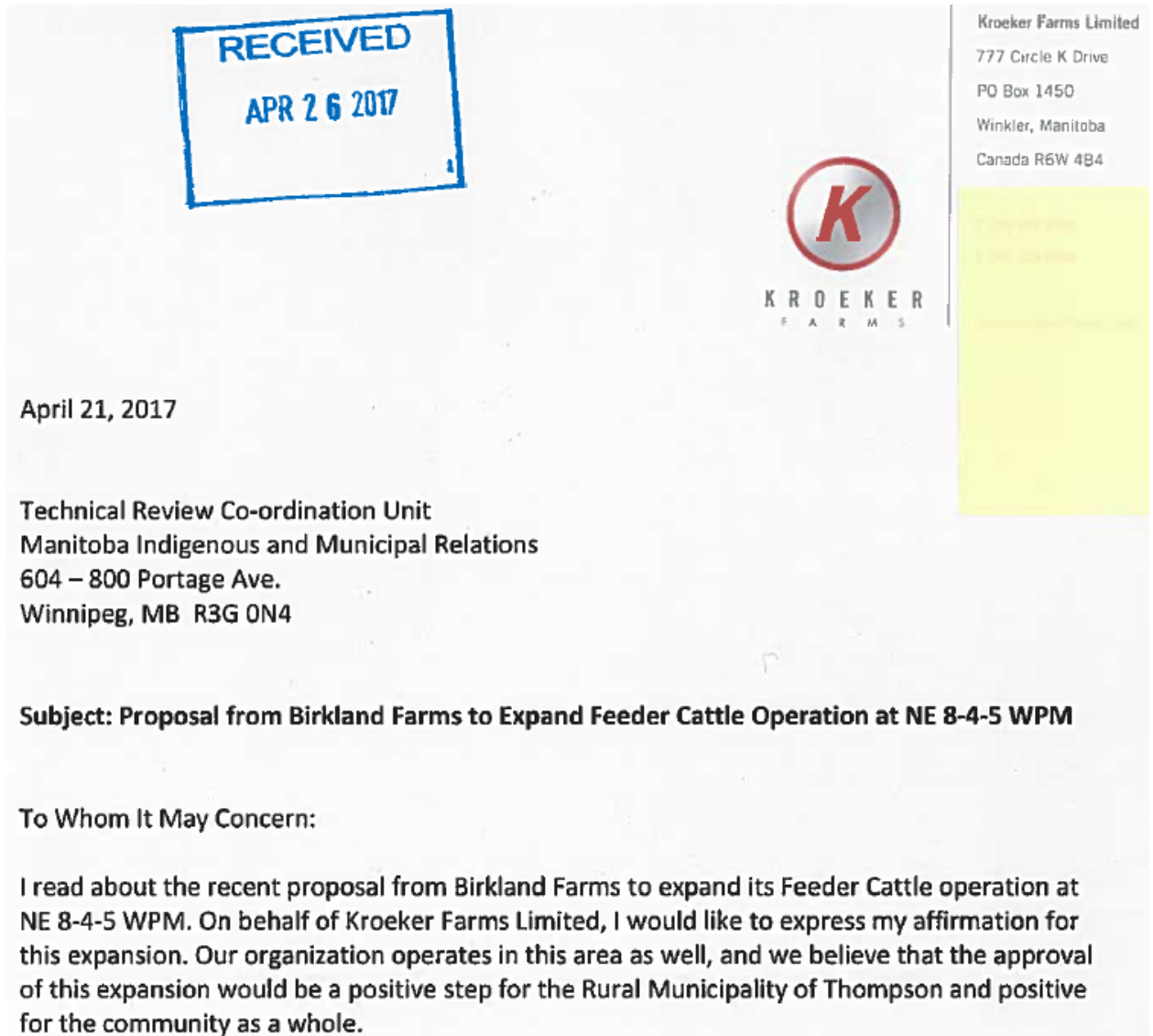


Birkland Farms – Public Comments

1) April 21/17 W. Rempel Letter



Sincerely,

Wayne Rempel
President & CEO
Kroeker Farms Limited

2) April 25/17 A. Elias Email

To whom it may concern,

Hi, I as a neighbour, fellow farmer and livestock owner fully support Birkland Farm's proposed feedlot expansion 6.5 miles north of Morden.

Birkland's owners and employees are hard working honest people providing many good local jobs while generating healthy economic spin offs.

I look forward to years of collaboration and co-existence with them.

Lets make this proposed growth to Manitoba's livestock industry easy and efficient.

Thank you,

Andrew Elias

3) April 25/17 D. Elias Email

Hi. As a neighbour of Birkland Farms feedlot I fully support there proposed expansion north of morden. Having seen them operate for the last few years has convinced me that they are good stewards of the land and are a definite advantage to our local economy. They are honest hard working citizens and responsible feedlot managers.

Thanks. David Elias
Grey Hawk Farm Ltd

4) April 22/17 L. Duncan Email

April 22, 2017

Livestock Technical Review Committee
Technical Review Co-Ordination Unit
Manitoba Indigenous and Municipal Relations
604-800 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, MB. R3G 0N4

Dear Committee Members:

Happy Earth Day & Soil Conservation Week!

Thank you for the invitation to "Share Our Views".

How ironic is this! On this very day we are globally reflecting on the values of soil health and celebrating Earth Day!

The Duncan Family Farm that has existed for 126 years needs to express their concerns regarding the expansion of a Feedlot in the RM of Thompson. Specifically, the expansion of the Birkland Farms Feeder Cattle operation from 2800 animals to 4500 animals.

Not much has changed over the last 40 years and the concerns are still the same. Forty years ago, “land use planning” was implemented in the RM of Thompson and the residents and taxpayers adjacent to these types of proposals did not / do not support these massive cattle operations.

We recognize the present feedlot has been in existence for many years. The previous owners/operators appreciated the need to honour traditional “best farming practices” and “sustainable waste management”.

But, with this proposed expansion the risks increase. The risks include but are not limited to

- Impact of waste management on soil
- Impact of waste management on water
- Timing of manure application
- Retention of liquid and solid manure
- Amplified odour for neighbours
- Increased fly populations in adjacent areas
- Wear / tear on the municipal road systems

Why jeopardize “the quality of life” of the adjacent residents/land owners/taxpayers?

How are the neighbouring residents/land owners/taxpayers going to be compensated for these increased risks and impacts?

Who will be responsible for monitoring these issues? Once established, there will be little recourse when problems occur and persist.

Water, soil health, conservation and sustainable farming practices are paramount issues in today’s society. Why is it necessary to enlarge intensive livestock operations in the middle of areas that are encouraging young farmers/residents to locate to these communities? The City of Morden is only 6 miles away and will be impacted by this proposed expansion.

Our 6th generation family farm would like to continue preserving/protecting our farmlands and quality of life as we have done these many generations! The economic benefit of this cattle operation expansion will not outweigh the negative impacts incurred to the surrounding area. We strongly oppose this proposal.

Respectfully,

Linda and Wayne Duncan
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