should have some regulation if selling food to protect consumers. If it is for personal consumption, let it be.

Limit the amount of fish per square foot of water for animal humanity morals. And many will allow the fish to eat its own waste through the filtration system but that is also inhumane.

Without proper education and maintenance Aquaponics can be challenging to succeed in developing a micro-ecosystem.

Again not enough knowledge.

aquaculture put extra strain on the city wastewater system? BOD Demand?

Guidlines are given, ie. Liscence issued after pasting testing to ensure people doing it are doing it appropraitley. Ie. How to avoid dangerous mold in a damp environment. How to do this saftley in a cold climate.

I dont like to see those helping the homeless hit with fees or penalties.

I love access to food for low income families, but am very concerned with nutritional value and pesticide use. We really need to all be concerned about our food quality and sources.

Like any aquarium environment, proper maintenance is crucial. Power use (pumps) also can be high.

Smells

That proper care is taken so that the fish are treated humanely and that the oppportunity for disease is watched. Too many fish in one area would be as bad or worse than eating wild fish that are in polluted waters. I would also like to see that the fish stock are not GMO.

none.

n/a

I hope there will be strict oversight for proper treatment of the fish and vegetables to avoid food borne illness

Smell.



Animal livelihood

None

Ensure that animal welfare is a part of aquaponics. For large scale systems could include mandatory training regarding this including ways to kill the fish quickly.

It's noisy and smelly. Creates a lot of waste.

none

Products need to be monitored for healthfulness. Waste must be managed appropriately.

I have no opinion

Will this include commercial uses?

tilapia is the most common fish I've heard of being raised aquaponically but think trout and catfish would be great options for the climate here too...

I would be concerned with too much fish/waste like you see in salmon farming and the fish is just... gross.

The flood risk should be considered, especially in multi-family residences.

Could turn into a version of the disgusting cesspool that is the fish farming situation in the Pacific ocean.

the volume of fish production and limited flow might cause contamination of water or poor health to the fish and not then be a healthy food

People becoming upset over the potential odour

GMO free!!

Fish trapped in small tanks. Using our drink water inefficiently

None

the smell

Gmo fish, lice.

None

People can take courses in food safety on line so the government should stay out of it.

SMELL and waste of resources, so NO

Aquaculture is like large industrial monoculture.. The health of the fish would be compromised if a proper filtration system is not used. Who wants to eat meat that has been 'marinating' in its own feces? You can smell the feedlot in a steak as well.

Private gardens, or food producing areas should be managed by the owner or manager. The city should provide guidelines as to how to maintain the area and ensure upkeep and well maintained and accessible areas.

none

None

Smells and water pollution from aquaculture.

There is no limit to it

None

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I understand the concept, but aquaponics and aquaculture may need closer oversight, so applicants must be well screened.

Appropriate permitting and inspection, for commercial operators.

Lots of dead fish (for those "whoops...got it wrong" moments

NO-- waste of water resources and stench when use fish as fertilizer

1. The Provincial ESRD already regulates this area, perception might be that it's another City "tax grab".
2. The ESRD fees of \$100 per year have driven the vast majority of Aquaponics producers underground, where they risk large fines per fish. Additional municipal fees will just keep them there.

I am one of only only a handful of legal Aquaponics producers in Calgary (that I know of), and now this is telling me that I might be doing so illegally? And I need yet another permit on top of the \$100 Aquaculture permit?

What happens if you say I can raise fish, but ESRD says no? or vice-versa? I'm the little guy with no legal resources caught in the middle of political wagering. The ESRD is already making insinuations that it may stop Aquaponics all together in the province of Alberta. I don't sell the fish and everything is extremely well contained according to their regulations. The ESRD should be pursuing the Cattlemen's Association for destruction of watersheds but the Cattlemen's Association is too large a group, so they pick on the little guys. Which might be a perception of what the city will be doing if they start placing permits and approvals.

It would be necessary to have minimum standards for the health of the aquaculture operations.

None.

grow the right fish dont grow exotics and get government out of it or they will regulate it to the back end of beyond and make it non viable

Being last in line for water allotments in case of shortages

Commercial large scale needs a lot more rules due to the associated risks. There is a lot of risk of contaminants, diseases, etc. It also requires excessive water use, which can be difficult when it comes to climate change on the horizon.

Again, wastefulness.

Access to nutrient rich soils. If we are allowing these changes, it is vital for the City to take on a composting program city wide. Encouraging all people with gardens to have a compost to produce rich soil for growing food. Calgary does not have good soil in many areas. As well, residents should be required to have 1 or 2 rainbarrels to help care for their gardens.

it should be small scale & locally owned

Monitoring of conditions to ensure that the food is not contaminated etc.

Large operations might be smelly. Disease outbreaks must be controlled. Pesticide/antibiotic use should be prohibited.

None.

None

Just that cleanliness and safety is observed.

none



Smells bothering neighbours.

"processing' doesn't make me as comfortable as 'producing'. Keep 'processing' to a minimum in residential and green spaces..

great idea

Treatment of the fish

none

Huge waste of water resources (and food-- you do know that fish is a food that could be consumed by itself as opposed to converted to fertilizer...) and stench of fish fertilizer with larger application

Animal exploitation (cruelty), the use of vital nutrients not being implemented as a result of not growing food in fertile rich soil.

It may be messy and unsanitary if not maintained.

Not much as long as it's done properly. That amount of waste from fish is not greater than the grown plant; ensure waste is not irresponsibly dumped into water systems.

No clue.

See note about native species aquaculture above.

Non-native species aquaculture needs to be carefully and heavily regulated to ensure closed pen, filtered systems, to avoid accidental or intentional release of species or their diseases/parasites into the natural environment that would be harmful to the natural habitat.

Because of this, raising aquatic plants and can be eaten or fed (back at it again) to chickens would make better sense from a community sustainability point of view.

Aquaculture involving any non native species whatsoever should be left to commercial, regulated enterprises.

Fish overcrowding and cruel habitat conditions when done on a larger scale.

Operators knowledge base.

Use of chemicals in large operations.

Water changes contaminating our water system

Emergency backup power

Lack of inspections

We are not set up for the water use for aquaponics!!! No to large scale use of fish fertilizer because of the smell!!!

Traffic, smell, water seepage, theft.

I feel that the expensive provincial licensing required for using tilapia in aquaponics will limit those interested in doing so. I think aquaponics is a very viable way of growing food outside of the normal growing season here in Alberta but it is being limited for home use by such licensing.

To be safe non commercial aquaculture should be strictly limited to native species to prevent accidental introduction of non native fish to our water system. Furthermore even though they are fish, they are still living creatures and I feel that there must be some kind of monitoring and permit required. I also think that part of the permit cost should cover a mandatory introduction course in aquaculture. There should be maximum home aquaculture sizes within the city limits as well as mandatory mosquito screens, as well as regulation for ending any fish farming- i e no dumping it out in the street.

I don't have enough information about this.

Nope



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Quality control on chemical use.

We need space. More space.

Main concern is what fish are being fed, additives, etc as this follows right down the food chain.

Water discharge quality? Fish health and disposal -can these be repurposed for fertilizer which can be sold or limited to on site application? Can it be donated (if safe) for community or urban gardens?

As long as it does not stink and wont cause anything to grow like insects or something that crawls.

Environment-friendly as well.

spread of disease that often occurs in fish farming operations

Same as above, if it doesn't create unpleasant odour, noise or traffic then go for it.

I would be concerned if the process caused a reduced effectiveness of either product, or in some way compromised the safety of one or the other.

None.

None

"Farmed" fish is not considered healthy. The water is not refreshed fast enough to prevent diseases etc. Then these diseases can be transferred to the produce. Not a great idea.

Most fish produced for food would have to be introduced - too dangerous for our ecosystems

Mostly noise and smell are going to travel from one plot to another. This is my main concern. Please also consider to potential of bee pollution increase.

none

This needs serious restrictions such as size of operation and location.

none

None.

Cleanliness, health inspections, making sure it was done properly and safe to eat.

I don't think fish should be farmed. There have been numerous stories of fish farms that have deplorable conditions. There seems to be an over abundance of irresponsible people treating animals inhumanely with no regard for their well-being or ours as consumers.

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The welfare of the fish in an intensive growing system.

No comment

That it even has to be considered. It should just be part of our freedom and rights to do so.

None.

no concerns, its a great idea.

Mutant fish people with laser eyes

safe food.

The welfare of the fish in an intensive growing system.

See above

Invasive species let loose by accident in local waterways.

Were would the effluence from these operations go? How would it be treated? Methane footprint?

Unknown

None

Type of fish i.e. invasive species, work involved in cultivation. People shouldn't use this opportunity to



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chuck their unwanted pet goldfish into water!

That it would not be cared for properly - ie fish being too crowded and not cared for properly and so they carry disease

The use of antibiotics and other crap to raise the fish.

This is a health concern. how will people treat disease or anything happening to the fish? Will this be sold commercially? I lived in Asia and I never ate fish from rice paddy plots or gardens because I didn't know what people fed the fish.

Not sure

Drought

N/A

The possible smell of fish.

Keeping the fish happy, healthy and clean.

The city getting involved in something that needs to be community driven and implemented.

Safe waste disposal.

Parasites (fish)

Low biological diversity and therefore susceptible to disease.

Fish waste in drinking water. Disease within fish populations being hatched for consumption. It's not natural.

None

none, assuming large scale processing would be carried out in areas zoned for this sort of activity so noise and odors would be considered.

On a hobby or backyard system there should be no concerns. People can already keep fish and farm. Commercially there are already best practice agricultural guidelines.

I don't see any problem if it handle properly.

I have wiggler worm and I love it. the fish would be even better.

no no no no fish!!!!!! thousands have allergies like me. only west coast fishing? and zero fishes for none. not safe for plastics poisons!!!! and mercury.

Only industrial spaces; would be difficult to not disturb residential.

The concern I have for this industry is there are many and more than you know keenly interested and already doing small scale aquaponics. For commercial and industrialization this industry there needs regulations and certifications. People need to become educated for this industry. Alberta has the power to do this. Alberta is gifted with senior research scientist Nick Savidov who is passionate about this industry. I am a Registered Nurse and am striving for wellness through food. If Canada could utilize aquaponics with hydroponic techniques our food chain would strengthen our health and wellness and all the rippling effects of economic development would blossom.

The suffering of the captive fish, and the significant difficulties in keeping the water clean and disease-free, suggests that this is an idea with far more negatives than positives. Keep fish out of this, please.

None

pollution, smell,

Just I am concerns about animal hair and On our food chain !

Hygiene



Upkeep \$

Controlling wild predators or even domestic animals from access to the fish.

Would like to see some studies regarding the cost of fish farming, in terms of both space, resources, and utilities.

Macdonalds stinks out the neighbourhood daily and there seem to be no bylaws about emissions.

None

Hopefully the by laws and beaurocracy created around this is minimal.

Demand for water-- really, raising fish for food in Calgary? Smell from wide scale use of fish fertilizer.

None

Animal welfare - Calgary's climate is not friendly to outdoor aquaponic operations as housing needs to be found for the fish during the winter.

Requires care and can be smelly if not built right and not cared for appropriately which may give all aquaponics a bad name.

none

If there's a smell or unsightly look, excess noise, increased animals, insects or birds coming around the neighbors or businesses will complain.

If aquaponics are used in residential areas, that should be disclosed to potential home buyers.

None.

N/a

Amount of water and if it effects the area.

I do not support the containment or use of other living animals for human consumption or entertainment. We can produce enough local food without using aquaponics.

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None

water bodies but I suspect that owners of aquaponics would not want this done. There are diseases carried by mosquitoes that have negative impacts on the population. For this reason, I do not support aquaponics. Keeping this in a covered area and free of mosquitoes would be reasonable as long as it is not a breeding habitat

None

none

also- allow chickens

Are there restrictions or rules you would suggest in order to make this additional opportunity being considered for processing food successful? (referring to aquaponics)

Regulate smells associated with this type of process

There needs to be policies and by-laws in place and a way to monitor/enforce them.

Obviously any livestock such as fish must undertake an environmental impact study, particularly respecting to introducing a foreign species. However, tropical fish such as tilapia would not survive in the Bow or Elbow rivers and thus not a threat to native species.



Health regulations and licencing should be required.

Not that i can think of

None

as above as well as noise controls, traffic controls

Strict regulations and inspections on scale, animal welfare, and food safety

I don't think I would be comfortable with commercial aquaculture in residential areas. Would be good if this were done with the consultation and under the control of e.g. Bow Habitat station

There should be size restrictions on tanks especially based on facility square footage and also on type of land use (residential, industrial, etc).

An across the board restriction on the use of any and all antibiotics in raising fish, especially for consumption.

Health and safety oversight as with any organised food production industry.

location must minimise damage in event of leakage

No

Possibly a pre requisite class that has to be taken prior to having an aquaponics set up.

Consult with local biologists to inform public of local fish types that wouldn't threaten our waterways if released. Preferably some fish that are threatened or vulnerable in Alberta, so their accidental release might be beneficial.

Tax breaks for people growing at home and businesses.

Label gmo Frankenstein fish

Require details of what the fish are fed on the label as well

no

I feel that horticulturists, people that have had some type of training should be the ones allowed to use aquaponics

No restrictions please.

No

No

Healthy fish...ensure they meet standards for human consumption. Odour....ensure not an issue.

No

Perhaps some sort of moisture barriers? However, I feel like the more restrictions that are put on people the less they will want to be a part of this.

Inspections

Not a good option for Calgary.

A greater diversity of fish species be allowed.

Strict codes of animal welfare.

licensing? registration. subject to inspection.

Prohibit them

Needs to be available with minimum red tape and in all land use/zone.

I would suggest that people interested in aquaculture must take a proper care exam developed by the regional fisheries biologists.

Don't do it.



limits to the size of the ponds and number of fish

None

Not a fan of aquaculture, per se. We should be protecting our natural ecosystem so that it can sustain us.

No. The less restrictive the better.

Regular checks?

None!

A permitting procedure should be involved for larger systems but I think hobby type systems should not need a permit. The city could maybe provide some links for info on how to design them and also what not to do so that any average person can learn about it.

None at this time.

Only CFIA

No

Don't know. I don't have enough info.

Remove the restrictions and rules. Let's get going.

Not sure.

Again good education and most organic practises are desired.

Make sure it doesn't affect watersheds.

I don't know enough

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I would hope that there are rules already in place regarding Aquaponics. I know little about this subject, but would expect that organic practices were in place regarding this as well.

No.

Reduce the amount of red tape to enable people to do these things.

proper processes need to be implemented to ensure the health and safety of the fish.

Of course animal cruelty won't be allowed, nor disposing live or "dead" fish down a toilet or water system (if people do not realize they are alive which may be the problem with goldfish in the water system).

Compulsory 'mentorship' program with those who are experienced with newbies until required level of competency achieved.

no

No, far too many restrictions already. Can we not adopt a common sense model and deal with these issues on a complaint basis?

Certainly, there should be clear guidelines around the use and treatment of the fish.

Limit to commercial/industrial uses.

no

as above

City run workshops.

peer reviewed and agreed standards of health, safety and sustainability

Required permit to have system - use for sale of food

See my concerns.



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Proximity to residential housing.

no, except perhaps it should be sold locally.

State where and how foods are grown. Even in chalk/paper signage.

soil and water stewardship

The weather could become a factor.

Just don't implement it.

Must be organic

no

none

Humane treatment of the fish.

Allow at home aquaponics up to a certain tank size, then mandate larger tanks be used in commercial or industrial areas only.

don't know

I'm not familiar enough with aquaponics.

No

making sure the fish have a high quality of life.

None

Water permits

Density of the fish population, controlling the cleanliness of the water in the growing environment, control of chemicals used, inspection of the fish' health on regular basis.

Size and location in the city. These might not be suitable for residential areas unless they are quite small.

Non GMO foods are more desirable not only locally but globally. The issues surrounding Glysohate and other pesticide use in GMOs can be avoided when choosing to promote conventional and Organic food production. Better prices and better reception result in happier farmers. (Plus a lack of allergies and cancer)

No rules at all.

Not sure at this time.

Ensuring that native populations of fish are not harvested.

the fewer regulations the better, and limit only to those regulations designed for public health and safety

Testing & inspection for quality.

Facilities must be as "green" as possible

guidelines or rules relating to odors and sanitation

Ensuring the health of the environment of the veg/fish.

no

Nope. Just let people do it.

No

none at this time.

don't allow it

I do not support this type of food in a landlocked province. It creates unnatural environments, is bad



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for the environment and the fish, and the quality of meat suffers. It also creates higher than normal illnesses and need to feed the animals antibiotics. It increases the desire to feed them unnatural foods to fatten them up quicker. It is cruel and unnecessary.

Have workshops, post a manual on the City of Calgary website and make YouTube videos.

Guidelines and inspections to confirm the safety, cleanliness of the system and that the fish are healthy, not overcrowded and disease free.

Create accessibility for every one - we eliminate imports, population is more healthy involved happy.. Did you know that is very easy to grow citrus trees if we grow them under surface of soil.

Don't know enough to comment - perhaps licensed certified growers?

GROW DEAD FOOD ONLY IF IT IS MORE THAN ONE INCH HIGH GIVE IT TO GIAM-CARLO TO EAT

Not really,

We should not be compartmentalizing / restricting food production. Food is freshest and most sustainable when it is produced close to home.

None

no

Water use, simplified complaint mechanism.

For commercial food production or food processing the LUB minimum standards must be supportive of and reflective of urban farming regulations and must support good practices.

If anything, there would need to be some sort of control to ensure no invasive species are used in the system/ensure none of the practitioners will release any non-native species.

A permit to ensure the system is 'safe' (I don't know enough about aquaponics to say what exactly that would mean) would be beneficial.

None

Maximum use of land or restrict to backyard

That anyone could do it on a residential level

Eliminate licensing requirements for personal aquaponics productions.

I would strongly suggest anyone interested in doing aquaponics within Calgary join Alberta Aquaponics and learn the process from people who are already doing it, prior to attempting it themselves. What shows on the internet does not always work, especially in our climate. the group Alberta Aquaponics meets monthly, and has both a website and facebook page/group.

NO to this; high demand on water resource and a lot of smell associated with large scale use of fish fertilizer!

No restrictions

no

No

permits for big discharges to our sewer systems, particularly aquaponics whcih can use antibiotics and drugs!!

Some form of training or certificate(third party) should be had before embarking on this project.

Generally considered safe but is a multi faceted undertaking and needs to have certain checks and balances.

None

No



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No

No

LESS RESTRICTIONS MORE FOOD!

Low limit of the level of production allowed in residential, commercial, and industrial areas. The city does not seem a good place for large scale production of fish for consumption.

As before, not educated in it, but there likely needs to be a proper set of rules to ensure health and safety of the product.

None that I can see.

Limit the amount of fish per square foot of water for animal humanity morals. And many will allow the fish to eat its own waste through the filtration system but that is also inhumane.

Forcing an Aquaponics system to be entirely run off of renewable energy would remove any newcomers from placing more draw on their energy bills.

Not enough knowledge

As mentioned above.

Limited access

No pesticides

Food handling courses for large distribution

Anybody looking at aquaculture is prob environmentally minded, but mandatory offsetting power use with some kind of greener, off-grid source like solar panels might be a good idea.

Rent controls would be required. However, the need for total control would be mitigated if lease terms were capped at perhaps one year. These short term leases would force the market for gardening land to adjust to market conditions annually.

Residential properties should have a limit on size of tanks, number of fish so that the whole neighborhood doesn't reek. Though that potential could be minimized if proper care is taken of the fish and their tanks, I think.

none.

n/a

see above

Distance from neighbors for reasons of smell.

Ensure appropriate regulations are in place

Nono

A lot of regulation.

Fish shouldn't be available for sale without standard food safety being met

Regulation and inspection will be required. Therefore costs for permits etc should take into consideration the additional cost to the City.

I have no opinion

animal welfare rules would be important, even for fish!

Aquaculture and aquaponics should be size-restricted in multi-family residences. Operations should not be allowed in an area where a leak or flood could result in fish entering the local waterways.

Guidelines should exist around drainage and waste management.

I would say that anyone who is selling to the public is subject to inspection by health inspectors (they



probably are already) but until there is a problem, we don't need restrictions! Even when there is a problem, deal with the individual situation only.

I'm not informed enough to pass judgement

Permits and inspections

Education. Teach people how to grow food without the dangerously high humidity levels that destroy homes, teach people what foods grow best and how to benefit from artificial light sources. The easier information (from a reliable source) is to come by, the more successful each home project will be and the more integrated food can become a part of our daily culture again.

Not sure

Not in residential

Unsure

No

Restrict the government so people can grow, trade and share food freely.

Do not permit

as little as possible, big players have a mess at their place but the little ones get in trouble

The city could provide safe water testing kits...

No

How is this aqua-use concept being monitored?

No

Only in commercial/industrial area.

NO to this idea

Recognize that certain species (eg Tilapia) are inherently more suitable for Aquaponics, and that there is a large underground/illegal community already in existence.

As above.

Nope.

if the fish is to be sold have it processed in a proper facility or have someone prove they can do it hygenically and cleanly i lived in BC i seen the waste and smelled it

Make it a priority. Ensure all individuals have access to food safety regulations and have some means of deterring poor practices and/or misuse of the food growing space.

There shouldn't be any chemicals added to the fish water that would make the plants unhealthy.

There is a difference between Commercial scale and small scale operations, which needs to be indicated. Commercial scale needs to comply with specific rules and annual inspection.

Use it or lose it.

To have a med to large garden requires you to have a composter(s) to produce your own soil and rainbarrel (s).

monitoring for quality and pesticides.

Size needs to be limited by physical space and number and size of fish. Has to be properly maintained. Disease outbreaks must be controlled. Pesticide/antibiotic use should be prohibited.

Monitoring for safety and education for the growers.

Regular inspections of fish cultured for food.

no



no, loosen restrictions. Let people experiment with healthier ways to live.

don't know enough

none

No to Aquaponics

Not that I can think of.

See above..

No clue.

Allow greenhouses, especially for personal use, to exceed the current bylaw regarding the size of additional buildings on a property.

See above.

Only small operations for personal use

you would have to allow greenhouses in areas that don't currently have them - ie in Residential neighborhoods?

No to aquaponics!

Restrict to industrila areas.

No, I think it should be encouraged by any method

Even though they are fish, they are still living creatures and I feel that there must be some kind of monitoring and permit required. I also think that part of the permit cost should cover a mandatory introduction course in aquaculture. There should be maximum home aquaculture sizes within the city limits as well as mandatory mosquito screens, as well as regulation for ending any fish farming- i e no dumping it out in the street.

I don't have enough information about this.

No opinion

Restrict chemical use.

Just to make sure there is good knowledge of the process.

Types of fish allowed and how they can be disposed of or repurposed if someone pulls up shop (ie. We don't want people releasing fish into Alberta waterways if they compete with native species).

Allow for chickens and meat rabbits as well.

regular testing and compliance

That the processes are in line with what is safe for human consumption and minimal waste and negative effects on the environment. For example, if the waste or by-product of production was detrimental to the environment then that would have to be regulated.

The water the fish are in must be clean and safe and maintained.

Not beyond typical aquarium weight support.

No the less regulation the better. Rules prevent innovation

The water would have to be tested on a continual basis.

The potential for invasive species to destroy the trout fishing sport in the Bow River and any other water system on the prairie

Restriction should be placed with the sound level and contamination affect neighbours. Food safety is also a pirioty.

water safety issues in regards to small children should be covered through the design and access to



the facility

A large scale man made operation that includes fish can quickly become contaminated and seriously affect the environment, staff and animals/fish so I think very strict regulations on quality and locations.

no

Inspection?

Make sure they have a permit if selling to restaurants/public. If not, then no permit necessary.

This is a brilliant idea as long as people are responsible in the proper care for the fish and the building has regular upkeep inside and out of the structure. Again absolutely NO CHEMICALS TO BE USED IN THIS PROCESS. We have to get far and away from chemical use.

Urban Hens Pilot Project

Regulations and inspections.

A clear definition of what is considered "Organic" and what is not.

No

Ban GMOs in all of Alberta!!!!

Monitor the water levels to ensure the water seepage does not cause any environmental issues.

it should be monitored for sanitary reasons by someone familiar with aquaponics.

Your patience is probably waning ..

So no

As long as its monitored by CFIA and local health inspectors - ok.

Regulations and inspections.

See above

Operator to pay for treatment of effluent water.

Unknown

No

This I think would be huge for fish and wildlife to monitor properly. Do they have that sort of time?

inspections to ensure that the site is maintaining proper management/care

No gmo/hormone/antibiotic crap. As natural as possible.

dont do it

Holistic tools and consulting spiritual community for support so you have a more balanced perspective.

I do not think it is a feasible option.

N/A

The usual animal welfare rules, other than that, have at it.

Stop making so many...

Government mandate, reporting, and auditing.

If it is done there should be a limit on the size that can built. It should be a operation for a family.

see above.

It is already expensive to start a commercial system. Any fees for permits etc would greatly reduce profitability and decrease the likelihood of successful businesses being created in our community to grow local organic vegetables and fish.



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not on my knowledge

no markets of food grown as calgarian exclusive!!!! please do stop S.e. disrict foods and land use. stop them, stop them please!!!! if u really want to stop and regulate foods industries!!!!

Limit Genetically Modified Food, humans are not designed to assimilate genetically modified codes, this creates disease or disease how ever you want too decipher or decode this. Have you ever seen so many syndromes and diseases. Have a good look at the stats from children 10-20 years ago and the presents stats. How many children are special needs or have learning disabilities in to days classroom and opposed to 10 or 20 years ago?

Please look at our food chain and GMO's. Maybe one of your school boards could start a GMO free school literacy .

Regulate water dumping. Quantities of fish.. where you are allowed etc.

as listed above and herein

The production of fish for consumption must be regulated to ensure the fish are not fed anything harmful to humans. What they eat can/will stay in their bodies and their meat, and therefore be ingested by humans too.

As long as the land clean from gods or cat.

No use of chemicals on the fish.

Better control on emissions. When the wind blows in the residential direction, some doors are disgusting.

Again, a change to the archaic bylaws that benefit the City instead of the home owners would be nice!

Toxic herbicide and pesticide use.

No to Aquaponics

Making sure the fish are properly cared for and are healthy if they are going to be purchased and consumed.

The applicant for an aquaponic operation should be required to prove that they have an appropriate set up for the actual growing of food that adheres to animal welfare standards and should also be required to show appropriate winter housing for any and all animals used in the aquaponic operation.

I'm not super knowledgeable about the technical aspects of this set up but have seen it be very successful in a high school.

Solar/geothermal power could be encouraged or given a tax break

No.

N/a

no, already too many rules

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No

Keeping this in a covered area and free of mosquitoes would be reasonable as long as it is not a breeding habitat

If it is done there should be a limit on the size that can built. It should be a operation for a family.

Raise egg laying hens



Question: Are there any additional opportunities for processing food that are missing from this list?

Legal meat chickens, ducks, Guinea hens and rabbits and a community supported abattoir (or regs that allow using one that comes to site in back of truck, these already exist rurally)

Aquaculture, fish farming, chicken, pigeons, etc.

Chickens, ducks poultry, beekeeping.

No

No

no

Chickens!!!!

Even if they are for eggs only. See above.

I really think the city should allow chickens.

possibilities for local bakeries using community kitchens?

Not that I can think of.

I think growing out own food brings us together. It's something that is missing from our society.

Knowing where your food comes from and who produced it is amazing.

No.

No

No

No

Provide incentives to condos and other multi-residential dwellings to establish plots.

No

Planting more fruit trees in public spaces. Who uses the fruit? who is in charge of cleaning up after the trees?

Roadways, parkland ,

guidance on the disposal of processing waste and the chemicals that can be used in the processing

No

Offering free courses on preserving, like canning and freezing and drying.

Home businesses including any cooking, baking, fresh eggs, fresh meats, fresh vegetables and fruit.

Allow it all!

None at this time.

no

Nothing that I can think of at this time

Not sure.

Should be mandatory in all schools to have a food production and educational program integrated in curriculum and onsite utilizing wasted land space. The City should provide funding and resources for this.

Partner with Tsuu T'ina?

What about supporting bees?

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No.



no

Rooftop gardens on residential properties, bee keeping for residences and livestock or chickens for residences.

I also think it is important to encourage people to decrease the amount of space in their yard taken up by grass and to encourage people to let leaves remain on their property for insect habitat. I know not all people share these views but I think giving people information and options will at least encourage different and more effective use of green space in the future.

micro production of herbs, sprouts, etc.

not that I can think of at the moment

See my suggestions above regarding helping community associations renovate their kitchens into commercial kitchens. This is a very costly project. It would be nice if the city could help fund some of the renovation and provide guidance in the process of such a project.

no

1. central community and city approved kitchens/workspaces to wash, can, dehydrate, and prepare food and products safely and sustainably etc. also having "Needs and yields" bulletin postings at each site. I.e a ("Yields") could be "i have crap apples ready to be pressed into cider on this date, if someone can trade me mulch ("needs") for my apple tree. Or "i have extra tomatoes but need help canning them", etc, etc, etc.

2. better composting and resource "waste" diversion practices including most importantly wood chips and tree debris, grass etc. each community should be using the organic "waste" products they produce on site to save or within the community to save on transportation costs of moving "waste" around

3. Focus on Soil ecology and Soil health

4. tree health, heavy mulching and thinning out of sick and dying trees and using that as wood chip mulch, compost etc. Planting companion shrubs and berry bushes and other perennials plants to help support our trees retain moisture etc.

5. growing mushrooms to clean up contaminated/industrial sites.

6. Rain water collection and storage for production use instead of relying on city water.

7. hydrating the landscapes naturally by using swales, key line design, contour design, so rain water soaks into the soil instead of running down and overloading the storm drains

8. permaculture practices/holistic management

9. an hour of my time is worth an hour of your time type arrangements to make bartering and skill/product trading easier

Can't think of any



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Processing food sounds so industrial. We have to get away from industrial food production and allow for small scale home and community food production to create food security and resilience. . There must be better allowances for household food production - I know the slaughtering backyard chickens is a real and true concern - but backyard egg production is important.

No.

closed loop systems where little if any inputs (bought fertilizer) and outputs (waste) are generated. perennial garden plots, large diverse plots that grow naturally every year. they should be as diverse as possible, perhaps including natural swimming ponds.

soil and water stewardship

Preserves. Chickens. Rabbits. Goats for landscaping.

Again, I'm sure there are many more excellent ways to process foods that are not listed. Could a process be in place to apply to use an unusual method?

Organic

I think promoting a more permaculture method in all parts of the city. We have to give back to the earth naturally.

no

none

Urban chickens, bees.

don't know

no.

None

What is happening with the Urban Forestry initiative from a few years ago to plant orchard type fruit producing trees in public areas? It seemed like a great idea, yet I don't see much in the way of communication around this. Is the project still going, or has it been abandoned? If so, why?

Also, I think that the City has an opportunity to encourage citizens to learn about horticulture and general gardening methods to help to beautify our communities as well as to provide this extra food being supposed. The Parks department (or whatever they are called now) could become a conduit for education and information about growing food and caring for trees and shrubs that provide many benefits to the City, and help improve Calgary's tree canopy cover. Parks should emphasize horticulture and growing food starting from the design of its internal structure. More emphasis on horticulture expertise and keeping up with industry trends than the current focus on adding new management layers ad infinitum. Parks management is too top heavy and outnumber the actual technical permanent staff. Also, the publicly owned trees are not looked after properly once they have been planted. It takes much more investment to ensure that young trees ever reach established status. We see them die off within the first few years and replaced, but the cycle continues repeatedly. This is a huge waste of the resources spent. Get more tree expertise in house to combat this issue.

Education based food production! Contact Capitol Hill School for a summery of our efforts!

cut red tape. Let us grow food unrestricted. Or stop all food growth in Calgary and start salting the ground of unlicensed gardens to teach us who is boss.

Backyard Bees! Backyard Chickens!!



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I don't think so.

Microgreen & fermentation processes.

providing habitat for bees and other beneficial insects, not necessarily for food production directly (i.e. honey) but for environmental benefits

no

None that I know about!

None at this time.

No more rules.

There is a thing called a food forest. It is a permaculture system of mimicking nature's forest cycles to produce a wide variety of fruit and nut trees, berry bushes, herbaceous and root vegetable systems. A food forest can be planted and within 5 - 7 years be totally self supporting. Calgary is a hotbed of permaculture practitioners, and there is the Calgary Permaculture Guild with a very active membership. These food forests can be created in parks, along the verges of roads, on empty land in the city, an opened up to Calgarians as "pick your own" operations. They build soil fertility and are very resilient to wet/dry seasonal weather cycles. They can be free and public, or leased land with a farmer who can sell the harvest for profit.

Safety and Hygiene in food processing should be a priority.

you dig a big groove like 10 m below surface. There you can plant what you want. Cover at surface with smoothing transparent for sun light to go down. The walls are soil you can do them in steps and plant - in low temperatures like Calgary easier to grow food below surface.

check curiosity stream.com - they have updated info about sustainability and growing food in cities.

Small scale production for entrepreneurs - do we have facilities here to do this? How can we utilize our natural products - honey, mustard, grain, beef, etc. To vertically integrate and sell finished products rather than raw goods? Encourage small entrepreneurs!

WHERE IS THE FARM TRACTOR GOING TO BE PARKED.

Let people keep small animals for food like chickens, use animals like goats and sheep to cut grass around the city

Having small animals such as chickens or rabbits in residential properties such as a back yard.

The cost of renting a health inspected kitchen can be high, making small batch processing (for the purpose of selling) unfeasible.

None

I cannot think of any

We need to have a solar power incentive for residential people who can use it for food production and also for energy for homes.

Stop using pesticides in city to allow for bees. Plant more wildrose bushes to harvest rosehips. Teach people what wild shrubs are edible. Perhaps what the natives would eat from foraging would be a wonderful way of encouraging First Nations culture into city and urban horticulture.

integration of alternative energy into the aquaponics or aquaculture practice

None

Chickens hens livestock intercity self sufficiency

no

Aquaculture in restaurants



no

Rabbits within the city limits should be allowed to be killed / butchered / eaten by city residents, provided that specified allowable (non firearms) methods are used and butchering takes place per other suggested rule improvements above.

I furthermore suggest that tanning of the rabbit hides received through this also be allowed with some restrictions.

Back yard chickens

No

No

Yes. Also add in smoking sheds for dehydrating/smoking and curing meats.

Transmitting wasted space on public land use for grass fields into open volunteer orchards and gardens could be a great first step in handling a number of economical issues. Our food banks need help, and with the economy at it's current point, even those of us with steady jobs are in need.

I think we must realize that "processed" food is the bad thing here but I don't think that is what you are talking about. I would love to see more gardens inner city with people being able to take advantage of lower cost local vegetables and food that is from where they live.

Would like to see the opportunity for raising egg producing birds. Perhaps with constraints on responsible ownership, lot size and numbers one can raise.

Dont know

Raising chickens at home is something many would like to try.

Again, just the ability to have a couple of chickens for fresh eggs. Though I do think there should be rules, and mandatory training for those that have not kept chickens before.

none.

n/a

no

No

No.

I think chickens should also be allowed within the city of calgary

Gleaning. Farmers, handlers and grocery stores all waste huge amounts of food. Maybe non-profit organizations could salvage produce and distribute it. It might be processed and used at food banks. Any regulations that prevent gleaning should be removed. Intensives might be provided to encourage producers to participate.

I have no opinion

geese in the city should be allowed as food, especially for low income people.

BACKYARD CHICKENS. fresh eggs are a blessing!

Community orchards etc. Salad statons outside the community centre where greens can be grown and obtained seationally.

no

Not sure



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Not sure

The growing homeless and unemployment rates could be quelled if government taught people how to grow and preserve their own food. The only other place government should be involved in is mass food production safety.

Yes, there should be a forum so that people can ask questions as to what is being used to grow food. Especially for those with allergies.

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No.

No

Did the city want to permit/approve/license restaurants to rent out their commercial kitchen? What about community halls and churches? The perception is that pretty soon, I won't be able to park my car on the street without a city-issued permit/approve/license, and it's all a about revenue generation. A money grab because our politicians can't say No, and stick to a balanced budget for fear that they lose the next election.

What about vertical garden spaces? What do they count as?

Set up purpose built public food processing facilities. Let and help food insecure people work together to buy in bulk and create nutritious meals for current and later consumption.

Look at the Restaurants days in Open Helsinki Finland. That should be allowed here as well.

Tax credits for local food or higher taxes for imported food to stimulate the local food economy and development of the local food system.

Chickens

None

Not that I can think of.

Quails, Goats.

Producing seem a whole different issue form pocessing - would like more info on what 'processing' includes

none

No.

Not at this time

I would like to see the addition of urban chicken keeping.

I would like to see a program that offers free seeds to grow your own garden to people who are less fortunate.

I don't have enough information about this.

Homes should have the right to small amounts of poultry and be able to grow whatever they like even on public property

None come to mind.

More indoor growing opportunites - grow lights are being used more and more - could abandoned city



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buildings house winter growing small businesses that can feed Calgary through the winter as well?

Can't think of any offhand.

New trees planted by the city and by developers should be 50% fruit or nut trees. Road way landscapes should include groves of strawberries, blueberries, gooseberries and others that will reproduce in the wild. Provides food for animals and people. Of course this requires that the city STOP spraying chemical "weed" poisons on public lands.

If fish then chickens...

Hydroponics have yet to be mentioned.

Uncertain

Urban Hens Pilot Project

No

Yes, one should be free to organically process the food you organically grow at will. Anything not organically grown should be labelled and highly taxed, which should pay for organic growers to label their food as organic. The finical burden should not be placed on organic growers.

Let people keep a reasonable number of chickens or other fowl in their backyard (perhaps 1-2 per person living in the home up to a limit). They can register and be held responsible for extreme smells or uncleanness. Small coops so not smell if they are taken care of.

Yes

No

None

Chickens

There should be way more backyard apiaries and beehives to encourage beekeeping. Bees are so important to the ecosystem and Calgary should be finding more ways to make that work within our city. Plus....fresh honey! :)

I think one thing that should be looked at is environmentally friendly ways of managing insects. If insecticides are poisons for bugs they can't be safe for people. Planting more fruit bearing trees like saskatoons, pinch cherries etc provide people opportunities especially homeless people, to eat seasonally but they can not be sprayed. Food should be organic.

Chickens & eggs!

no.

N/A

Chickens and Rabbits. I know.

no

no

not a factory for thousands of jobs etc.... yes grow food not lawns!!! but never ever for re=sale!!!! or profits for communitie4s singular????????????

Have your IT department Start an Local Food app in every community / village as to where fresh local food sources are locally even neighbor to neighbor sources.

what one does in ones home or on their lands is only their business unless it is to be sold or provided to the public. just as government has no business in the bedrooms of Canadians they also have no business in our kitchens, homes, or on our property unless it is infringing on our neighbours.

Addressing the GMO issue



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No

Not that I can find.

School curriculums should involve growing food.

None at the moment.

Probably but it's a good start.

fish should include shellfish and crustaceans

Bee hives on rooftops or where large gardens are

No

If it is your land , grow away !

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No

chickens

Final thoughts: What else would you like us to know as we consider changes to the Land use Bylaw for growing, processing and distributing food?

All of the above questions and consequent issues come from an inverted set of priorities where the by-law proscribes acceptable processes instead of describing acceptable principles. Instead of having a prescriptive model and to continually update the approved actions and processes etc. it would be far more sensible to move to a descriptive model. This is where an individual / organisation / business provides a clear coherent and rational case for why their request meets the guiding principles as outlined in the by-laws.

This descriptive model allows for new innovative solutions to be tried and proved out one way or the other much quicker and at less dead-weight cost to all parties.

Please support community resilience and food security by removing obstacles to local food commerce and distribution.

I feel the bylaws make it very difficult to start a business with little capital. There needs to be some thought about how businesses can start in one's home without huge capital and the risk associated with it

I would like cottage laws like they have in the US.

Encourage the City to realise the necessity of food security for Calgarians.

What's the hold up? I don't see a controversy here. Make it happen.

The one thing is urban farmers struggle with is getting a big plot of land in one spot, inner city, to grow food on. Having 10 backyards right now isn't ideal but I do the best I can. If the city was to figure out some way to incentivize growing on city land it would help urban agriculture out tremendously. Getting farmers to help out at schools would be a great idea too. Growing food with kids.

City of Calgary financial support for community garden programs. \$5,000 a year from the city would go along way towards making the community gardens a huge success.

I think you need to consider the small in home growers in the new rules. Right now, if I read this



correctly, I am breaking the rules by growing herbs and tomatoes in my home.. that should not be the case.

Anything you can do to get people growing and raising their own food should be allowed.

Fresh eggs are delish! just saying...

Allow chickens in the back yards.

It is possible that Calgary could be leaders in something other than just oil and gas. Make it accessible for people to earn a living from food grown locally.

We need to go back to the days that people all had vegetable gardens and less rules gives more opportunities.

It needs to happen. We need this for food security. Good for the city on making some needed change. Finding opportunities is great as long as it does not infringe on the rights of citizens to live in a clean, healthy environment.

The water harvesting practices of Brad Lancaster that are currently implemented in the cities of Tuscon, AZ, and Whiterock, BC- namely curb cuts and cores that divert rainwater runoff from the road into streetside trees and shrubs. These both help prevent flash flooding and erosion, and water curbside plant materials for free.

I am very happy to see the City of Calgary making positive steps forward in this area. Food shipped in from everywhere around the world is only going to get more and more expensive. Everybody needs more opportunity to find local, fres, healthy food! Thank you.

I am delighted that this is being considered. Definitely an idea whose time has come.

More public spaces that use fruits and vegatbles and foliage instead of trees and grass.

Urban agriculture has to be part of our future. It is the only path forward if we are going to create sustainable cities. I'm glad the City of Calgary is looking at expanding the current bylaws to accommodate.

I would hope that the changes would open opportunities for local people rather than be exploited by larger corporations. I'd be interested in some form of buying shares in the endeavors like maybe pre-paying for produce by households to fund the people doing the work.

gardens only enhance cities as long as they are not abandoned.

Any new ventures should take the ecology and local market into account. If there's a great local greenhouse specializing in a certain crop, let's not duplicate efforts or reduce their revenue by encouraging that crop. Let's encourage naturally occurring crops in the province (such as domesticating wild edible plants), items that don't threaten our environment, or items that can lead to innovation or a new export market.

Sweden is doing it right.

Glad this is being changed. People should have incentives for growing food whenever possible

The less involved the city is with controlling and regulating the more money can be focused on educating and offering new opportunities.

Even though we are a city - this city is still and ecosystem

Gardens and parks and urban farms can benefit our beneficial insects, birds and animals - which in turn keeps us citizens healthier.

More plants = less smog

Grow Organically, do not use GMO plants or seeds. Do not use herbicides and pesticides. Thanks!

I think small scale gardening and food producing should be strongly encouraged to enrich local



communities and markets in Calgary.

None

Glad this is being changed. People should have incentives for growing food whenever possible
I'm 76 years old and buy so much produce that comes from away. We could do so much more locally with food that grows in Calgary and region e.g., all the green vegetables, potatoes, beets, onions, garlic, Saskatoon berries, raspberries, apples, + greenhouse tomatoes ++. Let's go for expanding in this area.

Addition of allowance for urban hen ownership 2 to 6 hens per household

I am all in favour of greening the city. I think that cities should be providing far more food than they do. The more we produce our food, and the more the waste is processed back into the soil, the better we will be able to cope with food shortages. I think in face of climate change and the need to change the way we live, this is a fantastic change of direction for the city. I'd also add harvesting water - and do another survey in a year.

Don't push changes onto established low density residential neighbourhoods. Some changes can be incorporated into multi-residential and new developments.

I love this initiative. Thanks.

As much as possible, let's make local food growing year round a possibility.

Backyard chickens for egg production should be strongly encouraged on both private and commercial properties.

The current bylaw seems adequate.

Food is a basic right and needs to be more accessible if we want to reduce emissions, help people in poverty, and help people feel closer to the environment and promote healthier life styles.

I'm very happy the city is proposing these types of changes. People in Calgary need not rely on the rest of the world for 100% of our food.

Extensive rainwater capture should be instigated throughout the city.

hydroponics farms using storage containers are a growing and viable source for vegetables. guidance on the potential locations for these operations would make things easier

Calgary has the ability to feed itself, the growers are here, we just need the go ahead!

Can't wait to plant my garden!

Stop all the permit requirements

Grow food not lawns!! Saves water, saves the environment from chemicals and fertilizers that go straight into the Bow River, saves money....feeds people!

More freedom for people to grow or raise their own food and small livestock or fish; the freedom to process what they produce, and sell it out of their homes or in their homes.

Please do everything that you can to allow people to grow all kinds of food (plant and animal) to sustain themselves in a healthy and sustainable manner while also providing local food to neighbors and community members across the city. This is a great way for people to come together and support each other through small business and healthy lifestyle

utilizing grow boxes, raised beds, and hugelcultures can be a great way to make an efficient and very productive garden. Maybe something could be added for those. Also, creating full natural systems is a much better design method so including chickens, ducks, small ponds, worm composting etc. would be something great to add

growing food helps people in a lot of ways. it helps gardeners connect with nature. kids learn where



their food comes from. we know what pesticide and chemicals is and isn't in our food. it's healthier. and it should be readily available and affordable to all calgarians.

I feel this is a great initiative that could benefit many community groups, businesses, and homeowners. There are opportunities that the current bylaw does not address or allow for.

, to have the person know what there doing organizea committee and get the help that is needed to work on the garden , aslo have a permit ,

I don't see any reasons to change the land use bylaw

Imagine the homeless having access to fresh food downtown.

Growing an at grade garden is difficult with pests such as rabbits and deer, especially in the far reaching suburbs. A garage top garden would elevate the garden and protect it from such pests. This type of garden needs to be allowed. Building codes exist for garage foundations strong enough for nanny suites and bonusrooms, they can be expanded to create safe gardens as well.

Nothing

Thanks for looking at this. There are some exciting possibilities here. Again, I want to emphasize that any new or amended bylaws need to be streamlined and easy to deal with. Miles of red tape creates hostility between city hall and the public - and I'd hate to see a good idea drown in bureaucracy.

Mandate all school grounds to have a vegetable garden. Teach kids how to garden. Pass the knowledge on. Encourage relationships between schools and seniors groups so that the seniors can teach kids how to grow food. Great for community and society and ensures continuity of gardening skills within the city. Kids will learn that a garden is not the tree your developer put in you front yard. Replant streets and green areas with hardy fruit trees that can be freely harvested by all.

All parks should have a fruit forest area. Downtown should be full of fruit trees.

The production of food for all should be part of a sustainable citys DNA

Do we open up the possibilities for chickens, goats etc?

I think it is important to remember that accessibility is an issue with food. Often with these initiatives, by the time all the bylaws come through things are forced to the outer edges of the city, instead of in the middle or high density areas where they are most needed. When I am tight on money and time, I will not drive to a farmers market where things are more expensive anyways. A stand at my bus stop, or in my housing community selling cheap local goods would be much more effective. If I want to be part of an aquaponics or community farm, even an employee at a one of the newly proposed residential initiatives, this would need to be in my own community, not far away. Increasing accessibility to fresh produce and the entire process of growing, processing, and distributing it, is what makes a healthy part of the community.

Use permaculture practices and allow urban chickens!

Thank you for the opportunity to become a progressive, well community that cares for the most necessary vitals of quality life.

I'm really happy to see this changes being considered. Let's get Calgary on the world stage with revolutionary land use. Let's feed the people of our city. Let's focus on the important things, like local economy and environment, and worry less about conformity and uniformity (eg. green grass everywhere). thanks

Revisiting food security, nutritional quality, and local entrepreneurship is increasingly important as we better understand that mass-produced foods picked when unripe and transported 1000s of kms does not serve us well. Thanks for asking for input!



Make Calgary an urban gardening a friendly city. Provide incentives to foster ingenuity and growth.

All future and current systems should be sustainable and organic.

Thank you for making the city more garden friendly

I am just happy that this bylaw is under review and I appreciate the opportunity to give my input.

Grow food ! Anywhere that it's possible! Feed the world!

Final Thoughts - Allow home owners bigger greenhouses.

balance the benefits with the need for permits and approvals. don't make the process onerous.

I would really like you to consider different Land Use Bylaws for inner city. Because of higher density in this area, I think we should be uber conscious of good neighbor policies as those of us with pride of ownership are squished in with those without pride. Inner city is a wonderful place to live, but I feel that all bylaws need to be adhered to and enforced with a little stringently.

I'm so incredibly proud of the city for trying to make these changes!

Pesticide use should be banned, and it should be mandatory for everyone to grow something for themselves.

Excellent this important initiative is being approached in an organized, thoughtful fashion.

do it NOW

Get into the 21st century Calgary. Far larger and more sophisticated cities have made both small scale and intensive urban agriculture work (INCLUDING CHICKENS). You don't have to reinvent the wheel, look to their policies and go from there. 40-50 years ago everyone was doing this and it didn't decrease property values or destroy communities. Quite the opposite.

It would be interesting in exploring community/city run hen houses for egg production. Instead of having private homes having laying hens, why couldn't we have areas in some communities where we build and run small operations that people work at to maintain, care for hens, and distribute eggs to registered users. I'd love to explore this!

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I am very excited to see the city considering these options and believe all of them should be implemented, however I feel that these are the easier changes to make and that more work needs to be done by the city to open up further opportunities for food growing and processes in Cagary that tackle our unique (albeit usually much to cold) environment.

You're all fabulous!!! This is so exciting to see!!! I look forward to seeing how all of this unfolds:) chickens please.

More - we need more - more local food, more support, more opportunities.

allowing chickens

I love the proposed changes

Chickens would be a great addition. Families would greatly benefit from having their own chickens, as they are engaging, and can produce better eggs than what we are getting from factory farms. It's all about having healthy options, and making our own will almost always mean we get to eat healthier foods. Thank you for this survey!

this is a great survey and I think the City of Calgary should be proud that they are starting to ask the right questions of its natural sovereign citizens. letting people decide what is best for their community



is the way to go!

thanks ;)

Well done!

Small scale livestock in residential areas (e.g. chickens) is a viable alternative that should be as reasonable to consider as aquaponics.

I would have appreciated a copy of the current Land Use Bylaw for growing, processing and distributing food at the beginning of this survey so I could have given more informed answers.

That a change to the Land Use Bylaw should include a clause for on-going maintenance and clean up of sites so they do not become hazardous or eyesores.

Keep it simple, and be quick about it. If it isn't an OBVIOUS improvement, don't change it.

All residential homes should be able to grow food on their own property without a permit or approval from the city, that is ridiculous. It only makes our community better.

I think expanding people right to grow food is (cautiously) fantastic.

kinda wondering why you talk about fish-ponics after stating that you wouldn't address keeping chickens. in this discussion chickens are not about 'pets' but a part of the fertilizer system and food production. chickens eat unwanted plants and pests. a weekly cleaning of their coop area provides fabulous fertilizer. the urban centre could potentially provide all their own produce and eggs.

That this is a priority for many in the next generation. Thank you.

If growing food gets wiped out now every third year in Calgary due to hail, vacant industrial buildings should be rezoned for food growing indoors. Calgary needs to 'invent' a mitigation method for keeping outdoor crops alive despite the storms. Your hort/ag department needs to be enlarged so that every group that wants to collectively grow food are first educated on what works best. We need to do this on rooftops in an intensive fashion. All new buildings should be built to withstand rooftop gardens. We need a 360 degree vision for the city based on sustainability and resilience.

These questions all say 'subject to applicable permits' Why not tell us what these permits are or are not and what they apply to in the question. I don't know what I'm answering if it needs a permit or not from these questions. I'm just assuming I can do all of the above without a permit! Also don't legislate things you don't need to. I'd like to grow food in my garden and sell it to locals if I feel like it.

Just to make it clear - I think the city should really make one or two chickens legal as long as there is acceptable space between neighbors and smell is under control. I know you said this survey does not include that, but you also wanted to know our opinions and my opinion is you should consider this alongside aquaponics etc.

natural swimming ponds. surrounded by natural perennial food plants.

There are many opportunities for the public to grow our own healthy and natural foods. This should be encouraged and made aware to the public about opportunities to combat inflated imported food pricing and to fight against our troubling healthcare system.

only organic pesticides herbicides fertilizer and food should be considered or else you will create a toxic nightmare and damage the soil beyond reclamation.

Thanks for finally getting up to the 21st Century. It is hugely appreciated.

Any thoughts on using excess steam/heat from manufacturing or energy extraction to heat greenhouses for food growth?

The more food that can be grown, processed, distributed, and consumed within the city, the stronger



and more resilient we are. It is good for the environment too. I would love to see very progressive policies. Also, please reconsider chickens. They are quiet, safe, friendly pets that produce eggs.

I know it said on the title page that this isn't up for talks right now but since you asked, I want chickens!

Public education should be a priority to reduce food waste and diversify food production.

Home owners should be allowed to grow food on the land between the sidewalk and street as long as it doesn't grow too high. I think this would be a good use of land.

Chickens!!!

Seems like it's going in a good direction. I think more is needed.

encourage people to grow food! It's an economical and education.

Not sure that everyone can do this. Since I'm a farmer that moved to the city I know how to do this. Feral cats and dogs are an issue, as are unsafe processing. I work in infection control / food hygiene, this is not a good idea for people to sell their processed yard food.

I would like to see the city of Calgary more involved with educating growers of all types....Residential and commercial about organic gardening practices.

keep growing food as open and as accessible to people as possible.

Education and encouragement are best motivators. Dont legislate the daylight out of everything.

Make it fun and positive . Lead by example . Calgary should be the leader of other Canadian cities.

Very excited to see this mandate. And remember , CHICKENS.

Food production is a tight margin industry, particularly for producers. Any costs and licensing changes need to respect that fiscal reality. A permit that costs over the \$200 line would be too expensive for urban producers to bear.

Stop meddling with an individuals rights. I should be able to grow carrots and tomatoes for my friends and family and my neighbours. Charitable food co-operations should be encouraged, monitored, but encouraged. Soil samples taken to ensure that heavy metals, chemicals and other contaminants are not present and that's were Government intervention should stop. Some people are not gardeners, but just want to help. Let them help. Our world has become a torturous bureaucracy whereby a man cannot give food, water and shelter to a homeless man without getting a permit or a fine, but when the flood occurs then that's OK ??? Quit interfering.

no gmo . No bee harming pesticide. No chemical spraying in yards as the over spray would affect neighbourhoods

I believe this is a very important issue and am happy the city is looking to expand current opportunities.

I am tired of smelling the feed lots east of our city. I do not know how this can be changed, but industries should not be allowed to pollute our air and deteriorate our quality of life.

Emphasis on allowing the use of residential green spaces (I. e. public land) for growing food.

nothing.

Consider a ban of dangerous bee killing pesticides and chemicals in the city

What a great city we have

The city needs to fully support growing of food within the city. when trees are replaced they should be fruit trees for all to use. Need to think very broadly about supporting food production in Calgary.

Let's make Calgary more self-reliant - open up more opportunities for urban agriculture!

Thank you for allowing the city to grow more food. This makes so much more sense than buying from



drought stricke California. I think the city needs to make more steps in illegalizing food waste by grocery stores. The amount of food they through away is disgusting. The fact that this food is thrown away and not give to shlters or even offered at discount is so wasteful. Fruits and vegetables that have gone bad should be composted by the city at the cost of business (grocery stores, factiores, bakeries, restaurants, etc) and residents through taxes.

Be flexible about the "look" of new systems. Encourage natural pest controls vs. Pesticides. The last thing we need is a rise in cancer etc due to a saturation in cancer causing chemicals. Education is key. Connect with Permaculture groups for consultation assistance in having a truely "green" Calgary. Feel free to contact me for "free" consultation on implementation of networks and support for my suggestions! Calgary is my home, my community. I am happy to assist in this amazing shift!!

Eliminate red tape. Let us live. Make commercial scale food processing something that needs regulation and leave the rest of us alone.

As noted earlier, Land use Bylaw opportunities for ALL PUBLIC, CATHOLIC & PRIVATE school systems to have community gardens/greenhouses - Educate as we reap what we sow.

Enable it as far as possible. Our grandparents all had food gardens and we should not limit this in any way.

The more opportunities we have to grow local food the healthier our population will be.

I would love to see perhaps some subsidies on taxes, or maybe water, when people are growing food. I have converted my entire yard (pie lot!) to a lawnless food forest. We'd prefer to use rainwater, obviously, but that might not be enough. Reduced fees for water or some other incentive to grow food instead of lawns would be great.

I love that the city is looking into a more sustainable way of growing food and hopefully opening up more space to be used for gardens. This would be beneficial in so many ways!

My only other thought is educating people about the dangers of pesticides. The harm they do to food and bees is terrible. I hope as the city expands opportunities for gardening they also realize the importance of not using pesticides! So happy to see a growing (no pun intended) :) interest in food sustainability in Calgary!

We also need to plant way more trees here in Calgary. There is no reason I can think of why we can't build a strong community like Vancouver has.

If you want more people to do it, you need to remove barriers and restrictions, not add more rules and regulations.

Open up the limits to what people can do. The use of grey water and rain water harvesting are both directly linked to growing food so we don't waste resources. They are an integral parts of growing your own food and living more sustainably and if we don't do these things we won't even have a secure food system.

I think it's great if we can expand growing opportunities. I'm not a local food fanatic but if there are opportunities to grow more locally then I'm all for it.

To get people in general started with their gardens it would be nice to see community events where techniques are explained and maybe even a few freebies are handed out such as seeds.

whatever happens to the by law the right of private residents to produce food on their own personal property (i.e. vegetable gardens, fruit trees) should never be impacted in a negative way

continue to manage restrictions regarding livestock due to potential negative impacts such as odor and noise to neighbors

as green bins are arriving on the scene in Calgary it would be nice for those of us with fully functioning composts to not be forced to pay for this service - my compost is excellent and i will never use the green box because i don't need it... summer or winter

None that I can think of. I appreciate the city's attention to the expansion of this area of land use. Thank you.

wouldn't it be great if Alfaro became the leading city for backyard food production and edible landscapes. that would be awesome.

Just what I have already mentioned.

Preserve the nature of our established low density neighbourhoods. See if there is support for bigger changes in new developments.

Nothing comes to mind. Just let people do it.

I know it's not in the scope of the survey, but chickens! I want a few hens in my yard!

There really should not be a bylaw for growing a garden in ones back yard. Most people that garden take care of their property. The city should worry more about those that don't take care of their yards or pedestrian crosswalks where it is dangerous to cross. Why is having a vegetable garden any of their business. Why is anyone's business if one grows food then sells it at the farmers market. It doesn't harm anyone nor does it out anyone in danger.

An open and environmentally friendly mind.

As long as it's free, fair, safe, sustainable and doesn't include animals it's all good.

I would like the opportunity to raise a small number of domestic chickens in back yard secured and standardized pens for purposes of eggs and poultry production.

No more rules.

Calgary has the opportunity to be a leader in Canada and North America in opening up Land Use Bylaw to encourage urban farming within city limits. By creating the environment for urban farming and local food production, unemployment can be reduced, diversity in the workforce can be increased, and skills that are on the verge of being lost can be reintroduced to students and young people as a viable way to earn a living. I commend the City of Calgary for opening up this subject to public input. With regards, Yvonne Watson

We want chickens to be allowed on residential property, if the owners of the property reside there.

Ensure there are adequate restrictions on the use of chemicals in growing, processing or distributing food.

Specify the differences between growing food for the direct benefit of participants (including restaurant gardens that produce fresh food for patrons) and growing food for the sole purpose of selling at a profit.

I want you to send me updates and I want somewhat to get involved in implementing this programs.

Thank you ,
stefchiru@yahoo.ca
Stefana

Thank you for asking these questions. I love that the city is engaging people to find out what they want. Have you got a small group of people that are thought leaders in this space? I am thinking about people like the Eau Claire Distilleries or any mustard producers, etc. Village Brewery (although I don't know if they use local products to produce).



NOTHING, I WANT TO SEE A GARGE NEXT TOTHE FARMSO I CAN REPAIR MY CARS AND TRUCKS, A FREE CAR WASH TOO, SSTUPID STUPID STUPID , I KNOW YOU WILL SCRAP THIS YOU ARE ALL TWISTED I HAVE TONS A DOG POOP TO SPREAD ON THE LAND TO HELP STUFF GROW

Please loosen all restrictions and provide more assistance, grants and flexibility for growing food!

Encourage builders to include food growing in new communities, must include % of land to be available to grow food and % of homes must include fruit bearing trees this could be a community connection benefit as fruit cam be shared in the neighborhood.

Love that you're looking at encouraging urban agriculture. Hopefully Calgary can become a leader in this area!

Thank you for reviewing policy and requesting feedback on this important topic.

Support Local Farmers Growing Local Food!

I do think, going forward, our city parks should include plants that produce fruits, nuts and vegetables, that are available for anyone to pick and eat. Why not have shrubs that grow berries that can be consumed, rather than ornamental shrubs? These food bearing trees can be more beautiful, with their spring blossoms, and bring more vibrant colours throughout the city.

I am encouraged by these progressive changes to the Land Use Bylaw. Keep up the good work!

Make the permit test process MUCH simpler and easier. For large community gardens the permit process is extremely onerous.

Don't look at the LUB in isolation - Use the opportunity to encourage practical commercial organic urban farming practices.

Provide courses (free?) for residents to know how to develop their own land. ie what is best to grow in shaded areas, understanding different earth and dirt types, what seeds do best and where...

We really need to stop poisoning every living thing like gophers, mice, dandelions, etc. That goes for public and private property, I can't believe we actually poison gophers at the bird sanctuary for example, the very food source our birds of prey need to eat. I don't want to smell herbicides in my area, which we do about every other year. It makes me sick knowing it's drifting into my natural garden. It is the reason I have not had a honey bee house in my yard because I don't want them poisoned and I also don't want to eat poisoned honey. We should really be promoting more natural gardens.

We moved to a neighborhood that has lots of spiders, people complain about them. I hardly have any because I put up bird feeders and bird baths, they eat them all along with many other 'pests'. Maybe there should be a natural gardening tip page to encourage more of them.

The more variety we have the better. I think encouraging local food can only enrich the city. I think livestock eg goats could be allowed per lot provided it was a maximum of 2 per yard or based on size of lot. Chickens should also be allowed as long as the numbers were only to sustain one household ie 2-3 chickens per home. Please provide more opportunities for urban beekeepers. I really want to start a urban honey beekeeping initiative/ small business but I am facing challenges of finding ppl willing when there are home insurance issues. Perhaps the city could work with insurance companies to remove this and/or allow more urban beekeeping locations to small beekeepers (under 50 hives etc) as soon as possible please as fresh food that is vine ripened is becoming harder to afford

So glad to see that there is thought being put into this! We need more and better options to get healthy, nutritious food. And it will provide people with new industries to work in and invest in. Would



love to see more community gardens in the city, and more front (and back) lawns turned into food gardens. It just makes sense. Educational sessions on how to make the most of Calgary summers in terms of gardening would be great, and information about rain barrels, composting (traditional and alternate methods like worms!), etc would make all of these policies highly efficient and effective.

Learn from the other successful bylaws implemented in other cities; if they can do it successfully, Calgary can too!

Long as it's free as possible.

Farmers living in inner city should be allowed to sell produce from their home during certain hours assuming traffic in neighbourhood is not affected without having to apply for extra permits
Speed up the process! Don't drag your feet for a change. Make it happen THIS YEAR! Give more weight to increasing people's health and nutrition than to writing "rules and regulations".

That my land be able to grow and sustain my family for the year - I just lost my job

Pretty happy, please do not make it expensive.

NO to proposed changes to established low density residential. Not sure if new low density residential would support some of these changes either, but property purchasers would deserve to know what they were buying into (ie commercial use of land for growing)

Thank you for addressing this, it's an old idea that is new again!

Distribution - I don't want to see restrictions about neighbours sharing with neighbours.

I like chickens included . I know it is not part of the survey but it is my thoughts.

This is good for our local economy

Ensure that industrial warehousing and distribution of food not adversely affected.

I'm glad this is being reviewed - thank you!

In general rules need to be more permissive, and even encouraging, to grown your own food, removing roadblocks. Plain language would also help.

Land use rules currently prohibit the storing of animal parts on your premises. However, technically this means that anyone who purchases meat from a grocer and brings it home is in violation of this rule, and rules with respect to garbage disposal. As I have suggested above, these rules need an overhaul to allow better use of game animals / fishing, and even something as simple as purchasing meat in bulk and butchering in-home to receive bulk pricing on food.

Urban chicken (for eggs).

what about fruit trees? they would be desirable, I love the idea of local fruit (apples, cherries, berries). however, they can create nuisances in terms of pests being attracted to them. and needing netting to prevent birds.

I like the whole idea in general.

Legalize backyard chickens!

Please allow chickens. There are many successful examples of urban chicken raising.

I wish the city had a facility or incubator that small businesses could go to to rent space, learn, get resources, take workshops etc to make sure everyone has access to the right information and training.... I know provincially they have a program like this through AB Ag, but a municipal one would be cool. It would also raise the standard of what people are producing.

None

In addition to these policies for growing food think the City should also look at bioremediation



strategies for repairing lands damaged by commercial use or developers. Food production is necessary but we need to consider the importance of ecological resilience and support the native habitats that make our city so beautiful.

AND STOP SPRAYING HERBICIDES!

Please consider the reuse of water. Living in a semi arid climate and not permitting domestic reuse of any water seems shortsighted and is behind other developed countries where water shortages are a regular occurrence such as the UK.

It would be awesome if the city held workshops on gardening some of the specifics of these new considerations go through! And it could be very community involved, especially if there was one for kids.

Great effort! Thanks.

reinforce garage car washing fines.

Take fluoride out of the water.

Enable people to dig deep in their backyards (in a safe way planned by the yyc call before you dig guys.)

Allow garage fermentation of produce and alcohol production.

Don't limit the height of backyard vertical farming structures.

Limit grass space in public parks and allot more for produce.

Allow our produce to be sold cross-province.

I love everything suggested! yay!

It would be great to have people of all cultures and ages coming together in their communities to grow food for themselves and others

Can you stick to just growing vegetables at first? If they process food, a Food Handling Permit is required...can you remove processing?

I am glad the city is engaging in this important discussion!

N/A

I think the city should allow chickens. I have no plans to keep chickens. They can be no worse than people who keep big dogs that do their business in the backyard all winter. They then leave it to natural decomposition making it nearly impossible for people who live down wind. Thank God they got rid of those dogs.

Reconsider chickens! It's crazy that a city surrounded by farmland keeps rejecting such unobtrusive livestock. If they are kept responsibly they smell up a yard no more than a dog. Their manure would play such a strong part in backyard horticulture.

I know the Land Use Bylaw doesn't usually allow for a lot of flexibility, but please be bold in your re-thinking of how Calgary can better address our local food system to encourage sustainability and enhance food security. Let's make some of these options permitted uses, available by right and not review, and encourage people to re-think how we can make use of our lands in the city.

Every restriction that prohibits an individual citizen from engaging in the production of food, further entrenches our reliance on industrialized food. Some of you may have noticed what happens to the cost of industrialized food when say the price of oil plummets taking the value of the Canadian dollar with it. The price of food increases while wages, profits, and employment plummets. By encouraging



self-reliance, we can mitigate some of these effects. On a parallel path, people need to be able to offer secondary suites to keep their homes and those that are able should be able to operate businesses from their homes. I do note that in Calgary, where it is good to be rich, the rich conduct business at home all of the time and are allowed to do it. I would like to extend that opportunity to mechanics, small manufacturers, retailers, food processors, or any that would like to make some income in their home.

This is a step in the right direction but needs to be accompanied by public education!

Think it has been pretty well covered. Thanks.

mobile food distribution (e.g. grocery bus)

Any funding for Land Use Bylaw changes need to be paid by the users. Not the City of Calgary Tax payers.

None

Keep it simple. People must be able to grow food. They must do it in a way that is safe, clean, and not disruptive to neighbours.

I am excited that this is under consideration. It is a trend that has such amazing benefits and so few negatives and should be supported as much as possible.

Nothing at this time.

Let people have chickens!

Listen to the people for once. If everyone is in favour then make the bylaw work for us. Not just another way to tax the hard working people of this city. Also revisit the chickens in the backyard. It's a great idea

I think chickens should also be allowed within the city of Calgary

Community garden and individual private use growers are one thing. Food production and distribution are another entirely because of health and safety regulations. Coordination with Provincial and Federal regulation will be required.

I have no opinion

Being allowed to raise chickens in the city. Having your own organic eggs is fantastic. They are nowhere near as noisy or messy as many dogs in my neighborhood.

Is it possible to put in place requirements for growing food? For example, requiring residential developers to plant fruit trees or include space for community gardens/orchards in plans? Could commercial developers be required to have green roofs, including for food production?

the more local & sustainable the better!

Let people grow food! Encourage people to grow food! Encourage people to grow and share or sell food! Plant fruit trees in parks and along roads! Find out what other kind of food-producing plants the city can plant on public land ... for anyone and everyone to enjoy and benefit from!

I want urban egg laying hens on private residential property

Can household gardens donate to the food bank? Can food banks have access to the city's crops on public spaces? Are we thinking of growing tomatoes for the poor? Has the apple picking group Calgary Harvest (volunteer pickers and tree owners) been involved in this discussion?

As a Calgarian I'm thankful that you are going over this. We need to have a look at pesticide spraying too! Needs to be banned. No GMO's think about it we could be very proud to call our city pesticide free as well as no GMO's. Get on board.

What about incentives for people to remove their grass?



Land Use Bylaw Amendments: food growing, processing and distribution

Stakeholder Report Back: What we Heard Online Survey

March 22, 2016

Let us grow food in our front lawns

Support beehives on residential land.

Allow chickens to be kept for eggs.

This is the most important issue I have heard of in the 3 decades I have lived here. I commend you for having the vision to make it easier for residents to feed themselves in these uncertain times.

Take care of the needy and watch over mass food producers. We can take care of ourselves better without government interference.

No big changes in existing low density residential

I support any initiative that makes healthy, home grown food more readily available to the residents of our city.

Look at the Russian economy of growing food over 40% of their food comes from local Dacha Gardens, if they can do that we need to as well.

Local food distribution is imporant. We have lost an entire generation of knowledge - and I think it is important that the city encourage food growing ventures, and the free distribution of food to the residents of the city. I personally have a huge yard and have considered offering my space to a group of people to build a sustainable area for food growing and to distrubute that food in exchange for maintenance and free food. If there was a bunch of red tape and permits to apply for it would be a barrier to my ability to provide this to the community. I think the city can provide support, training, mentorship and education on this - growing and providing ourselves and our neighbors with food is hugely important and interest in this area is growing. Please be open and supportive and make this initiative as easy and accessible as possible. thank you.

more animals should be allowed again, so much green space is unused, what a waste!!

Consider allowing Backyard chickens.

Allow chickens

None

I really hope this is something the city follows through on, I would definitely be interesting in participating

Absolutely no change to chickens or pigs allowed in the urban space.

Chickens!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

None

Put time/energy/money to real issues.

Consideration for solar-access on new properties and developments would be helpful. Huge task, but helpful.

No to commercial growing and changes to low density residential, No to aquaponics

I'm not seeing any distinctions between for use with family (and friends) vs commercial use. ie grow for self vs grow for profit. Family (and friends) use shouldn't require permits and approvals, education campaigns are enough. Is my backyard garden technically illegal? What about my wicking bed?

Commercial uses however do require a certain amount of permits and approvals to ensure traceability and quality; but too many stifle the spin farmers and their associations; as well as stifle new entrepreneurs.

I would like everyone in Calgary to have the unrestricted ability to grow food in their owned sunny



spaces.

I like where this is heading. Try urban shepherding for maintaining grasses, as the purpose of grasses is to feed grazing animals.

dont make it harder than it need to be keep it simple and if you over regulate it be prepared to lose it

Good work! this is greatly needed. :)

I would like to say thankyou to anyone involved in advocating for these changes. You are empowering more Calgarians to take control over food security issues, making our city a more sustainable place to live. This gives me hope for a fairer, greener, healthier city!

In Paris they collect honey on the roof of oopera house. You could make this "urban food farming" a brand and symbol.

a few public workshops or forums could be good to discuss and find all the hotspots. Next on the agenda would be chickens, pigs, etc. Thanks, Mark van Engelen mark@boks farms.cal

It is our land, let us, the people, use it as we see fit.

Make wise decisions city council.

As I stated, the changes are positive. Please ensure:

No GMOs

Composting Program

Rainbarrels Requiements

The approach should be to encourage more food production on available land, while ensuring the safety and quality of the food. Allowing producers to sell directly to consumers is best.

I just want food to be available and growing everywhere in the city during the warm seasons so that the people of our city can eat healthy foods and not have to go hungry if they cannot afford the ever-rising produce prices at grocery stores. by any means necessary

If City land is being used then it should not be for profit - only personal use or for food donations.

Personal land is fine for profit.

looks good. thank you.

We are safer with a secure food source close to home.

allowing agribusiness (greenhouses,hydroponics,aquaponics, chickens or small foul) on city land with the use of greenhouses is a very progressive idea in keeping the foods local. It also creates many great opportunities for Calgary

Limit pesticides etc & gmo crops. promote organic

Aquaphonics, Organic gardening is a must. Instead of planting grass.

No changes to existing low density residential. If it is supported, may consider for new developments.

Implementation and educated practices for enriching the soil on which food is being grown. None GMO seeds readily available, and implementing laws for more environmentally friendly, energy saving growing practices. Healthier ways of growing, pesticide and herbicide implications to be considered.

Consider food safety and possible sources of pollutants...and minimize the risk of toxicity to end consumers and environment.

I feel that giving people the option to use their front yards as functional growing space is brilliant

I like the idea of using space that is not currently being used as garden spaces. Growing more food locally is always better.

I am delighted that you are making these changes. I fully support anything that reduces the



dependence on imported fruits and vegetables.

More ideas presented above.

Thanks for sponsoring this review. Hopefully some positive and truly sustainable actions and policies will result.

Reconsider small personal chicken use.

And yes I am a vegan

Review the new bylaws in place in Vancouver and Edmonton. Sometimes food includes things like chickens and those cities have approved the chicken in back yard concept. Bunnies as food source may also be considered viable if we allow chickens.

Leave low density residential alone!

I know that none of you will listen to anything anyone has to say. Nenshi will just throw one of his little fits and you guys will do whatever the hell you want. I wish you would just leave us alone to our lives and quit listening to these new age hippies.

As a millennial, I believe in my generation there is a return to wanting to know where your food comes from and taking part in growing it. As a new Calgarian who grew up on an acreage, I am encouraged to see new opportunities for getting people & communities involved in gardening. I think the new possible additions to the land use bylaw are a step

I think businesses who grow food for the less fortunate should be given a tax credit or a donation receipt when that food is offered with no cost.

Encourage more community gardens, rooftop gardens, home gardens.

Nothing

Thank you for considering these changes.

I think that it is great that the city is considering initiatives such as this.

That taking on this question and challenge is a sign of creativity and a city that I want to continue to place my support in.

I fully support making space available for growing food within our city.

allowance for small scale wind turbines as a power source for gardening situations.

maximize flexibility and local support requirement.

We need Diverse Community farms using permaculture principles in the city.

How many people are you going to fine or put in jail as a result of having a garden?

Is the risk so high that this effort and money spent on regulation is of value?

Growing food should not be a crime; It is something we look back on in history with Lord of the land rights as being draconian and barbaric. This is even more obscene when you factor in that the people own the land within the city that is attempting to put in the legislation and regulation.

We (and you) can do better than this.

Acknowledge that access to public land for local food production is a necessity now and into the future, that has many positive influences on society, both for physical as well as mental health, not to mention the economy at large. Ownership of food produced in public spaces should be clearly defined and protected by law so that whoever plants and tends to gardens is the rightful owner of the crops.

There will need to be a simple mapping and permit process put into place as well as restrictions to allow small consumer/ownership of permits to override any attempts at commercial or institutional



monopolization.

The city needs to use common sense in the process. Allowing urban gardens onto unkempt lots, honey bee operations in certain areas, etc. these practices sustain the environment. But for example you wouldn't put a honey bee operation in or by a children's play park. Use judgement wisely.

I applaud the City for looking at ways to encourage the growing, processing and distribution of food instead of following the ways of many communities in the States for example that are making it illegal to grow food on their own property. I personally have a garden and try to keep it tidy and attractive, even during the winter months and appreciate the ability to grow both food and ornamental items. If there would be a way to co-ordinate many of the resources where people can get their fruits and vegetables picked and processed and donated to the food bank that would be a beneficial use of the abundant fruit trees in the city and an idea I have thought of for many years, but not knowing how to go about it. Having an approved facility that could process these products to the standard required for food distribution would be an awesome addition to the services provided for those in low income and high need situations. I congratulate you for taking these steps to enhance these opportunities.

Chickens! Commercial eggs lack taste and I'm sure nutrients as well, and free range eggs are very expensive. Allowing people to have chickens would allow people to provide nutritious food for their families.

I am extremely proud of Calgary for getting on this! More rooftop gardens, especially on mini mall/strip mall centre roofs!

The city needs to make it possible for community gardens and local growers to donate to the Drop In Centre and Mustard Seed etc. unless it comes from and store or a commercial kitchen they can't take it. That is just stupid

Clean up? Growing gardens is great but they do require a lot of work and maintenance. Who is going to make sure community gardens are probably cleaned up and cared for?

No changes needed

Compost production by the city from collected recyclable material to be made available on a large scale for food production - community compost areas set up at community halls or central parks

Regulations for urban farm as per acceptable noise level and contaminant level.

Please sternly consider including other local food opportunities such as:
ability to raise urban chickens for both meat and eggs (small scale for personal use)
ability to raise rabbits for family consumption (small scale for personal use)

I think it's wonderful to be moving in this direction to encourage and support locally grown food and products as it is much healthier all the way around!

Our attitude towards the right of all human beings to access healthy and sufficient food needs to be heightened in a positive and compassion filled way.

Uncertain

Make it as easy as possible for people to grow food, but also make it safe for public consumption. Perhaps a soil contaminants test should be required if growing and selling to the public.

It is our right and should have the right as humans to have access to food other than what is provided by the corporations. Food and water are basic needs and somehow somewhere along the way control of these commodities are now in the hands of the few. Growing our own food is a right but we have to keep everything natural. We are all so chemicalized by the foods in the stores we should have the opportunity to grow our own natural food as it was intended.



Urban Hens Pilot Project

Stop charging for permits for everything. Be realistic with things that bylaws require permits for.

Reconsider keeping chickens on residential property. There are so many examples where this works in Canada and around the world.

Chicken coops with 3 max hens should be allowed. Chickens are pest control that provide free eggs. As well as having a beehive on private property. Free honey and helping to increase pollinators population.

These look to me as over all good ideas.

I am not knowledgeable enough to criticize any of these ideas.

Food Security has to be considered by every big city these days.

Nothing

Other than restricting the use of someone else's land and property for gardening, laws for organic food growth, processing and distribution should never be limited or restricted. To limit or restrict organic gardening is (or should be) an infringement on our freedoms and rights and is illegal!

I support freedom for people in the city who wish to grow or raise food, or share food with others. They should be provided with the rules (keep it clean, keep it non-offensive in odor/sight) and be alerted that they can be fined or their activities halted if they don't take care of their food creation projects. Well cared for food creation projects should be rewarded by being publically encouraged and protected from harassment just because a neighbor may consider a lawn more acceptable then a garden. Please increase freedom for people who garden and raise food in the city of Calgary.

It would be great to have access to community kitchen resources where groups of people can get together and cook for low costs and then share their foods.

please lighten up the restrictions for every step between food to harvest in order to promote small business.

Love you guys

I still think chickens should be allowed in the city.

this survey sucks. too open.

Reconsider keeping chickens on residential property. There are so many examples where this works in Canada and around the world.

Chickens! They help with gardening as pest control and working the soil

Please be thoughtful and courageous in your decision making. This issues are very important!

Growing food really is a non issue. As I said above, humans have been growing their own food for thousands of years. To imply that the government needs to regulate this natural right to provide for ourselves is ridiculous. It is a new thing to have farms growing food for us and it appears in the view of factory farms and huge aggro companies the government has turned a blind eye and is now focussing on family backyards instead.

I think that Calgary could be doing a lot more to encourage urban food growing. We are a city but have farming roots. I think the two could be a really positive mix. I think there should be more "community greenhouses" too and these should be allowed on community garden land to grow trickier crops like tomatoes and peppers.

When initially started that the city should work with the landscaping/gardening stores to have free or low cost starter kits for those who want to grow vegetables but really don't know how

Will there be soul testing required for sites producing commercial food goods?



Everything is connected and when we are thinking of land use I think we need to consider not just the way food is processed but how are we gonna control pests. We need to work together. There are many natural options for protecting our gardens and trees from pests. Bats are a great solution to mosquito's, companion planting can help control certain bugs etc etc. When we are looking at growing, processing and distributing food we need to recognize that it encompasses so much more than just that.

We need to make it easier for people to grow and produce their own food and more food produced in the city.

Gardens cannot be constructed over existing driveways.

Chickens! We want chickens..

Allowing as many people as possible to grow their own food will change the health of the people in this city.

Allowing chickens for personal egg consumption.

Not sure - but would love to see a simple, inclusive process to encourage our local economy to grow their own food!

We citizens should promote local food production. I would like to see changes in our attitude to grey water usage in our gardens. The likelihood of infection is low, whereas the pollution to the environment from imported food is certain.

Chickens & Rabbits. I know.

Thank you for considering urban garden opportunities! Very important, especially in today's climate.

Don't be stupid. Lets be a progressive city that does NOT bad its citizens in any way from producing their own produce.

I'm disappointed that chickens are not being considered!.i know people that have chickens and no roosters and you would never know that they were there.you just have to be responsible with them.

Food instead of grass!

zero distribu7tions!!!!!! except to food banks alone!!!!!

Make it easier, not harder. Less requirements for permits for home gardens.

Food literacy for all schools starting in Pre kindergarten - post secondary.

Canada could develop a program similar to the Florida Chain Gang for youth correction and or inmates for growing food and or food production, this is educating them nutritionally feeding the mind.

Chickens should be allowed! :) we have a dire need to grow and produce our food with rising costs of groceries this would benefit communities and families greatly.

I believe that allowing wider options for people is a good thing. Calgarians are innovative, and if they want to grow food, let them. As long as what they are doing does not infringe on the rights, freedoms, and liberties of another person, they should not be prevented from growing food. There should not be red tape (permitting, applications, etc) required in most cases, and people (and businesses) should be allowed to grow food wherever and however on their own property.

Fance to the land to grow clean food.

Where to get permits for growing food in front yards? I never knew this was allowed in Calgary

Use of safe and Eco-friendly fertilizers and growing methods.

Are there any restrictions for size of gardens? Or mechanical equipment allowed?

the space behind fences were nothing but weeds grow should planted with fruit baring bush. it would reduce herbicide usage and make land that was previously useless useful.



Make sure the ground is arable. Plans to start a community garden in Riverbend fell through as the one site opposite the Shell is a swamp every time it rains.

Take into consideration the feelings of the home owners and less about the neighbor. Growing your own produce is great exercise, a family event and a feeling of satisfaction knowing what you are putting in your body and the bodies of your family. There is nothing more important than that.

Just make it as easy as possible for people to grow their own food, no matter what type of dwelling they have (i.e. house, apartment, condo, etc.)

Minimize laws for nature diversification.

No to commercial anything in low density residential. No to front yards that are gardens-- really just piles of dirt for most of the year-- would be like living in an undeveloped subdivision...

I really hope the changes are expansions, rather than limitations on existing opportunities.

Low risk activities that do not cause a significant disruption should not require permits at all. The city should reserve the issuing of permits for times only when there is a substantial likelihood that the public would be endangered or disrupted by the food growing/distribution.

I think just allowing what's listed above will be a great start. Let's be thoughtful but not overly bureaucratic or restrictive. If we need to, let's pilot some of these things in challenging areas and learn to do's and don'ts from that rather than overthinking something we haven't even given ourselves license to really try.

So excited! I grew up in NS and my parents always had a large vegetable garden! Excited to do the same with my children!

far more trees should be planted in existing and newly developed areas that are able to produce edible fruit (Apples, Sour Cherries, Plums, Nanking Cherries, Saskatoons, Raspberries, Apricots and Pears) these trees all do well in the Calgary climate

Private water wells to reduce use of city water.

I would like to see more flexibility for non profits and growing cooperatives.

I see business opportunities in a time where we are struggling with higher unemployment. Also in this day and age, I think all levels of government could do more to support locally produced food.

Make Calgary a productive place growing all and any we can, food should be everyone`s right

I am very pleased that these items are under review. I think we have a modern city and we need to move forward with allowing our members to support and sustain themselves and much as possible. We also can best nourish ourselves by eating locally grown, organic foods.

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None

I have grown food in my garden and for years, I have given it to my neighbours and, in cases, sold my jams, jellies, preserves and honey. This person freedom should not be restricted.

I'm disappointed that chickens are not being considered!.i know people that have chickens and no roosters and you would never know that they were there.you just have to be responsible with them.

We should be able to have egg laying hens in our backyards.

Calgary has particularly tight restrictions on private land, and an increasingly draconian and bullying enforcement program. This city should mellow out and stop being run by the minions.