

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to voice our family's concerns about the application from Hylife owned Pappy feeders. This 10,000 grower/finisher operation would be located at SE ¼ 23-5-21 WPM in the municipality of Grassland.

We are a 4<sup>th</sup> generation family farm in the Elgin MB community. Our family has been, and continues to be, active and committed to the well-being of the Elgin and area community. We work very hard to do our part to keep Elgin on the map.

The first concern we have is in regards to the water supply for this operation. The currently proposed water site is located just north of the town of Elgin on NW ¼ 5-6-21 WPM in the municipality of Grassland. This location is less than a mile from the water well that services the town of Elgin in addition to the Souris River Colony. The town of Elgin struggles to provide the residents with good quality water and with an increasing demand put on the supply, the quality of water subsequently will continue to diminish. The Souris River Colony has also recently constructed a new hog barn that will significantly increase their water usage from the same aquifer. Further increasing the demand on the water supply by the construction of the hog barn will have huge negative effects on the area's ability to keep up with the demand. This proposed water site will not only be used to supply to the Pappy Feeders location but other Hylife owned barns as well as the Gibson Deep Pit Nursery site and potentially numerous others. In our opinion this is not a risk we should be willing to take for the sake of our community. We would like to pose the question "Is this really a benefit for our town and its residents?" we don't think so.

Another huge concern to us is the location of Pappy Feeders in relation to the Whitewater Recreation Park and the Elgin creek. This barn is located 2 ½ miles SE of the park and campground, and a ½ mile from the Elgin creek which feeds into the manmade lake for the Whitewater Park. Fern Valley Recreation board and the Whitewater Expansion Committee has put numerous hours into an expansion project. The expansion project has been focused on updating the park to make for a more desirable location for tourists looking to escape to south west Manitoba, as well as creating a destination for local residents enjoying summer activities. Various donations and grants as well as many volunteers have put their heart and soul into this project and would hate to see this proposed establishment of hog barns hinder all these efforts. Our main concerns are contaminated water making its way into the creek and eventually the park. Additionally we are concerned that odors from the barn may contaminate the air quality at the campground deterring any outdoor activities and therefore rendering the expansion useless. After all the hard work that has been put into the Whitewater park we would hate to see occupancy decrease due to the smell and contamination from the barns.

In addition to these concerns, our farms proximity to the proposed location could negatively impact our family's health and wellness. As we have members with low functioning lung quality a concern is that the fumes produced by a barn of this size could increase lung dysfunction and negatively impact the air quality we need to survive.

In closing we fail to see how this and other proposed Hylife projects in this area would be beneficial to our community. We predict it will negatively impact the already limited water supply and will deter future residents from considering a town with failing basic amenities as well as impacting the quality of life for current residents.

Gary & Pam Robbins

Jeremy Robbins & Alex Gray

Clark and Shannon Combs  
Elgin MB

February 21, 2021

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RE: TRC 12-077 Hylife Pappy Feeders

To Whom It May Concern,

As a residents of the RM of Grassland my husband and I writing to express our opposition to the TRC 12-077 the construction of the Hylife Pappy Feeders operation. We are opposed to this operation for a number of reasons:

1. **Water quality** will be severely taxed as the site will draw 8,030,000 imperial gallons annually. This is an additional drain on our water reserves that is already used by our local longstanding agricultural operations as well as our municipal residents. Our farm well has dropped 6 feet from April/2020 - Feb./2021. I cannot believe that we are a single case farm of a depleting water table. What compensation will be given to family farms whose wells go dry because of the greed of the international corporation, Hylife? The water quality will also be impacted due to the residual runoff and leaching of contaminants from the hog manure. Again, Hylife has no concern for the local residents of this municipality because little water or poor quality water it will have no impact on them personally.
2. Municipal tax payers will be paying for the upkeep of the **roads** with the increased traffic of feed trucks, livestock pots and workers going to and from the proposed site. With the little municipal tax monies that would be generated from the hog barns (approx. 12,000.00 year 1 and then depreciating each year after), the burden of road maintenance and repairs will be left to the tax payers of Grasslands Municipality, not Hylife!
3. **Community Building:** Grassland Municipality has been successfully working with local volunteers to enhance and promote Whitewater Park located one mile east of Elgin. The proposed hog operation is 3 miles south east of the park. Visitors have come to the community and enjoyed the facilities (new full service camping sites, boating, fishing, swimming, quiet rural relaxation) throughout the 2020 summer. It would be shameful if the proposed project would produce a negative social and financial impact on this already established project.

Trust, respect and open communication among all stake holders is an essential when building a strong community. Hidden agendas, disregard of local residents concerns and questions, and twisted words do not promote any type of positive community building.

Hylife is a large corporation owned by stakeholders from Japan and Thailand, the profit they make from this operation will not be spent in this community supporting our local businesses. They will be paying minimal tax dollars to the local RM, while the residents of Grassland municipality subsidize this operation.

In closing, I wish to reiterate that we ARE NOT in favor of the proposal of the establishment of a pig operation HyLife Pappy Feeders (TRC 12-077) at SE 23-5-21W.

Thank you,

Clark and Shannon Combs

**To:** [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)  
**Subject:** Pappy feeders(TRC 12-077)  
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To Whom It May Concern

We own land beside the proposed pig barn on Se 23-5-21. We do not live there so have no comments on water issue or smell. Although with new procedures , I have been informed smell is not the issue it used to be. We are in favour of the proposed barn as we feel these barns will help our municipalities growth thru taxes, jobs for people in the area and new families to keep schools open.

Yours truly. Brian Perkin

TRC 12-077

**To:** [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)  
**Subject:** TRC 12-077  
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To Whom it may concern.

This is to register my opposition to the establishment of Pappy Feeders (TRC 12-077) located at SE1/4 23-5-21 WPM.

Rob and Cathy Pettinger  
Elgin Manitoba

**To:** [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)  
**Subject:** Reference # TRC 12-076  
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We would like to express our opposition to the proposed hog sites known as Blanton Feeders as well as Pappy Feeders.

These two feeder sites as well as the previously approved Gibson's Nursery site lie within a five mile radius of the village of Elgin. Add to this, the newly built hog barn at Souris River Colony, we now have four major hog sites in very close proximity to the village of Elgin and our farm.

We strongly appose this heavy concentration of hog barns in our home town.

As well, we have been informed there has been wells dug in very close proximity to Elgin as well as the wells that supply the village of Elgin and the Souris River Colony not to mention our own wells which lay very close. We have found out that there is a proposed pipeline bringing water to the Gibson's Nursery and the Pappy Feeders and are very concerned about our water supply as well as the residents of Elgin when they find out about this proposed well site. It is well known how badly Elgin's water supply has been compromised recently and this can't help but add to the problem.

With these proposed wells and pipeline that is supplying water to Gibson's Nursery and Pappy's Feeders we are finding out that people who we thought were neighbors are using our area's resources instead of their own for their financial gain.

As owners of a Century Farm, land that has been owned and farmed by our family for 115 years, we find ourselves wondering if we have a future in this Rural Municipality. Will we have water for our livestock or ourselves? We find ourselves at the mercy of a Council who finds itself supporting a foreign owned hog barn industry and a select few neighbors. This is a position that we never thought we would find ourselves in.

Jim & Kim Draper

**To:** [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)  
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Re TRC 12-077

To whom may concern

I am greatly opposed to the Pappy Feeder barn TRC 12-077. While I do not live in the the Grassland RM I do reside in Boissevain-Morton right on the boundary between them. I currently have a competitor barn less than 3 miles to the south of me, another Hylife barn 3 miles directly to the east of me in Boissevain-Morton and another Hylife barn 7 miles west of me in Grassland. With this new proposal being 3 miles north of me I'll be completely surrounded. There are also 2 more proposals currently on the table as well for Grassland and I guarantee there are already more in the discussion plans, and there are currently more Hylife sites proposed province wide. When is enough enough? No matter which way the wind is there is always odour and heavy truck traffic constantly. While not always from the lagoon the barn fans are constantly filling the air with stench. Our hot humid summers really do make it unpleasant to have house windows open for those of us that do not have house air conditioning, to sit out on deck or just relax outside. Even to ride the lawn mower isn't pleasant. We never get away from the fragrance. We run our own farms nearby and we live nearby. These barns should also be built beside farm yard or the new fancy shop of the land seller. They are the only ones benefiting by getting the manure, they should also benefit by aroma and traffic as well. We should not have to suck it up and get used to it. I have to ask why we as local residents are always continuously being sacrificed?

There are farms and residents that have bin here for generations but little by little land is being sold to a foreign company. As much as Hylife claim to be a farm they simply aren't. The pigs never see the light of day plus Hylife has bin charged and fined due to animal cruelty. They are a factory with 1000s of employees backed up by foreign dollars, subsidies and tax breaks given by our own provincial and federal governments which tilt land acquisitions in their favour putting a family farm at a great disadvantage. A family farm could expand and diversify to build their own barn and I think most would be ok with that. We are however opposed to a foreign company. Hylife is neither Manitoba or Canadian owned nor even North American owned for that matter. This company is 100% owned by Japanese and Thailand companies which also which receive our Canadian tax dollars as grants. Profits also leave this continent and aren't returned leaving the economic chain severely broken. Canadian farms struggle at times and funds are handed out internationally. Something is severely wrong with this.

PR343 was closed in 2020 the very first spring the Hylife Merlot barn to the east of me was open. At that hearing locals had stated roads could not handle extra traffic and were obviously right. You as a board and our elected RM councillors have to listen to us. We are here 24/7/365 driving them everyday plus our kids riding school buses. The road gave out within a month of it being filled with pigs. Imagine that, residents being right. These funds should be used directly here for our own roads and infrastructure instead of to a foreign company. This route chosen gets severely beat as well and will put great pressure on surrounding roads. Furthermore the tax dollars generated DO NOT offset the road repairs local RMs have to encounter with the added truck traffic per week. These trucks are consistently on our roads rain, snow or shine. Residents being frustrated by the system will also leave area contributing less tax dollars. Bulldoze yards and move somewhere way more appealing and our concerns at least listened to.

This barn is also being built very close to a major natural watershed in the area which supplies water for recreation at a very popular camping area. Quite certain campers do not want to smell swine either. We as

landowners and farmers have to fight to get drainage permits but to build a site that will seep manure and runoff directly into a water source is OK. I think not.

In closing opposition to these sites certainly have an uphill battle. Also worth noting there is not a level playing field. The ex owners and their partners have tilted things in Hylifes favour by buying support. It would be impressive if local MB residents lifestyle for once could be put ahead of some foreign stock holders pockets on another continent.

Mike McCallum  
Municipality of Boissevain-Morton



Pig Operation Proposal Concerns

Re: HyLife Pig Operations within the Municipality of Grassland

Blanton's Feeders – TRC 12-076

Pappy's Feeders – TRC 12-077

February 21, 2021

To Members of the Manitoba Government,

I am writing to you with concerns related to the proposal of pork operations in the Municipality of Grassland, specifically the Pappy (TRC 12-077) and Blanton (TRC 12-076) Feeders.

I have lived in the Municipality for most of my life. My parents are grain farmers in the area. We have never had pig barns in our area, and now there are two proposals, along with one already approved, to be in the vicinity of Elgin. While there are many benefits, I am worried about three coming to the area. Why? Our Municipality cannot keep up with maintaining the gravel roads that the farmers use for their livelihoods, so how can the municipality keep up with maintaining the roads once there is significantly more traffic on them? And, Elgin has poor water. How can humans go without good water for weeks on end, yet it is fine if water is pumped six miles so we can ensure a pork operation can occur?

**Road maintenance.** I use the gravel roads to travel from my home within the municipality to my parent's farm to help them during harvest. Last year, without the extra HyLife trucks that are going to be on them, Road 27 was a mess. There were frost boils all year. This is fairly normal for this road, but our municipality was not able to keep up with the road maintenance all year. Now there is going to be continual travel on this road for the Pappy Feeder, and the already approved Gibson barn located South-West of Elgin, and Road 27 is going to be a disaster. Farmers need to use this road. This is one of the only roads that runs right from South of Elgin to Minto, where many farmers get their fertilizer and chemical. With spring road restrictions, how are loaded trucks, including HyLife trucks, going to be able to use this road? Trucks have been damaged using Road 27, but as it is one of the only gravel roads that leads into Minto during spring road restrictions, what is going to happen to it? This will affect the Co-op and

Double Diamond's business as farmers have to look elsewhere for their supplies. Also, how is the municipality going to be able to afford to continually fix this road with the much higher traffic that HyLife is going to bring to this road? I, as a tax payer, should not have to pay for the upkeep of these gravel roads, especially when the HyLife trucks have to travel long distances on these roads. It is not my decision to have pig operations that are far from #10 highway, and only accessible by using the only decent gravel roads in the municipality, so why should I have to pay for that upkeep? HyLife trucks will have to travel on approximately 10 miles of gravel from the #10 highway to Pappy's Feeders, approximately 14 miles of gravel from #10 highway to the Gibson's Feeders, and approximately 7 miles of gravel to the #10 highway to the Blanton's Feeders. There are plenty of places closer to #10 highway that barns can be put on, which would create less money spent on road repairs.

**Ethics surrounding water.** Elgin has not had water for weeks, and the quality has been poor for years. I understand that to get water to the already approved Gibson operation, water is being piped from a mile North of Elgin to that site. One can assume that there will not be enough water in Pappy's or Blanton's Feeder sites also, which would mean that water will have to be run to them. Yet, the residents of Elgin do not have adequate drinking water. How is this fair? This becomes an ethical problem. If the municipality is going to approve these barns when water has to be piped for miles, then how are the tax payers going to feel about humans not being able to have proper drinking water? The municipality and LUD cannot afford to provide Elgin residents with proper drinking water, but somehow it can be approved to have water piped for miles for the benefit of pork operations?

I continue to point out that having HyLife pork operations do not necessarily provide much income through tax revenues to the municipality. So, how is the Municipality of Grassland going to be able to continue to pay for the upkeep of our gravel roads due to the increase of truck traffic, and how is the cost of running water to pork operations going to be covered, especially when people in town cannot have access to clean drinking water? The Municipality of Grassland is not going to be able to afford these pig barns, unless HyLife is willing to pay for the costs of running waterlines and fixing the roads, on top of the low amount of taxes they will be paying. Unfortunately, I use two of the gravel roads that will be

beaten down due to HyLife trucks. And I also have empathy towards the residents of Elgin who will be seeing water being ran to pigs, but they themselves cannot even wash their hands.

I really hope that others are willing to speak-up about the ethical and financial difficulties that our municipality will have if these barns are approved.

Thanks,

Hannah Beghin

Lori and Rick Fraser  
Minto, Manitoba

February 22, 2021

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RE: Pappy Feeders (TRC 12-077)

We are neither for nor against this barn but have concerns:

We are concerned about HWY 23 being used as the main route, restrictions are put on this highway from March till June. During this time 27N is used as a main route to avoid Hwy 23.

We have already seen the damage that was caused on the 343 leading to the Boissevain barn and the closure of that road. We can not afford to have 27N closed for the length of time repairs take.

27N is our only route to Highway 10, to enable us to farm, which is our business. Even without Hylife feeder barns being built and serviced for feed and hauling, the maintaining of 27N has been a struggle.

We feel that it would be unfair for our family farm business to suffer because of Hylife. There have been millions committed to upgrading 27N with weeping tile, we do not know this will work but are hopeful. Before the road is given time to heal, more traffic then what 27N has ever seen will be on it.

Also, Hwy 23 is looking at upgrades as early as this year, so it will be un travelable for the year. We will have traffic that normally using 23 (without restrictions) using 27N. The conditions on 27N in the spring are already limited, as farmers having a vested interest in maintaining this road we try to respect the amount of usages we have on it. And avoid it when the frost is coming out. Will Hylife be as concerned?

The other concern will be snow removal, will Hylife have priority over the farm businesses?

We are hearing rumors of 10 barns being built in Grassland? Can our roads really handle the extra traffic?

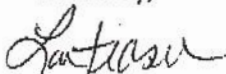
We cannot see the benefit of Hylife barns for the whole municipality of Grassland. We only see that Killarney does benefit.

I have attached a news article from Realagriculture stating that the Canadian pork industry is asking for funding to subsidize hog operations. In 2008 the federal government committed to a breeding herd reduction plan, that landed the pork farmers (Hylife ) a win fall of \$225 a hog., our tax dollars .So, my question is for a industry that needs subsidized WHY are they expanding. In 2008 they closed barns, is Hylife putting up a bond to cover the expenses of the closing of these barns and putting the land back into grain production?

What we are saying is Slow Down, lets see how the municipality roads handle the extra traffic. Why can we not wait till Highway 23 upgrades are done and hopefully have no restrictions, so that the traffic from the feeder barns are not using 27N.

1. A bond is needed for the expense of closures of barn and cleanup of site.
2. 27N the work being done will change the underground water table and we have no idea how that is going to affect our land.
3. Walk before you sprint, the building of these barns are going way too fast, we don't want to look back with regrets.
4. Every barn will be different and have its own environmental impact.
5. SLOW DOWN!!!!!!!

Sincerely,



Rick and Lori Fraser





realagriculture

## Canadian Pork Council asks government for around \$500 million in emergency direct producer payments

April 23, 2020

**I**t has been a brutal month for the North American pork sector due to demand destruction, packing plant closures, and hog futures that have dropped by at least 30 per cent. With every plant shutdown, the inventory of market-ready hogs compounds, increasing the stress on the entire value chain.

The Canadian Pork Council (CPC) released details on Thursday of its request for help from the federal government, which now includes ad hoc direct payments to support the immense financial burden placed on Canadian hog producers. The program is yet to be officially approved by the government but will be presented to the Minister of Finance later today.

The details of what the CPC is seeking are as follows:

- \$400 to \$500 million in direct payment to producers (approximately \$20 per head per hog);
- Immediate payment to deal with urgent severity of the situation;
- Will cover all hog producers in the value chain, including farrow to finish and iso-wean production.
- It is not tied to inventory depopulation decisions.

Rick Bergmann, CPC Chair and Manitoba pork producer, says that COVID-19 has made a bad situation worse. Bergmann says that the hog market has been in free-fall for the last few weeks, and Canada's 7,000 hog producers are facing market devastation, and the hurt will only increase as the pandemic drags on.

"Market returns do not cover costs right now. Initial panic buying has ceased and now, producer prices are falling because of oversupply (induced by lost access to processing and overseas markets), even while retail prices are rising," Bergmann

says. Farm-gate prices have fallen 30 per cent at a minimum. Isoweans — 25 day-old pigs have zero value in the market place — literally, they have no dollar value.

Bergmann says the industry is anticipating \$675 million in losses anticipated, calculated at -\$30/hog for each hog marketed, on average. The losses could be as high as \$50, depending on the region.

“This can’t be maintained,” he says. The government has pushed money out to businesses, but it doesn’t address the challenges hog producers are facing. “It’s a cash flow crisis and is impacting our viability. Without support, farmers won’t be in a position to pay existing bills and debt, let alone additional debt.” Farmers are facing the grim reality of possibly aborting sows or instituting welfare slaughter, as has happened in Eastern Canada at least once already where market-ready animals were euthanized.

The CPC is asking the federal government to protect the food supply and has requested emergency action and support payments, to pay bills, and add confidence in the market for farmers and consumers.

“Without action, family farms will be threatened and are threatened already,” Bergmann says.

It was announced last week by the White House that American pork producers will receive \$1.6 billion in COVID-related assistance. The National Pork Producers Council expressed concern that the amount will “fall short of what is truly needed.”

During the last major crisis for the Canadian hog sector in 2008, the federal government committed \$50 million to a breeding herd reduction program, where producers who agreed to empty at least one barn of breeding stock for a minimum of three years received 225 dollars per culled sow, bred gilt, or boar.

To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)  
Subject: HyLife wants more hog sites in the Municipality of Grassland.  
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To the Manitoba Technical Review Co-ordination Unit :

cc. Manitoba Government

Here we go again! There is no need to rehash all the reasons for turning down HyLife's request for more factory hog barns. Everybody knows there are more reasons for turning them down than allowing them in your community.

Despite the fact that this business is foreign -owned and stocked with, mostly, foreign workers the Manitoba government will bend over backwards to make this go through, smoothly. The red tape has been cut!. HyLife will prevail!. Making money at Manitobans'expense and pathetic jobs matter most. Must be good royalties. No?

Long story short. I was born and raised in SW Manitoba. I was damn proud to be a Manitoban. Bragged about it's beautiful farmland and lakes to everyone I met. Can't do that anymore.

There is a long and dark polluting shadow over the land. Factory hogs sites dot the landscape. Doesn't appear to be any end of it in sight. Hogs and more hogs!!!

Manitoba is a lost cause. People have given up trying to save it. The hog industry owns it. Our ancestors would be ashamed . What a waste and fouling of a beautiful province.

I still own some property in and near Killarney. I spend some time ,in the summer, there despite the stink wafting from factory hog barns, most days and nights.

If it weren't for the factory hog barns my family would spend more time there. WE used to spend so much time at Killarney Lake. That is over now, too. The beach is empty. The lake is polluted with toxic blue green algae, most of the summer.

My sister is moving to Calgary, as I write this. Sold their home in Killarney. Couldn't deal with the stench of hog barns, even in town on a lot surrounded with trees. The changes that have overtaken the town with HyLife's presence has soured many relationships.

Now my three siblings, and their families. have moved away from Manitoba.

Our ancestors settled in SW Manitoba because it had so much to offer. Not now!

The Manitoba government is scraping the bottom of the barrel by encouraging more HyLife business. Are you so desperate you will do anything for such Lowlife business?

The people of Manitoba are beaten down ,I get that. Many of us have tried so hard to save this province from this humiliation but we wasted our time. The factory hog takeover had its stamp of approval even before the hearings. We knew !

It's a sad situation when people give up. All I can hope is that one day HyLife will get what they deserve. Disease in the hog population could end them.

These are not nice people.

-They sell out their province to foreign buyers.

-They get special handouts from government.-taxpayers' money.

- They pollute the waterways and wells and disrespect the communities around them by stinking them out.

-They are asking for many more years extensions on sow stalls, even though they know these stalls are cruel and inhumane. So disgusting!

I have given up on Manitoba. The MB government will cater to these takers.

I will NEVER give up trying to save these poor pigs from the nightmarish conditions they have to endure. Regulations and laws regarding the treatment of factory animals are immoral and never should have been permitted.

There is beautiful farmland in the Grasslands Municipality. I get the impression they are



willing to sell their souls to the devil. "Evil grows where the sun doesn't shine" -in hog barns.  
It's regrettable that they have such short vision, no creative business ideas and choose to live in  
the dark world of HyLife.

There's a HighPrice to pay for inviting HyLife into your community.

Thank you .

Sincerely,

Denise Trafford

Calgary