

To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: TRC 12-059 Opinion
Date: October 15, 2019 1:37:31 PM

RE: TRC 12-059

In regards to Cool Spring Colony's proposal to expand its poultry operation, I am not in favour of this request.

For the past year-and-a-half, I have resided approximately three miles southwest of the colony and quickly came to realize that many times I cannot enjoy being outside in my yard due to the manure smell from the current colony operation. This is especially troublesome during the summer months when I want to be outside enjoying my yard, garden, etc. I have a large, inground pool and at times, the smell from the colony's manure is absolutely disgusting resulting in me being unable to enjoy my pool or have friends or family over for a pool party. This is a frustrating negative impact I was not prepared for when I purchased my country, dream property!

The manure smell is already horribly disgusting and unbearable at times with their current operation and it will only get worse if the operation expands with more animal units.

As a concerned neighbour trying to enjoy the fresh, clean air of rural living, please do not allow this expansion to go forward!

Thank you for your consideration,

Darryl A. Holyk,
SE 10-16-17
RM of Minto-Odanah

Darryl Holyk

Publisher/Editor
Minnedosa Tribune

To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: regarding TRC 12-059
Date: October 16, 2019 4:01:16 PM

Hello,

This email is in response to the proposal TRC 12-059. As a permanent resident at N.W. 11-16-17 R.M. Minto-Odanah, living within a mile and a half of the Cool Springs Colony, I have concerns that the proposed barns and additional animals would be too hard on our ecosystem in the area. It concerns me about how it would effect our ground water when they are "supposedly" properly spreading the animals waste on their fields. Which in my opinion they continually use the same fields closest to the colony. We often have to deal with the unbearable smell this causes as well. We have a well on our property and I am always concerned that what they do will effect our water supply. So myself and my partner oppose this proposal for Cool Springs Colony. Thank you for the opportunity to have our say.

Pam Syslak & Lyle Dowsett

TRC 12-059

Re: Cool Spring livestock expansion.

Our concern on the expansion of more livestock and ~~poultry~~ poultry has anyone taken into account the contamination of our ground source water. There are a lot of wells in the municipality that are only less than 50 feet deep. Keep in mind that if you pollute this ground water there is no fix! Our ground water is some of the best in the country and once it is gone there is no return.

So what we're asking is who is taking responsibility for this if it goes ahead.

Jerry Pollon
Maureen Pollon
Coli Pollon

To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Cc:
Subject: TRC 12-059
Date: October 18, 2019 2:02:55 PM

Good afternoon,

The Whitemud Watershed Conservation District (WWCD) has an interest in maintaining the health and quality of waterways which are part of the Whitemud Watershed. The proposed Cool Spring Colony poultry operation expansion (TRC 12-059) would involve spreading manure over a significant area in the headwaters of Logan Creek; a main branch of Stoney Creek, which flows to Neepawa and into the Whitemud River. The WWCD has concerns regarding the potential for nutrient loading and transport via these waterways, as well as potential groundwater contamination; and therefore recommends the following actions as conditions of approval:

1. 2-81 Holding Co Ltd adheres to a minimum 3m setback distance from all waterways in lands where manure is to be applied.
2. Any abandoned wells located on lands where manure is to be applied are to be sealed prior to manure application.

If you require any further information, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks,

Chris Reynolds
Manager
Whitemud Watershed Conservation District
P.O. Box 130
Neepawa, MB R0J 1H0

September 1, 2018

Technical Review Co-ordination Unit

Municipal Relations

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RE: TRC 12-048 - Cool Spring Colony

We would like to share the following concerns regarding this proposal. First of all we feel that the terms of an existing conditional use are not being met. The manure management is questionable at best, grass runways that were part of the existing conditional use have disappeared and although this has been brought to the attention of government officials nothing has been done to rectify the situation. Could you please specify who is responsible for following up with the terms of the conditional use. Is it the planning district that issued the conditional use, the municipal council that approved the conditional use, Manitoba Sustainable Development or nobody at all?

We understand that there are regulations for the disposal of manure and mortalities but does a government official ever make an unannounced visit to the site to do an inspection. If so how often does this occur?

There is already an offensive odour throughout most of the summer from the existing livestock that the neighboring residents and beyond are exposed to. This makes it very unpleasant to be out in your own yard with your children at times. As well, it will definitely affect the resale value of neighboring property.

We understand that reports have to be submitted but if there is never any follow up or unannounced inspections the reports really are not worth the paper they are written on. Perhaps they should improve their track record and abide by existing rules before another conditional use is even considered.

Respectfully,

Keith & Sandra Syslak

Clanwilliam, MB

September 27, 2019

Technical Review Co-ordination Unit

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RE: TRC 12-059 - Cool Spring Colony

We attended a public hearing in February regarding TRC 12-048 which basically included the same proposal as this conditional use application. At that time we submitted a letter to the Technical Review Co-ordination Unit which we have attached again to this email. Included in that letter were some questions that we were hoping to have written clarification on. To date we have not received any type of written response. At the hearing we indicated that we were opposed to the expansion. We continue to be opposed to this expansion.

The difference this time for us is that we received the link to the government website to access and read the application submitted by the Colony. We were not notified of this link for the previous hearing. We noticed in the application, reference is made to section 72.1 of the Manitoba Planning Act that allows for a 15% increase in the original amount of animal units in relation to an existing farm building. There has never been an expansion to the existing building (chicken barn). It was approved to house 56,000 birds and yet 65,000 were/are being housed. Is this not a significant breach of the conditional use? Why is this application even being issued?

In 2006, council approved a conditional use for the colony to work with them to expand their operation. The colony, shortly after receiving the conditional use, breached several conditions and have been non compliant ever since. To us this indicates that they were not as eager to work with council. It is the colony that has compromised a trusting relationship between themselves, council and several neighboring residents.

At the public hearing in February, the colony representatives indicated that they would be more than willing to work with council. We are wondering what has been done to date to get back into compliance in regards to the 2006 conditional use. If they were really sincere about their statement, something must be accomplished by now.

Upon attending the previous public hearing regarding this matter, we feel that the Province of Manitoba will not back the R.M of Minto-Odanah if they approve this conditional use and a breach of the condition arises. Apparently, as long as everything looks good on an application or some other form or report it gets the provincial approval stamp. It was disappointing to find out that from the provincial representatives that attended the public hearing, only one had ever physically visited the location and that was several years ago.

It seems abundantly clear that the only way to guarantee a compliant conditional use is to deny it.

Respectfully,




Keith & Sandra Syslak

Clanwilliam, MB

Technical Review Co-ordination Unit

Municipal Relations

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Dear Sir/Madam

Re Cool Spring Colony TRC 12-059

I am writing on behalf of a group of stakeholders very concerned about the deteriorating conditions in Lake Minnedosa due to silt build up and weed proliferation caused in large part by high nutrient levels in the Little Saskatchewan River watershed. Our group is registered as the Friends Of Lake Minnedosa, hereinafter called FOLM. We have several concerns regarding this new proposal TRC 12-059 by Cool Spring Colony, hereinafter termed the proponent.

During the past hearing February 20, 2019 related to the application TRC 12-048 it was learned that the proponent has been operating under a "Conditional Use" permit issued in 2006. We were told at that hearing that the proponent had not strictly adhered to the prior agreement as set out and that the promised water run retention and shelter belt regulations had been largely ignored. In fact, the Little Saskatchewan River Conservation District advised in their comments that "the state of the riparian areas in the surface water drainage network emanating from the manure spread fields identified in the application is a concern". They went on to state that it appeared permanent riparian cover and buffer strips had been removed. Colleen Cuvelier manager of the LSRCD office in Oak River stated in her comments forwarded to the Technical Review Coordination Unit that this is not sustainable agricultural practice and would result in silt and nutrients entering the watershed and be deposited in Lake Minnedosa. While members of FOLM did not enter onto the spread fields belonging to the proponent, we could see no evidence of these water runs and buffer strips having been rehabilitated when being viewed from neighbouring farm land or roadways.

In addition FOLM has several other concerns and listed in no particular order they are:

-The shelter belt that formed part of the 2006 agreement is still listed as proposed some 13 years later

-Some information supplied February 20, 2019 re water runs and lands suitable for manure application was erroneous. Lands that did not in fact belong to the proponent were shown as available acreage and in one instance a picture purporting to show a well maintained water run was in fact taken on land belonging to a neighbour.

-We had occasion to view Branson's manure applicators in operation on the afternoon of October 17, 2019. That firm was applying hog manure upon section 14-16-17 WPM. This manure was being applied on land completely saturated by recent rains and the snow storm that had dumped 16 inches of heavy wet snow over Oct 11th and 12th, 2019. Indeed there was still snow cover on portions of that land. FOLM feels that this manure application was performed with disregard as to how Little Saskatchewan River watershed would be affected

-During the hearing February 20, 2019 dealing with TRC 12-048 the proponent in this application made a commitment to supply the RM of Minto-Odanah with any future Manure Management Plans. I checked with the RM office October 23, 2019, spoke to the Chief Administrative Officer and was advised that they have received no such plan. There appears to be a disconnect between the proponent and the local governing body.

-FOLM is very concerned about the sustainability of Lake Minnedosa and our watershed in light of being advised by Mr. Don Malinowsky of the Municipal Relations Department, during the previous hearing, that the Province of Manitoba was not responsible for inspections to ensure compliance with conditional use permits. We were advised by him during that hearing held Feb. 20, 2019 that it was the responsibility of the RM of Minto-Odanah to make sure that the proponent in this application adhered to the stipulations of their conditional use permit. This, even though the local municipal government has neither the staff

nor the expertise to police environmental issues.

The Friends Of Lake Minnedosa have the expectation that the Province of Manitoba, as stewards of our waterways will conduct a complete and thorough review of this application including an onsite farm inspection. Full cooperation from the province is required to assure that the already stressed Little Saskatchewan River Watershed is protected and to halt further eutrophication of Lake Minnedosa

We want to thank-you for your time and attention to this matter which is of great importance to our watershed and community.

Sincerely

Robert E. Jones, Vice Chair

Friends Of Lake Minnedosa committee

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Minnedosa, Mb R0J1E0

cc Minister Rochelle Squires, Municipal Relations

cc Minister Eileen Clarke, Indigenous and Northern Relations

cc MLA Greg Nesbitt, Riding Mountain

To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: TRC 12-059
Date: October 25, 2019 8:19:16 AM

Please except this email as my objection to the Cool Spring Colony having an additional 31,904 birds.

I live in Clanwilliam, Manitoba and we already experience the horrid smell when the wind is blowing in the right direction. As their "dumping" ground is only a few miles outside of Clanwilliam. I have grave concerns that this will become worse, concerns about the run off of an additional 30,000 plus chickens and the added semi use coming through our village. We already have had several and I mean several issues with their semi's not abiding by the speed limit coming through Clanwilliam and their total disregard for other vehicles on the gravel roads. I have personally contacted the RCMP about this issue as I was walking my granddaughters in a wagon in Clanwilliam when their truck went through at their usually high rate of speed and I had to lean over and cover the girls so that they were not pelted with stones or the high gust of wind. I have spoken to a man from the colony about this and they don't care and continue to do whatever they want. The speed limit through Clanwilliam is 50 km's. On another occasion on was on the road in Clanwilliam going 50 km's when their semi came up on me and laid on his horn because I was doing the speed limit. They have no regard for anyone but themselves.

The gas line that was recently put in for them is near completion and I hope that this is not an indication of them already being approved for this expansion. If it is, then no amount of emails, phone calls and letter will do nothing to stop this.

Please think of all the residents living out in the area that are going to be affected by this!

Regards,

Jennifer Willis
Clanwilliam, Manitoba

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To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: TRC 12-059
Date: October 28, 2019 7:23:44 PM

I am very concerned about the expansion of the barns at Cool Spring Colony from 65,575 to 97,479 animals at SW 1/4 24-16-17 WPM and SE 1/4 24-16-17 WPM. We have put up with the smell for so many years and with them dumping their dead stock near other people's property and always near waterways that flow into other neighbors dugouts and waterways. This is also attracting more crows and magpies to the area and coyotes than before. They have no respect for the environment or their neighbors. They already have six barns and pump two million gallons of manure into the ground which always seeps to the top and we have to smell this for weeks how many more barns do they need. With this said I say " NO " to the proposed expansion.

Len Tardiff
SW 35-16-17 W
RM of Minto Odana
Polonia MB.

Charlie & Lyndie Dagg
Minnedosa, MB
NW 12-16-17 W RM of Minto-Odanah

October 26, 2019

Technical Review Co-ordination Unit
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Livestock Technical Review Committee,

Re: Cool Spring Colony- TRC 12-059

As stated in our letter earlier this year, we continue to dispute the livestock expansion of the Cool Spring Colony.

We feel that the colony already has an abundance of animals, resulting in excessive amounts of manure. This geographical area is in very close proximity to our home. It appears their land is drained to flow towards the Whitemud and the Little Saskatchewan River Watersheds with no buffer zones.

Being in such close proximity we experience revolting odours resulting in potential air quality concerns.

The colony also spreads the animal waste in the fields, which as of late have already been saturated by moisture, which raises concern of runoff into other water systems and also is concerning for the quality of our well water. Are they even allowed to spread when there is snow on the ground? Due to these unethical practices, we feel that their current livestock operations should not be permitted to expand anymore.

We find it disappointing and discouraging that we already have gone through this review process once and continue to have to deal with it.

Our daily affairs and activities on our acreage have no effect on the colony members and we feel their affairs should not be allowed to impact us as much as it does. We are often unable to open the windows in our home due to odour, and frequently in the evenings are unable to enjoy time outdoors as the smell is too pungent to tolerate. We also are concerned that if they continue to expand it will affect the value of our home making resale extremely difficult.

Thank you for taking our concerns into consideration,

Charlie and Lyndie Dagg

To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: Re: TRC 12-059
Date: October 29, 2019 1:19:00 PM

Regarding the proposed expansion of a poultry operation at Cool Spring Colony. (TRC 12-059):

I thought that this issue was already dealt with a year ago. In my mind that decision should be good enough. All you have to do is drive by and see the liquid manure being spread on top of the ground over a layer of snow one foot deep, plus the 8 to 10 inches of rain that had fallen since the end of August, 2019, to realize that the ground is already saturated and the liquid manure has nowhere to go but to run off. Seeing this makes me believe that the number of animal units is already at the max of what should be allowed.

Jim Richards

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October 29, 2019

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RE: File No. TRC-12-059 Cool Spring Colony Ltd.

The Little Saskatchewan River Conservation District has reviewed the proposal (site assessment) for File No. TRC-12-059 Cool Spring Colony Ltd. within the context of the Little Saskatchewan River Integrated Watershed Management Plan. The Little Saskatchewan River Conservation District is not for or against any specific project. The integrated watershed management plan provides the direction from the residents, landowners, and stakeholders in our watershed.

The state of the riparian areas in the surface water drainage network emanating from the manure spread fields identified in the application is a concern. In several instances, it appears that permanent riparian cover and buffer strips have been removed, and the consequence is serious soil erosion of field drainage networks resulting in the transport of nutrients and soil downstream. This soil transport and erosion is not a sustainable agricultural practice and results in soil and nutrient build-up in Minnedosa Lake.

The LSRCD recommends the following to address these concerns. Should these actions be included as a requirement, there should be consideration to having a deadline for the establishment of the works.

- Establish permanent, perennial vegetation in all waterways, including those that are smaller than Order 1, period of flow, and delineation not acquired through actual field visits.
- Establish permanent, perennial vegetated buffers on all water bodies including waterways that are smaller than Order 1. The buffer should extend a minimum of 3 metres from the edge of the existing feature's boundary.

Sincerely,

Colleen Cuvelier
Manager

/cc

To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: TRC 12-059
Date: October 29, 2019 4:36:40 PM

What has changed from the last application that was made? We haven't seen any enviromental improvements. The last application was turned down because of this issue, so why make an application before these improvements have been made. Until these improvements are done we oppose it.

Yours faithfully

Dewi and Elizabeth Davies

October 29, 2019

Technical Review Co-ordination Unit
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Fax: 204-948-4042
Email: TRC@gov.mb.ca

Reference: TRC 12-059 - Proposed expansion of a poultry operation Cool Spring Colony, 2-81 Holding Co. Ltd.

Dear Technical Review Committee Members,

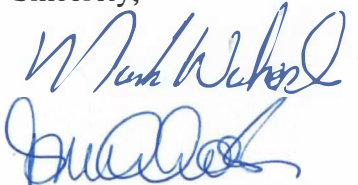
We are the owners of multiple properties in the Municipality of Minto-Odanah and the Municipality of Rosedale. These properties are adjacent to or directly across a roadway to the Cool Spring Colony.

We would like to share our opinion concerning the proposed expansion. We have concerns we would like to discuss.

We have studied the proposal and engineering report. We require further clarification regarding this report.

We would be interested in attending a public meeting or forum in regards to the proposed expansion.

Sincerely,



Mark and Darcy Wahoski
Minnedosa, MB

To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: TRC 12-059 Cool Spring Colony
Date: October 29, 2019 10:02:45 PM

Re: Expansion of a poultry operation by Cool Spring Colony (TRC 12-059):

I am opposed to the proposed expansion of a poultry operation by Cool Spring Colony. I opposed this same application less than a year ago at a public hearing held in February 2019. Following the hearing, our municipal council rejected the proposal in March of 2019. To the best of my knowledge, concerns and issues raised at the public hearing in February of 2019 have not been addressed by the colony.

Contamination of ground water, drainage causing seasonal flooding, soil erosion, excessive water aquifer usage, and air quality continue to be a concern. I look forward to addressing the public hearing with details relating to my objections to the proposed expansion.

Karen Dowsett

To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: TRC 12-059
Date: October 30, 2019 2:18:29 PM

David & Dawn Swift feel that the proposed expansion of the mixed livestock operation will cause an increase of odor in our area . Andthere has been no shelter belt or run way repairs done as it was supposed to be done when they constructed the last barn. David and Dawn Swift and family

Lyle Madill
Minnedosa Manitoba

TRC 12-059
Manitoba Government

I (Lyle Madill) being from Rural Municipality of Minto - Odanah living on SW of 2-16-17. am very concerned over the proposed expansion of TRC-12-059 going from 6 barns to 8 barns as 30% more storey will be added to the soil or being layed on top as it was on 18-19-20 of October 2019 which will be running of into our streams and lakes. I do think this has to stop somewhere and think 6 barns are enough.

Being only 1 mile from where they were spreading the smell was really unbearable and depreciating the value of my property.

Lyle Madill
Owner of Property
SW - 2-16-17.





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October 28, 2019

Technical Review Co-ordination Unit
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Via Fax (204) 948-4042

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: TRC 12-059 - Cool Spring Colony Poultry Expansion

We are writing to you in support of the impending expansion of the poultry premises at Cool Spring Colony, near Minnedosa, Manitoba. It has been our pleasure to be the sole poultry processor for Cool Springs Colony since their introduction into the industry in 2006 and, since that time, we have also had the pleasure of being the supplier of their chicks from our Carleton Hatchery division out of Grunthal, Manitoba.

Cool Spring Colony has invested heavily in the industry since their entrance, including upgrading the initial farm they purchased and then moving their poultry operation to their Minnedosa location. All Manitoba Chicken Producers (MCP) requirements and obligations were met during this transition and their significant investments in the industry were done in consultation with, and after, gaining the approval of all regulatory bodies.

As the processors for Cool Springs Colony, we can confirm that they are indeed exemplary stewards of poultry farming and strive in all areas to uphold the highest of standards and professionalism in every aspect of their poultry ventures. In fact, they continue to be some of our top producers and are considered by other producers to be leaders in the industry.

Their endeavors to expand are due to increased demand in product and they are seeking to meet the requirements set forth by the MCP board to continue their operation. We at Dunn-Rite Food Products/Sunrise Farms are 100% in support of Cool Spring Colony and their members. We hope for and encourage expediency in their approval process.

If there are any question of the integrity of the Colony or their performance as Poultry Managers please feel free to contact us and we will be happy to assist you.

Yours Sincerely,
Sunrise Poultry Processors Ltd.


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Manager of Live Production

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December 18, 2019

Technical Review Co-ordination Unit
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The Little Saskatchewan River Conservation District board reviewed these recommendations at their meeting on December 18, 2019 and stand by the intent of our recommendations.

Sincerely,


Ray Frey
Chairperson

RF/cc

Dear Sirs

Regarding The proposed expansion
of a mixed-livestock operation
TRC-12-048 Cool Spring Colony Ltd
we feel we need more information.

The colony did not keep the last
agreement to keep water shed runway
sowed to grass. The year after
being sowed down it was sprayed
out & sowed for grain then
cultivated after.

Thank you
William E. Hopkins Sr *W E Hopkins Sr*
Glennis Hopkins *Glennis Hopkins*

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