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Sent: June-06-19 8:50 AM

To: +WPG139 - TRC (MR) <[trc@gov.mb.ca](mailto:trc@gov.mb.ca)>

Subject: TRC 12-054

This email is in response to TRC 12-054 Platinum Pork hog barn expansion.

I live 1.5 miles from the barn. The owners of that barn DO NOT follow the conditions that were put on that barn when it was built. And now they want to expand it more then double the original size!

Living in the village of Sommerfeld we should be able to enjoy the outdoors. That, however, is not the case. Not only can we not enjoy being outside but we can seldom open our windows because of the smell of the barns surrounding us.

We also have a barn 1.5 miles east of Sommerfeld, another one 2.5 miles northeast of Sommerfeld and yet another southwest of the village. No matter what the wind direction we are inundated with the smell of hog manure.

Another barn that size would down grade our property value even more.

None of the owners of the said barn live anywhere near the barn and they have no reason to care about the smell.

The lagoon of the barns to be covered before thaw. It is now early June and it still remains uncovered.

There were other conditions that were imposed when that barn was built which are also not followed.

I am asking that you do not approve this expansion!

Respectfully,  
Concerned taxpayer and constituent,

Wes Schroeder

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**Sent:** June-03-19 10:42 AM

**To:** +WPG139 - TRC (MR) <[trc@gov.mb.ca](mailto:trc@gov.mb.ca)>

**Subject:** TRC 12-054

Good Morning,

I am 100% opposed to having the Platinum Pork operation expanded.

Thanks

Sean Nicholson

3)

**From:** Peter Friesen

**Sent:** June 24, 2019 8:14 AM

**To:** +WPG725 - Manitoba Government Inquiry (SCH) <[mgi@gov.mb.ca](mailto:mgi@gov.mb.ca)>

**Subject:** TEC 12-054

Hello,

Regarding the expansion I have a concern or several.

The smell of the pit and the disgusting flies it attracts brings very unfavorable conditions to the area during the spring summer and fall seasons. The larger the lagoons get the worse the problem and more neglect.

Secondly this will depreciate the value of our residence while we live here and later in to sell close to a large barn/lagoon.

I suggest the owner/s of the business build the hog operation on or near the site of their residence.

Thanks for reading and consideration of alternatives or leaving the barn capacity as is.

I am opposed to the expansion.

Peter Friesen

Justina Friesen

Gretna MB

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To: +WPG725 - Manitoba Government Inquiry (SCH) <[mgi@gov.mb.ca](mailto:mgi@gov.mb.ca)>

Subject: MGI Inquiry

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
( ) on Monday, June 24, 2019 at 09:25:35

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name: Peter Friesen

Re: TEC 12-054

We are opposed to the expansion.

The smell and disgusting flies are attracted and leave a large area with a stench that is not good for residence.

The value of property is not improved by adding unliked odour to the area.

The larger barns have a larger potential for disease and is not welcome in the area.

Please help us in stopping this expansion.

5)

Good Morning

I am sending you this email to relay my objections to the expansion proposal for Platinum Pork Inc. TRC 12-054. I own land just to the north of the barn site and I rent land just to the east of the barn site. I also live in Sommerfeld which is less then 2 miles away from the barn site.

First concern of mine pertains to my land and the salinity issues that seem to be getting worse as the years go on. When this barn was first built the had to dig a separate borrow pit to find enough clay to line the bottom of the lagoon. One of the conditions of this borrow pit was that it was to be constantly kept empty or closed up so that it would not cause salinity issues on the neighboring land. Neither of these conditions have ever been met. It is not pumped out and sits full of water all year long. The salinity spots in the field just to the east are getting larger every year. It costs me lost crop potential and it will affect the owner's ability to attain top market value when he decides to sell.

A second concern of mine is that this barn has not been following the condition of covering the lagoon with straw in early spring. In fact, there are years where it does not get covered at all. Now I know this is a responsibility of the RM to enforce these conditions but they are not. So the smell of the lagoon can get real strong on the hot and humid days!!

Thirdly, we are surrounded by hog barns. We have platinum Pork southeast of us. We have a barn 2 miles southwest of us, we have a barn 3 miles northeast of us and another barn 1.5 miles east of Sommerfeld. We are surrounded by barns and to have such a big barn so close to us will make it very

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difficult for us to be outside to enjoy any summer at all. There are too many people that live too close to the proposed expansion to have such a big barn.

I really hope that the considerations of the people that live close to these barns are taking into account before any big expansion is allowed. Thank you for taking time to hear my concerns.

Cory Schroeder

Christine Sabourin

6)

June 27, 2019

Technical Review Co-ordination Unit/Municipal Relations

604-800 Portage Ave.

Winnipeg, Man.

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REFERENCE: TRC 12-054

Please consider this letter an objection to the proposed expansion to the Platinum Pork INC from 1,500 to 3,600 animals, located 6.5 miles south east of Altona and 1.7 miles from Sommerfeld.

I grew up in Sommerfeld and my brother continues to live on my great grandparents' heritage farmstead in Sommerfeld. The community would be greatly disadvantaged by this expansion. The odor alone would not allow families to enjoy the outdoor as they currently do. My family continues to visit the farm that I grew up in and those gatherings would no longer be able to be held there because of the uncontrolled and unpredictable stench. I continue to have ownership of farmland in this area and thus feel the right to voice my concerns.

I have friends that live in Landmark and that community suffers from the consequence of numerous pork operations in the area. Again, the stench and constant and ridiculous number of flies do not allow residence to enjoy their yards that they have purchased throughout the summer, as they rightfully should. I have been spent time at their house and the smell is again unpredictable and disgusting.

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I do not want to see that same demise in the community that I grew up in and continue to visit.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Alvina Hildebrand  
Winnipeg, Man.