

From: janice
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: Pig Barn
Date: May-06-19 10:29:38 PM

Technical Review Co-ordination Unit May 6/2019
Municipal Relations
604-800 Portage Ave.
Winnipeg, MB
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Regarding TRC 12-053

To Whom it may concern.

We are vehemently opposed to the construction of a hog barn on
S1/2of34-4-20.

We live on the E1/2of11-5-20, 2 miles to the north east of the proposed
site. That means we are in direct fire of the odiferous stench of said barn
with any south west wind.

In the Friday January 25th edition of the Boissevain Recorder, reporting
on their lagoon problems, it is stated and I quote " the other is the people
of the municipality, especially those on the south side of Boissevain, who have to deal with the
unpleasant smell from the lagoon. Those odours might be
the reason the municipality has to go with a more complicated aeration
system. As the Head of Council understands the problem for citizens. "It's Nasty"
We need to alleviate the smell. If you can't sit out on your deck in the summer
it's bad".

I would hope the same rationale would apply to a pig barn, and citizens who
live in the "stink zone".

It is amazing to me, that every time one of these hog operations is considered
it seems that the only possible land base is the furthest away from the yard
of the person whose land it will be on.

It is also interesting how many people that we have talked to, have no
knowledge or information about this proposed project.

Please Reject this Proposal.

Tom and Janice Sprott

From: Kevin Martens
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: TRC12-053
Date: May-06-19 7:32:33 PM

Reference TRC 12-053
Technical Review Co-ordination Unit
Municipal Relations

To The Review unit on TRC 12-053,
I'm writing this in opposition to the proposed hog operation TRC 12-053. My family and my neighbours have been living on our farm yards for over fifty years, some for several generations. A lot has changed in agriculture but one of the main reasons we chose to do this job and live this lifestyle is for the opportunity to sit in our yards and enjoy food, fellowship, and family. We can work in the yard and eat meals on the deck with the entire farm crew. Enjoying fresh country air comes with the territory, or at least it has for a long time. The proposed hog barn will jeopardize our air quality at home and work and is financially detrimental to our municipality and community.

New businesses that bring money and jobs and invest into our community are good for the area. Sometime a little pain for some results in benefits for many but this proposal does not benefit our community or municipality. The feed and hogs are brought in from outside the municipality. The barn is not locally owned so profits do not stay in the municipality. The barn is owned by Hylife, a foreign owned corporation from China and Thailand. The primary shares are Chinese, a country which has been attacking Canadian agriculture, right now refusing to buy our products.

Hylife is not partnering or investing in the community. There was a lack of prior consultation with neighbours. Hylife representatives did not properly consult local landowners, even those living directly downwind. My primary residence and farmyard and those of several neighbours are directly downwind of the proposed site and air quality will be reduced due to odours. We continue to own my prior residence, within the 3km buffer zone and have upgraded sewer and water intending to rebuild but Hylife has not considered our concerns due to a barn

in that proximity.

The proposed truck route uses Provincial Road 343. It is not adequate for the increased amount of truck traffic proposed. Additional road maintenance costs to the province and municipality are estimated to exceed \$50,000 per year. The trucks as well as local vehicles will be forced to use municipal roads causing damage at the cost of municipal tax payers to repair those roads. The small amount of land taxes it will pay will not offset the cost of its foot print that it leaves.

Perkins farm sold the property to Hylife, and will benefit from the hog manure as fertilizer for their fields, but they are also removed from our community and from outside our municipality.

Perkins farm yard is about 10 miles away from the purposed site in Grasslands municipality, upwind and will not suffer from the negative impact that the barn will bring the surrounding community.

This is not a reasonable development proposal as there is no benefit to the municipality of Boissevain-Morton or the community. We strongly oppose this proposal and ask that as a review committee you consider our community concerns and deny this proposal.

With regards,

Kevin and Monica Martens

From: Milton Dueck
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: TRC 12-053 Proposal to establish Hylife Merlot Nursery Barn on SE 34-4-20 WPM
Date: May-06-19 12:51:11 PM

To the Technical Review Co-ordination Unit in regards to TRC 12-053:

I'm writing this in reference to a letter we received regarding the proposed Hylife Merlot Nursery operation (TRC 12-053) to be located on SE 34-04-20 WPM. As a landowner in the RM of Boissevain-Morton with our family farm yard located in close proximity (3km) to the proposed facility i wish express my opposition to this proposed hog facility.

My family and I have chosen to make a living in the Ag Industry and live within an agricultural community and we are not opposed to livestock/hog production as it is and always will be an integral part of the Ag Industry. We are, however, opposed to this proposed hog facility as we feel the negative implications for ourselves and our community far outweigh any positive impact that may result.

Firstly, We are concerned about the environmental pollution and more specifically the air quality pollution that will be a direct result of this facility which in turn will decrease our quality of life. We don't want the constant smell of hog barns to discourage ourselves and our children from being out in the yard and enjoying the outdoors and thus decreasing our quality of life as we have known it for the past 40 years. That being said I would not be writing this letter of opposition if it was my neighbour who was wanting to start a hog operation or sell a parcel of land for hog production and would also be living within a mile or 2 of the facility as we will be to this proposed barn. However, it isn't my neighbour, its Hylife. And in this situation the land owner selling them a parcel of land to build the facility lives 10 or 12 miles from the proposed site in a neighbouring municipality. They will see all the benefit of the hog manure applications for crop production and never realize any of the negative impacts of hog production like those of us who will be living within close proximity of the facility.

Contrary to their core value statement, I don't feel Hylife is partnering with the community in any way with this proposed facility. Should this proposal come to fruition it will be at only the expense of our community. All of the revenue/profits generated by the facility will be taken out of the municipality as the ownership is from outside our community, and Canada for that matter, with no vested interest here. There is also virtually no chance of any beneficial infrastructure resulting from Hylifes facility for our community. The feed will be trucked in from a the feed mill located in a neighbouring municipality which eliminates the possibility of a similar facility that could actually benefit the economy of our community being built here. In reality the only benefit i see for our community is the minimal amount of municipal tax the facility will pay. The neighbouring farms will not even see a benefit from manure application as all of the land base for application was given to the former land owner.

Another area of concern is the truck route of the proposed Hylife site. Unfortunately, Provincial Hwy 343 that is being proposed as part of the truck route is simply

inadequate to be able to accommodate the additional truck traffic. This gravel road is, at the best of times, in poor condition due to soft spots and frost boils that during spring or wet cycles can make the road virtually impassable for trucks. That being said when the proposed route does become impassable, the municipal gravel roads will be used as the hogs need to be fed and thus causing an undue cost for our local municipality in road maintenance due to the increase in traffic. This additional cost becomes the responsibility of us, the local municipal tax payer, as the additional cost in road maintenance will far exceed the small amount of tax Hylife pays.

We would and do support new/proposed businesses and progress/growth within our community that can/will have a positive impact on the quality of life and economy of our community by providing additional jobs, investment, bringing new families to our area, etc. However, we don't feel this hog operation will benefit anyone aside from Hylife and the land owner selling the 80 acre parcel and getting the manure to spread as fertilizer for crop production. It seems simple, if a person wants to be involved in hog production it should be in their own backyard. Not in someone else's backyard that is 10 miles away from their own residence in a place where they will never experience any of the negative impacts of the facility.

Thank you for the invitation to share our opinions regarding the proposed Hylife Merlot Nursery located on SE 34-04-20 and we ask that as a review committee you consider our concerns and deny this proposal.

Milton and Tanya Dueck

From: Richard Peters
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: TRC12-053
Date: May-06-19 11:12:32 AM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing regarding this proposed hog barn. I am opposed to this as my yard and that of my neighbor Delphine Good is two miles east of this. As our prevailing winds are west this is of concern to us. Sometimes the smell is strong from the barn that is about 3 miles south east of this proposed site. This being only 3 kilometres away would be a lot worse. Also Hylife is all owned by companies from foreign countries. They are only concerned about how much money they can make. Please consider the impact this has on people's air quality and way of life.

Sincerely,

Richard & Brenda Peters

NW 30-04-19 W

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: Pat & Cathy Workman
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: TRC 12-053
Date: May-06-19 12:35:32 AM

To the Livestock Technical Review Committee

We are wanting to comment on the proposed site for the Hylife Merlot Nursery (TRC-12-053) on SE 34-4-20 W in the Municipality of Boissevain-Morton. We own land within the 3 km buffer zone, the North half of 2-5-20 W and N half of 3-5-20 W in the Municipality of Grassland. We have a yard site at NW 2-5-20 which is not our home yard but we have graineries, a large machine shed, another barn and shed where equipment is stored and is worked on so a lot of time is spent in that yard. If our son takes over the family farm, he would like to build a house on that yard site sometime in the future. Our current home yard is ½ mile north and ½ mile west of that yard on NE 10-5-20 W.

We used to run a cow/calf operation so we understand what it is like to have livestock and to experience strong pungent smell when our corrals were being cleaned out and the manure spread on our fields. Our neighbors understood that this was only for a short time in the fall and was not a long term issue. The manure was spread on and around our home yard so we had to deal with the smell ourselves. The rest of the time there was very little smell from the cattle yard.

Which brings us to our consideration of having 24,000 hogs housed in 4 barns producing 5,980,800 imperial gallons of manure annually to be spread on 1,600 acres in fairly close proximity to the barns. If the manure is spread on fields north of the barns it will be closer to our home yard. This will definitely cause a pungent smell while spreading and there will be some smell from the lagoon all year around. We know that research has been done to determine a buffer zone or affected area to be within 3 km. In reality, we know from travelling in the Killarney area where there are numerous hog barns and having a hog barn approximately 7 miles southwest of our yard, we are able to smell the odor further away than 3 km. Also, we can smell the barn 7 miles away any time of the year not only during the spreading of the manure. The smell from the fans of the barns is a constant issue. It is also interesting that the current owner of the proposed site does not live within the 3 km affected area. This should be a consideration and perhaps should be a stipulation when sites are considered that the party selling the land should live the closest to the site.

We feel that our questions were not answered at the informational meeting held in Boissevain by Hylife. When asking at the Municipality of Boissevain-Morton Office if the barns would increase the amount of taxes they would receive from the property, they said not significantly as it would still be considered agricultural land. When asked what number of jobs the business would bring to the community, the Municipal Office said that there would be 4 jobs offered by the business. We know that there is a locally owned business, Redhand that would benefit from the extra work of spreading the manure. With considering all of this, we feel the benefits don't outweigh the costs to the people living in close proximity to the site.

With researching Hylife as a company, it is very impressive how well it has done. With being formed in southeastern Manitoba by 3 brothers and another partner, having done many expansions, managing their own genetics, having their own feed mills, processing their meat products in

Neepawa and selling internationally, they sound great. They also employ thousands of people and promote that they are concerned about quality of their products and the environment. However, there was a recent purchase of 50.1 % of the company's stock to a Thailand-based exporter Charoen Pokphand Foods Public Co. Ltd. (CPF) and they announced that the Japanese company Itochu Corp. would own the remaining portion of the company. Hylife is no longer a Manitoba company. This makes us nervous as to how concerned these large companies will be about the people living in the areas around their hog facilities.

To conclude, we are **not in favor** of the hog barns being located at this site and hope that you take our comments into serious consideration when deciding on this proposed site.

Sincerely,
Pat and Cathy Workman
Minto, Manitoba

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: Michael and Kendra Whetter
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: TRC 12-053
Date: May-05-19 10:34:38 PM

Hello, to whom it may concern regarding TRC 12-053

My wife and I along with our two children have recently purchased a property within a few miles of the proposed hog barn building site. We are currently in the construction phase of a new home where we plan to live. We are concerned that should a hog nursery operation be so close to our home that poor air quality and smell may result. We understand that these barns are needed and supply many needed jobs. We would ask that the consideration to move the operation to a less inhabited area would be considered. There are currently many young families and children in this area who wish to enjoy the country and outdoors without unpleasant odours. Thank you for your consideration.

Michael whetter

Sent from my iPhone

Rick and Lori Fraser
Jay , Brittney
May 4, 2019

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

Dear Technical Review Co-ordination Unit Municipal Relations:

We are writing with concerns on the placement of hog nursery operation TRC 12-053, Hylife Proposal.

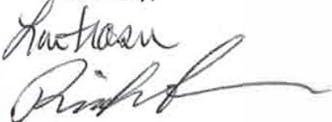
We are concerned about the run off that would potentially run into the Elgin Creek running through to the Elgin Dam. The Elgin Dam is a recreation area that provides camping, boating, swimming and fishing. When the run off from the manure goes into the Elgin creek it will kill the Elgin Dam.

As long-term residents, family farm, living 4 miles north of the proposed barns we are concerned about the quality of life we would experience. Our son and daughter-in-law are/were planning on building a house west of our yard, these plans will/could change with building this proposed barn. We believe the smell will carry more than the proposed 3KM. The odor from the barns will decrease our ability to have our windows open and working outside would become unpleasant. There is a barn 7 miles SW of us right now that we smell on occasion but is not as close as the proposed operation.

Being farmers ourselves we understand the need to make money and would be able to understand this better if the owners of the barns that we believe to be Perkins could build closer to their own homes. Especially if we are to believe these barns have no odor.

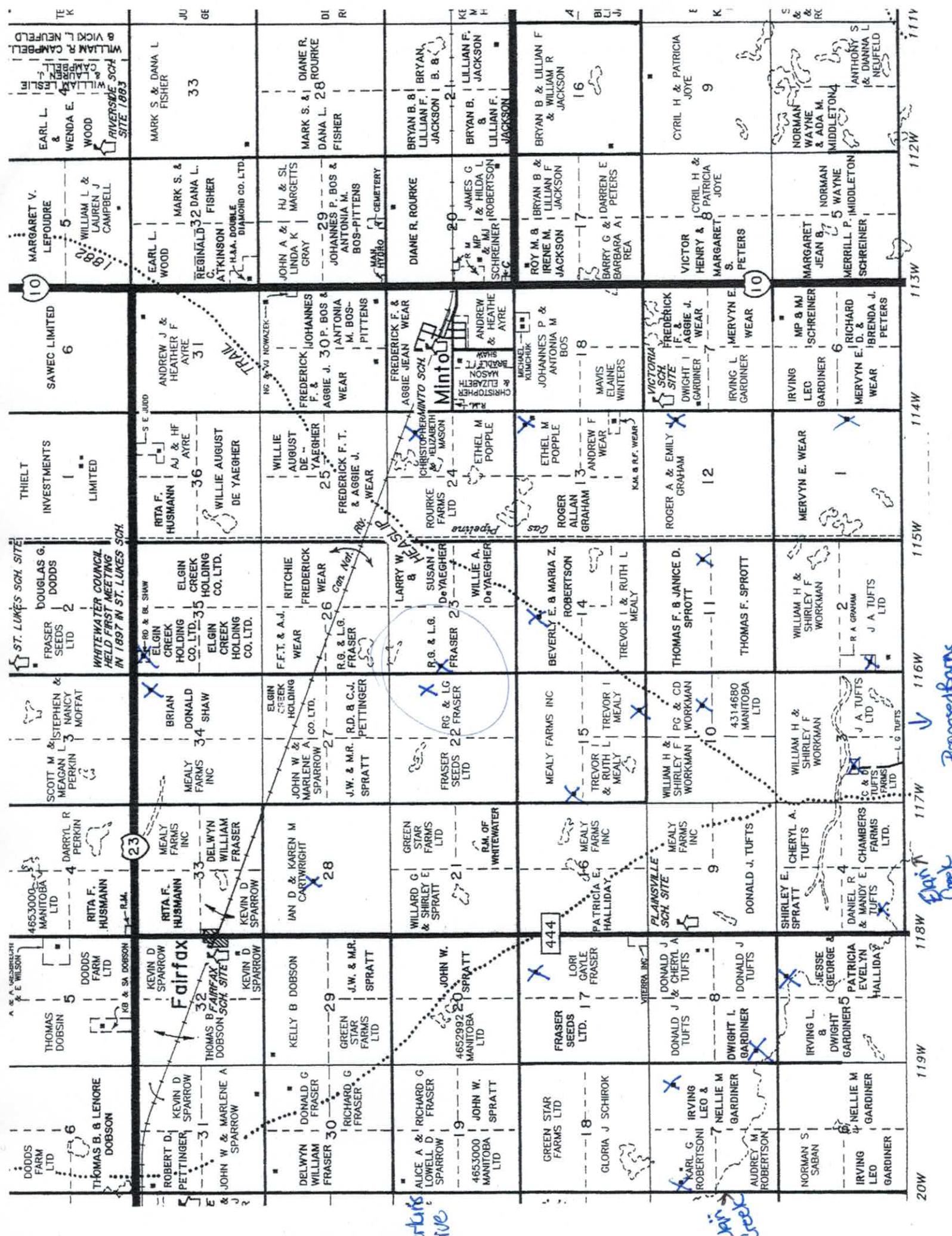
I have attached a map outlining the homes in the area, the Elgin creek and the town of Minto that has 100 plus residents. I have put x's showing where an additional 20 home yards will be affected, farm yards that have been here for generations and this is just north of the barns.

Sincerely,



Rick and Lori Fraser
Jay , Brittney , Kellan and Kacie Fraser





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From: Edwin/Kathy Peters
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Concerning TRC 12-053 hog operation
Date: May-05-19 10:22:40 PM

Reference TRC 12-053
Technical Review Co-ordination Unit
Municipal Relations

To the Review unit on TRC 12-053

I am writing this in opposition to the proposed hog operation TRC 12-053. This hog operation is being proposed against the approval of surrounding neighbours of the proposed site. We support new businesses that bring revenue, jobs, and families into our community — but this proposal does not offer many positives to offset the negatives that directly effect those living in and around our community. We are third and fourth generation farms, that have invested our lives, time and finances into making this community a wonderful place to live.

We are very concerned about the environmental pollution, specifically air quality, that will be a direct result of this operation. Our residential/farm yard is located one and one half miles downwind from this site — we do not want the odour of a confined hog operation to constantly permeate our business and home. This will destroy our quality of life. We have been farming for over 70 years in this municipality, and plan to contribute to our community and economy for many more years to come.

The proposed site will have a truck route that will use provincial highway 343. It is not adequate for the increased amount of truck traffic proposed. This gravel road is poor — full of frost boils and soft spots. This route is almost unusable during the spring and wet seasons with the current amount of traffic. With the increased truck traffic, this road will deteriorate even more. The hog trucks as well as local vehicles will be forced to use municipality roads causing damage, at the cost of the municipal tax payer.

Contrary to their core value statement, Hylife is not partnering with the community. This proposal's intent will be at the expense of our community, with all revenue generated being removed from our municipality as Hylife is 100% foreign owned by companies based out of Thailand and Japan. The municipality will receive a small amount of municipal tax, but not enough to offset the cost that the foot print of this operation will leave. The feed for the hog barn will be purchased and moved in from outside the municipality. Perkins farm that sold the land to Hylife, who will be the sole beneficiary of this operation, live well outside our municipality. They will benefit by receiving the hog manure, to be used as fertilizer on their land. They live 10 miles away from the proposed site in Grasslands municipality, and will be upwind. They will not suffer from the negative impact that the barn will bring to the surrounding community.

It is not a sustainable development proposal as there is no benefit to the municipality of Boissevain-Morton or the community. We strongly oppose this

proposal and ask that as a review committee that you consider our community concerns and deny this proposal.

Kathy Peters

From: Darren Peters
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: Concerning TRC 12-053 hog operation
Date: May-05-19 9:49:15 PM

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Municipal Relations

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Darren and Whitney Peters (& family)

From: Trevor Martens
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: TRC 12-053 hog operation proposal
Date: May-04-19 10:15:47 PM

Reference TRC 12-053
Technical Review Co-ordination Unit
Municipal Relations

To The Review unit on TRC 12-053,

I'm writing this in opposition to the proposed hog operation TRC 12-053. This hog operation is being proposed against the approval of surrounding neighbors of the proposed site. We do and would support new businesses that bring money, jobs, and families into our community, but this proposed hog barn does not bring in enough positives to offset the negatives that directly effect those living nearby. Most of whom have grown up here on 3rd and 4th generation farms, and have invested there lives, time and finances in making this community a better place to live in.

We are very concerned about the environmental pollution, specifically the air quality pollution; that will be a direct result of this operation being placed in close proximity to over 5 farm/residential yards. Our residential/farm yard is located directly downwind from this site, and we do not want to have the odor of hogs constantly permeate our yard, destroying our quality of life that we have established over the 40+ years we have lived here. We also own a different farm yard that is within the 3 km radius, directly west of the site, that until recently was a primary residence. We have full intentions of developing it into a primary residence again in the near future as it still has functional hydro, water, and sewer utilities. Hylife has not considered our concerns even after I approached them regarding this issue, as we know this will undermine our residences and work sites of future potential value, resulting in financial loss and decreased quality of life.

Another concern is the proposed site truck route uses provincial Hwy 343. It is not adequate for the increased amount of truck traffic proposed. This gravel road is at the best of times in poor condition due to soft spots and frost boils. This route is almost impassible during spring time and wet seasons with the current amount of vehicle traffic. With the increased truck traffic that will occur, this road will deteriorate even more. The trucks as well as local vehicles will be forced to use municipal roads causing damage to these municipal roads at the cost of municipal tax payers to repair those roads. We currently have difficulty accessing our fields and bins with our machinery and are opposed to having extra unnecessary heavy traffic at our own cost.

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Trevor and Susan Martens (and family)

Sent from my iPad

From: Harvey Creek
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: TRC 12-053
Date: May-04-19 7:49:14 AM

Very concerned about the quality of the water, how will that change, the area is very alkaline sensitive, and changes also every mile.

- How much water will be used daily?
- What studies have been done on the amount of water that is available?
- Will it affect existing wells in the area?
- Was this information shared with residence in the R M of Grasslands?
- How will the truck traffic affect local roads, restriction on PR road, will it result in traffic using municipal roads, which are not built for heavy truck traffic?

From: Cheryl Tufts
To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: TRC-12-053 Hog Barn
Date: May-03-19 12:21:55 PM

We received a notice regarding the possibility of HyLife establishing a hog nursery operation....we have some concerns about this proposal that we would like to voice.

It is a fact that hog barns smell....as we have one a few miles to the south west of us....we do not want one to the south east of us...

If the owners want to profit from the operation , the facility should be built near their own family farms....not miles away...so they get to enjoy the smellinstead of alot of other family farms...who gain nothing from the operation....

All of the surface run-off from the proposed site , drains westdirectly into Elgin Creek...which winds several miles.....and ends up in Elgin Dam...which is a popular camping and fishing area just 1 mile east of Elgin.....which also drains and eventually ends up in Souris River..

Thanks for letting us voice our concerns
Don and Cheryl Tufts

Referencing of TRC 12-053

I am writing to oppose the building of the hog nursery operation at S.E. 34-04-20 WPM.

I live within 2 miles straight east and because of the westerly winds that are common, it would be a concern of foul air. Because of working in a hog barn I know how high the ammonia levels are and how it permeates into your home, clothes and vehicles. No tree line can stop the odor from travelling many miles. The extra traffic on #343 would also be of a concern as it is the direct route to #10 highway. Thank you, and

I strongly hope you reconsider
building on the location.

NAME: DELPHENE GOOD