

October 24, 2015

Dear Sir and/or Madame

We have a number of concerns about this feedlot operation. This operation is only approximately 1000 feet from our home.

The smell of this is a 24-7 condition we do not appreciate.

How about noise on a regular Basis?

The large swamp bordering this property is also part of the Rat River. How will this be contained as our property is downhill from this area?

This is largely foreign investment and they do not live here or see the daily problems.

There are more people living in close proximity. What will happen to our property values?

How will the solid waste be dealt with?

We will not sign a caveat for manure on any property we own.

How much spreadable land do they have that will not affect the water in the area?

There is a cemetery in close proximity which is still being used and visited frequently.

What or who looks after the road conditions with the heavier truck traffic and also other traffic?

What about dust control?

When regulations are in place, who monitors if they are being followed? And if these are not followed who will be accountable for enforcement or consequences?

John & Linda Berg

SW28-3-8E

November 2, 2015

In response to your request for the public to share their views, I am submitting an e-mail with some concerns regarding the proposed sheep farm and slaughterhouse on Franko Road.

As a landowner and business owner on Franko road, I have great concern over the proposed Sheep farm and slaughterhouse. I am the sole owner of two quarters on Franko Road. One is my primary residence (SW 16-3-8E) and the other, I have a rental property with two senior citizens living in it (NW 16-3-8E). I also co-own a business that owns the property immediately across the road from the proposed site (North half, SE quarter, 29-3-8E).

I have some MAJOR concerns about the validity of the information in this proposal. I have found multiple inconsistencies in the information contained within the proposal.

Mr. Smith originally approached my husband to request spreading rights, to which my husband agreed. But once we learned more about the proposal, as well as the history of Canada Sheep and Lamb Farms Ltd within the Hanover Municipality, my husband contacted Mr. Smith to revoke the spreading agreement. (Incidentally, it is null and void regardless, as I am the sole owner of the property, and I have not signed any agreement). Mr. Smith acknowledged the revocation request.

After reviewing the link provided as part of the public hearing for the tech review, I was quite shocked to see that my properties are listed as the largest proportion of spreadable acres within the proposal.

Additionally, the amount of spreadable acres that Mr. Smith listed as my property is VASTLY overstated in the proposal. On my two quarters, I have approximately 15 spreadable acres. (the rest is all bush land). He has my properties listed as 314 spreadable acres!! That is 20 times more spreadable acres than I have! This makes me question the validity of the rest of the numbers in this proposal. Has anyone actually surveyed this to see if the spreadable acres are indeed spreadable?

Another error on the proposal is the description of my property. My property is listed as a cabin. In fact, I have my primary residence on one of my quarters and a rental property on the other. By listing it as a cabin, it implies that there are no permanent residents in these locations. I live in this property full time with my husband and 17 year old, and I have two senior citizens living full time on my other quarter.

In addition to the errors listed above, I have other concerns including the following:

1) How will the sheep operation impact the air quality in the immediate vicinity? What guarantees do I have that I won't have to endure foul odours in my home and business interests?

2) I have big concerns over the impact to our water table. The proposal states that 24,000 imperial gallons will be required each day (8.7 million gallons annually). This number is just under the amount required for the owner to be required to get a Water Rights license. My concern here is that the owner of the sheep farm has a documented history of disregarding his permitted livestock limits. (see the following link <http://steinbachonline.com/local/hanover-sheep-farmer-fined>). How will he be held accountable to these limits? If he exceeds, will he be required to obtain a Water Rights license? What will be the impact of all of this water use on our water table?

3) As a taxpaying citizen of the community, I should be entitled to a quiet and peaceful home. What will be done to control sound pollution? What will be done to control pests? Particularly, I am concerned with the number of flies that will accompany a large compost pile and slaughter house. What assurances do I have that I will not be harassed by an explosion in the fly population?

4) What is the impact to the environment? The proposal states that there is no knowledge of rare species on the subject property. That being said, I am an avid amateur wildlife photographer and I have personally seen orchids on the property. And as per a document submitted within the proposal, Chris Friesen, the Coordinator of the Manitoba Conservation Data Centre says "[An absence of data in any particular geographic area does not necessarily mean that species or ecological communities of concern are not present; in many areas, comprehensive surveying has not been conducted. Therefore, this information should be regarded neither as a final statement on the occurrence of any species of concern, nor as a substitute for on-site surveys for species as part of environmental assessments.](#)" What is being done to protect the orchid population?

5) What is the mass mortality plan and why is it not included in the proposal?

6) I am concerned about road degradation. Franko road is marginal at best. With every rainfall the road gets very soft and full of ruts and potholes. With a constant stream of trucks rumbling down the road, I am concerned about the noise pollution and impact to road quality. What assurances do we have to maintain our roads in good order and control noise?

7) I am concerned about the impact to the quality of the cemetery. We have family buried in the cemetery and out of respect for them, I want to know what impact there will be to the air quality, sound pollution and fly control?

8) I also question whether or not the closest residence information presented in the proposal is still accurate. I co-own a company that owns the property immediately across the road from the proposed sheep farm and slaughterhouse site (north half, SE quarter, 29-3-8E). We have a valid building permit and had obtained a valid permit to relocate a residence on the property. Since this proposal, a residence has legally been placed on this property and is under development. My request is that a measurement be taken to this new residence.

8) By far, my largest concern is for the documented non-compliance of rules that has been demonstrated by Canada Sheep and Lamb Farms Ltd. At a Hanover Council meeting in February of this year, it was determined that Canada Sheep and Lamb Farms Ltd was approved for 900 ewes but was operating at 3200 ewes (that is 3 and a half times what they was approved for!). Mr. Smith was also found to be constructing a large facility for which he had no permit. When we questioned him about the non-compliance at a recent community meeting, he stated that his proposal to get this project approved was taking a long time to complete. But if you read the response from the RM of Hanover council, they state that "poor planning does not constitute an emergency. " It would appear to me that Mr. Smith's approach is that it is easier to ask for forgiveness than permission. Anyone can easily recognize that a council full of elected officials will not opt to cull thousands of sheep (this would be a very unpopular move with the electorate), they were left with little choice but to approve the conditional use and variance order. This is echoed by the quote below from Hanover Reeve Stan Toews "you put the council in a tough predicament." I have HUGE concerns with having a business come into our community that has a history of not following the rules. With Mr. Smith's expertise, he should have been able to predict the birth rates of his flock with some degree of accuracy. It is a well documented fact that Mr. Smith has backing

from a large, very successful operation in New Zealand. It is my opinion that an infraction with a penalty should not be a business strategy to advance an unpopular action. I believe that the standards for corporate citizenship must be high. While I have respect for what Mr. Smith has been able to accomplish in the sheep industry, I do not believe that the methods demonstrated by his actions in Hanover constitute good corporate citizenship (as an example, if I did not follow the rules for my industry, I would be fired). Here is an excerpt from the Feb 14th, 2015 article from Steinbach on Line. I have underlined the parts that show disregard for the rules that were imposed on Mr. Smith:

A farmer northeast of Sarto has been slapped a \$25,000 fine by council for the Rural Municipality of Hanover.

Pat Smith, owner of Canada Sheep and Lamb Farms Ltd. appeared before council concerning a conditional use and variance order application. At the hearing, it was noted Smith runs an operation that has been approved for up to 900 ewes. Yet that flock has swelled to 3,200 ewes. Furthermore, it was recently discovered Smith had begun construction on a 24,192 square foot addition to his barn worth \$1.25 million. That work was being done without any development permits.

According to Smith, he ran out of space because his ewe flocks continued to grow. Smith stated he deliberately began construction without a permit because overpopulation of his flock was resulting in excessive mortality rates. Smith mentioned the only other way to handle the flock would be to cull it.

"You never went to our staff and asked what can we do about this," noted Hanover Reeve Stan Toews. "Poor planning doesn't constitute an emergency."

Present at the public hearing were many neighbours who voiced concern over the impact the growth of this farm would have on the area. Neighbours expressed concern over noise pollution, noting the farm gets extremely loud at feeding time. Other concerns were odour and the increase in flies with the expansion of this farm. There were also concerns over property values dropping, roads deteriorating with the additional traffic and the potential impact on the water table and/or quality of water.

"You put council in a tough predicament," stated Toews. "You knew we had a building permit process."

Hanover council approved the conditional use and variance order, but at a cost. Based on the proposal's merit, the municipality granted permission to expand the existing livestock production operation to 4,000 ewes and 2,100 lambs up to ten weeks in age. Toews says they are also approving the barn expansion because it's already there.

However, Smith has been ordered to pay a penalty of \$25,000 for the unauthorized barn construction. The payment must be made prior to being issued a development permit and prior to the stop work order

being removed. Hanover is also requiring an annual inspection, at the sole expense of Smith, by a third party veterinarian confirming the number of animals on the property. And finally, the applicant must make a one-time financial contribution to the municipality towards the upgrading of Road 28N, the designated haul route. The contribution will be the equivalent cost of 1000 MT of A-Base aggregate.

"I think word has to be out there that you should talk to the RM before you build all this stuff," says Toews.

Source: <http://steinbachonline.com/local/hanover-sheep-farmer-fined>

As you have probably ascertained, I am not in favour of the proposed sheep farm and slaughterhouse. I moved out to the country to live a quiet life. It is my sincere hope that you will uphold the quality of my country lifestyle and reject the proposed sheep farm and slaughterhouse.

Thank you in advance for addressing my concerns.

Jennifer Greaves, M.B.A., C.H.R.M, P.F.P

November 2, 2015

To whom it may concern,

Here is a few of my concerns and views since I own property adjacent to the proposed site.

- 1- Waste storage is to be field stored?
- 2- A proposed well to be able to sustain a large operation? What is the proof, if any ,that such a well is possible at this property?
- 3- Due to the proposed site there has been frequent amounts of high precipitation, September, if I am not mistaken, had approximately 7 inches, should be greatly considered for the chance of water contamination. Will this affect surface wells and our river system.
- 4- I also see that there is only solid waste checked off. What of the amounts of liquid?
- 5- Composting also creates different bacteria and waste. So how is this to be dealt with?
- 6- Has the land been checked to see if compatible with the introductions of phosphorus and if so to what level and where can I get these results?
- 7- Odour control is none existent in this area. Ask all people in area and you will see that the little bit of surrounding bush has little to no affect for control.
- 8- What is the effect of large traffic on the roads and has a maintenance plan been put together?
- 9- Will our taxes be affected?
- 10- Will all proposed areas that are to have manure spread upon be made public so that the people know for sure there is enough spreading acreage?
- 11- On a personal note, I myself due not want such a proposal to be next to my property or in this general area. What will it due to the value of my property as well as others. How is the wildlife going to be impacted on my and other lands? The property that I own has been in my family for well over 100 years and is to be my retirement home. What kind of retirement spot across from a slaughter facility? Also There is a small bluff of land that will be a place for a trailer for friends or family. There has always been family farms close by and I feel that this is a community of people, as well as relatives, whom have worked hard to develop and maintain this area. We may not be considered a community but we are. Lastly I would like to point out the location of this property is by our cemetery and I personally find this very disrespectful.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak for myself as well as for those whom are not aware or able to speak of the above mentioned concerns to the areas and wildlife involved.

Yours Truly,

Mr. Larry Shologin, owner of SW 33-3-8E.

October 29, 2015

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To Whom it may concern:

This is concerning the proposed establishment of a sheep operation at Shide, Manitoba.

This operation is approx. 3 km. from a PIG BARN; plus the thousands of gallons of water it is using a day.

Our farm Roll # 187000,000 is approx 3-4 K. from the proposed sheep establishment. We have smell from the pig barn, so far our water is okay.

This area has good water, our forefathers may have picked marginal land but water and trees were a priority. This is a beautiful area, we love it, its quiet and so far we are managing with the air.

Please we ask you, don't allow this sheep business to be established, leave it as a small farm community.

Yours truly,
Joyce Jean Hosty
Shide, Man.

Dear Sir or Madame. Oct 30/15

In answer to the questions
about the Sheep Farm and
Abattoir at Zhoda. MB.

I am completely against it.

My answer is definitely

No to both questions.

I do not want a 15,000 Sheep
Farm or an Abattoir at
Zhoda. MB.

I would really appreciate it
if you take this into consideration.
Thank you.

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