

Sent: February 15, 2021 3:52 PM
To: +WPG139 - TRC (MR)
Subject: TRC 12-080 FROM CHERYL AND BILL LAWSON

Importance: High

To whom it may concern,

We are property owners at Rock Lake Manitoba (315 Davidson Drive). We are in opposition of the proposal from Hylife -Crown Royal to establish a pig operation unit at NW ¼ 30-2-15 WPM (Near Holmfield).

The concern is the direct impact it will have on the environment- land, rivers, lakes and air. This will affect property values in all directions

Please do not allow this proposal to go forward.

Sincerely,
Cheryl and Bill Lawson

Sent: February 15, 2021 5:38 PM
To: +WPG139 - TRC (MR)
Subject: TRC 12-080 FROM Carlee Lawson

To whom it may concern,

I am a resident at a family cabin at Rock Lake Manitoba (315 Davidson Drive). I am in opposition of the proposal from Hylife -Crown Royal to establish a pig operation unit at NW ¼ 30-2-15 WPM (Near Holmfield).

The concern is the direct impact it will have on the environment- land, rivers, lakes and air. This will affect property values in all directions

Please do not allow this proposal to go forward

Carlee Lawson

Sent: February 16, 2021 4:22 PM
To: +WPG139 - TRC (MR)
Subject: Against pig operation unit.

To whom it may concern,

We are property owners at Rock Lake Manitoba. We are in opposition of the proposal from Hylife -Crown Royal to establish a pig operation unit at NW ¼ 30-2-15 WPM (Near Holmfield).

The concern is the direct impact it will have on the environment- land, rivers, lakes and air. This will affect property values in all directions.

Please do not allow this proposal to go forward.

Sincerely,
Brenna Lawson

Sent: February 23, 2021 7:05 PM
To: +WPG139 - TRC (MR)
Subject: TRC 12-080

The proposed hog barn by Hylife (TRC 12-080) in the RM of Cartwright Roblin, is an economic and environmental disaster waiting to happen. I cannot imagine a government, municipal or provincial, that would consider these concentrated animal feeding operations a viable and thoughtful response to job creation or an improved economy.

Cartwright Roblin Municipality is one of the few remaining municipalities that is free of these types of corporate owned, profit driven, concentrated animal feeding operations. Our municipality remains a shining light of hope where farmers both big and small meet on even footing to progress agriculture and make sound environmental decisions. We work together to discuss problems and solutions and the environment and the communities we support are always a focal point of that discussion. I feel that even the thought of approving the Hylife barn in our area devalues years of cooperation and environmental stewardship by our local residents.

Concentrated animal feeding operations such as the proposed Hylife barn only ensure that large corporations profit once again on the back of rural communities. These companies offer questionable economic returns in return for losses in tourism, environmental degradation, risks to local aquifers, lakes and rivers, and decrease property values. Although they promise the return of people to our communities with increased jobs, these promises often never materialize in any real gains to our small towns. Instead we are left with an environmental hazard in our midst and decreased real and innovative opportunities for growing our small communities as we work to a more productive and supportive future.

I question why our government continues to deteriorate our rural way of living. I urge you to reconsider any proposed hog barns and rather focus on sustainable and regenerative agriculture as the true way to ensuring that our rural communities once again find solid footing. It is time for our provincial leadership to step forward and ensure that those who put them in power, those that work everyday for the betterment of all Manitobans are put before foreign corporations and the promise of quick and fast economic returns.

I thank you for your time and look for your appropriate response to this issue.

Sincerely,

Riley Kemp
Cartwright Manitoba

February 24, 2021

Attention: Livestock Technical Review Committee

As individuals who grew up on local farms and are now retired in the area, we are writing to express our opposition to the proposed establishment of the Hylife pig barn known as Crown Royal (TRC 12-080). We are hoping that the Livestock Technical Review Committee will do the right thing and advise that this operation not be established in the RM of Cartwright-Roblin.

There are many reasons why we are opposed to this expansion of Hylife's operation.

- 1) To date, our RM has avoided large commercial farming operations and by so doing has allowed our young farmers to remain in the community, continue to enjoy family farming and contribute to and enjoy rural life. Many of these young farmers are focusing on sustainable and regenerative farming thus improving the quality of the land, the treatment of animals, the quality of the food produced as well as the yield.
- 2) It is simply outrageous and inhumane that pigs are raised in an environment that has no similarity to their natural habitat. They have no opportunity to enjoy the outdoors, root in the dirt and have at least some freedom to roam.
- 3) Although there are regulations in regards to management of manure, there is no avoiding polluting the air with highly offensive, irritating and potentially disease producing gases that are minimal with small farm operations.
- 4) Large pig barns use a tremendous amount of water and we are concerned about the impact on this scarce resource for neighbouring farms and communities.
- 5) The exorbitant amount of manure spread on the fields potentially leads to contamination of our water supply. Although the injection technique is used to help prevent run off we worry that late thaw, early freeze up or heavy rains could negate those efforts. Not only is this potentially an issue for the drinking water supply, there are nearby creeks that eventually flow into Rock Lake which already suffers from a high nutrient load.
- 6) The impact on the roads in the area of the pig barn will be significant. We question whether the taxes paid by the corporation adequately cover the cost of maintenance and future redevelopment.

The negative consequences of a large commercial, foreign owned pig barn operation far outweigh any perceived economic benefit to a community. We urge our government officials to, instead, focus their efforts and financial support on the small sustainable and regenerative farm operations that really can make a difference to the productivity of our land, the humane treatment of our animals, the quality of our food, sustainability of our communities and hope for the future. Please do the right thing.

Sincerely;

Judy and Darwin Robertson

Cartwright

Sent: March 2, 2021 11:36 AM
To: +WPG139 - TRC (MR)
Subject: Re: TRC 12-080

From: Kim Langen, at NW 20-2-15 West, near Holmfield, MB

March 1, 2021

Re: Proposed Hylife Crown Royal (TRC 12 - 080) hog barn project

Dear Sir/Madam,

The concerns I have regarding this proposed hog barn include the management of PTH #458, which is the proposed truck route for the HyLife trucks.

These heavy trucks (around 28 tonnes loaded - similar to a loaded gravel truck) will come in from the south, off Hwy 3, travel north to the site, over the historic 1925 single lane Holmfield Bridge, and return on the same route.

This road can get very swampy in areas, particularly just north of Silver Lake, and just north of the Holmfield Bridge. The centre crown of the road often become exaggeratedly raised, with deep tracks on each side, during wet weather and spring break-up conditions. Many times I have been unable to negotiate the road during these times, as my chassis gets dragged into the centre mass, and I have to go onto the roadside, or have to detour on my way to work in Killarney.

What will the incessant HyLife trucks do to the #458? The dust will be incredible at dry times, and the mud and raised crowns in wet weather will become impossible for a car to negotiate. This highway belongs to all of us who use it, and live in the area, and I fear it will become the creature of HyLife trucks who will pound it at least twice daily, there and back, and year-round. How will Highways and Infrastructure, and HyLife, address this issue?

Also, the HyLife map, regarding the 3-km radius notification area, implies there are just five residences in the area, including mine. One of these markers, on SE 24-02-16 W, falls onto the small and historic community of Holmfield. This is not just one residence, as implied, but contains over a dozen homes at least, with most homeowners living there year-round. Have these people all been considered when it comes to odour and dust from the adjoining #458? Were they left out of the numbers evaluation in this proposal?

Lastly, what are the plans for the stoic Holmfield Bridge? Is this being replaced in response to the proposed hog barn route, and at what cost? It is a beautiful bridge, and what is the future of this long-standing structure, which has endured floods and storms and heavy traffic for nearly 100 years, and is mentioned in the MB Historical Society archives?

I am dreading the impending odour of this intended barn, which will affect all of us in the area for miles. I wish prosperity to all, but it does appear that those of us who fall into the catchment area of these 18,000 head hog barns, now owned by non-Canadian investors, pay the price. And it is a heavy price.

Kim Langen



Karen Patterson, CMMA
Chief Administrative Officer

March 1st, 2021

Technical Review Co-ordination Unit
Municipal Relations
604-800 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, MB
R3G 0N4

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Proposed Establishment of a Pig Operation, Hylife – Crown Royal (TRC 12-080)

At the regular meeting of February 24th, 2021 council reviewed the above noted proposal for Hylife – Crown Royal (TRC 12-080).

While the Municipality of Killarney – Turtle Mountain council is not opposed to the establishment of the above noted pig operation, they would like to express their concerns on the proposed truck route indicated on the proposal. With the proposed barn being on the divide road between the Municipality of Cartwright – Roblin and the Municipality of Killarney – Turtle Mountain, the Municipality of Killarney – Turtle Mountain believes there needs to be some discussion on the proposed truck routes and a possible road levy for both municipalities. The main concern is that unless the proposed truck route is made a condition of the conditional use order, it is highly likely that some of the trucks, especially the feed truck will take a more direct route to the feed mill located on the northeast corner of Killarney. The Municipality of Killarney – Turtle Mountain will then be responsible for the additional maintenance on those roads, however our municipality has implemented specific truck routes and those routes are part of all new conditional use orders, as well as an additional road levy.

The Municipality of Killarney – Turtle Mountain would like to request that there be a discussion with all parties involved to make sure the trucks are required to use specific routes and that both municipalities involved are compensated for the additional road maintenance.

We trust this clearly states our position we look forward to further discussion.

Municipality of Killarney - Turtle Mountain

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janice Smith".

Janice Smith, Acting Mayor

Sent: March 3, 2021 7:40 AM
To: +WPG139 - TRC (MR)
Subject: Hylife-Crown Royal TRC 12-080

Hi

I am opposed to the construction of the hog barn. They are a blight on the landscape and it should not be tolerated. They pollute the air and make it difficult for people having to live close to the barns. It used to be that the farmer would own the barn, but now Hylife is bypassing the farmer and owning the farm land, the buildings and the hogs. It's not a Manitoba corporation and now is owned by companies from overseas. I did not realize that Manitoba was for sale in such a manor. Hylife is not a neighbor. I do not know of a single farmer that is for these barns.

Randy Dyck
Holmfield, MB

Sent: March 3, 2021 2:27 PM
To: +WPG139 - TRC (MR)
Subject: TRC-12080

Hi, my name is Ariane Beaudoin, I live on NE 3-2-16 killarney. I am oppose to the building of the new nursery barn for a few reasons. (I have nothing against pig as I work for an hylife barn) .
But from where I live the there is already a barn less than a couple miles North west of my place , this one would be south east, which means, which ever way the wind blows that smell will come to my place. Second, Neelin road is already really bad due to all the trucks traveling on it not including hoe much traffic this causes on a gravel road. Also , there is that heritage bridge in Holmfield that the truck would damage to the point where it would have to be destroyed.

for those reason I am against the building of this barn

Ariane

Sent from my Galaxy

Sent: March 3, 2021 2:52 PM
To: +WPG139 - TRC (MR)
Subject: Hylife Hog nursery NW 1/4 30-2-15 WPM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing as I am opposed to the development of the proposed Hylife hog nursery in the RM of Roblin-Cartwright.

My wife and young family are farmers and residents in this municipality and are both active on various boards and community organizations and I am chair of the local watershed district. My family appreciates that there are existing hog nurseries in the area, but do not wish to see any more of these sites developed for the reasons outlined below.

These hog nurseries are notorious for producing short term economic gains and long-term environmental and social strains. The initial job creation to get the infrastructure up and running and tax revenue thereafter is not so attractive when paired with many adverse negative impacts. There will no doubt be massive water consumption to service these hogs, excessive and unsustainable nutrient loading on surrounding landscapes, some of which will inevitably leach into the surrounding watershed, air pollution to neighbouring farms and communities and increased heavy truck traffic and corresponding damage on the municipal roads.

Furthermore, I believe this proposed site is way too close to the community of Holmfield and also too dangerously close to protected Crown lands and Long River watershed to the north. Ultimately, in no way do the pros outweigh the cons with this project and hope that this proposal will be rejected.

Thank you for your consideration,

Troy Stozek

March 3, 2021

To whom this may concern,

RE: TRC 12-080

I am writing this letter in regards to the proposed Hylife – Crown Royal (TRC 12-080) nursery barns. I am opposed to these barns being built.

As a property owner within the 3km radius of the proposed barns, I did not receive any notification of these barns.

I am very concerned about our water quality and use with those hog barns going up. There are places in Texas where their water has so much chlorine they are testing the people for chlorine level. They are buying water, is this where we will end up if a stop is not made? Or regret it later, when it is too late to act?

No one enjoys the smell of the manure but the greatest concern is the use of it on land. We all know that when the manure is not fully injected, it lays on top and then there is the potential of it flowing into the ditch and then eventually into the lakes.

Once pig barns move in property value drops as no one likes to live by a pig barn, including the owners of these particular barns who actually live in Thailand and Japan.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Pearl Black

Pearl Black

Sent: March 3, 2021 9:34 PM
To: +WPG139 - TRC (MR)

Subject: TRC 12-080

This letter is in response to the request of Hylife - Crown Royal to establish a weanling, nursery pig operation within the Cartwright-Roblin Municipality.

I am strongly opposed to this factory being established within our Municipality. I see no benefits to this operation, as any taxes gained will be promptly spent on gravelling and maintaining the roads for miles around the facility. I am concerned for the depletion and possible contamination of water sources despite promises of safeguarding environmental conditions. And one of the most obvious reasons to oppose a factory farm of this magnitude - the smell.

Building this barn will not benefit businesses to any extent within our municipal towns - individuals that work in the facility will gravitate to the larger centres to buy housing and groceries, attend school, as well as spend money on sports and recreation out of our area.

This is not a young family trying to eke out a living by raising a few hogs. By their own admission, Hylife is a global company with facilities across North America, China, Mexico, and beyond. They are pushing into our community to utilize our resources and then profits and product will be distributed just about everywhere but here. I have no interest in allowing this company to build locally.

Sincerely,

Murray and Tricia Livingstone

Mr. Don Malinowski
Livestock Technical Review Co-ordination Unit
604 - 800 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, Manitoba
R3G 0N4

March 4, 2021

Ref: TRC 12-080

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed establishment of the HyLife's barn known as Crown Royal (TRC 12-080). We are hoping that the Livestock Technical Review Committee will do the right thing and advise that this operation not be established in the RM of Cartwright-Roblin.

There are many reasons why we are opposed to this expansion of HyLife's operation.

- 1) To date, our RM has avoided large commercial farming operations and by so doing has allowed our young farmers to remain in the community, continue to enjoy family farming and contribute to and enjoy rural life. Many of these young farmers are focusing on sustainable and regenerative farming, thus improving the quality of the land, the ethical treatment of animals, and the quality of the food produced as well as the yield.
- 2) The Site Assessment does not adequately assess animal welfare points described in CCAC guidelines on the care and use of farm animals in research, teaching and testing page 103. This summary is for CCAC guidelines on the care and use of farm animals in research, teaching and testing. There is no reason the same requirement cannot be applied to food production operations.
- 3) Although there are regulations regarding management of manure, there is no avoiding polluting the air with highly offensive, irritating, and potentially disease producing gases that just do not exist with small farm operations. There is a lack of proposed handling of manure and its effect on surrounding water courses and lakes particularly regarding season handling.
- 4) I am concerned about the impact on this scarce resource for neighbouring farms and communities. No supporting documentation was provided showing well testing results, specifically well draw down figures. It may be assumed that climate warming may decrease the water supply to the aquifers in this area.
- 5) The estimated 1500 plus acres required for manure spread on the fields leads to contamination of our water supply. Although the injection technique is used to help prevent run off we worry that late thaw, early freeze up or heavy rains could negate those efforts. Not only

is this potentially an issue for the drinking water supply, but there are also nearby creeks that eventually flow into Rock Lake which already suffers from a high nutrient load.

6) I see no cost/benefit estimates to the municipality.

The negative consequences of a large commercial, foreign owned pig barn operation far outweigh any perceived economic benefit to a community. We urge our government officials to instead, focus their efforts and financial support on the small sustainable and regenerative farm operations that really can make a difference to the productivity of our land, the humane treatment of our animals, the quality of our food, sustainability of our communities and hope for the future. Please do the right thing and reject the application for Crown Royal Large Animal Proposal.

Sincerely;
Cory E. Laughlin

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cory E. Laughlin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "C" and "L".

Cartwright, MB

Sent: March 4, 2021 6:53 PM
To: +WPG139 - TRC (MR)
Subject: Hylife pig barns TRC 12-080

Christine Livingstone

Cartwright, MB

March 4, 2021

Re the Hylife – Crown Royal proposal, reference number TRC 12-080, to build hog barns on NW ¼ 30-2-15 WPM: I am very much against having these barns built.

Long River runs through land just south of the proposed building site. Contamination of this river is certainly possible from these pig barns. As well, there are Ducks Unlimited and MWF Habitat lands just north of the barn location, also not a good fit with hog barns.

Pig barns stink, no matter what is done to try to control the smell, This stink drifts onto adjoining lands and peoples' homes, making living downwind of the barns very unpleasant. It's interesting to note that pig barns are never placed close to high density residential areas - a location close to towns or cottage country would never be considered.

The road that is marked at the truck route - #458 – is just a gravel road, one that is not in good condition at any time. Truck traffic to the barns will certainly make this road worse than it already is.

For these reasons I hope you will not approve this hog barn application.

Christine Livingstone

Kelly and Mary Livingstone
Cartwright, MB
March 4, 2021

We are responding to the proposal from Hylife – Crown Royal to establish a 18,000 weanling, nursery pig operation on NW ¼ 30-2-15 WPM, reference TRC 12-080. We are not in favor of this intensive livestock operation, for a number of reasons.

Firstly, these barns would be located within one mile of Ducks Unlimited wetlands, and 1.5 miles from a MWF Habitat. An 18,000 head pig operation is not a good fit with these waterfowl habitats. As well, the Long River as well as a creek are also within one mile of the barns. The proposal indicates the liquid manure will be applied in the spring, during the overland flooding period, increasing the possibility of contamination of these waterways.

Secondly, Road 458 is listed as the trucking route. This is a gravel road that presently has problems with “washboard” conditions when it's dry and potholes when it's wet. This road will deteriorate further if used as a truck route, resulting in increased poor road conditions for the people who actually live in this area.

The final point against this proposal is air quality. Pigs do not smell sweetly, 18,000 head even less so. Anyone who has been downwind of a pig barn will attest to this. The air pollution / stench from these large pig barns results in very poor air quality for anyone who lives withing a few miles of the barns. This is not the short term odor from manure application, this is a year round problem. It reduces the quality of life for those in it's vicinity, windows must remain closed, outdoor leisure time is limited due to odor, and residential property values also decline.

We strongly encourage you to deny this hog barn application.

Kelly and Mary Livingstone

Sent: March 5, 2021 8:56 AM
To: +WPG139 - TRC (MR)
Subject: Fwd: Hylife proposal. TRC 12-080

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

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> To whom it may concern:
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> I would like to oppose this proposal as I do not feel it is in the best interest of citizens of Cartwright Roblin Municipality. I am concerned about where the excess runoff will eventually end up. More than likely Rock Lake. Also the income from the taxes will not cover the expenses of the damages to the roads. (and to build a new bridge). I have been told that Hylife does pay towards road repair but if the road south of #5 is an example it is not a good one. That road is terrible!!!
> Cartwright Roblin Municipality has done a wonderful job of keeping large corporations at bay and I hope they continue to do so and vote down this proposal.
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> Thank you for your time.
> Renae Maxwell
> Cartwright, Mb
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> Sent from my iPad

Sent: March 5, 2021 11:06 AM
To: +WPG139 - TRC (MR)
Subject: From Greg Carpenter Holmfield Manitoba

March 5, 2021

To:
Manitoba Government

I am responding to the TRC 12-080 Hylife-Crown Royal pig operation proposal.

Among our primary concerns is how this operation is going to affect the quality of life in our community of Holmfield (as well as other nearby rural residents). We already have to tolerate the intermittent stench that arises from pig operations to the southwest. This new pig operation will frequently place our town directly in line with the stench carried by the prevailing northwesterlies. This is not an acceptable air quality condition to have to accept in perpetuity!

Also, our access road (PTH #458) will be under the constant forces of rapid degradation from heavy truck travel. In addition, we love our little town and the history and things that make it special, like our 100 year old concrete bridge that crosses Long River right at the town. Why should we potentially have to lose our precious, artistic and historic landmark over which we drive, walk, stop to think, look at sunsets, and enjoy the river and the birds. This would sacrilege!

No one wants to lose this:

<http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/sites/holmfieldbridge.shtml>

I strongly believe that when an operation such as the one proposed affects the lives of town and other nearby rural residents to their detriment, subtracting rather than adding value to their lives, it should not be established in that locality.

Greg Carpenter

March 5, 2021

Mr. Don Malinowski
Livestock Technical Review Coordination Unit
604-800 Portage Ave.
Winnipeg MB, R3G 0N4
Email: TRC@gov.mb.ca

Re: TRC 12-080. Re pig barn Hylife Crown Royal.

Dear Mr. Malinowski;

We have owned property on the south west end of Rock Lake since 1980 and prior to that, our parents owned property there from 1961-1980. From the early 1900's our grandparents picnicked at Rock Lake Beach. Thus, our family has a long history at Rock Lake and our concern for the health and wellbeing of the environment in and around Rock Lake is rooted in this long history.

We are writing to express our opposition to the proposed establishment of the Hylife pig barn known as Crown Royal (TRC 12- 080). We are hoping that the Livestock Technical Review Committee will do the right thing and advise that this operation not be established in the RM of Cartwright-Roblin.

We are aware that others (Robertson; Laughlin) have written to you to voice their opposition and we agree with the points they have made, most of which are restated below. We, like them are opposed to this expansion of Hylife's operation for many reasons.

- 1) To date, our RM has avoided large commercial farming operations and by so doing has allowed our young farmers to remain in the community, continue to enjoy family farming and contribute to and enjoy rural life. Many of these young farmers are focusing on sustainable and regenerative farming thus improving the quality of the land, the treatment of animals, the quality of the food produced as well as the yield.
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- 4) Large pig barns use a tremendous amount of fresh water and we are concerned about the impact on this scarce resource for neighbouring farms and communities.
- 5) The exorbitant amount of manure spread on the fields potentially leads to contamination of our water supply. Although the injection technique is used to help prevent runoff, we worry that late thaw, early freeze up, or heavy rains could negate those efforts. This has the potential to contaminate our drinking water supply. Furthermore, the nearby creeks eventually flow into Rock Lake which already suffers from a high nutrient load.

6) The negative impact on the roads in the area of the pig barn will be significant. We question whether the taxes paid by the corporation will adequately cover the cost of maintenance and future redevelopment.

The negative consequences of a large commercial, foreign-owned pig barn operation far outweigh any perceived economic benefit to a community. We urge our government officials to, instead, focus their efforts and financial support on the small sustainable and regenerative farm operations that really can make a difference to the productivity of our land, the humane treatment of our animals, the quality of our food, the sustainability of our communities and hope for the future. Please do the right thing. Reject the application for the establishment of the Hylife pig barn known as Crown Royal (TRC 12- 080).

Sincerely,

Jane McKay-Nesbitt
John Nesbitt
Cartwright, MB

Emailed to TRC@ gov.mb.ca

March 5, 2021

Technical Review Co-ordination Unit - Municipal Relations

604-800 Portage Avenue Winnipeg, MB R3G 0N4

RE: TRC 12-080

This letter will serve as my notice of concerns with respect to the above referenced proposal and the issue that is pressing and substantial.

ISSUES of CONCERN

1. The procedure of notice has been met with a notice in the local newspaper, however I did not receive notice until yesterday and not from the Municipality to whom I have paid taxes for almost 18 years. It has successfully contacted me in the past on relatively minor issues. Given the magnitude of this proposal, I suggest the municipality had a greater duty of care than the minimum required. I raise this as a concern and not as a pressing issue. It speaks to the minimal effort to include stakeholders and submit it does not reflect good faith in the process.
2. The Official notice does not cite the date the application was submitted. Again, this is not pressing but it is a concern with respect to delay. How much time has the applicant had to prepare in comparison to the residents? Is it proportional and does it represent procedural fairness?
3. Having reviewed the Site Assessment submitted by the applicant it cannot be determined if a complete and accurate environmental impact assessment has been conducted and reviewed.

PRESSING and SUBSTANTIAL CONCERN

1. The Site Assessment states that the water (implied as fresh water) required for the operation is estimated at a maximum of 19,800 Imperial gallons per day or 7,227,000 Imperial gallons per year. The operational need is proposed to be supplied by a well. Given the area is an aquifer; what is the specific impact or science-based determination of impact on the aquifer? Further, what is the general impact on the water availability in the area for already operating farms and residents?

Given the scope and nature of implications for the area in the short and long term; I object to the application and request a detailed assessment of the impact on fresh water for the area.

Thank you for your interest in these important matters and I look forward to your response.

Pamela Leech

Winnipeg

Property in the Subject Area: Rock Lake, Manitoba

March 5 2021

Province of Manitoba
Technical Review Co-ordination Unit
Municipal Relations
604-800 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3G0N4

Reference: TRC 12 - 080
TRC@gov.mb.ca
Hylife - Crown Royal
NW 1/4 30-2-15 WPM

Pursuant to the above this corporation has received your undated notice. The following are our concerns;

- a) The proposed location is within two miles of the Village of Holmfield which would logically put the weanling/nursery barn too close to the community from regulatory viewpoint.
- b) This barn would be the second barn which Hylife would own and operate within three miles of Holmfield calculated on a direct distance line basis.
- c) The road dividing the two municipalities is a gravel surface and the dust from further truck traffic would make life unpleasant and at times unbearable, given the existing heavy truck traffic from the gravel pit located between the proposed barn and the Village of Holmfield.
- d) The above mentioned gravel road crosses the Long River almost directly opposite the said village. The river is spanned by a heritage Team Bridge, built during the great depression in the 1930's. The increased traffic from the proposed barn maybe beyond the capabilities of the existing structure. As the subject road, #458 as designated on your notice, is within provincial jurisdiction and the province must determine what the cost to it will be from the significant increase in traffic.
- e) Given the proximity of the proposed barn to Holmfield, the residents thereof will suffer the pollution from air contamination. This is the experience from the Hylife barn now existing southwest of the village.
- f) The final concern of our corporation is the issue of water pollution. Two separate factors are at play here. The first is the composition of the soil in our area. There is a high level of gravel in our soil between the village and the proposed barn. A commercial gravel pit is in operation northwest of the Team Bridge immediately adjacent to #458. This soil quality will foster the movement of ground water between the proposed site and the village. The village has no

public water delivery system and thus is very vulnerable to such movement given everyone's dependence on water wells. The second factor is the drainage linkage of both surface and ground water over, by river, and under the surface ie. ground water. Water flowing around the Town of Killarney flows via the Long River through the village. Another main tributary also flows in the the Long River designated as Jackfish Creek. In addition surface water from the junction of #3 and #18 highways also joins the Long River west of Holmfield and thus flows through Holmfield. flooding is not unusual in the spring season and can block #458. This flooding undoubtedly would affect the soil around the barn, putting additional danger and pressure on the lagoon system. Our local soil, with the the exception of surface cover simply would not stand this underground pressure due to the lack of clay content therein.

Regards,

Harrison Milling & Grain Co. Ltd.
per: E. G. Harrison

Please acknowledge receipt of this correspondence give the short time constraints stipulated in the Notice.

March 6, 2021

To whom this may concern,

Regarding: TRC 12-080

We are writing regarding the Hylife – Crown Royal (TRC 12-080) proposed establishment of three nursery barns and our opposition to them.

We have reviewed the documents on this website: https://www.gov.mb.ca/mr/livestock/trc-12-080_sa_attachments.html and have a number of questions and comments on the Site Assessment document:

- Page 5, 7.1 Water Requirements
Currently there is a community well to the east of us with no restrictions on who can draw and how much can be drawn. With the proposed nursery barns to the west of us and their annual use of 7,227,000 imperial gallons of water being used, how much can we draw before we start running into water shortage? What will the area residents do for their water supply once we run into a shortage? The sloughs in our area are disappearing. We invite you to visit our area, we are happy to show you the sloughs that normally have water in them and are now dry or very close to it. These sloughs are an indicator that the water table is dropping.
- Page 7, 9.0 Abandoned Wells
It indicates that there are no known unsealed abandoned wells on the project site or spread fields. This is incorrect. There is an abandoned well on the SE 30-02-15-W quarter. To our knowledge this well was never properly capped.
- Page 9, 11.0 Odour Control Measures (project site)
The project site plans indicates that there will be a shelterbelt around the barns. Currently, there are no trees on this property. What kind of trees will be planted? How many years will it be before the shelterbelt is effective? Please do not give the standard reply that the applicant gave in TRC 12-055 and TRC 12-071 that says "Outside, we will utilize a 3 row multi-species vegetated shelterbelt around the production facility. This will not only improve the aesthetic of the site, but will create greater lift to better dissipate and diffuse odours."

Our home is southeast of the proposed barns and the land we farm is just to the east of the land where most of the manure will be spread twice a year. With the close proximity, we are very concerned about the smell. Approximately five miles to the west of us, there are hog barns in the Killarney-Turtle Mountain Municipality and we can smell them in our yard. As beef/grain farmers, our job takes us outside for the majority of the day. We do not wish to smell hog manure while working outside. We also do not wish to smell it when we enjoy time with family and friends in our yard.

In the applicant's responses to files TRC 12-055, TRC 12-071 and TRC 12-073, "neighbours can be assured that Hylife will make best efforts to address all reasonable concerns brought to its attention. We value our reputation as a good corporate citizen in the communities in which we operate." How can the applicant be a good corporate citizen when there are numerous letters from the residents of the respective municipalities to the TRC and where odour/smell is a huge

concern and yet the barns are built in most of the Municipalities and a standard response is provided?

- Page 10, 12.3, Characteristics of Manure Application Fields
It indicates yes to all regulatory setbacks of water features. However, based on the Long River overflowing (see attached map and paragraph below on manure application on lands subject to frequent flooding) a lot of these acres may not be available for spring application.

12.3.9: The Spread Field Map has quarter NE 29-02-15W included. We own this quarter and we have not given permission for manure to be spread here. We have also not requested or inquired if this could be a possibility. In the applicant's responses to TRC 12-055, TRC 12-071, and TRC 12-073 it says "in fact, the manure agreements that have been signed with area producers exceed the required spread acres." It obviously is a requirement to have a signed agreement. Where is ours? Please provide documentation to prove we have signed and agreed to this.

Please note that on the Spread Field Map, the legend has the name "Proposed Pappy Feeders". This is the file number for TRC 12-077 in the Grasslands Municipality.

12.3.10: Soil test reports: On page 11 of the Soil Test Report is the soil test for the NE 29-02-15W quarter. We did not give permission for soil samples to be taken from this quarter nor were we aware that soil samples would be taken. Please provide documentation where permission was granted to take a soil sample and when the sample was taken.

As we have not had any conversation with Hylife, and as we have no signed documentation for manure to be spread and to have soil samples taken from our quarter, it came as a huge surprise to us that our quarter is part of the plan for the Hylife – Crown Royal proposed establishment.

- Page 11, 13.2 Manure application on lands subject to frequent flooding or inundation
It is marked no for any of the lands available for manure application located in the Red River Valley Special Management Area or another area that is subject to flooding on an average basis at least once every five years. This is false as indicated on the attached map. Parts of sections NW 19-02-15-W, SW and SE 30-02-15-W, SW 29-02-15-W are subject to annual flooding of the Long River if winter snowfall is high, particularly in the Turtle Mountains where the river begins, or if large amounts of rainfall occur during summer months. Also causing the Long River to overflow its banks is an excess flow from the Jackfish Creek which flows into this river before it arrives in this area. This is a natural path for the river to follow once it has overflowed its banks and has not been influenced by human interference. The acres consumed are unknown and not addressed in the site assessment document.

We would also like to make you aware of the fact that Ducks Unlimited funnels water starting in the Killarney-Turtle Mountain RM sections 25-2-16 and 36-02-16 onto SW 30-02-15-W and NW 30-02-15W as per their water license obtained years ago. Therefore, water can be, and is, released throughout the year.

We rent pasture from Pearl Black (SE 29-02-15W) where there is a fenced off dugout in the NW corner that our cattle use as its water source in the summer. It is algae free. According to the

spread field map, the fields to the west of where our pasture is, is where most of the manure will be partially injected twice a year and with the natural runoff we are concerned about our water source for our cattle. Who becomes responsible should our water supply become contaminated?

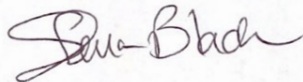
- Page 12. 14.0 Projected Truck Haul Routes and Access Points.
One of the benefits of the proposed barns is supposedly the employment it will provide for the municipality. The chart indicates that four staff will access the provincial road. We are not convinced that providing employment for four people will offset the negative effects these barns will have.

In the Cartwright-Roblin Municipality there are many family owned farms, such as ours, and this is highly valued in our community. We are aware that Hylife's "roots date back to some 25 years when two farm families, Janzen and Vielfaure joined together to form what is now Hylife." This is no longer the case and we are opposed for a company that is owned by Charoen Pokphand Foods Public Company Limited in Thailand, and by Itochu in Japan to have barns in our municipality.

As the Technical Review Committee, we trust you will do your due diligence and provide us with REAL answers to our questions and concerns instead of your typical response "the information contained in the Site Assessment submitted by the proponent generally meets provincial requirements. In addition, based on available information it has been determined that the proposed operation will not create a risk to health, safety or the environment, or that any risk can be minimized through the use of appropriate practices, measures and safeguards." As posted in TRC Files 12-053, 12-055, 12-071 and 12-073.

Regards,

Gerald Black



Gerald & Stella Black

Attachment

March 6, 2021

Province of Manitoba
Technical Review Co-ordination Unit
Municipal Relations
604-800 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3G0N4

Reference: TRC 12 - 080
TRC@gov.mb.ca
Hylife - Crown Royal
NW 1/4 30-2-15 WPM

As a landowner and resident of the village of Holmfield, I have the following concerns:

- 1) Depletion of the water table. The site requires 19,800 Imperial gallons daily. I have a newly drilled shallow well and have concerns about maintaining an adequate water supply.
- 2) Pollution/drainage into the water table. Between Holmfield and the proposed barn site the soil is predominately made up of gravel.
- 3) Air quality. The proposed site is 2.7 km from the village. This proximity causes air quality concerns. Holmfield already has hog barn sites to the west, northwest and southwest within a 5 km radius. This resulting odour already significantly affects our quality of life as residents can't be outside and have to keep windows closed depending on wind direction. Having a site to the north adds yet another direction to blow the odour into town.
- 4) Dust control. Holmfield is located at the junction of a gravel road and highway #458 (which is now also gravel). We have dust blowing into town from 2 directions. Increased site related traffic will cause more dust. This again affects quality of life - yards are dust covered, windows can't be open, laundry can't be hung out and makes it unpleasant to enjoy our yards.
- 5) Existing grain and gravel truck traffic have put a lot of pressure on the roads. Highway 458 lost the asphalt surface because it became impossible to keep the pavement repaired with the increased traffic. Adding additional site trucks will cause more deterioration and damage.
- 6) Threat to a historical structure. The historic Team Bridge has been passing inspection up until now. This bridge has handled flooding and ice jams for 96 years. It may not be able to handle the increased traffic. It would be devastating to the community to lose this iconic landmark.

Regards,
Jean Harrison

Sent: March 7, 2021 11:36 AM
To: +WPG139 - TRC (MR)
Subject: Hylife Crown Royal Pig Operation, TRC -12-080

Attention, Livestock Technical Review Committee

Although my wife and I no longer live in the Municipality of Cartwright Roblin we still have a cottage on Rock Lake where we enjoy Manitoba's beautiful summers. As property owners in the RM we object to the construction and operation of the above noted hog operation. Over the years we have experienced first hand the continuous degradation of water quality in the lakes of the Pembina Valley watershed, specifically Rock Lake. The deterioration of water quality over the years has virtually ruined the lakes for fishing and recreation, both of which are vital draws for economic activity for local business owners and taxes from cottage owners for the RM. To that end the Tri-Lakes Development group has commissioned a study by AAE Consulting to recommend methods of improvement for the lake's water quality. According to AAE Consulting the primary factor in water quality degradation is exponential algae growth triggered by agricultural run off. This project is sure to exacerbate this situation as a result of its location in the watershed.

Regards, Richard and Carolyn Boyce

Sturgeon County Alberta

Sent: March 7, 2021 12:38 PM
To: +WPG139 - TRC (MR)
Subject: Proposed Hylife Crown Royal hog barn project

As a person living full time in Holmfield Manitoba I am dismayed to learn of this proposal for more hog barns so close to our community.

There are 15 households with a total of 25 adults and 6 kids who live in Holmfield part or full time. We are very proud of our little community and take great pains to maintain it.

The idea of more heavy trucks traveling past our community and creating more noise and dust is worrisome. We already endure the smell of pig barns located just to the south west of us . Adding more smelly barns seems unfair.

As well the thought of losing the beautiful bridge north of us on #458 is disappointing.

Elaine Sartin
Holmfield

Holmfield ART Farm

Holmfield MB Canada

March 7, 2021

TRC@gov.mb.ca

Dear People of Manitoba,


I am responding to the TRC 12-080 Hylife-crown royal pig operation proposal.

There are not many towns left in our province like Holmfield. This new hog barn being proposed will destroy life in Holmfield as we know it. My partner and I bought a property there in 2012 because of the quality of life we felt we could have there. We are both artists, we appreciate the quiet and the uniqueness of the town.

The first thing I saw upon my first visit there was the historic bridge, after that I saw all the other historic buildings in the town. They should all be treasured!

Are you aware that if this proposal goes through Holmfield will be surrounded on 3 sides by hog barns. The town will be in the midst of this triangle!

Please use your imagination, envision the town in two or three years! My concerns are:

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1. Quality of life gone forever
 2. Odours from all directions
 3. Water contamination
 4. Deterioration of air quality
 5. Destruction of the roads
 6. DUST from trucks
 7. NOISE from trucks
 8. Historic bridge removed

We walk and ride bicycles on our country roads, we cannot do this if we think a truck will come barrelling along the road, the dust created and the flying stones make it prohibitive.

Best regards,

Katharine Bruce

Co owner Holmfield ART Farm



Holmfield ART Farm

Holmfield, MB

March 06, 2021

RE: Proposed HyLife Crown Royal (TRC 12 - 080) hog
barn industrial
operation

This proposed hog farm is not at all harmonious with the Holmfield community of 18 full time residents including 5 children (plus additional summertime residents) and our valuable small farm neighbors. To degrade our lifestyle and destroy the unique charm and historic value of Holmfield is senseless and deplorable.

The stench of the barns and the associated pollution of fields and nearby waterways is detrimental to the lifestyle and well-being of the local tax paying citizens. How many people does an automated hog farm actually employ, 1 or 2?!

Who is going to pay for the substantial increase in costs of maintaining PTH 458 from No. 3 Highway to the hog barns. A road that was not built to handle such heavy truck payloads. Even now in wet seasons the road becomes almost impassable from the deep ruts caused by such trucks. Now there will be substantially more. To build a steel bridge so the trucks can go faster?! We still like to bike and stroll down the road but no more with heavy loaded trucks barreling along!

And again who pays for this bridge? The current and historic bridge can nicely handle existing traffic including the local farm trucks and machinery.

So we have a foreign company disrupting our way of life, probably getting government subsidies (our taxes!), creating greater public expense for road maintenance and other utilities, and destroying our chances of attracting environmentally friendly enterprise to our town. Add the sad loss of a way of life for many people in our historic village and surrounding area.

I am totally against these proposed hog barns!

Sincerely,

Grant E Boden

Kimberley Clark and Roderick Lovell
Cartwright, MB

March 7, 2021

Technical Review Co-ordination Unit
Municipal Relations
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To whom it may concern,

RE: Proposed establishment of a pig operation Hylife – Crown Royal (TRC 12-080)

I am writing this letter with great concern over the proposed Hylife pig operation – Crown Royal TRC 12-080 in the Cartwright-Roblin Municipality.

My concerns include the risks to ground water and waterway contamination, complete loss of ground water, smell, destruction of roads and the overall disregard for the rest of the agriculture and people of this municipality.

Ground water and local waterway contamination is a huge concern and a potential environmental disaster waiting to happen. Run-off from manure spreading on fields could contaminate our local waterways, killing species and ruining the local ecosystems. Ground water contamination will affect drinking water supply for the people and existing agriculture and cattle operations in the area. The risk of water contamination is a huge environmental and health concern for our local area, but also for the environment and population as a whole.

Loss or scarcity of ground water is another huge concern. Other areas have already exhausted their ground water supply and then have had to resort to piping it in. Availability of water will continue to become an even bigger problem in the future. These hog operations use huge amounts of ground water and will take us closer to the potential disaster of no water. I believe the people and existing agriculture of this area should be the first priority and everything should be done to protect and preserve it first before other new ventures are allowed to begin. By allowing these large operations to set up we are putting what is existing here at risk.

Smell – Who wants it?? Where we reside, we are already near a pig barn (not Hylife owned) and have to smell it when the wind blows the right direction. We will be directly downwind of this new proposed operation so we expect to smell it more often than not. What does this do to our quality of life? It ruins it! What does this close proximity do to our property values? No one wants to live near a disgusting sewer smell. If this proposal was near a cottage area in Manitoba it would never happen. Well this rural property I live on is my cottage. Do I not deserve to have quality of life here also?

Road destruction is another concern. These barns do not pay enough in taxes to keep up the roads they destroy. Large semis travel to and from these barns multiple times a day. Their heavy weight and the high volume of traffic pound out the roads. Our roads were not built to withstand this level of weight

and traffic. This expense to maintain the roads would fall on the municipality meaning we all would have to pay for their profit with our taxes. In this particular case they could possibly be travelling down a provincial road. Will the province ensure they will maintain that road? If we go by the other highways in our area the answer is no. There will be holes and ruts so deep that it will not be passable by car.

The disregard for our community as a whole is very concerning for us. To think that a foreign owned company can come into our area, ruin our water, roads and lifestyle while we pay for their upkeep is outrageous. I believe the few low paying jobs they will provide is not enough of a trade off for the possible risks they create. If they put up one barn, how do we know this won't continue and eventually there will be multiple barns in our municipality. That's a future I cringe to think about. I believe we should be looking to sustainable agriculture for our future and lessening our environmental impact which these industrial barns do not do.

So in closing I would ask you to consider the above mentioned concerns and determine that this location in our Cartwright-Roblin Municipality is not the right one for a new hog operation,

Thank you,

Kimberley Clark and Roderick Lovell

Sent: March 7, 2021 7:28 PM
To: +WPG139 - TRC (MR)
Subject: TRC 12-080

March 7, 2021
Re: TRC 12-080
TRC@gov.mb.ca

I am against the proposed Hylife hog operation first of all because there is misrepresentation of that no one lives in Holmfield according to the prospectus filed by Hylife. Holmfield is in fact a thriving community of at least 30 individuals. I am very concerned at what an intensive hog operation like Hylife will bring to our town. We are a few kilometers south of the proposed operation and it my understanding that the main approach to the operation will be from Highway 3 then North on the gravel road #458 to the operation. It is a route that is not meant to be used by such heavy traffic. The Hylife semis would ruin our link to Hwy. 3 and cause immense stress to the single lane bridge at the Long River. If this proposal goes through there is the likely outcome the old bridge, a site of historical significance, will be replaced. I firmly believe that hog operations such as Hylife are not good for the environment and are inhumane.

To quote Javier Schwersensky CEO of the Winnipeg Humane Society – “Large scale factory farms benefits corporations and their profits, but do little to tackle environmental issues, adds less jobs to the economy and is cruel to farm animals. Intensive farming operations, like those of Hylife, do not allow for pigs exhibit any of their natural behaviours which increase stress levels and animal suffering.” 2021.

In my view this not in the best interest of our community and animal welfare.
I do not want this to happen here in Holmfield.

David Hopper, Holmfield Manitoba

Hubert & Doreen Clark
Cartwright Manitoba

March 6, 2021

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To Whom It May Concern

RE: Proposed establishment of a pig operation Hylife-Crown Royal TRC 12-080.

We are writing this letter with concerns regarding the above proposed pig operation.

Financially: Construction of this barn will be done by large companies with very little local participation, thus very little cash injection to our local economy.

Employment: Very few people are needed in these hi tech barns. Again, very little cash for our local economy.

Road repair and maintenance: Several semi trucks will be required to bring supplies in and haul pigs out each and every day. Do you have any idea what this does to a gravel road? It destroys them. Who is responsible to maintain and repair? The municipality, meaning the regular taxpayers. This is a huge burden to everyone. The taxes gained by this operation will not come close to the cost. Any wise business person would know this is not a smart investment

Environmentally: Dust: Constant road use leaves dust travelling several miles and makes life unpleasant for all and difficult for any one with asthma, COPD or other lung related illnesses.

Lagoon/Manure Management: Waste can be used as fertilizer but it cannot be spread over the same land frequently. The saturation will destroy soil quality and crops will not grow. It can also seep into underground streams or run off into streams, rivers or lakes. Long River is in close proximity to this proposed site. Who monitors water quality? What will be done if contamination occurs?

Smell: This is a major concern. No amount of trees or lagoon cover will eliminate that odor. There are other pig barns in our area and when the wind blows from that direction, the odor comes too. Experience has taught us where there is one barn there will soon be many others and the problem multiplies.

Land Value: We may retire in the next decade and would like to be rewarded for our life's work. When people think of moving to the country they expect a peaceful environment with clean, fresh air. Without this our land will be worth significantly less.

Quality of Life: This is important to everyone. When you consider the increased taxes for road repair, decreased air quality due to dust and smell, potential damage to soil and water and decreased land value, our quality of life will certainly be impacted negatively.

If this application was a neighbour trying to support a family and living in the same yard as the barn, we would be more supportive. This would be someone contributing to our local economy, protecting the environment thus maintaining land value. Why should we subsidize a foreign company with no concerns for our economy or environment? The negatives far outweigh the positives in this proposal.

Sincerely,

Hubert & Doreen Clark

Sent: March 7, 2021 9:44 PM
To: +WPG139 - TRC (MR)
Subject: Opposing Hylife Crown Royal Hogbarn TRC 12-080

To whom it may concern,

My name is Kevin Dyck and I'm writing in reference to TRC12-080, the Hylife hogbarn proposed at Holmfield. Let me state my opposition by first introducing myself. I am a third generation farmer who both lives and farms the land that my grandfather built his life on 3 miles east of the proposed hogbarn site. I am 31 years of age and have known every one of my neighbors my whole life; because each one of us in this area are stewards of the land that our grandfathers have left us. We are a small community of third generation farmers. When one of us needs help pulling a calf, a neighbor shows up in the middle of the night to help. When one of us has a tractor get stuck in the field, it is always a neighbor that shows up to help pull it out. My grandfather always taught me that the key to farming was having good neighbors and I am blessed to have some of the best.

However, my some of my neighbors have decided that they would like to partner with Hylife, even though many of us have stated to them our opposition. I understand that they, like the rest of us, are entitled to take advantage of business opportunities, but seeing as this decision will affect so many of us I am asking for your consideration.

Here's where I stand. Hylife has a majority of foreign investors. It is a foreign owned business no matter how you want to package it. This means that there is no care or interest or care for the farmer, or the neighbor, or the legacy of a man who worked to leave an inheritance for his grandchildren. When I get stuck, it won't be Hylife coming to my aid. When I'm up in the middle of the night trying to save the life of a calf, it won't be Hylife who comes to help out a neighbor. Hylife won't be clearing snow from my yard to make sure all the neighbors can get out after a blizzard. Simply put, Hylife are not my neighbors. But, what Hylife will do is tear up the roads with their big trucks every day. (The proposal may state that they will drive the extra miles around the highway to the site, but they won't. I know because I follow their big trucks down the gravel road when I go to work every day.) Those big trucks will be passing school buses that are taking my kids to school. Those big trucks will mean my kids won't be able to ride their bikes freely in the country anymore. And my biggest fear... is that with the never ending sent of hog manure in the air, there won't be a fourth generation to inherit this farm; and I will fight for that with everything I've got.

Hylife are not my neighbors. They don't care about me, my farm, or my family. Please shut down this proposal.

RE: Hylife Crown Royal TRC 12-080
NW ¼ 30-2-080
March 3/21

Re: Proposed Hog Operation owned by Hylife, a company 49% owned by Japanese investors and 51% by Taiwanese investors.

1. When I started thinking of the pros and cons of a pig factory and how it will affect our community and to get it down in writing, I began to wonder how our council can make an intelligent decision on whether the construction is allowed to go ahead or is turned down. So I started putting the pluses on one side and the minuses on the other.

Pluses:

1. Create more tax dollars
2. Increase revenue in towns and villages
3. Create employment
4. Could increase our population should the employees decide to stay in the community and therefore could increase our enrollment in our schools which has a declining enrollment.
5. Increase the value of the land.

These 5 are the most significant factors of having an 18,000 pig factory within 5 miles of our town. And of the the 5, the only sure things are the Tax dollars and Employment and Land Value. Of these 3 sure things, I have trouble with number 5 as the value of the land will certainly increase but no one lives there, as they who have lived there have probably moved away.

Employment - This does create employment but the future employees may not be from our community and/or they may live many miles away which would not benefit our community and schools in any way, so this is an unknown. So, the only sure benefit to our community is Tax Dollars. And of these Tax Dollars, how much would go for road improvements and maintenance, I don't know. But, I do know that for a few Tax Dollars, we are deciding the future of many families within one or two miles of this proposed pig factory and the town of Cartwright directly in line of North West winds.

Some negative points:

1. I've mentioned roads will require upgrading and maintenance because of the increase in traffic.
2. Does nothing to enhance our environment despite what all the so called experts say.
3. One of the most important. All ground water has to run toward the Pembina Valley and then to Rock Lake, which concerns me and my family greatly. The Pembina River, a few miles North of this proposed 18,000 hog producer will, because of water runoff of snow melt and rain, will eventually receive the effluent of these animals into our lake via the Badger Creek and Pembina River. Many people make Rock Lake their permanent home and many others their summer home, which may affect recreation there, such as swimming and fishing. We are already aware of many problems affecting the water in Rock Lake. If this hog operation became a reality, it surely will create additional pollutants that we do

not want.

4. And of course, the most important negative point is the aroma. Our town is within 5 ½ miles, our golf course is within 4 miles. I know our elected council has to look at every application for building one of these factories in a fair and unbiased manner. Maybe there should be some guide lines that reflect the wishes of the community so that these meetings are not necessary. I am afraid that if guide lines are not in place, Big Government will step in and we and our council will have no say in any type of building in our community. I can't help but feel sorry for people who live within a mile or two of these places. I also wonder, did these people have any say on what has probably changed their lives forever? We can pack up and move away because of an environmental problem such as clean air and clean water, but the people who live in the vicinity cannot. It's their heritage, their memories, their way of life.

I don't believe this proposed pig factory should be allowed to totally disrupt the lives of our neighbors and friends for a few Tax Dollars.

Respectfully submitted by
Don Edkins
Cartwright, Manitoba

CC: Doyle Piwniuk, MLA for Turtle Mountain.