

TRC 12-060

Riedbow Dairy Expansion Request

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in response to a public notice in which Riedbow Dairy has requested approval to expand their operation from 800 to 1250 animals on NE 8-9-5WPM.

I am a resident of the RM of Grey and live approximately 1 mile directly north of this operation. I have resided on this property for over 40 years (SW 20-9-5 WPM) and have serious concerns with this proposal. While I am writing this letter as one resident, I can assure you my sentiments are echoed by others in the community that may not be as willing to allow their names to be public.

Environmental Concerns:

Over the past several years we have witnessed on numerous occasions the careless management of manure some of which include.

- 1- Broadcasting liquid waste in areas that allow the liquid waste to access the municipal drainage ditches.
- 2- Over application of manure on fields. While I do not have any specific data or evidence to substantiate this claim, I am basing this claim on the simple fact that after seeing a field having liquid waste broadcast, puddles of liquid waste can be seen for days following which in my opinion leaves these areas susceptible to run-off should we have a rain in the following few days. Especially when some of these puddles can be close to, or in a field drainage ditch
- 3- Liquid manure spillage on public roads and drainage ditches. Sometimes involving manure tanks rolling in ditches, manure wagon gate valve being left open while traveling on public roads etc. The picture on the following page was taken April 25th, 2019 and is **one example** of this operations total lack of regard for the environment or the citizens of this community. It shows a trail of liquid manure that spreads across a public road for approximately 1.5 miles. I can only assume that it would represent several thousands of gallons on a public road. A road that is heavily traveled by other residents. We don't appreciate having to drive through their messes!



Public Road Concerns

1-Over the past several years our **roads have been damaged** due to exposure to a concentration of silage trucks and liquid manure wagons. In both cases this equipment tears our roads apart to the point we are forced to avoid them until the RM can get out to repair them. The damage is substantial and for some unsuspecting driver can be extremely dangerous. When these loaded manure wagons turn they cut deep ruts on the road and can be so severe a car is unable to navigate.

2-**Public safety** is perhaps one of my greatest concerns. I cannot count the number of times we have been almost run off the road by a silage truck, or tractor. It appears the management and staff have absolutely no regard for other citizens of this community and as recently as Wednesday October 16th, 2019 we were forced to make evasive maneuvers to avoid a collision with a wheel loader. I did actually file a police report #OC191006698 about this incident as it was inexcusable dangerous driving. Unfortunately, these are not isolated incidents.

In conclusion, as a resident of this community I am strongly opposed to allowing this operation ANY further expansions and would challenge the province to hold this operation accountable for their actions. I question why they are not mandated to INJECT manure versus broadcasting which would reduce the smell, reduce the possibility of runoff and if piped from the farm would greatly reduce the damage to public roads.

I trust that you will give my concerns serious consideration and deny this expansion proposal.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter please feel free to contact me by email, text or phone to discuss.

Respectfully,

Tim Frost



Wed 2019-12-04 1:02 PM

Sandra Sharpe

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To +WPG139 - TRC (MR)

My view on Riedbow Dairy expanding their herd is one of great concern. The air quality from their existing size operation is bad enough without enlarging it any more. Manure is spread and the odor around my place is horrible, as I am only a mile down the road from this operation. I am also worried about the contamination of the ground water as the manure is loaded on the land and therefore gets into the water. The water being drank by animals is a concern for an Ecoli outbreak. There is enough chemicals put into the soil these days without more Ecoli from more manure.

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December 8, 2019

Re: TRC 12-060

To Whom It May Concern:

In regard to the proposed expansion of Reidbow Dairy from 1600 to 2500 Animal Units, I have numerous concerns pertaining to issues including: increased noise, increased damage to roads from manure application equipment, increased odours, increased dead stock management and the need for an increased landbase for the application of manure.

Given there is already another dairy operation of similar size within 2-3 miles of the applicant, it is suspected that the capacity of the landbase to handle the current size of these operations is already maximized. The concern is the applicant's expansion plans involve acquiring and clearing the more marginal sandy lands with shallow water tables to apply manure rather than acquiring more productive lands to the east.

I and other residents in the area would like assurances from the Province that the applicant has taken and will abide by all measures set by the Province prior to expansion that will address the concerns raised above. If the Province determines that these concerns are not addressed and the surrounding area has reached capacity for suitable lands available for manure application, then the proposed expansion should be rejected.

Sincerely,



Don Hopkins



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December 2, 2019

Re: TRC 12-060

To Whom It May Concern:

In regard to the proposed expansion of Reidbow Dairy from 1600 to 2500 Animal Units, we would expect there will be technical and legal assurances, on the onus of the above applicant and the Province, to prove and ensure the applicant has secured a suitable landbase of agricultural lands for the sustainable application of livestock manure.

The last time the applicant proposed to expand, circa 2009-10, the applicant included at least two parcels of land in their manure management plan that were neither owned nor had an agreement in place with the landowners, in order to give the impression they had a sufficient landbase. This has created an erosion of trust, on our part, as to the authenticity and accuracy of other items of that plan and in the plans of this applicant going forward.

Such fraudulent activity must not be allowed to re-occur and there must be due diligence on the part of the Province to verify the information provided by the applicant is true and accurate. Any additional attempts to mislead the Technical Review Committee should be met with denial of the request to expand and further legal action.

Sincerely,



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Concerning the proposal from Redden Dairy to expand it's operation from 1600 to 2500 animal Unit's at NE 8.9.5 WPM referencing TRC 12060. I would like them to take some responsibility like Colsiem on the road past the farm yard's when they haul silage and manure, and slow down when they approach the yard set's. It get's to the point where you almost have to move out when they start hauling on the account of the dust, the Municipality won't do it so I think the big dairy's should do it.

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