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Fri 2018-02-23 6:08 PM
lois isfjord <l
TRC 12-039

To: +WPG139 - TRC (MR)

To whom it may concern,

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Another thing to consider is that farm animals are sentient beings, with intricate social relations and sophisticated psychological patterns. They may not be as intelligent as us, but they certainly know pain, fear and loneliness. They too can suffer. Thousands of sentient beings, each with complex sensations and emotions, live and die on a production line.

Fuelled by the meat consumer's ever-growing demand for cheap pork the question we need to ask is "what's the true cost of that bacon?". Consumers should consider not just animal welfare but also the quality of what you're feeding yourself and your family. Intensively reared, antibiotic-laden meat from stressed animals confined in high numbers in cramped indoor conditions – is simply not acceptable.

If the truth about farming practices were to be made clear, perhaps consumers might eat meat less often so they can afford to eat better quality meat . We need to empower local food economies – producing local food based on local resources, with the guidance from generations who have worked the land.

In this changing world of global warming , over population and dwindling resources we should be looking at a more sustainable plant based diet to feed our families. Our current practices are a disservice to the generations that follow. Big corporations won't be the motivator, consumers will.

Lois Taylor
Winnipeg

#2



Thu 2018-03-01 8:45 AM

marywoodl

TRC 12-039

To +WPG 139 - TRC (MR)

Action Items

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Dear Livestock Technical Review Committee

We received a letter of information concerning a new proposed 6000 head Hog Operation TRC- 12-039 - V.C Hog Ltd. We live in the small, quiet, town of Swan Lake, Mb : we moved here to retire and enjoy the quiet rural setting. Our yard is beautifully surrounded by tall ash trees and several spruce trees, we have an apple tree and lovely garden area as well flower garden: we also have a fire pit ring where we enjoy a evening fire sometimes . We would like to continue to enjoy our space that we pay taxes on in the Lorne municipality, however we fear a hog operation so close to the South of our town would almost surely affect us in a negative way (Our home is on the South outskirts of Swan Lake).

We are concerned with the quality of the air that we breath.....how good is the air when it is polluted dangerous gases and odors emitted from a 6000 head grower/finisher hog facility? And what about the value of our property when we go to sell ? What are the effects to the environment?

Many studies have been done on all of the effects of hog operations in close proximity to a town and they all have shown only negativity for environment, health, and economics. We do not need to copy and paste the many links to sites that have published on line all the information that shows it is not healthy to be breathing the dangerous gases emitted from hog barns.....it devalues property and has negative harmful effects on the environment.

Please do not allow this to happen, it is not healthy or fair to the people living in this small town who pay taxes and deserve clean air to breath.

sincerely

Wes McNeill and Mary Wood-McNeill
Swan Lake, Mb

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Thu 2018-03-01 4:54 PM

Ken Theule <t

TRC 12-039

fo +WPG139 - TRC (MR)

Dear TRC,

As a taxpayer in Lorne Municipality and the Province of Manitoba, I strongly object to the proposed Hog Facility by V. C. Hog Ltd to be located at NW9-5-10 WPM.

It is our informed opinion that the soil in much of Lorne Municipality is saturated with hog manure already and it would be reckless to add more to the ground and to the subsequent run-off into our precious aquifers and waterways.

There are some times, particularly in Autumn, when the stench one smells when driving around the municipality is over-whelming and one cannot sleep in ones own home with the windows open. We have heard all of the promises before about responsible manure management but once a Hog Operation is approved and built those plans and promises seem to go by the wayside.

In short, please give some consideration to the environment and to those of us who live in Lorne, and do not approve this application for more hogs. We have had enough of a few people profiting at the expense of the olfactory senses and the water safety of the rest of us.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Kenneth Theule & Dianne Hindle
NW9-6-8WPM
Lorne Municipality

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Lindsey Reid

Manitoba Canada

#5



Sun 2018-03-04 10:21 PM

Doug Krause <

TRC 12-039

To +3WPG139 - TRC (MR)

Please deny the proposal by V.G. Hog. Ltd. to build a new pig barn in Swan Lake, Manitoba. Pigs suffer needlessly, and this is horrible for the environment.

Doug

*The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good people do nothing!
If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor!
Being defeated is often a temporary condition. Giving up is what makes it permanent!
Until he extends the circle of compassion to all living things, man will not himself find peace.
I won't eat anything with a face or a mother!
Be the change you want to see in the world!
When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace!
Truly man is the king of beasts, for his brutality exceeds theirs!
Truth is a battle of perceptions. People only see what they're prepared to confront. It's not what you look at that matters, but what you see!
Don't do nothing because you can't do everything. Do something!
Change the way you look at things and the things you look at will change!*

#6



Sun 2018-03-04 10:27 PM

adamja

TRC 12-039

To +3WPG139 - TRC (MR)

Hi,

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Jackie

*The world is a dangerous place to live; not because of the people who are evil, but because of the people who don't do anything about it - Albert Einstein
The further a society drifts from the truth, the more it will hate those that speak it - George Orwell*

#6



Tue 2018-03-06 12:54 PM

Debbie <i

No more hog barns

To +WPG139 - TRC (MR)

I am writing to ask that VG Hog Ltd's proposal to build a new 6000 capacity hog "barn" near Swan Lake, Manitoba be denied. I do not want even more unfortunate beings to be victims of factory farming in this province along with the inherent degradation to the environment. Animal agriculture is a most inefficient way to produce food and the future is in plant-based proteins as well as lab-grown "clean meat". Stop investing in the past.

Debbie Wall

#7



Tue 2018-03-06 8:31 PM

Carolina Valenzuela

Fwd: TRC 12-039

To +WPG139 - TRC (MR)

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Carolina Valenzuela <
Date: March 4, 2018 at 10:38:04 AM CST
To: TRC@gov.mc.ca
Subject: TRC 12-039

I am writing in regards to the hog facility you want to open 3.2 km south of swan lake Manitoba. I think this is a poor choice in our environment! Also I have family that live close that would be affected! with all the pollution going into the waterways. There is no reason to be opening any more hog barns/slave barns. It's disgusting what animals have to go threw for the human population to eat them! Everything is absolutely savage and killing our earth!

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Environmental impact of pig farming

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Pigs in a CAFO

The **environmental impact of pig farming** refers to the threats posed to the natural environment by large-scale pig farming. Industrial pig farming, a subset of concentrated animal feeding operations, poses numerous threats to the environment. CAFOs house thousands of swine and other farm animals in confined areas, where feces and waste often spread to surrounding neighborhoods, polluting air and water with toxic waste particles.^[1] Waste from these farms have the potential to carry pathogens, bacteria (often antibiotic resistant), and heavy metals that can be toxic when ingested.^[2] Pig waste also contributes to groundwater pollution in the forms of groundwater seepage and waste spray, which is essentially the usage of a sprinkler to spray vats of pig waste into neighboring areas. The contents in the spray and waste drift have been shown to cause mucosal irritation,^[3] respiratory ailment,^[4] increased stress,^[5] decreased quality of life,^[6] and higher disease prevalence.^[7] The



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∨ North Carolina

∨ Effects on water quality

∨ Effects on air quality



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Manitoba / Population



1.282 million

Jul 1, 2014

Largest city: Winnipeg

We have 3 million hogs in Manitoba. Not even 1.5 million humans !!!

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Saskatchewan
1.13 million

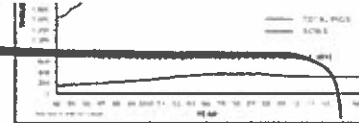


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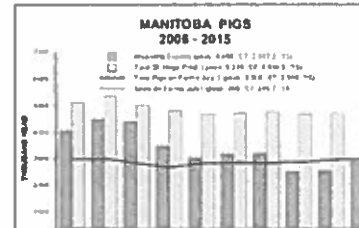
Ontario
13.6 million

financial difficulties led to sow numbers declining to 311,100 head on July 1, 2014, but rising to 313,000 head by January 1, 2016.



The total number of pigs on farms in mid-2015 was 2,995,000 head, up by 1.7% from a year earlier and only 0.03% below the July 1, 2007 record of 3,005,000 head.

On July 1, 2015, of the 2,676,000 pigs on Manitoba farms destined for market, 1,131,500 head or 42.3% were either new-born or weanling pigs weighing less than 23 kg. Almost half of these pigs weighed less than 7 kg. Many pigs weighing less than 7 kg are born and exported between quarterly *Statistics Canada* surveys so are never counted. About 497,300 of the pigs (18.6%) on farms July 1, 2015 weighed between 23 kg and 53 kg, of which about 10% were to be exported. There were 562,300 head (21.0%) in the 54 to 80 kg category and 484,900 head (18.1%) in the 81+ kg category, almost all of which were fed to an average slaughter weight of over 122 kg.



Facilities:

After more than four years of adverse market conditions, trade barriers and financial challenges, many Manitoba pig producers went out of production and pig barns were

Please read the pictures I have attached! These are all facts!

If you open this barn you are contributing to the death of our home planet. You should be looking into opening up a plant farm. Also informing the public that a vegan diet and lifestyle is the most healthy!

All facts!

Take care.

-a concerned person living on a dicing earth.

Sent from my iPhone

#8



Fri 2018-03-09 4:38 PM

Denise Trafford

TRC12-039

To +WPG139 - TRC (MR)

To Whom It May Concern:

The Province cannot handle any more hog barns. The phosphorus and nitrates running off the land into the waterways and on into lake Winnipeg is not managed properly and life threatening. Lake Winnipeg is dying! Soon we will have a big dead zone in the middle of the province, unfit for any form of life to use.

Manitoba used to be a great province. It has fertile land and an incredible abundance of fresh water. Manitoba's gold. Are you willing to destroy that for this unsustainable hog industry? Surely, Manitobans deserve better than this?

Can't this government of Manitoba come up with some better ideas, to spur the economy, than to hand off this beautiful prosperous province to this unsustainable hog industry? It takes advantage our precious water and ,in return, pollutes our land and waterways with disease- ridden hog slurry, loaded with excessive amounts of phosphorous.

Enough is enough! No more barns. Spare the people around Swan Lake the loss of their quality of life like we are dealing with in the Killarney- Turtle Mountain area. SE Manitoba is such a mess with disease (PEDv) and overpopulation of barns and lagoons. Now they are moving into SW Manitoba. They are NOT welcome!

These hog guys have no respect for their neighbours. We have to put up with the stench of hog barns and lagoons because the regulations don't require them to deal with it,so they don't.

The lack of proper fire regulations in the barns is shameful and should be against the law. These poor animals don't have a chance when the fires come and they come ,often!

I was once proud to call Manitoba my home but this hog industry shames us all ,with their lack of respect for the animals, their neighbours and our environment.

Regards,
Denise Trafford

#9



Wed 2018-03-21 8:19 PM

Cheryl Sobie <

Opposition to proposed hog barn

To +WPG139 - TRC (MR)

I am writing to express my extreme concern for the proposal that was received by the RM of Lorne from V.C. Hog Ltd. to build another industrial confinement facility in Swan Lake Manitoba. I am absolutely opposed to this for numerous reasons.

The amount of waste a new barn would generate is an estimated estimated 9-10 million gallons of raw sewage per year. The ecosystem in Manitoba is still suffering the consequences of unabated pig industry expansion, which has doubled the phosphorus load on Lake Winnipeg, and caused the growth of algal blooms that are killing Lake Winnipeg.

Footage from an undercover investigation at an Aborg pig farm revealed horrific abuse such as bleeding open sores, baby piglets being slammed to death on concrete floor, and pigs being murdered by bolt guns. This is considered standard practice. Yet, we all know that this is abuse, and it is wrong. Pigs are no different than your cat or dog. Pigs have the will to live, they feel love, fear, pain, and they don't want to die.

Communities that are located close to intensive animal agriculture operations face negative environmental impacts such as poor air and water quality - all of which can impact citizens quality of life. A recent study also showed that farm workers are more likely to carry and spread antibiotic resistant staph infections.

The Government of Manitoba needs to do the RIGHT thing and not allow further expansion of the animal agriculture industry. It is such a shame that the industry has already been allowed to expand so much. All of the land and water will be contaminated. Then will Premier Pallister be happy?

Sincerely,
Cheryl Sobie