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about a pgy operation to the North of me and to the South of me, Jim in the middle of it.

From my to there Gate to the North of me is 20 minute walk not even a mile.

I object this expansion as Jim worried over my water it might get contaminated with the pig wine and Manure

From your letter they the Hoy operation is not going to expand the Lagoon

The Lagoon they have now won't hold all the pig wine and the Manure.

I know this as I am a Farmer and I worked there for a Couple years

From! Murray Barrick

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To whom it may concern: regarding the proposed expansion of a pig operation (Porcherie Notre Dame Ltee) located at SW 21-7-9WPM, approximately four miles southeast of Treherne.

I'm taking the time to write about the expansion of the pig barns; hopefully it is not a waste of your time and mine.

This is my story and my true feelings about the matter. Some 14 years ago, when the subject first came up about building large pig barns in my neighborhood, I was frustrated, especially when I heard it was a group of investors. None of them really needed a job except to make more money, and none of them were going to live on the premises. This is the part that gets to me – as long as it's built in someone else's back yard and not theirs, they seem to be all happy about making money. At this time, the only way to protest this project was to set up a meeting with our local municipality and plead with them not to let it go through. I tried to explain to them that I had spent 25 years of my life trying to build a nice farmstead to raise my family and be able to retire on the farm.

They (Municipality of Norfolk Treherne) don't realize how these projects can change all the neighbors' way of living. It took me quite a few years to buy land, one quarter at a time, to finally be called a farmer and enjoy the country air the way it's supposed to be, not close to 20,000 hogs in five barns, with the stench coming from those barns that would make most people run three miles away.

Once the barns were up, the only defense we have is to hope the wind changes direction and sends the smell to one of my other neighbors. Meanwhile, most of the investors are probably sitting in Mexico in winter time, and not supporting our local towns and arenas, or in the summer, playing golf where the air still smells rosy.

When this same project first came into focus, I set up a meeting with the local municipal board to persuade them to go to compost instead of lagoons that hold millions of gallons of concentrated liquid that if spilled or dumped in an area thickly enough, nothing grows for a year and a half or so. And, don't let them fool you by saying it's good for the land. If it was to be incorporated and it all stayed there, maybe it would be good, but for a week after incorporation, the fumes are still lingering in the air, and much of that fertilizer is escaping downwind or flowing down the creeks into our lakes. If it affected enough campers and cottage owners, or the drinking water supply for cities, then our politicians and review committees seem to have a different attitude towards it and will work to shut it down.

Here I am, thinking of retiring, having my son take over and raise his family on the farm that I worked so hard for and took some 45 years to accomplish, and history repeats itself. We're going through this procedure all over again.

Many members of the Technical Review Board or the Municipality of Norfolk Treherne might say if it's that bad, why not move away? Well, that's not me; I have strong roots here; I was here before the big barns were ever built, and if I had to give up or move away every time a challenge or hard time came, I would never have accomplished what I did.

As far as shareholders, if they're not making money now, it's not by expanding their operation and spending a huge amount of money that's going to change things. And if they're making a lot of money now, a person should ask how much money do they really need, maybe enough is enough. Do we have to pollute the whole countryside to do so and scare away any new families that were thinking of moving in this area?

I rest my case! I have a dozen more reasons for opposing this expansion, but that would take another six or more pages and we're both running out of time. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
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