

February 20, 2018

Dennis & Jacquie Kowal and Family  
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Municipal Relations  
Technical Review Co-ordination Unit  
604-800 Portage Avenue  
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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

-----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 too 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