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Dennis & Jacquie Kowal and Family
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Municipal Relations
Technical Review Co-ordination Unit
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Dear Sir or Madam:

We have received a letter informing us of 3 Hog Barns as well as 1 Hog Barn expansion consisting of a total of 50,000 new pigs in close proximity to our home that we have lived in for the past 17 years. We live south of Killarney, Manitoba near Lena and the U.S. Border. The 4 Hog Operations we are concerned about are: Napa - TRC-12-036, Tuscany - TRC 12-034, Southgate - TRC -12-037, Niagara - TRC-12-035.

We are very highly concerned and worried about these proposed changes for the area here. When we purchase our home many years ago, it was out in the country with neighbours, fresh air and serenity. Through the years we have grown our memories, property value, and personal history through our 23 acreages that we live on, value and call home.

In this letter we are told of these proposed hog operations, and our hearts sank. We don't just have 4 walls out here, that we come and go to...we have a home that we live in. We have a home that we have renovated for our 2 sons who have Muscular Dystrophy. These renovations include an elevator, ramps, accessible bathroom, etc, and has cost us a considerable amount of money over the years. When the pig stink gets so bad, we can't just pack up and move to town as an option to get away from them. We have invested money, heart and soul into our home and we don't want our surroundings to give us reason for trying to change our lifestyle. We are very concerned of many factors with these 4 barns so close to us. The stink/odor, both in our fresh air and environment that we would have to breath in. The smell, sticking to us as we work in town and shop in and support. Our water quality around our home. We drink, wash, and utilize our well water from the first day we moved in here. The manure dumping would basically be on our back door. We pay very high taxes where we live, and we have never complained about them...because we value our surroundings out in the country...the peaceful, quiet, clean lifestyle that we love. We would be paying for stink, water quality, and heavier semi traffic in our area. There are still homes out in the country, it is not a wide open space where noone is affected. Please, please consider these families in the area! All four of these hog operations will be in our area, the closest barn to our home, will be located approximately half

a mile from us. This land was purchased from Rick Peters, and is very close to our home. I believe this is the Napa - TRC-12-036 Barn. It is located at: N 1/2 of NE 1/4 24-1-18 WPM, approximately nine miles SW of Killarney, west of PTH 18, or approximately five miles west of the Cumminity of Lena, approximately three miles north of the Canada - USA border. It would be very sad to have this specific barn constructed as it is so very close to our home. We plead to you to stop the construction of all barns, but this one in particular is far too close to us for pigs' smells, etc.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our concerns regarding this specific hog barn by our home, as well as all of the hog barns proposed for our area. We feel this would not benefit the family homes/property values, etc surrounding them. We ask that you do not build these hog barns, especially this one closest to our yard. There must be different areas that they could be placed which would not affect homes so closely situated to them.

Sincerely,
Dennis & Jacquie Kowal
NE-30-1-17W
Killarney/Lena Manitoba

From: hik@mymts.net
Sent: February-26-18 6:48 AM
To: +WPG139 - TRC (MR)
Subject: hog barns

Hello

I am contacting you in regards to the proposed hog operations TRC 12-034, TRC 12-035, TRC 12 036. At my location on SE16-1-17 I would be surrounded by barns .

With this proposal there would be almost no relief from hog odour, no matter what direction the wind blows from. With retirement on the horizon I feel this could lead to lower land values for selling or possibly no one wanting to live here at all.

Another concern would be the amount of water usage such a large number of hogs would use, putting pressure on our water supply. I run a cattle operation myself and water is quite important. I feel with the hog operations already in existence nearby, these new proposals would make it too concentrated an area.

Thank-you for your time in reading my concerns,

Harry Krahn

-----Original Message-----

From: Kevin Hill
Sent: February-28-18 8:29 PM
To: +WPG139 - TRC (MR) <trc@gov.mb.ca>
Subject: Hog barns

To whom it may concern,

I wouldn't consider myself opposed to hog barns, as I can see the positive economic impact for our community. In addition, as someone connected to our Ag industry I can also see the positive impact it has for our area farmers by way of fertilizer.

The issue I have is slamming our community south of Killarney, and even south of Lena with barns. We have what I would consider a decently populated area down here. I just don't see the sense in putting so many barns in a populated area. As a property owner I'm also concerned about it reducing my home's value due to odour and unsightly barns. I know that Hylife says that they address those issues, but I haven't seen that done in what I would consider a satisfactory manner on other existing sites.

I find myself frustrated to find out that plans and land has been acquired for these barns with little public knowledge. It leaves me feeling that we get these barns no matter what because the land has already been purchased.

Most of my neighbours are at the point of saying enough is enough, no more barns around us, let's do a better job of spreading them out. That's what my biggest opposition to these barns is, why in such a concentrated area? Please consider my email as a voice opposed to the current plan. As I understand it I'd have two to three barns going up in what I consider way to close of proximity to my home which is located in the SE 15-1-17. Thank you for taking the time to hear my arguments.

Kevin Hill

From: Chuck Wilsone <cawilsone@gmail.com>
Sent: February-22-18 12:46 PM
To: +WPG139 - TRC (MR)
Cc: Kim
Subject: Proposed Hog Operations - Niagara TRC-12-035

My wife and I are the landowners at NW 11-01-17 W, RM Killarney-Turtle Mountain, Manitoba, Tax Roll Number 19800, 5.58 acres. We purchased this property back in early 2008 as our planned retirement location. Our property has our home on it, and is property that can support a hobby farm. It has buildings to support agricultural use - a fully operational heated quonset on it, and fenced animal range area with pole building shelter. It has been used for agricultural operations in its history.

Having lived in Southern Manitoba for many years, many near Landmark/New Bothwell/Niverville areas, we have been exposed to the environmental concerns of hog operations. The spraying of hog waste directly on top of the fields all year long was something we witnessed during those years; the smell was enough to make one feel sick driving down Highway 59; the concern of the community water streams (and eventually wells) being contaminated by surrounding hog operations. Due to our negative past experience, when we were searching for property to purchase, having no hog operations nearby that we would smell or have water concerns over (be it contamination or using up all the water) were major factors in our purchase. The other major deciding factor in location was nowhere near the Red River, having lived south of Winnipeg in the Flood of the Century in 1997.

This planned operation, known as Niagara TRC-12-035, is EXTREMELY close (kiddy corner) to our property and others. The location is planned to be NE of our property. However, because it is SO ridiculously close, I don't believe that prevailing air flow from other directions will stop the smell of this operation in our property.

We envision that those of us living south of Killarney will get rewarded with all of the waste from this operation being spread out on the region's farm fields. Third world country style. In reality, it is a very small geographical area from Killarney to the U.S. border. All of the operations being planned for are in this narrow track south of Killarney.

Our once quiet highway 18 in front of our property already has been converted to a steady stream of hog operation tanker trucks. The Province of Manitoba has not been able to keep us the road maintenance on this highway, ESPECIALLY south of the Hwy 3 East turnoff for Pilot Mound. With the plans that have been presented the volume of tanker trucks will greatly increase and roads will be further damaged. Resident taxes pay for roads that corporations like HyLife operations destroy.

Impact on volume and pollution of water is a huge concern of our's when it comes to the proximity of the proposed Niagara operation in relation to our property. We invested over \$15,000 back in 2008 to put a well in and have it connected to the house. With a large operation that is planned for the Niagara operation (new four barn, 10,000 head hog finisher operation consisting of 1430 Animal Units), there will be a lot of water required to run this operation. There is a risk that this operation could reduce the volume of water available to our well.

There have been contamination and algae concerns in the waters of Manitoba. As we are the property directly kiddy corner to these operations we are very concerned of contamination.

The January 1981 report by the Manitoba Department of Natural Resources, Water Resources Branch – "Groundwater Resources in the Turtle Mountain – Killarney Planning District (A Synopsis)", Report No. 81/20 prepared by M. Rutulis, P. Eng. Groundwater Section, Water Investigations Service confirms that our concerns are real. There were several areas where aquifer pollution risk may exist. The principal objective identified was to manage the aquifers in a manner that would not deprive EXISTING users of their water supply and not have a detrimental effect on aquifer potential in

the District. The specific objectives were to maintain groundwater withdrawal within acceptable limits; and to prevent aquifer pollution. The report confirms the existence of several groundwater pollution hazard areas existing; why would our Government allow additional risk to take place? The report also cited the policy that the activities that may cause pollution under normal operating conditions or by accident SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED there unless it can be proved by adequate field investigations that the proposed activities will not cause pollution of existing or potential groundwater supply in the area. We already know that there had been a moratorium on hog barn options in several municipalities in Manitoba because they are a pollution risk. I have a copy of this report and can provide to you upon request.

Is the government of Manitoba going to ensure that my property is not affected by reduced waterflow and contamination from the hog operation? What will be done about that if we are no longer able to drink a glass of water from my tap because it is no longer available or it will make us sick?

The previous government of Manitoba recognized there was a problem with the volume of hog operations in Manitoba and put a moratorium on further development of hog barn operations, recognizing that there were way too many coming in as sources of income for municipalities. We recognize that there is a desire for business/economics to grow in the area, but we question at what cost. The community has the addition of the new feed plant HyLife is putting up. We think there are enough hog operations in our community; all of the feed being distributed from this plant doesn't have to be within a 15 mile radius (all south!).

It has not been missed by our eyes that this operation has been planned to be built where the surrounding residents have small land parcels and those owning the larger parcels of land don't live anywhere near it. Ourselves, Fabian & Barbara Pendl on the same section (SE 11-01-17 W) as us but opposite corner, Toews on NW 23-1-17 (small acreage just sold).

This is not what we planned to live by in retirement. Interesting that the mayor and council of the RM who live mainly in the town of Killarney don't have any hog operations being planned for just outside their back door. In fact, one of the main players involved in the decision making process, Karen Patterson, doesn't even live in our RM.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you'd like to discuss further with us or provide us with information you think we may not already have. Mailing address and telephone number are below and email addresses are on this email. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to express our concerns.

Charles and Kimberley Haldane-Wilson
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