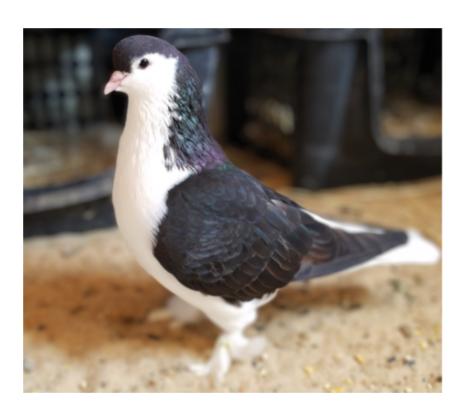


WELCOME!

Pigeons in Residential Areas Public Information Session



PLEASE SIGN IN

Staff from Development Services and Municipal Law Enforcement are available to answer any questions you may have and are available to verbally explain presentation board content.

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CURRENT STATUS OF PIGEON REGULATIONS



ZONING BY-LAW NO. 500

• Section 5.24 of the Town's Zoning By-law restricts the keeping or raising of animals, except on lots in a transitional or rural zone of greater than o.4 hectares, or where permitted by another by-law



• By-law Enforcement Staff respond to and administer approximately 1-2 complaints concerning pigeons in violation of By-law 2003-0072 on an annual basis

ANIMAL CONTROL BY-LAW 2003-0072

• Georgina's Animal Control By-law states that:

"no person, other than a veterinarian or pet shop, shall keep or permit to be kept, more than three (3) animals not prohibited in SCHEDULE 'A' except the offspring up to twelve (12) weeks from date of birth"

 This prohibits the keeping of more than 3 pigeons on most properties within residential areas of Georgina.

ANIMALS AT LARGE BY-LAW 2003-0073

 Currently the Town prohibits animals, other than cats and dogs, from being at large. This By-law would have to be modified to permit pigeon racing, which involves releasing pigeons from their lofts.

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ORIGINAL PETITION & REFERRAL



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On September 14, 2022 Council received a deputation from a member of the public requesting an exemption to Animal Control By-law 2003-0072, to permit pigeon-keeping. The individual requested that the Town create a by-law to permit residents to raise pigeons as a hobby and a sport in residential areas. At the same meeting Council adopted Resolution No. C-2022-0318, in which Council received the delegation and referred to Staff to investigate the potential of pigeons in residential areas further.



On February 15, 2023, Council received Staff Report No.
 DS-2023-0011 regarding the regulation of pigeons in residential areas and further directed Staff to a conduct a public consultation program to better understand the issues and attitudes of residents about allowing pigeons in residential areas.



GENERAL INFORMATION ON DOMESTIC PIGEONS



- Domestic pigeons are a species of pigeon that live in close proximity to humans, and are commonly found in urban areas
- Racing, or homing pigeons, are a type of domestic pigeon bred specifically as pets
- In the past, pigeons were typically used to deliver mail and currently many are bred to be used in racing competitions
- Pigeons require a means of shelter from the elements such as a coop or loft as well as a supply of clean water and feed
- Pigeons also require such time outside of their loft for exercise and to train for competitions
- Many individuals who race pigeons join clubs in order to meet other competitors
- The Canadian Racing Pigeon Union (CRPU) oversees many local clubs
- Pigeons may require occasional veterinarian care, similar to household pets







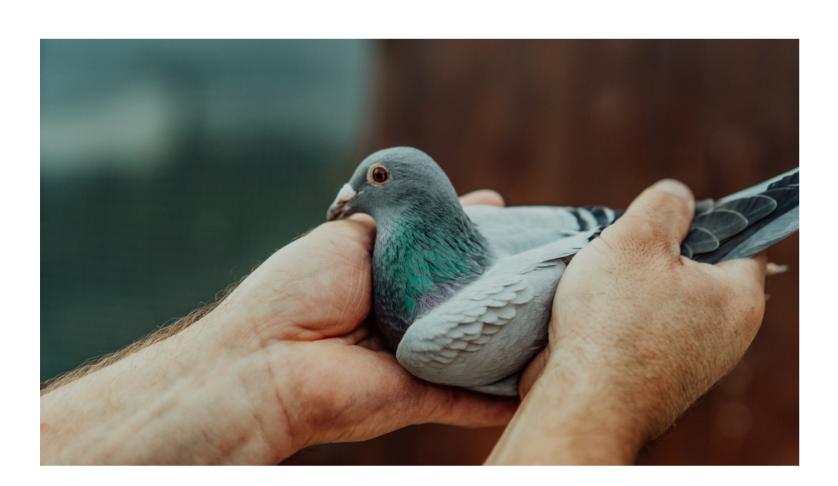
POTENTIAL BENEFITS & CONCERNS



COMPANIONSHIP

EDUCATIONAL & SOCIAL BENEFITS

COMPETITIONS & COMMUNITY



PUBLIC HEALTH

LOST BIRDS

PREDATORS AND PESTS

NOISE & ODOUR



MITIGATION OPTIONS



PUBLIC HEALTH

- Restrict the number of pigeons permitted on a lot
- Mandate the frequency of loft cleanings, the way lofts are cleaned, as well as loft construction
- Require lime-wash, paint or disinfect the inside walls and ceilings of the pigeon buildings at least twice a year
- Removing at least twice each week all pigeon refuse, with exceptions for below freezing temperatures

LOST BIRDS

- Require owners to place owner-identifying leg bands on their pigeons
- Require that owners belong to a racing club or register their racing pigeons with a club

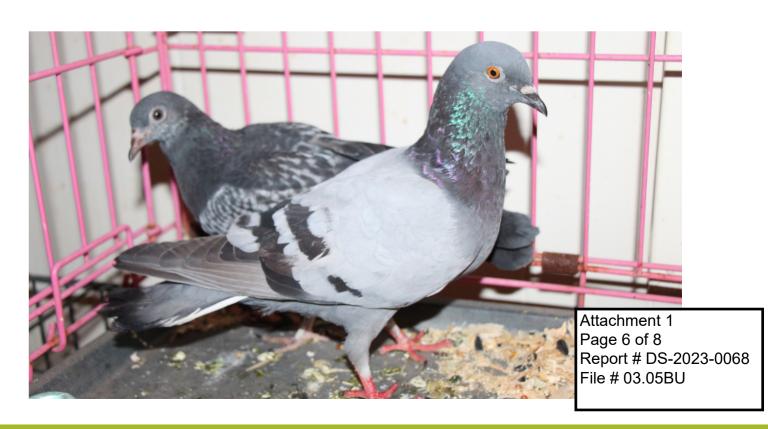
PREDATORS & PESTS

- Require the storing of all feed in rodent-proof containers.
- Ensure lofts are frequently cleaned, including the removal at least twice each week all pigeon refuse, with exceptions for below freezing temperatures

NOISE & ODOUR

- Have strict cleanliness requirements, as listed under public health
- Require pigeon loft setbacks from neighbouring properties
- Restrict the frequency of pigeons flights
- Restrict the yards pigeon lofts are permitted in
- Restrict the lot size and types of residential properties pigeons are permitted on





SUMMARY OF PIGEON REGULATIONS IN OTHER MUNICIPALITIES



- Several municipalities within York Region specifically and Southern Ontario in general were surveyed to better understand how they address pigeons
- Municipalities tend to limit the number of pigeons permitted. Generally, the limit is between 40 and 60 pigeons, with some municipalities having seasonal variations
- Regulations for pigeon enclosures, such as loft cleanliness standards and minimum area requirements based on the number of pigeons, were common
- In most cases, owners are required to join a pigeon racing club and place owner identifying leg bands on their pigeons
- In some municipalities, pigeons are only permitted in the rear yard of the property
- In some cases minimum property requirements are included such as lot frontage and/or lot area
- Many municipalities have loft setback requirements, typically requiring at least a 3-metre separation from the property boundary, with larger separation distances from buildings on neighbouring properties sometimes required
- Flight restrictions existed in most municipalities, with most only permitting 2 flights a day and restricting the times flights could occur

	Permits Pigeons in
Municipality	Residential areas
East Gwillimbury	Yes
	Neither explicitly
Newmarket	permitted or banned
	Neither explicitly
Aurora	permitted or banned
Whitchurch-	
Stouffville	No
King City	No
Kingston	Yes
London	Yes
Markham	Yes
Vaughan	Yes
Richmond Hill	Yes
Milton	No
Brampton	Yes
	Only pigeons
	continously registered
Cambridge	prior to 1987
	Only in certain R
Caledon	zones
Toronto	Yes
Oshawa	Yes Attachment 1
Innisfil	Yes Page 7 of 8 Report # DS-2023-00

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MOVING FORWARD



PROPOSED OPTIONS

1. No Action

- Under this option, no action would be taken.
- More than three pigeons would be prohibited in most residential areas of the Town.

2. Pilot Program

- Program could run for a defined period of time, for a limited number of residents and would be based on certain criteria.
- This would ensure proper monitoring and management.

3. Amend Exotic Pets By-law 2003-0072 and Animal Control By-law 2003-0073

 Amendments would be made immediately to the Town's By-law's to allow for pigeons in residential areas.

TOWN WEBPAGE

• Visit <u>www.georgina.ca/pigeons</u> for additional information.

PIGEONS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS SURVEY

- We are interested in your comments! Take the pigeons in residential areas survey and provide your feedback.
- Survey is running until May 25, 2023.
- Hard copies of the survey are available tonight and the survey can also be found online.

COUNCIL FOLLOW-UP

• Staff will be following up with Council in Summer 2023.

Further questions and/or comments can be sent to Brittany Dobrindt, Planner I, at bdobrindt@georgina.ca or by calling

905-476-4301 ext. 2442.

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SURVEY QUESTIONS

Intro: The Town of Georgina is exploring whether to allow pigeons in residential areas and wants your feedback. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey. You can learn more at <u>georgina.ca/pigeons</u>.

1. Where do you live?

- Outside of Georgina
- Keswick
- Sutton/Jackson's Point
- Pefferlaw
- Hamlet Area (Udora, Virginia, Baldwin, Ravenshoe, Belhaven, etc.)
- Countryside Area (i.e. outside of settlement areas and hamlets)
- Other Response

2. Should pigeons be permitted within residential areas?

- Pigeons should not be permitted in residential areas, regardless of restrictions
- Pigeons should be permitted in residential areas, without any restrictions
- Pigeons should be permitted in residential areas, with restrictions
- Other response
- Prefer not to answer

3. Do you currently own or are you interested in owning pigeons?

- Yes and I live in a residential area
- Yes and I do not live in a residential area
- · No and I live in a residential area
- No and I do not live in a residential area
- Other response
- Prefer not to answer

4. Which, if any, restrictions should be imposed if pigeons were permitted in residential areas? Specify under other response.

- Restrictions on what yards pigeons would be permitted in
- Setbacks from property lines
- Setbacks from neighbouring buildings
- Restrictions on the number of pigeons
- Restrictions on the types of residential lots (e.g. only permit for single detached dwellings)
- Restrictions on the time and number of flights pigeons are allowed to take
- Minimum lot size
- None of the above
- Other response
- Prefer not to answer

5. Should pigeon ownership be restricted to properties with a minimum lot size?

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- No
- Yes, with a minimum lot size of less than one-quarter acre
- Yes, with a minimum lot size of one-quarter acre
- Yes, with a minimum lot size of one-half acre
- Yes, with a minimum lot size of an acre or greater
- Other response
- Prefer not to answer

6. Which, if any, types of residential properties should pigeons be permitted to be kept on?

- Single-family dwellings
- Semi-detached dwellings
- Townhome dwellings
- Multi-storey apartment dwellings
- Other response
- Prefer not to answer

7. Should a licence be required to own a pigeon in a residential area?

- Yes
- No
- Other response
- Prefer not to answer

8. Should pigeon owners be required to be a member of a racing club?

- Yes
- No
- Other response
- Prefer not to answer

9. Should pigeon owners be required to maintain a certain level of cleanliness for their pigeon coups?

- Yes
- No
- Other response
- Prefer not to answer

10. Should there be restrictions on the times and number of flights for pigeons?

- Yes
- No
- Other response
- Prefer not to answer

11. Do you have any concerns about pigeons being permitted in residential areas? (Open ended)

12. If you would like pigeons to be permitted in residential areas, why? (Open ended)

13. Provide any additional comments below: (Open ended)

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Bylaw bl-2003-0072

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA
IN THE
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

BY-LAW NUMBER 2003-0072

BEING A BY-LAW TO REGULATE AND PROHIBIT THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS OTHER THAN DOGS

WHEREAS the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended, authorizes a municipality to pass by-laws for purposes related to the health, safety and well-being of the inhabitants of the municipality.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. DEFINITIONS:

In this by-law,

- (a) "animal" means any member of the animal kingdom, excluding domestic dogs, other than a human;
- (b) "veterinarian" means a veterinarian currently licensed by the Ontario Veterinarian Association.

2. REGULATIONS AND PROHIBITIONS:

- (a) No person, other than a veterinarian, shall keep or permit to be kept, any animals listed in SCHEDULE 'A' other than the exceptions given.
- (b) Except on Rural Zoned Property, no person, other than a veterinarian or pet shop, shall keep or permit to be kept, more than three (3) animals not prohibited in SCHEDULE "A" except the offspring up to twelve (12) weeks from date of birth.

3. ENFORCEMENT:

The provisions of this by-law may be enforced by a Police Officer or a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer.

4. PENALTY:

Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of this by-law, upon conviction, is guilty of an offence and is liable to a fine pursuant to the Provincial Offences Act as amended.

5. REPEALS:

By-law 82-12 (PWE-1) is hereby repealed.

READ a first, second and third time and passed on this 9th day of June, 2003.

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Jeffrey	Holec,	Mayor	
Roland	Chenier	, Town Ci	lerk

SCHEDULE 'A'

(Examples of prohibited animals of a particular group are given in brackets and other than the exceptions given shall not be construed as limiting the generality of the group)

- All ARACHNIDS (such as Scorpions & Tarantulas)
- 2. All BATS
- All CANIDS except the domestic dog (such as Wolves & Foxes)
- All CROCODILIANS (such as Alligators, Crocodiles & Caimans)
- All EDENTATES (such as Anteaters, Sloths & Armadillos)
- 6. All ELEPHANTS
- 7. All FELIDS except the domestic cat (such as Lions & Tigers)
- 8. All HYENAS
- All MARSUPIALS (such as Kangaroos, Wallabies & Opossums)
- 10. All MUSTELIDS except the domestic ferret (such as Skunks, Martens & Weasels)
- 11. All non-human PRIMATES (such as Gorillas, Lemurs & Monkeys)
- 12. All PINNIPEDS (such as Seals & Walruses)
- 13. All PROCYONIDS (such as Raccoons, Coatis & Cacomistles)
- 14. All SCIURIDAE (such as Prairie Dogs, Giant &
 Flying Squirrels)
- 15. All SNAKES of the families PYTHONIDAE & BOIDAE
- 16. All URSIDS (Bears)
- 18. All VIVERRIDS (such as Mongooses, Civets & Genets)

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19. All DIURNAL and NOCTURNAL RAPTORS (such as Eagles, Falcons, Hawks & Owls)

- 20. All RATITE BIRDS except on Rural Zoned Property only (such as Ostriches, Rheas & Cassowaries)
- 21. All ANSERIFORMES except on Rural Zoned Property only (such as Ducks, Geese & Swans)
- 22. All GALLIFORMES except on Rural Zoned Property only (such as Grouse, Pheasants, Turkeys & Common Poultry)
- 23. All ARTIODACTYLUS UNGULATES (such as Camels, Antelopes, Llamas, Deer & Hippopotamus) except on Rural Zoned Property only domestic goats, sheep, pigs & cattle
- 24. All PERISSODACTYLUS UNGULATES (such as Zebra, Tapirs, & Rhinoceros) except on Rural Zoned Property only the domestic horse and donkey

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Bylaw bl-2003-0073

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA
IN THE
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

BY-LAW NUMBER 2003-0073 (REG-1)

BEING A BY-LAW TO REGULATE AND PROHIBIT THE BEING AT LARGE OF ANIMALS OTHER THAN DOGS AND CATS AND THEIR SEIZURE, IMPOUNDING AND CONTINGENT SALE

WHEREAS the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended, authorizes a municipality to pass by-laws to regulate and prohibit the being at large of animals and to provide for the impounding of said animals and for their sale if they are not claimed within a reasonable time.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. DEFINITIONS:

In this by-law,

- (a) "animal" means any member of the animal kingdom, excluding domestic dogs and domestic cats, other than a human;
- (b) "being at large" means being found on a highway or any place other than premises of the animal owner and not in the control of the animal owner;
- (c) "highway" means a common and public highway, street, avenue, parkway, driveway, square, place, bridge, viaduct or trestle, any part of which is intended for or used by the general public for the passage of vehicles and pedestrians and includes the area between the lateral property lines;
- (d) "owner" means any person that owns, harbors, or has permanent or temporary possession of an animal or animals;
- (e) "pound keeper" means a person or persons appointed by the town to retrieve, impound and operate an animal pound;
- (f) "town" means the Corporation of the Town of Georgina.

2. ANIMALS BEING AT LARGE:

- (a) No owner of an animal shall allow the animal to be at large within the borders of the town.
- (b) Any person having found an animal being at

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large may take charge of, detain or deliver that animal to the pound keeper.

3. POUND KEEPER:

- (a) The pound keeper may impound any animal found being at large. He may also impound an animal delivered to him by a person having found that animal being at large.
- (b) As soon as is practical, the pound keeper upon impounding an animal shall notify the animal owner and where the animal owner is unknown shall notify the Town Clerk in writing of the detaining of the animal including a description of the animal.
- (c) Upon notification from the pound keeper, the Town Clerk shall post a notice in a conspicuous place in the municipal offices for five (5) consecutive days excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Statutory Holidays, indicating the date and location of the animals finding, the animals description and the steps necessary to reclaim the animal.
- (d) After the expiry of five (5) days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Statutory Holidays, from the day of impounding and the animal has not been restored to the owner, the pound keeper shall sell the animal. Any monies received for the sale of the animal shall be applied as follows:
 - (i) to recover any expenses incurred by the pound keeper for services rendered to impound and keep the animal;
 - (ii) to recover any expenses incurred by the pound keeper for the sale of the animal;

(iii) to the town.

4. PENALTY:

Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of this by-law, upon conviction, is guilty of an offence and is liable to a fine pursuant to the Provincial Offences Act as amended.

6. REPEALS:

By-law 93-18 (LI-1) is hereby repealed.

READ a first, second and third time and passed on this 9th day of June, 2003.

Jeffrey Holec, Mayor

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Rolland Chenier, Town Clerk

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JURISDICTIONAL SCAN

Municipality: East Gwillimbury		
Permits Pigeons in Residential areas	Yes	
Minimum Lot Size Required	No	
Number of Pigeons Permitted	6, 30 if owner is a member of a racing club	
Pigeons Require Owner Identifying Leg Band	Yes	
Owner Must Register Their Pigeon With a Racing	Owner Must Register Their Pigeons	
Club or Become a Member of a Club		
Loft Location Restriction	Rear yard only	
Loft Setback Requirements	Less than seven (7) metres from any dwelling, shop or apartment building, and no less than three (3) metres from any adjoining property line	
Loft Cleanliness Requirements	 Keep the Pigeons in a building, structure, loft, pen, coop or run which is maintained by regular painting or with permanent siding; Sanitize, lime wash, paint or disinfect the inside walls and ceilings of all buildings, structures, lofts, pens, coops and runs used for the Keeping of Pigeons other than outside runs enclosed solely with wire, at least four times per calendar year; Remove and dispose of in a sanitary manner, at least twice each week, all Pigeon droppings and refuse within or adjacent to all buildings, structures, loft, pens, coops and runs used for the Keeping of Pigeons, it being understood that this requirement shall not apply when below freezing temperatures prevent waste removal and disposal Store all Pigeon feed in rodent-proof containers Keep all equipment associated with the Keeping of Pigeons under cover 	
Restrictions on Pigeons Leaving Owners Property	 Ensure the Pigeons do not stray, perch, roost, nest or rest upon any premises other than on premises of the Owner; Maximum of two flights per day, which no 	
	more than fifty (50) percent of the total number of Pigeons being kept shall be permitted to be At Large during any particular flight period	
Flight exceptions for clubs	Above restriction shall not apply to members of a Racing Pigeon club when the members are participating in a bona fide flight conducted by the club	
Loft Density Requirements	1 sq. m per 10 birds	
Require licence	Yes	

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Municipality: Kingston		
Permits Pigeons in Residential areas	Yes	
Minimum Lot Size Required	Minimum lot size of 1/3 of an acre	
Number of Pigeons Permitted	 Between November 1 in any one year to March 31 in the immediately following year, forty (40) Pigeons; and Between April 1 to October 31 in any one year, sixty (60) Pigeons. 	
Pigeons Require Owner Identifying Leg Band	Yes	
Owner Must Register Their Pigeon With a Racing Club or Become a Member of a Club	Yes	
Loft Location Restriction	Rear yard only	
Loft Setback Requirements	Loft must be located at least 6 metres from any property line and at least 15 metres from any Dwellings on an adjacent Property	
Loft Cleanliness Requirements	 Every Owner shall maintain the Pigeon Loft: (i) in a state of good repair at all times through regular maintenance; and (ii) in a sanitary condition at all times, ensuring that all waste materials are disposed of in a manner that will not create a nuisance or public health hazard. Every Owner shall store all Pigeon feed in a rodent proof container. 	
Restrictions on Pigeons Leaving Owners Property	 Maximum of two (2) daily flight periods in a twenty-four (24) hour period, at which time no more than half the total number shall be At Large at one time. No Owner shall permit Pigeon flights between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. between April 1 to September 30 in any one year, or between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. between October 1 in any one year to March 31 of the immediately following year. The Owner shall take all reasonable steps to ensure the Pigeons do not perch, nest, roost, stray or rest upon any premises other than on the Property of the Pigeon Owner. 	
Flight exceptions for clubs	All Pigeon flights must be supervised by the Owner for the duration of the flight, other than a flight conducted by a recognized racing pigeon club.	
Loft Density Requirements	1 sq. m per 10 birds	
Require licence	Yes	

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Permits Pigeons in Residential areas Minimum Lot Size Required No Number of Pigeons Permitted Pigeons Require Owner Identifying Leg Band Owner Must Register Their Pigeon With a Racing Club or Become a Member of a Club Loft Location Restriction No Loft Setback Requirements No Minimum of 12 metres (39.4 feet) from any school, church, public hall, store, dwelling or premises used for human habitation, other thar premises occupied exclusively by the owner or keeper of such animals or members of their immediate family, minimum of 3 metres (9.84 feet) from the boundary line between property and all adjacent property All lofts shall have: A dequate ventilation, having regard to the number of pigeons kept therein. A clear space between the ground and the underside of the floor of not less than 30 centimetres (11.81 inches). A floor with a surface which is impervious to moisture. Be maintained by regular painting of the exterior or by permanent siding, and all loft equipment shall be kept under cover and where necessary a suitable hedge shall be planted as a buffer between properties. Lime-wash, paint or disinfect the inside walls and ceilings of all buildings at least twice a	Municipality: London		
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Loft Density Requirements 1.25 sq. m per pair birds			
Require licence No			

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Municipality: Markham	
Permits Pigeons in Residential areas	Yes
Minimum Lot Size Required	No
Number of Pigeons Permitted	30
Pigeons Require Owner Identifying Leg Band	Yes
Owner Must Register Their Pigeon With a Racing	Yes
Club or Become a Member of a Club	
Loft Location Restriction	No
Loft Setback Requirements	The loft is at least 3 metres (10 foot) from your
	property boundary and at least 7 metres (23 foot)
	from any other home, shop or apartment
	building.
Loft Cleanliness Requirements	No
Restrictions on Pigeons Leaving Owners Property	They cannot stray onto any other property; and
	you must contact the Manager, By-law
	Enforcement and Licensing, if you intend to
	release the birds for planned activities.
Flight exceptions for clubs	No
Loft Density Requirements	1 sq. m per 10 birds
Require licence	No

Municipality: Vaughan	
Permits Pigeons in Residential areas	Yes
Minimum Lot Size Required	No
Number of Pigeons Permitted	Maximum of 60 pigeons on a lot, maximum
	number of Pigeons may exceed 60 during
	breeding season, March 31 to October 1.
Pigeons Require Owner Identifying Leg Band	Yes
Owner Must Register Their Pigeon With a Racing	Yes
Club or Become a Member of a Club	
Loft Location Restriction	Rear yard only
Loft Setback Requirements	3 meters from the property line, and 10 metres
	from any Dwelling Unit other than the Owner's
	Dwelling Unit.
Loft Cleanliness Requirements	Be in a clean condition, free of any rodents,
	offensive odors, have all exterior surfaces painted
	or covered with a vinyl or aluminum cover, have
	all interior surfaces kept in a clean and Sanitary
	condition and have all droppings removed and
	disposed of in a Sanitary manner at least twice
	per week.
Restrictions on Pigeons Leaving Owners Property	Two daily 2 hour flights permitted between April
	1 and September 30 from 6:00 a.m 10:00 a.m.
	and from 3:00 p.m 7:00 p.m.
	1 flight permitted between October 1 and March
	31, from 10:00 a.m 2:00 p.m.
Flight exceptions for clubs	Yes
Loft Density Requirements	No
Require licence	Yes

Municipality: Brampton	
Permits Pigeons in Residential areas	Yes
Minimum Lot Size Required	No
Number of Pigeons Permitted	2, unless a member of a pigeon club
Pigeons Require Owner Identifying Leg Band	No
Owner Must Register Their Pigeon With a Racing	No
Club or Become a Member of a Club	
Loft Location Restriction	A pigeon loft or poultry coop shall be located not less than twenty-five (25) feet from any adjacent dwelling, stores, shop or apartment building, and at a distance of not less than five (5) feet from boundary or adjoining lands
Loft Setback Requirements	No
Loft Cleanliness Requirements	All waste material shall be disposed of in a proper manner and no refuse or waste material shall be burned.
Restrictions on Pigeons Leaving Owners Property	Members of a recognized pigeon club may allow birds to fly for up to 4 hours a day
Flight exceptions for clubs	Yes
Loft Density Requirements	No
Require licence	No

Municipality: Caledon		
Permits Pigeons in Residential areas	Certain residential zones permit pigeons	
Minimum Lot Size Required	1 acre	
Number of Pigeons Permitted	60	
Pigeons Require Owner Identifying Leg Band	No	
Owner Must Register Their Pigeon With a Racing	Yes	
Club or Become a Member of a Club		
Loft Location Restriction	Rear yard only	
Loft Setback Requirements	Set back at least 6 metres from any lot line; (3) a minimum distance of 15 metres from any dwelling on an adjacent lot; (4) at least 15 metres from any lot on which a church, business or school is located	
Loft Cleanliness Requirements	 Food and water containers shall be cleaned regularly and disinfected Coups cleaned regularly and disinfected a minimum of 2 times annually Food shall be stored in rodent proof containers Manure and droppings shall be removed in a timely manner Coups maintained in good repair and in a clean and sanitary condition, being kept free of obnoxious odours or substances and vermin. 	
Restrictions on Pigeons Leaving Owners Property	 2 flights per day, only half of the total number of pigeons at any one time Before 9 a.m. or after 5 p.m. during the months of April to September Before 10 a.m. or after 3 p.m. during the months of October to March The owner shall supervise their pigeons 	
Flight exceptions for clubs	Yes	
Loft Density Requirements	0.2 square metres per pigeon	
Require licence	No	

Municipality: Toronto	
Permits Pigeons in Residential areas	Yes
Minimum Lot Size Required	No
Number of Pigeons Permitted	30 typically, 50 from April to October
Pigeons Require Owner Identifying Leg Band	No
Owner Must Register Their Pigeon With a Racing	No
Club or Become a Member of a Club	
Loft Location Restriction	No
Loft Setback Requirements	No
Loft Cleanliness Requirements	No
Restrictions on Pigeons Leaving Owners Property	Prohibit the pigeons from perching, roosting or resting on anyone's property other than the
	owners.
Flight exceptions for clubs	No
Loft Density Requirements	No
Require licence	No

Municipality: Richmond Hill	
Permits Pigeons in Residential areas	Yes
Minimum Lot Size Required	No
Number of Pigeons Permitted	25, unless member of a racing club
Pigeons Require Owner Identifying Leg Band	No
Owner Must Register Their Pigeon With a Racing	No
Club or Become a Member of a Club	
Loft Location Restriction	No
Loft Setback Requirements	No
Loft Cleanliness Requirements	No
Restrictions on Pigeons Leaving Owners Property	Two flight periods permitted at any time other
	than from May 1 to September 30, when they
	must be before 9:00 a.m. or after 7:30 p.m.
Flight exceptions for clubs	No
Loft Density Requirements	No
Require licence	No

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Municipality: Oshawa	
Permits Pigeons in Residential areas	Yes
Minimum Lot Size Required	No
Number of Pigeons Permitted	40
Pigeons Require Owner Identifying Leg Band	Yes
Owner Must Register Their Pigeon With a Racing	Yes
Club or Become a Member of a Club	
Loft Location Restriction	Rear yard only
Loft Setback Requirements	The birds' loft is located at a distance of not
	less than seven (7) meters from any dwelling,
	shop for apartment building, and at a distance
	of not less than three (3) meters from any
	adjoining property line
Loft Cleanliness Requirements	All lands and premises where the birds are kept,
	are kept and maintained in a sanitary condition at
	all times, and all waste materials from said lands
	and premises are disposed of in a manner that
	will not create a public nuisance or health hazard.
Restrictions on Pigeons Leaving Owners Property	None of the birds are permitted to perch, roost,
	nest or rest upon any premises other than the
	premises of the owner
Flight exceptions for clubs	No
Loft Density Requirements	1 sq. m per 10 birds
Require licence	No

Municipality: Cambridge

Only permits pigeons continuously registered and existing on residential land prior to 1987

Municipality: Whitchurch-Stouffville

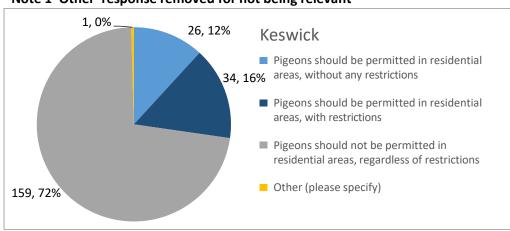
- No person shall Keep or harbour any Pigeons in a residential, institutional, industrial or commercial zoned property in the Town
- All Owners of Pigeons are to keep the Pigeons enclosed within the coop except during flying times
- All Pigeon coops shall be located in the rear yard and setback a minimum of 4.5 metres away from any side or rear lot line as those terms are defined in the current Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Comprehensive Zoning By-law

PUBLIC OUTREACH RESULTS

Should Pigeons be Permitted in Residential Areas Results by Settlement Area/ Hamlet Keswick Responses:

Permit	60	27%
Do Not Permit	159	72%
Total Responses	220	100%

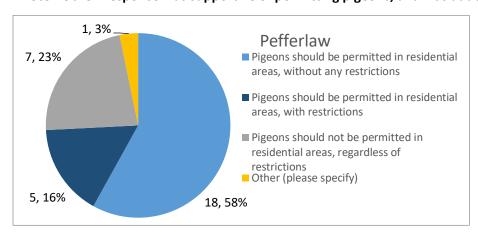
*Note 1 'Other' response removed for not being relevant



Pefferlaw Responses:

Permit	24	77%
Do Not Permit	7	23%
Total Responses	31	100%

^{*}Note: 'Other' response was supportive of permitting pigeons, and was added to the permit column

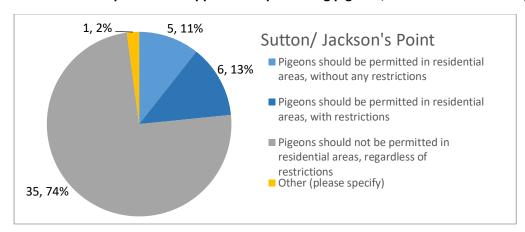


Sutton / Jackson's Point Responses:

Permit	12	26%
Do Not Permit	35	74%
Total Responses	47	100%

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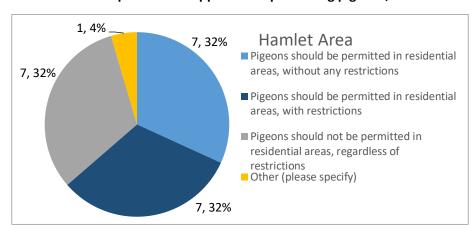
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Hamlet Area Responses:

Permit	15	68%
Do Not Permit	7	32%
Total Responses	22	100%

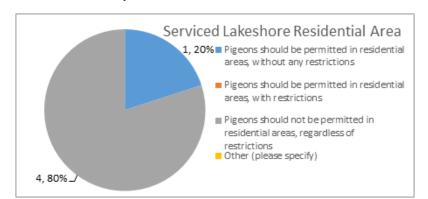
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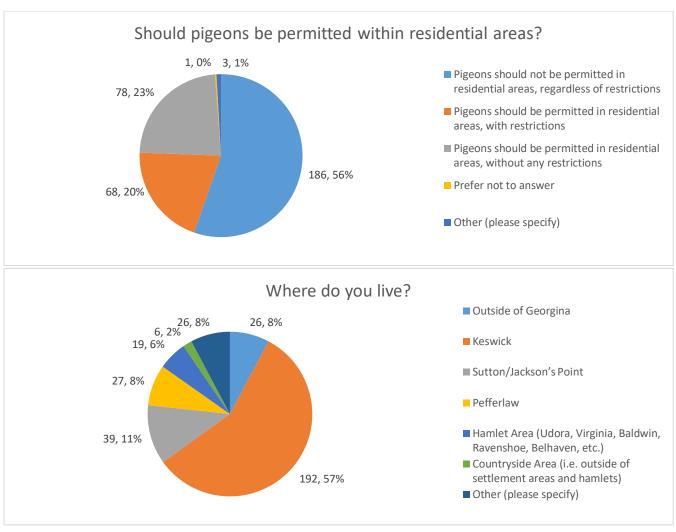
Permit	1	20%
Do Not Permit	4	80%
Total Responses	5	100%

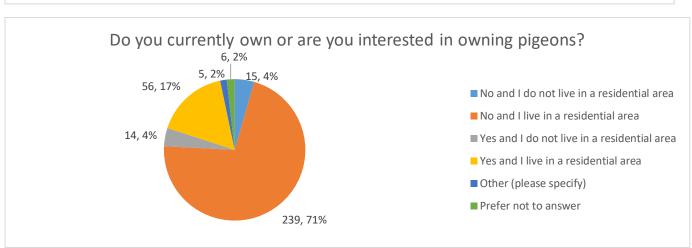
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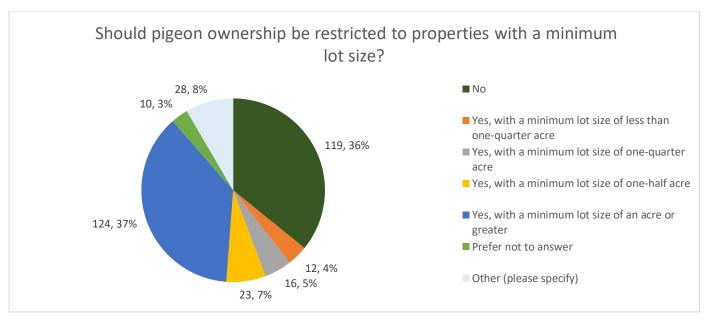
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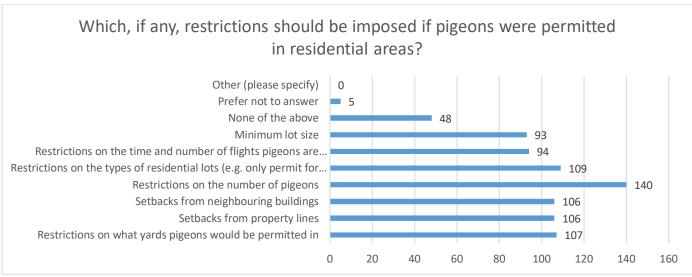
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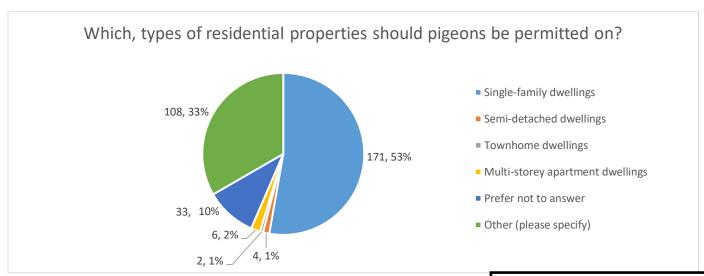




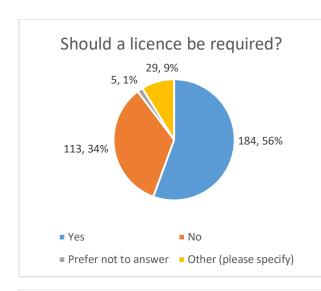
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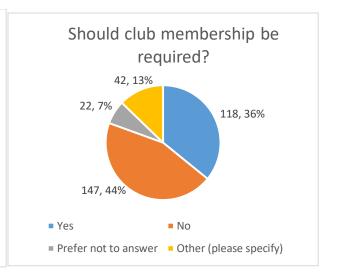


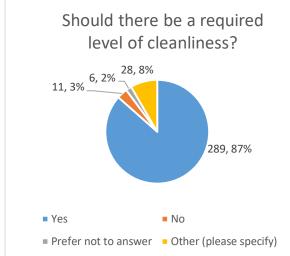


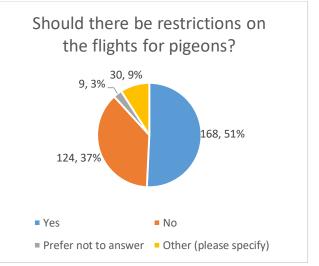


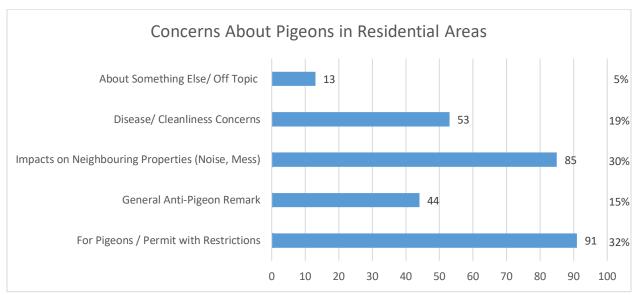
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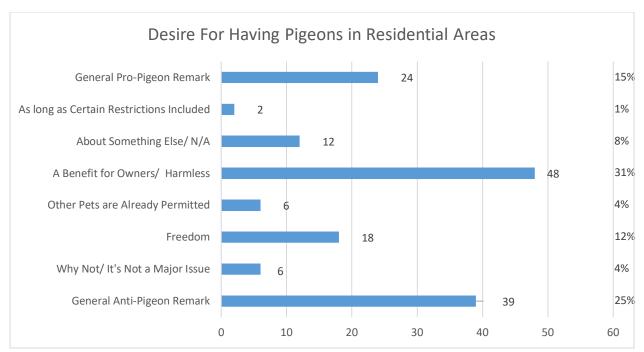


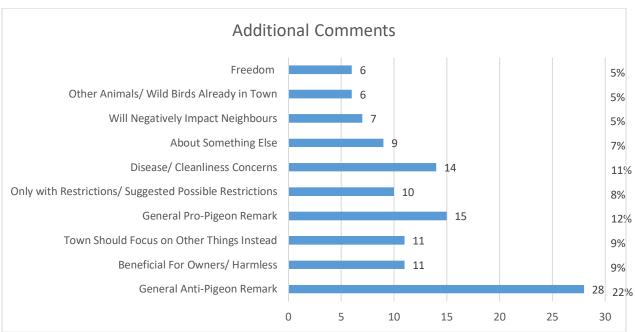








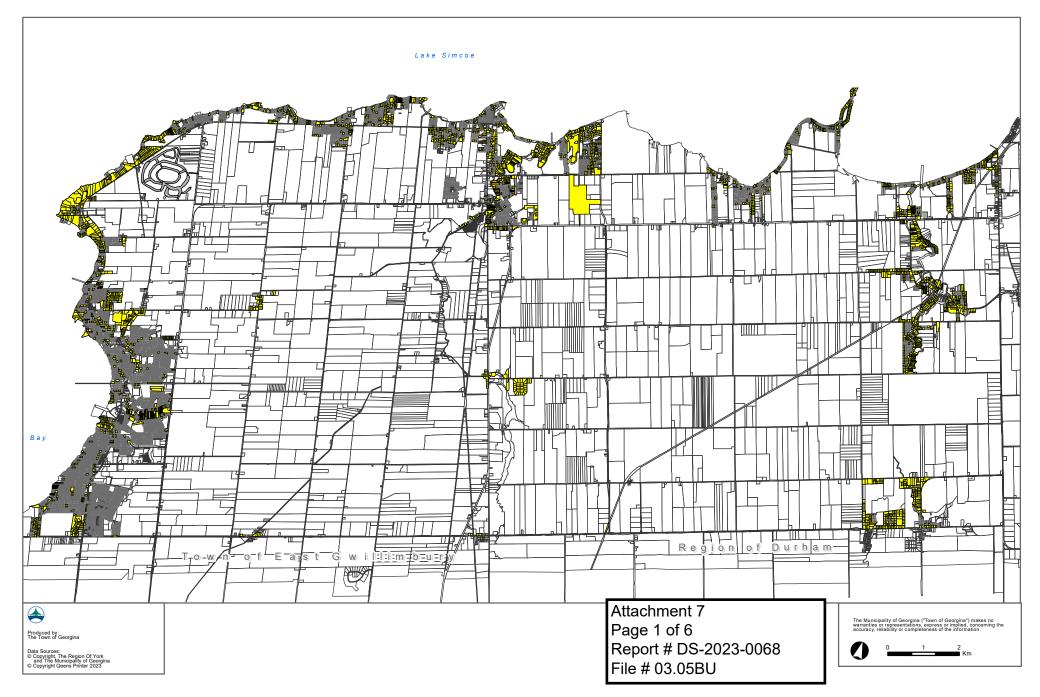




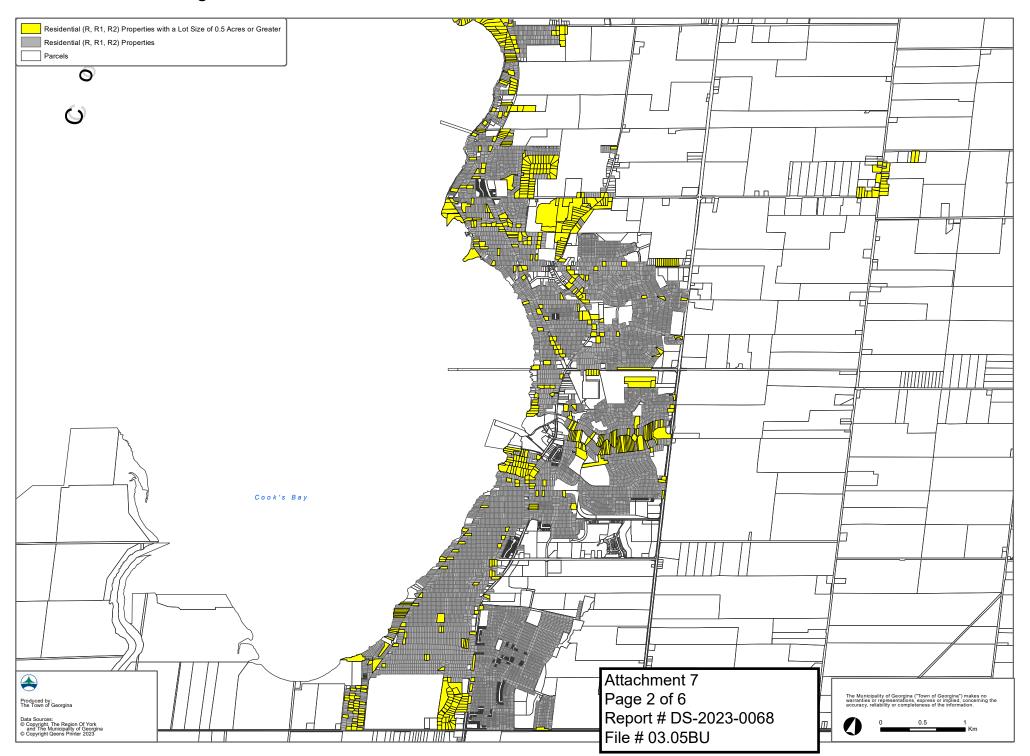
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Potential Pigeons in Residential Areas Lots

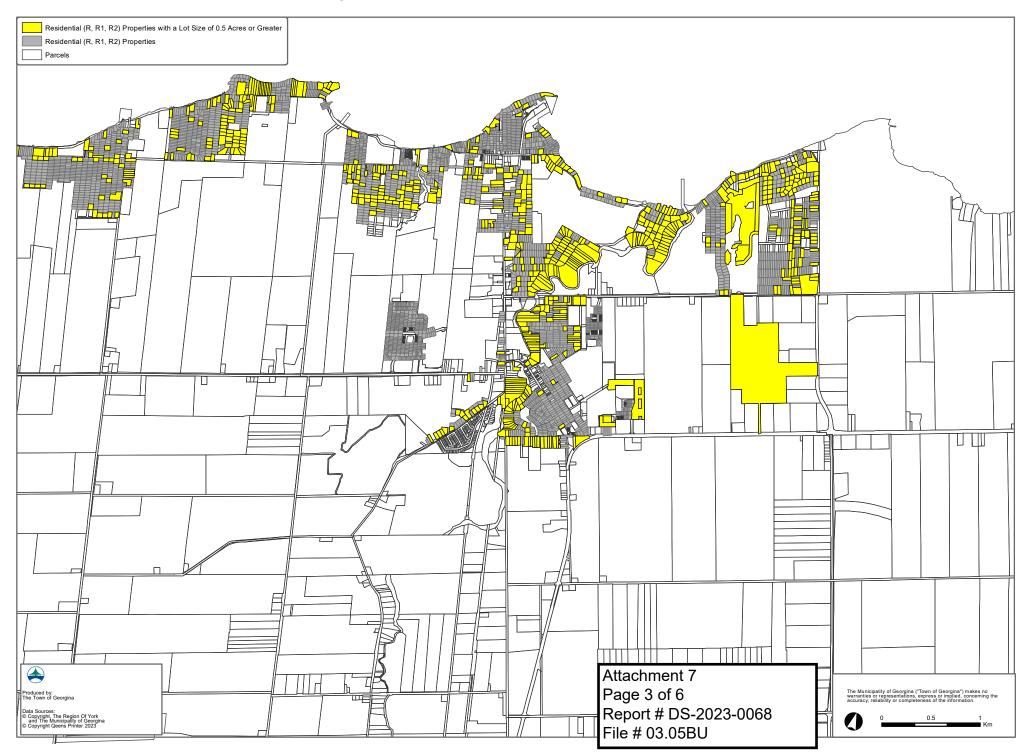




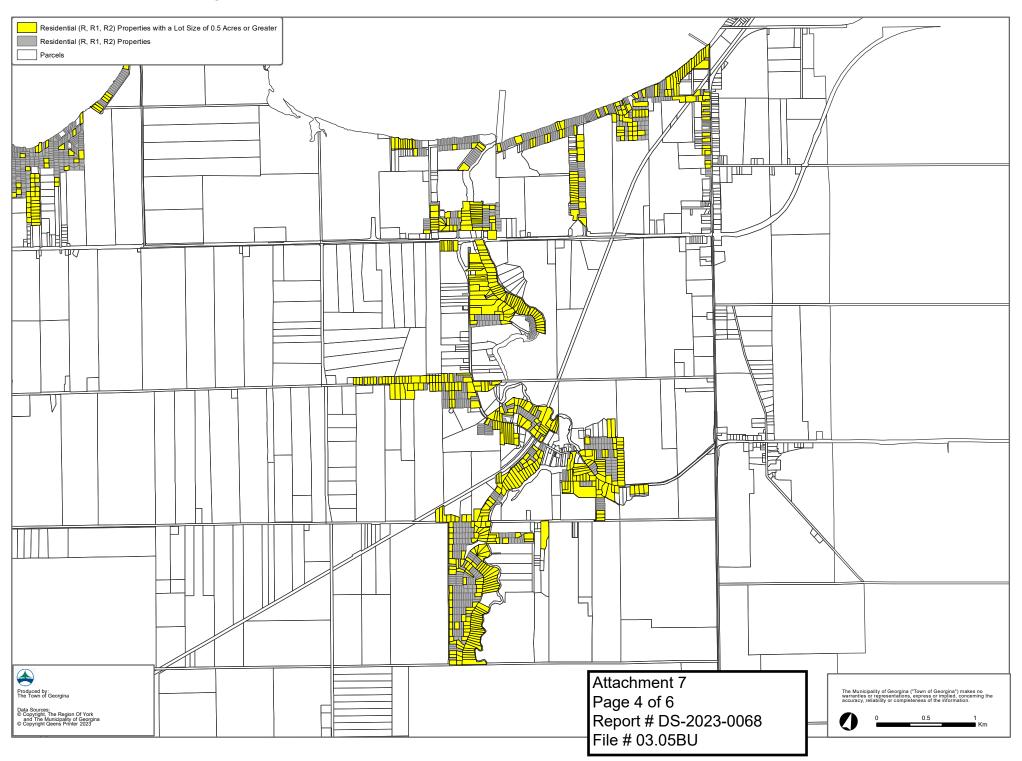
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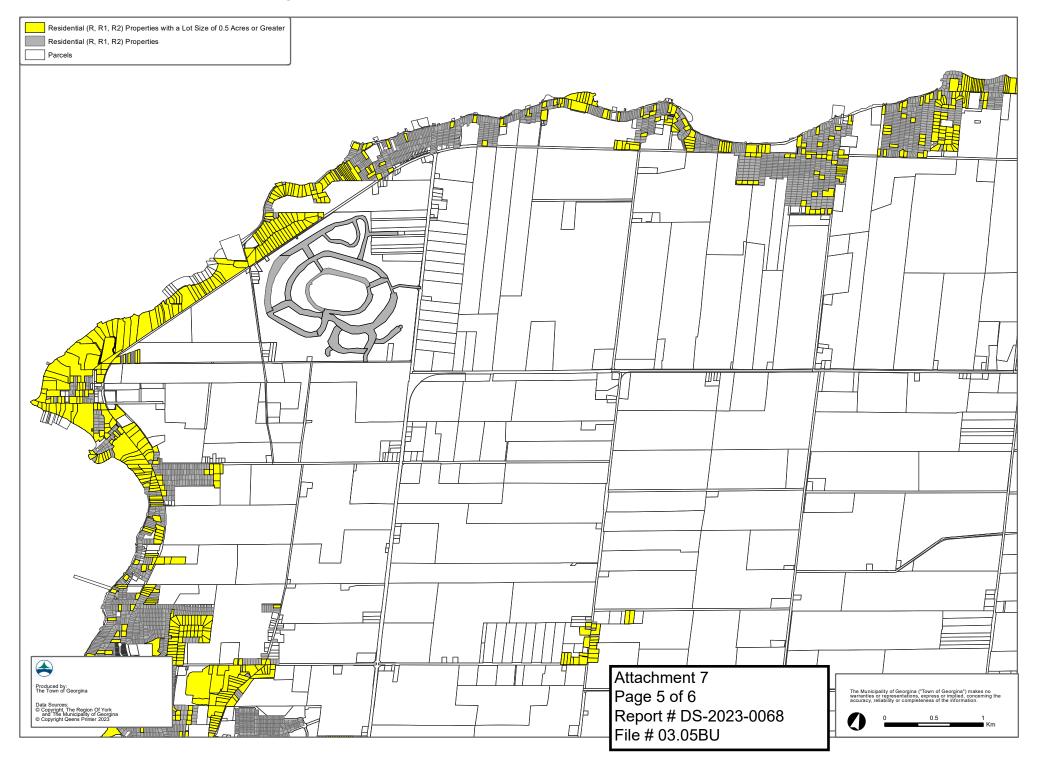
Sutton/ Jackson's Point - Potential Pigeons in Residential Areas Lots



Pefferlaw - Potential Pigeons in Residential Areas Lots



Serviced Lakeshore - Potential Pigeons in Residential Areas Lots



Hamlet Areas - Potential Pigeons in Residential Areas Lots



