

June 12, 2018



Dr. Eshetu Beshada
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-via email to Eshetu.Beshada@gov.mb.ca-

**Re: Letter of Objection and Request for Public Hearings
5699.00 Rakowski Recycling -- Scrap Processing and Auto Wrecking Facility**

Dear Dr. Beshada,

We write this letter on behalf of the Green Party of Manitoba (GPM) in support of the South St. Boniface Residents Association (SSBRA) and other concerned citizens who have contacted our Party with respect to the Environment Act Proposal 5699.00 for the continued operation of a scrap processing and auto wrecking facility at 454 Archibald Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The GPM submits that the Environmental Approvals Branch should refuse to issue an *Environment Act* to the proponent at this time.

Should the Environmental Approvals Branch decide to move forward with this proposal the GPM submits that the director should:

- request the minister to direct the chairperson of the Clean Environment Commission (CEC) to conduct public hearings, with participant funding to be provided in accordance with section 13.2 of the *Environment Act*;
- require that further independent studies, testing, research, and analysis be conducted;
- elevate the proposal to a class 2 development, so that broader concerns that are complementary to, and supportive of the need for long term future development planning in the St. Boniface area can also be considered; and;
- perform a broad-based long-term future planning assessment that looks at rail relocation and the potential for future development in the St. Boniface area.

This project is located within City of Winnipeg limits, ten minutes from Downtown, and within an area that includes a high number of residential addresses in close proximity to the proposed project.

As acknowledged by the proponent in the *Rakowski Recycling -- Manitoba Environment Act Proposal* report prepared by KGS: "No public consultation was undertaken prior to or during development of this EAP report" (pg. 11).

Yet this is projects attracts a high degree of public interest, with our party being provided with a copy of a petition signed by numerous local residents expressing concerns about the proposed project.

Local residents have raised concerns to the GPM with respect to noise, dust, air quality, odour, soil quality, health concerns, and concerns about compatibility of industrial development in conjunction with other planned development such as condo developments.

The issue of how this facility was allowed to operate without an *Environment Act* license on the basis of inconsistent, and what would appear to be incorrect, directions provided by the Department (KGS, pg. 1) raises issues with respect to the enforcement and administration of Environmental Laws in Manitoba.

Public hearings could provide a venue to not only obtain further testing and analysis that appears to be required based on the concerns that have been brought to the GPM's attention, but would also allow that evidence to be tested in a public and transparent process.

Respectfully,



James Beddome

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Cc. Greg Selinger, Wab Kinew, Dougald Lamont, Tracey Braun, Eshetu Beshada, Dan Vandal, James Beddome, Matt Allard, Alex Forrest

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Attention: Eshetu Beshada, PhD, P. Eng Environmental Engineer

Re: Opposition towards Rakowski Recycling - scrap processing and auto wrecking facility – FILE: 5699.00 and File: 5792.00

Dear Dr. Beshada,

I am submitting this letter in response to the Notice of Environment Act Proposal which appeared in the Winnipeg Free Press on May 12, 2018 regarding Rakowski Recycling - Scrap Processing Facility (File: 5699.00). I object strongly to the granting of an environmental license to this facility.

In 2008, an M3-zoning variance application for this same property was denied by the Riel Community Committee, a decision subsequently upheld by City Council, for the following reason:

“The rezoning of the subject property to an “M3” Industrial District has significant potential to adversely affect the surrounding area.” [emphasis mine]

It is worth noting that the Riel Committee used the term “significant potential” as opposed to a “slight potential.”

As noted in the EAP, an inspection by Manitoba Sustainable Development identified the operations of the facility as a scrap processing and auto wrecking facility, a Class 1 development requiring an environmental license. The City of Winnipeg only allows wrecking and salvage yards on M3-zoned property. It does not appear that granting an environmental license for an auto wrecker operation would correlate with a City of Winnipeg M2 zoning, even one under a Conditional Use Order. The facility would then require an M3-zoned property. The property at 454 Archibald is less than 300 feet from the nearest residential area. City of Winnipeg Bylaw 200/2006 says that:

“New M3 zone districts should not be established within 300 feet of an existing residential zone district.”

The only Air Quality that seems to be mentioned in the EAP appears to reference

“fugitive dust levels, greenhouse gases and vehicle emissions.” The report does not seem to mention any measuring of emissions with regards to torching or shearing. How can this be considered a full environmental impact report? Recent studies point to the potential need for concern regarding these types of activities at facilities that are already in existence. All the more reason then for increased scrutiny when considering granting long-term permission to new facilities.

Please see the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Scientific and Technical Information journal article:

Unanticipated potential cancer risk near metal recycling facilities

<https://www.osti.gov/biblio/22246888>

By the EAP report submitted, it seems that we are being asked to understand that the facility has already been operating as a scrap processing and auto wrecking facility as well as handling Lead Acid Batteries for some time and, obviously, without an Environment Act license as well as no Dangerous Goods Handling and Transportation Act license. Is it common practice for companies to carry on such operations prior to applying for the corresponding licenses? If the facility is already exceeding what it is authorized to operate, should there be concern regarding the demands and responsibilities required by an environmental license?

I have lived in this area for over 20 years. The only odour that I have ever noticed is the occasional rendering plant smell when the wind blows from the east. Near the end of March, while out walking in the neighbourhood, a very chemically-foul odour that I have never smelled before. The wind was blowing over the Mission Industrial area. Increasing the amount of high hazard industries in an area that is well over 80% high hazard is concerning to say the least. Granting an environmental license to a facility that is located on the remaining piece of buffer zone between the Mission Industrial and residences would seem unwise.

In an area that saw very clear problems with licensing and government inspections regarding the Speedway International fire of 2012, am I very concerned about both the intensification of industry and the apparent contradictions that still seem to exist between different levels of government.

I oppose the approval of any dangerous good license for this property.

Best regards,
Michelle Berger

June 12, 2018

Environmental Approvals Branch
Manitoba Sustainable Development

Re: Rakowski Recycling – Scrap Processing and Auto Wrecking Facility – File: 5699.00 and 5972

Dear Eshetu,

I'm writing to you to speak in opposition to the new licence and rezoning for Rakowski's.

I've been actively involved with the South St. Boniface Residents' Association for a few years and kept up to date with the Old St. Boniface Residents' Association as a community member prior to that. I've also been involved in efforts to build a community garden in North St. Boniface and make St. Boniface a more environmentally sustainable community.

One thing that's been extremely clear from working with these community groups is that the community does not want intensification of industry in the Mission Industrial area. Residents have been complaining about the smells, the sounds, shaking house foundations, and bringing up concerns about safety and health effects related to heavy industry, including the recycling facilities in the area, for years.

In recent years, I've heard an increasing number of complaints from residents about impacts on their health from living so close to the Mission Industrial area. The argument against them from people in a position of authority has often been 'Well, that's been there for ages. They knew what they were getting into when they moved there.' That argument strikes me as unfair, as many people have limited housing options due to limited income, are unaware of the health impacts of living in the area when they move in or may have simply grown up in the area without a choice in the matter. Those people should still have the right to a clean environment and a safe place to live. But perhaps most importantly, that response doesn't take into account the increasing intensity of industry in the area over the past few years.

We don't know the full impact on the health of residents or the environment in this particular case. Despite complaints from residents, the government hasn't done adequate environmental testing in the area. Even though we haven't had comprehensive, independent local testing, we know that the potential negative health effects from auto-shredders can be severe.

I hope you'll see that any increased intensity of industry in the area is in opposition to the well-being and the will of the community and deny these applications.

Craig Adolphe

Beshada, Eshetu (SD)

From: Dan Lambert [REDACTED]
Sent: June-12-18 1:41 PM
To: Beshada, Eshetu (SD) <Eshetu.Beshada@gov.mb.ca>
Subject: Rakowski Recycling - 5699.00

Hello Eshetu,

I am writing in opposition to the granting of the continuing use license to the Rakowski Recycling operation.

In 2008 I spoke before the Riel subcommittee in opposition to rezoning of the Rakowski site from M2 to M3. We were relieved at the time with the committee's decision to reject the zoning change, citing that the local community desired a deintensification of heavy industrial uses, not an intensification. However, in the past weeks it has now become apparent that the City of Winnipeg had ignored the wishes of the community and had granted Rakowski with a "Conditional Use Order" to allow M3 industrial uses on a M2 zoned property. I am upset.

My house on Doucet in the Dufresne neighbourhood is over 100 years old, having been built in the 1910's. In researching the neighbourhood I discovered references to local residents filing complaints in 1915 about an abattoir (slaughterhouse) located on Doucet St. The operation opened in January 1915, and after a mobilization of the local community was closed on April 21, 1915. Apparently there was several small scale slaughterhouse operations within the area, which were all closed within months of the announcement of the Canada's Packers operation in November 1915.

This historical story brings up two relevant facts:

1. The residents of the Dufresne community have been expressing concerns about impacts on health and quality of life due to the close proximity to heavy industrial land uses for over a hundred years.
2. The planning and regulatory system in 1915 allowed for a slaughter operation to operate WITHIN residential neighbourhoods. The existing situation of heavy industry land uses in close proximity to residential neighbourhoods, is a result of these outdated planning and regulatory principles.

There seems to be this perceived notion that since the Mission Industrial Park was originally planned as a heavy industrial park a hundred years ago, that the wisdom of the planners should not be questioned and that residents should just accept the situation. Having experienced a massive exploding fireball at the end of my street resulting in an evacuation of my young family, I strongly call into question the intellectual honesty of this argument.

Local residents are seriously concerned about their health and quality of life and are demanding that the regulatory bodies heed their concerns. Rakowski's should have been shut down 10 years ago when their zoning change application was denied. If the province grants a continued use license, expect appeals and pressure from the local residents as they have done for the past 100 years.

Dan Lambert
[REDACTED]

June 11, 2018

Mr. Eshetu Beshada
Environmental Officer
Environmental Approvals Branch
Manitoba Sustainable Development

Re: Rakowski Recycling - Scrap Processing and Auto Wrecking Facility - File: 5699.00 and File: 5792.00

Dear Mr. Beshada,

I have been a resident in the Archwood community for the last 24 years, located south of Happyland Park.

Up until the last few years the only odor that we have previously experienced came from the rendering plant located in the Mission Industrial area. Which usually affected the area about once a month and seemed like a small trade off for living in this area. With its location close to the Seine River and Park. Since the demolition of the old Swift and Canada Packers plant, the neighbourhood was on an uptick, it was uncommon to see a house on the market for more than a few weeks.

The last few years has brought other odors into this area, that one can say makes the rendering plant smell pleasant in comparison. On a fairly regular basis you can pick up the smell in the area faintly, and most won't know what it is. However, on March 22nd of 2018 the smell in the area was so bad around 4:30 in the afternoon, no one in our household wanted to go outside. The smell was very strong and smelled like a chemical rubber smell, I have smelt this more in the Dufresne neighbourhood and along Archibald to the North in the past. My husband experienced another incident near the end of May when stopping at a commercial site just south of Marion. He described the smell as a STRONG paint smell, that made him feel nausea. On occasion after work, even several blocks south of Marion, we can hear the sound of banging/scrapping metal. If we can hear it here even faintly, I can only imagine how bad the sound can get for the Dufresne neighbourhood.

It is concerning as one wonders what exactly are we breathing? The more we read the more that concern rises, as research from other areas has brought up significant concern for human health around metal recycling facilities. One study out of Houston caught our attention "Unanticipated potential cancer risk near metal recycling facilities" <https://www.osti.gov/biblio/22246888> . This was a preliminary study that lead to a more detailed, 5-year study that is currently underway.

Another area of concern for is the City of Winnipeg Zoning and the 2008 denial of the M3 variance requested at 454 Archibald, as it would appear that current business is exceeding the uses outlined in the conditional use that was previously approved in 2007, which the South St. Boniface Residents Association letter of opposition outlines in more detail. This raises significant concern in the area as it appears like the process has failed on two levels of government. How did the City of Winnipeg not notice the conditional uses had been exceeded? Why did the City

take no action? How is the Province considering approving a location where the City zoning is not compatible for the current business activities?

There is also concern on the Federal level as well, as no metal recycler in St. Boniface was reporting to the National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI), confirmed in Oct 2017 to the Residents Association in a letter from Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change. Yet a similar business located near Kilcona park is reporting. Why is this reporting not a requirement outlined in the environmental licenses provided?

To say that residents in the area are losing confidence in the processes meant to protect them, may be a severe understatement. The re-Industrialization of an area in which the City plans to add more density due to its R2 Multifamily zoning by continuing to approve dangerous goods licenses, does not seem like a sound idea for either the City or Province. As these smells, etc. even make their way into downtown, the areas affected will be dictated by which way the wind blows.

In the last year and a half, there has also been a noticeable change in trends for real estate within this area. For the first time in over 20 years, multiple houses are sitting on the market, even for months at a time. Several houses have listed under city assessed values, with a few still remaining on the market months later and one property is listing for as much as \$22,000 less than the city assessed value.

I strongly believe that continuing to approve businesses of this nature, will only have a detrimental effect on the surrounding areas and future developments, as it already has long-term residents that never planned to moved, thinking about it.

I strongly oppose the approval of any dangerous goods license for this location.

Sincerely,

Christine Trickey

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of Christine Trickey.

June 10, 2018

Mr. Eshetu Beshada
Environmental Officer
Environmental Approvals Branch
Manitoba Sustainable Development

Re: Rakowski Recycling - Scrap Processing and Auto Wrecking Facility - File: 5699.00

Dear Mr. Beshada,

I am a longtime resident of [REDACTED] which is in fairly close proximity to the aforementioned business currently located at 454 Archibald.

Rakowski Cartage and Wrecking had previously applied to the City of Winnipeg to have this identical piece of land rezoned as M3 in 2008 so that they could operate as an auto-wrecker. The request was denied because "the re-zoning of the subject property to an M3 Industrial District would have significant potential to adversely affect the surrounding area" - more specifically the residential area.

They were granted a provisional licence to operate a business with specific instructions regarding processes, procedures and conditions of operations. Those conditions unfortunately, have not been followed and yet they continue to operate with a marked escalation of activities! The city and the province have FAILED to ensure adherence to the conditions and have placed the surrounding population at risk and are to be held accountable for this.

There are genuine concerns regarding the current and anticipated activities of Rakowski Recycling and its metal recycling neighbour to the east. These concerns include, but are not limited to excessive loud noises daytime, toxic airborne particles as identified by the increasingly malodorous odours accompanying the noise, increased dust and increased airborne particulate and manmade substances finding their ways onto the grounds in the neighbourhood.

The residential community in proximity has not decreased in size over the past 10 years. As a matter of fact residential density has increased significantly and plans are in place to add an additional 1000 - 1200 residential units literally just downwind and less than .5 kilometers from the Rakowski site. It would seem to me that it would be a particularly hard sell to welcome families with children into a new development with a Heavy Industry Polluter parked in their backyard.

I am saying NO to the submission of an Environmental Act Proposal for the continuation of a scrap processing and auto-wrecking facility at 454 Archibald St, Winnipeg, MB. They should be shut down immediately, as they have been operating in contravention of their operational licence. The land they are operating on should remain M2 or converted to M1 for future development more appropriate to the area.

Granting them a continuance would be a travesty. Converting 454 Archibald from M2 to M3 would akin to a criminal act.

If the government, both provincial and municipal, fail in their duties to protect the environment and its citizens, they will find themselves embroiled in a revolt with the citizens rightfully taking them to task!

We are all for Recycling, especially of these potentially hazardous and dangerous goods - Place the operations on a site that is contained and a reasonable distance from the population!

Respectfully,
Gary Tessier and family
[REDACTED]

June 10, 2018

Mr. Eshetu Beshada
Environmental Officer
Environmental Approvals Branch
Manitoba Sustainable Development

Re: Rakowski Recycling - Scrap Processing and Auto Wrecking Facility - File: 5699.00

Dear Mr. Beshada,

As a longtime resident (36 years) of [REDACTED] which is a 5 minute walk away from this business currently located at 454 Archibald, I have serious and well founded concerns.

Rakowski Cartage and Wrecking have previously applied to the City of Winnipeg to have this piece of land rezoned as M3 in 2008 so that they could operate as an auto-wrecker. The City denied their request at that time because "the re- zoning of the subject property to an M3 Industrial District would have significant potential to adversely affect the surrounding area "- more specifically the residential area.

People live in this area!!!

They were granted a provisional license to operate a business with SPECIFIC instructions regarding processes, procedures and CONDITIONS of operations. Those conditions unfortunately, have not been followed and yet they continue to operate with a marked escalation of activities! The city and the province have FAILED to ensure adherence to the conditions and have placed the surrounding population at risk and are to be held accountable for this.

WHY BOTHER WITH CONDITIONS IF THEY ARE NOT UPHELD?

I have genuine concerns regarding the current and anticipated activities of Rakowski Recycling and its metal recycling neighbour to the east. These concerns include, but are not limited to excessively loud crashing noises in the daytime, toxic odours accompanying the noise, increased dust and increased airborne particulate and manmade substances finding their ways in my yard and neighbourhood.

I have heard of plans to develop the nearby Canada Packers site and wonder why anyone would want to move there if this issue is not addressed? These plans are to add an additional 1000 - 1200 residential units literally just downwind and less than .5 kilometers from the Rakowski site. It would seem to me that it would be a particularly hard sell to welcome families with children into a new development with a Heavy Industry Polluter a short distance upwind. In the grand scheme of things I believe this would create more health issues and burdens to our system in other ways.

I am saying NO to the submission of an Environmental Act Proposal for the continuation of a scrap processing and auto-wrecking facility at 454 Archibald St, Winnipeg, MB. Their operation should be curtailed or be shut down immediately, as they have been operating in contravention of their operational license. The land they are operating on should remain M2 or converted to M1 for future development more appropriate to the area.

Granting them a continuance would be negligent towards people who have an inherent right to a safe and clean living environment. Converting 454 Archibald from M2 to M3 would be ecologically unsound and a repetition of past errors.

The government, both provincial and municipal have a responsibility to the citizens they have accepted to represent.

We are all for Recycling, especially of these hazardous and dangerous goods - Place the operations on a site with better safeguards and at a greater distance from actual people!

Respectfully,

Madeleine Vrignon



Beshada, Eshetu (SD)

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: June-09-18 11:21 PM

To: Beshada, Eshetu (SD) <Eshetu.Beshada@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: RE: Rakowski Recycling – Scrap Processing and Auto Wrecking Facility - File: 5699.00

RE: Rakowski Recycling – Scrap Processing and Auto Wrecking Facility - File: 5699.00

Dear Eshetu Beshada,

I am responding to the notice of environmental act proposal. I am negatively affected by the above operation and **strongly oppose the proposal**. I live on Holden Street in East St. Boniface and have been kept awake *many* nights by the loud noises and banging from the operation. My health has been negatively affected from lack of sleep and I am quite certain from the toxic pollution from this facility and others allowed to operate in St. Boniface. I have been diagnosed with a serious autoimmune disease and now have respiratory issues. Before Rakowski Recycling and Centennial Trucking were allowed to operate in our community, I had no health concerns and was in excellent health able to jog and exercise daily. Over the past couple of years my lung capacity has been significantly reduced and I have constant congestion in my lungs. Allowing toxic businesses like this to operate in communities with families is an injustice to the residents. These businesses have no regard for the residents living near by. I think the City and Province must start protecting the health and safety of the citizens and start cleaning up the area. If it wasn't for my family home that has been in our family for over 50 years I would move from the area. I feel we are being discriminated against and it is a shame to see St. Boniface deteriorating. I am **strongly against Rakowski Recycling's proposal** and hope the Province of Manitoba Environmental Approval Branch protects the citizens of St. Boniface by denying continued operation of this scrap processing and auto wrecking facility in the community.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond. Please save our community!

Cheryl Clague

[REDACTED]

In opposition of file #'s 5699.00 Rakowski
5972.00

~~to~~ June 9/2018

I am asking the government to deny
Rakowski's request for the reasons

- constant loud banging & grinding
 - constant toxic smells
 - constant dust
 - they are located on an M2 zone
 - too many toxic high hazard businesses already
 - hazardous to my health
 - hazardous to pets & animals
 - hazardous to the Seine River
 - have contaminated veg garden (tested by logm)
 - way too close to residents, they should be in a buffer zone
 - constant disruption to our lives
 - causes headaches
 - shakes my house
 - have to keep windows & doors shut
 - can never go for a walk as the smell & air is terrible
 - excessive traffic through our area
 - Sustainable Development Director) Don Labossieu & his team did air testing & it failed 2 peer reviews
 - 200 complaints turned in (nothing done)
 - ~~petition~~ petition turned in with over 1000 names
 - It seems the dept. of Sustainable Development is not holding up the regulations w/ the licenses of the businesses that are already there. More inspections & independent testing is needed in Messine Ind.
 - Protection community & deny the request
- D. Cwik

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5972.00 Rakowski

I am asking the government to deny Rakowski's request.

I am a 3 time cancer survivor & have just been diagnosed with lung cancer

Reasons:

- Toxic thick foul smelling air on a daily basis that burns my lungs & throat making it very hard to breathe. Have to use my puffers way to often.
 - Constant loud banging noises as well as big bang explosions everyday. This daily noise wakes me up at 8:15am sharp.
 - The toxic air & noise forces me to stay indoors
 - If I want to go outside I must drive several miles from my home
 - If I want to go for a walk I must drive several miles from my home
 - Can never sit at in my backyard
 - Cannot eat veg. out of my garden because of toxic soil
 - Turned in over 200 complaints to Julie Freese Sis. Dev.
 - Turned in a petition with over 100 names
 - Rakowski is zoned M2 in my opinion is running an M3 scrap yard
 - Called in several complaints as Julie Sis. Development asked us to do that & it had to be 5 complaints by 5 different households Sis. Development said
 - Mission Ind. is wreaking havoc on my health
 - Rakowski is supposed to be in a buffer zone ????
- On next page I will give you an example of what a day is like for me in this area. A Depen

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Was in the Dufrense area, the toxic smell was just hanging in the thick air that made it very hard to breathe. Within 10 mins I had an instant headache, felt dizzy, found it hard to breathe, felt a burning in my lungs & they started to hurt. I also felt sick to my stomach. I stopped and asked 2 men if they smell that toxic smell they said yes. 1 man said that is the smell from "TORCHING". I asked him how he knew that & he said he does "TORCHING" all the time & is used to it. This man works in the Mission Ind area.

I quickly got in my car & left.

While driving through the Dufrense area there were only 2 people outside, normally all the older people & Kid City kids are all outside. When I got home I had to use all 3 puffs 4x each just to feel better. My lungs were irritated for the rest of the day & into Sat.

I sent an email in on that Friday to Julie Troese of Soc. Development have not heard back.

I feel Mission Ind businesses are detrimental to my health & quality of life.

For the safety of myself, children, elderly & the entire community, please deny Rakowski's request. Please get some ^{independent} air testing done at the source of emissions a.s.a.p. Please hire a company for noise testing.

Dandra Dupes

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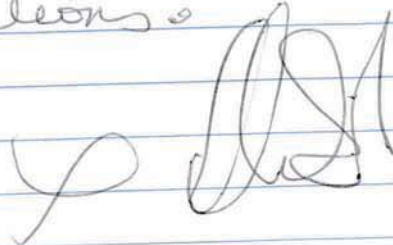
How many times do we have to
petition the government to get Mission
Ind. cleaned up? get the skidders &
scrapers out of there

Just because the mean older
community doesn't mean we want
it destroyed. Should be disposed of.
disposed

Do not allow any more expansions on
high hazard businesses in Mission
Ind.

Mission Ind. is making us sick.
Citizens should matter more than
big corporations.

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5972.00

- At 7:30 am. the continuous loud noise begins. It goes on all day.
- We have to listen to trains in the night & the banging & grinding in the day.
- On the days that it smells really bad I go inside & keep the doors & windows shut.

This area is very nice & I would like to be able to go outdoors & enjoy it more but the smell & loud noise prevent me from doing this.

In the long run I fear that the high hazard shoddy businesses in Mexico Ind. will make me very sick.

I am a cancer survivor & I ask the government, the city & the feds as well as the health dept. take immediate action to clean up Mission Ind. & protect the community.

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✓ Louise Campagne

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I oppose any high hazard
industrial businesses expanding
or being allowed in my
industrial area. My kids and
granddaughter all suffer from
continuous allergies.

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We moved here 7 years ago and never
had any health issues.

Three years ago I developed seasonal
allergies such as runny eyes, coughing
in a.m. stuffy nose. I tried with
nasal solution twice per day but does
not really help.

The season that is the worst is from
March - Oct.

We have big health concerns about
living here as my grand parents were
long time residents & both died
of cancer. One of them went blind
living here.

We ask the government health dept.
to step in and stop any high hazard
businesses to set up or operate or
expand in residential areas.

We are concerned about the trains carrying
hazardous materials as well.

Please clean up Mission St. & move the
rail lines out.

X K. Villafane

Dr. Thompson
Bm. Walth

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This problem should have been taken care of many years ago after the Speedway fire when Dan Vandal said they were going to clear up the area & never did. He Dan Vandal said no more high hazard business would be let into the area & now all these high hazard business are getting it lit in all time & looking for expansion.

We ask the government to stop all expansions on any business in the Mission Industrial area once & for all.

Where are the inspectors who are supposed to be monitoring these businesses?

I KO in the winter when doing snow removal they push all the snow garbage, boards, nails & pallets over the fence.

Where are the inspectors?

★ V [Signature]



Old St. Boniface Resident's Association

L'Association des residents du Vieux Saint-Boniface

June 9, 2018

Environmental Approvals Branch
Manitoba Sustainable Development

Re: Rakowski Recycling - Scrap Processing and Auto Wrecking Facility – File: 5699.00

Dear Eshetu,

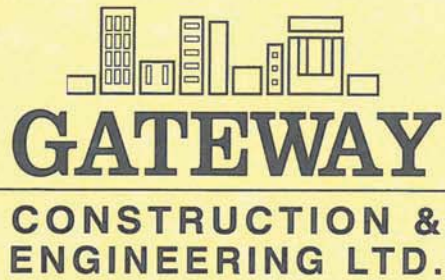
In March 2018 the Old St Boniface Residents Association (OSBRA) held their AGM and unanimously passed a resolution calling for the deintensification of heavy industrial activities within the Mission Industrial Park in close proximity to residential properties. Considering Rakowski Recycling is within 100m of residential properties and 200m from a children's play structure the OSBRA has a clear mandate to vigorously oppose the submission for an environmental license for the continuing operation of their scrap processing and automobile wrecking facility.

Over the past number of years residents within the OSBRA catchment have identified a clear degradation in their quality of life due to the close proximity to scrap processing and automobile wrecking operations within the Mission Industrial Park. Concerns include, but are not limited to loud noises and potentially toxic airborne particulates. There exists a genuine concern that the proximity to these industrial activities are negatively impacting their family's long term health.

This will not be the first time that local residents have mobilized in opposition to the Rakowski operation. In 2008 Rakowski attempted to rezone their site from M2 to M3 and were rejected by the Riel subcommittee and council after hearing from local residents. It's only through the granting of a Conditional Use Order that the operation is able to circumvent the bylaws and operate on M2 zoned land.

The community said NO to Rakowski Recyclings rezoning attempt in 2008, they say NO to this submission for a continuation of their operation that is contrary to existing zoning bylaws and will continue to say NO moving forward if this operational license is granted.

Lyndsey Marshall
President
Old St. Boniface Residents Association



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Winnipeg, MB, R2J 0X5

June 9 2018

Attn: Eshetu Beshada

Re: Rakowski Recycling Application - File 5699.00

Dear Eshetu:

I would like to register my opposition to the application noted above. When Gateway moved into this area in 1987 we understood this area to be an M2 zoned area, and a move to M3 by a close neighbor will, we believe, have a negative impact not only on our property value, but potentially our health.

According to the provincial definition, M3 is for "processing.....that may require substantial mitigation to avoid sound, noise, and odour impacts to neighbouring properties." We believe the applicant has already been operating M3 business activities illegally, and has not put the required precautions in place to ensure safety to the neighborhood as well as air quality protection. In the past year we have experienced at least one incident of metal flying onto our property, and in this instance, where it went through the roof of a storage building, requiring roofing repairs. The applicant is the only possible cause of this incident.

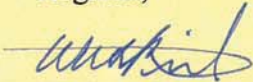
We also remain concerned with air quality issues. Since the issue of the Shredder in the area has raised concerns about what comes out of some facilities, we need to be convinced up front that the air quality is not negatively affected by this applicant. Since they are already running a potentially polluting operation, has sufficient air quality monitoring occurred at their source to verify without a doubt that they are not already negatively affecting air quality? I don't think so. ALSO, since this would allow them to also then run a shredder, which has also been proven to be polluting and problematic in the area, with the required Government oversight lacking, how could I possibly be in support of granting yet another approval for a shredder. No, we don't need more validation for shredders in the area, but removal of the one that already exists. How is that going?

So to summarize, our concerns are:

- 1-Safety of the operation for neighboring businesses. (A complete safety review is first required)
- 2-Air Quality concerns for the area businesses and residents. (Stringent testing is required first)
- 3-Once zoned M3, the potential for more shredders, heavy industry, or pretty much anything, in an area that was not intended for that purpose, and which is surrounded by M2 businesses. THIS IS NOT AN M3 ZONE! THIS IS AN M2 ZONE.

So we would ask that this application be denied.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wes Rist', with a stylized flourish at the end.

WES RIST
PRESIDENT

June 9 / 2018

In opposition to file # 5679.00 Rakowski
5972.00

I feel that these shredders Rakowski
should have an environmental
assessment done A.S.A.P.

The public should be shown the
results of this assessment.

We ~~feel~~ Mission End is an environmental
health hazard.

We ask that you deny Rakowski
an expansion license.

 J. M. M.

June 8/18

In opposition to Jett¹⁵ 5699.00
Rakowski 5972.00

- loud noises / explosions
- house vibrates
- smell
- property devaluation
- environmental concerns
- poor air quality
- harmful to local wildlife
- harmful to pets
- effects soil conditions
- burning smells
- large heavy vehicles frequently pass through neighbourhood.
- neighbourhood zoned Residential

James

Media contact Paul [REDACTED]

June 8/18

In opposition to site #¹⁵ 5699.00 Relowski
5972.00

- We oppose this for these reasons:
- Family Health
- Property Value decrease
- more excessive traffic noise
- not zoned for a scrapyard or Salvage

Paul [Signature]

June 8, 2018

In opposition to file #¹⁵ 5699.00 RAKOWSKI
5972.00 RECYCLE

In regard to changes + additions
to equipment and salvage yard
changes. I strongly oppose these
changes due to health and
safety of the neighborhood.

Blair C. Solosky

[REDACTED]

June 9/2018

In opposition to file # ¹⁵ 5699.00 Rakowski;
5972.00

Please deny this license as I have
emphysema & the last 2 years here
have made me very sick. I find my
breathing is getting worse by the
moment & the constant noise day &
night has disrupted my sleep for
so long my health is deteriorating.

Ask the government to stop giving
licenses to business that have taken
their toll on our health.

Please clean up the Mission Ind. area
a.s.a.p.

There is also a very bad smell almost
daily which is very annoying.

Edna Fortes

June 9/2018

In opposition to file # 5699.00 Rakowski &
5972.00

We oppose giving Rakowski a license for
these reasons

- This used to be such a quiet neighborhood
& now it is so loud it is when they grind
the scrap metal they hearing aids drive
me crazy in my ears.

For the health & safety of this community
we ask the Health Dept. & the government
to shut down these businesses a.s.a.p.

The noise is so annoying, we are
irritated all the time. My wife & I
are not in the best of health & these
grinding & smashing noise is driving us
crazy. It is making us sick.

Please

Years ago we signed a petition to not
allow any shredders. The government
went against us & let them in & now
the shredders & scrap yards are making us
sick.

How many more petitions do we have
to sign before the government listens
to the people of this community?

X Mr & Mrs K. Poesch.

June 9/2018

In opposition to file # ¹⁵5699.00 Rakowski:
597200

We oppose to giving Rakowski an operating licence due to the disturbances in the neighbourhood. The excessive noise, odors that make us have to go inside. After two years of this noise we find it hard to enjoy our back yard & garden.

We ask the government to clean up Mission Industrial as soon as possible.

Jose Milne
[Redacted]
[Signature]

June 8/18

In opposition to file #¹⁵ 5699.00 Rakowski
5972.00

I oppose giving Rakowski a license as
I have a young family & fear it will
cause developmental issues that will
last a lifetime.

We hear the noise all day & find
it really disturbing.

We ask the government to clean up
Mission Industries & deny this license
today. ~~Yk~~ Mary & Tyler Mevord

June 8/18

In opposition to file #¹⁵ 569906 Rakowski
5972.00

I, DON FILIPCHUK OF [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] OPPOSE THE expansion
of RAKOWSKI to run a salvage
yard in such close
proximity to my property as
I feel it devalues my property
as well as being detrimental to
my health. It is my understand-
ing that RAKOWSKI is zoned M-2 but
is running a high hazard
M-3 zoned business

DON FILIPCHUK
- D Filipchuk

June 8/18

In opposition to file # ¹⁵ 5699.00 ~~K~~ Kowski
5972.00

I do not want this business to be
expended. *Off Rudee*

June 8/18

In opposition to file #⁵ 5699.00 Rakowski
5972.00

Do not want any hazardous company/
Business that gives chemicals as I have
a 10 month old child at home.

- Krzysztof Lassar



June 8/18

In opposition to File # 15 5699.00 Jakowski
5972.00

I am opposed to the noise
property evaluation & for health
reasons. I order

In opposition to file #15699.00 Rakowski:
5972.00

We live approx 2 miles away & every morning we hear the constant LOUD Banging & grinding of the shredder

This loud constant noise is very irritating.

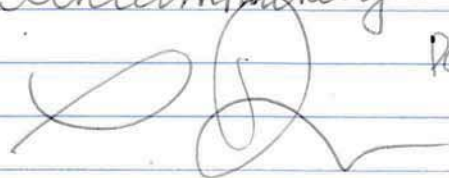
We also smell some strange toxic smells which we believe are a Health Hazard.

I worry about Kid City ^{the day} being so close to these toxic businesses. I am a teacher I worry about the future health of these kids & the community as well as the elderly

I ask that you deny their expansion license to Rakowski.

Why & when will there be an environmental audit of some done on these businesses.

Is there a public health nurse or dept. that is checking up on the kids at Kid City, the community, Archwood School, Prounce School, Lower Field Schools as well as the people in the community.



DON FIENKO

June 9/2018

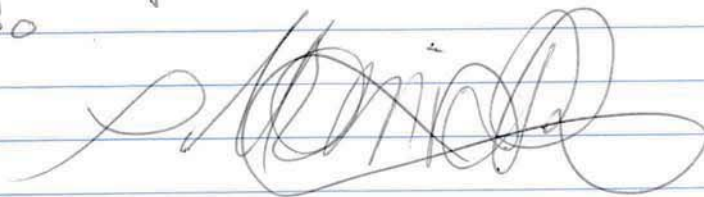
In opposition to file # 5699.00 Rakowski
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In the last 3 years we smell a
chemical smell which we are tired
of smelling. We are repulsed by it.

We are concerned that there are 2
metal shredders operating in our
area causing these smells that 2
years are bad for my health & are
major polluters.

Please remove the shredders from the
area A.S.A.P.

Deny any expansion to these
polluters.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "S. Rakowski" or similar, written in a cursive style.

In opposition to file # 5699.00 Lakawshi
5972.00

June 9/2018

I am a mother of three and I am concerned about their health and long term risks of exposure. The excessive noise and explosions are disruptive to our lives and sometimes scary to our kids. Even so much sometimes I go outside to check what it is. Our house even shakes and it's louder inside than outside. There is always dust on our belongings and toys outside. We have to constantly wash our cars and kids toys. I fear I have to limit their time playing outside. We love our home and neighborhood and don't want to move. We just want the best air for our children and ourselves. We ask the government and the health department to clean up Mission Industrial and stop any new high hazard businesses from setting up shop and stop all expansions to remaining businesses. Protect the health of this community. We have filled petitions to stop shredders to fall only on deaf ears.

Cherrille Dandineau

June 8/2018

I oppose Rakowski's
Application For An
environmental License

James Hrytko



Beshada, Eshetu (SD)

From: info@ssbra.ca
Sent: June-03-18 8:32 PM
To: Beshada, Eshetu (SD)
Cc: Sustainable Development, Minister (LEG); Greg; Tom; Mamadou Ka; Sandra Dupuis; Teresa Cwik; Michelle Berger; chris; Gary Tessier; gskarpas@hotmail.com; Craig Adolphe; jean.coles@yahoo.ca; paulae441@yahoo.ca; Todd; pcnorman@mymts.net; bekyddell@gmail.com; Blandine Tona; Colleen Reader; Matt Allard; francoisetherrien@gmail.com; Dan Vandal
Subject: Opposition to RAKOWSKI RECYCLING - SCRAP PROCESSING AND AUTO WRECKING FACILITY – FILE: 5699.00
Attachments: Rakowski letter final draft.pdf; Don Richner emails.pdf; Rakowski pictures 2017-2018.pdf; gerdau petition.pdf

Hi Dr. Beshada,

Please find attached a letter in opposition to RAKOWSKI RECYCLING - SCRAP PROCESSING AND AUTO WRECKING FACILITY – FILE: 5699.00, as well as a list of our concerns.

Also included in attachments are images of Rakowski Recycling yard between 2017 and 2018 submitted to us by local residents, the 2008 Dufresne neighbourhood petition in opposition to the application for M3 zoning variance by Rakowski Cartage & Wrecking in conjunction with Gerdau and images of two email responses from Don Richner, Houston Department of Health who is currently involved with a detailed air quality study with regards to metal recycling facilities.

Best regards,

M. Berger

On behalf of South St. Boniface Residents Association

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Attention: Eshetu Beshada, PhD, P. Eng
Environmental Engineer

Re: Opposition towards Rakowski Recycling - scrap processing and auto wrecking facility – FILE: 5699.00

Dear Dr. Beshada,

We submit this letter in response to the Notice of Environment Act Proposal which appeared in the Winnipeg Free Press on May 12, 2018 regarding Rakowski Recycling - Scrap Processing Facility (File: 5699.00). Please accept this as a formal objection to the granting of an environmental license to this facility which includes a list of our comments and concerns.

Residents have complained that noise levels in the area have increased significantly in the last several years. They also complain of an increase of dust and odours. Various written complaints have already been submitted to the Department of Sustainable Development identifying this property as a potential source for all three concerns.

1. A Class 1 Development which requires an environmental license is inconsistent with a property zoned by the City of Winnipeg as M2.

In 2008, an M3 Zoning request on this property was denied by the City of Winnipeg. The application for this request stated:

"The current application is different from the previous DCU in that, in addition to the sorting, storage and transfer of ferrous materials, the new operation will include the cutting and paring down of metal products such as cars in advance of being shipped to the Rolling Mill in Selkirk. That distinction in addition to the expanded scale of the operation is the primary reason a rezoning to "M3" Industrial is now required."

The same application also stated that:

"No hazardous or environmentally harmful materials that could be contained within scrapped objects such as cars and appliances will be accepted at the facility (ie. fluids, rubber, batteries, etc.)"

In denying this request, a recommendation that was upheld by City Council on April 23rd, 2008, the Riel Committee provided the following support reason:

"The rezoning of the subject property to an "M3" Industrial District has significant potential to

adversely affect the surrounding area.”

The two City Bylaws 200/2006 that are heard being referenced in the audio file of the 2008 Riel Community Committee meeting and a main part of the reason for the denied M3 Variance No. state:

“Recycling Plants with outside operations and/or storage are prohibited in MMU, M1, M2, and MP zoning districts” (454 Archibald is currently zoned M2)

“New M3 zone districts should not be established within 300 feet of an existing residential zone district.” (under the M3 definition)

According to the report submitted by Rakowski Recycling in the current Environment Act Proposal, a representative of Manitoba Sustainable Development visited the facility and *“it was determined that the operation of the facility had changed and was now considered a scrap processing and auto wrecking facility, which meets the definition of a Class 1 Development under Manitoba Regulation 164/88.”* (pg. 7 Introduction 1.0 end of 2nd paragraph)

Both the City of Winnipeg and Province of Manitoba define Wrecking and Salvage yards as M3 Industrial.

The community questions how this proposal can be considered for approval given that the 2008 property zoning variance was denied by the City and that the residential area remains less than 300 feet away.

2. There are concerns regarding the seeming lack of thoroughly examining **air quality issues**.

The report submitted by the proponent states:

“dust generated in the processing yard and parking area is low, and the volume of shipping and receiving activities is low enough that greenhouse gases and vehicle emissions are unlikely to exceed Manitoba’s air quality guidelines. Therefore, the potential adverse effects on air quality in the local area were assessed to be negligible.” (pg. 22 of the pdf report **4.1 Air quality**)

The report also states:

“Up to four 100-pound cutting torch tanks (two acetylene and two blueshield welding gas (CO2) canisters) are also stored in the cage with 160 litre liquid oxygen tanks which are acquired when needed for torch cutting applications.” (pg. 16 of the pdf report **2.5.2.8 Storage of Gasoline and Associated Products**)

“Heavy equipment used in the yard includes:

- A portable shear attached to a tracked excavator (Appendix D: Photo 7) to mechanically cut steel into pieces, usually smaller than one metre: and....” (pg. 25 of the pdf report)

We are including quotes found in the Houston Chronicles article of January 9th, 2013 entitled *Danger in air near metal recyclers – Metal Recyclers emit carcinogenic pollutant*. The quotes are from Don Richner, an industrial hygienist and an analytical chemist with the Bureau of Pollution Control and Prevention of the Houston Department of Health.

"When you weld or cut, you are vaporizing metal... All the missing metal is vapour in the air."

"Richner and colleagues scored each metal recycler based on several questions: how close it was to dense neighbourhoods, how many complaints it had received, how many violations, and whether the operator used torches to cut metal."

"Richner, the industrial hygienist, said he's concerned not only for residents near the recycling operations but also for the people who work cutting metal inside."

It is important to note that based on a monitoring program outside metal recycler facilities, the Houston Department of Health and Human Services calculated that estimated increased cancer risk ranged from 1 in 1,000,000 to 8 in 10,000. Due to community complaints and the results from their preliminary air testing, they are currently in the midst of a 5-year study.

In an email to us, Mr Richner had these things to say:

"Any company doing torch cutting or welding outside is a potential emission source. One torch cutter working 40 hours a week do 50 weeks a year will generate between 3 and 4 tons of metal particulate. If you have lots of cutters at a site the emissions can become very significant."

Shredders are probably next in terms of emissions, if there are no controls. A bag house will greatly reduce the emissions from a shredder (both VOC organically and metal particulates).

Administrative controls are important too! Every facility should be checking the surface coating on any metal they plan to torch cut because lead and cadmium coatings can pose a significant health risk." (July 14, 2017 email to SSBRA)

"Background levels are seldom significant when measuring a plants emission at the fence line, but you do have to prove it either using simultaneous sample collection upwind and downwind or by monitoring the facility from different wind directions. The first method is best."

From the 2017 EPA Proposal for minimum environmental standards in the scrap metal industry - Consultation paper:

"Contaminants that might pollute air

Depending on the activities conducted at a scrap metal facility, the potential for air contaminants to be released from the site will vary. A list of potential sources of air contaminants from scrap metal facilities include:

- shredders
- shearers
- crushers
- conveyors
- balers
- cutters (especially torch, such as gas and plasma arc)
- plant exhaust emissions (for example, diesel operating plant listed above)"

"Particulate matter can be a concern on its own, but the different chemicals that make up the particles or are attached to the particles can also have an impact. These chemicals are most likely to be metals that are often used in alloys and surface coatings. In a recent study, air

samples collected from outside of five scrap metal facilities found concentrations of iron, manganese, copper, chromium, nickel, lead, cobalt cadmium and mercury that were above normal (background) concentrations (Raun et al. 2013). The particles from scrap metal facilities may also contain high concentrations of other chemicals that are present at the site..."

"Air contamination is primarily a concern for human health as the contaminants can be breathed in."

3. Concerns regarding lack of public consultation

The report clearly states that no public consultation was undertaken by the company.

"No public consultation was undertaken prior to or during development of this EAP report." (pg. 17 of the pdf report)

We are concerned that the only notice given was a notice posted in the Winnipeg Free Press. Our group has met with and been actively reporting community concerns to the Department of Sustainable Development as well as meeting with some of its representatives in the past, including Director - Don Labossiere, Environment Officer - Julie Froese and Sustainable Development Minister Rochelle Squires.

4. Good faith

In the 2008 application to the City, they state:

"the new operation will include the cutting and paring down of metal products such as cars in advance of being shipped to the Rolling Mill in Selkirk. That distinction in addition to the expanded scale of the operation is the primary reason a rezoning to "M3" Industrial is now required."

"No hazardous or environmentally harmful materials that could be contained within scrapped objects such as cars and appliances will be accepted at the facility (ie. fluids, rubber, batteries, etc.)"

On page 14 of the pdf 2018 EAP report they state:

"Lead acid batteries are a relatively new and growing part of the proponent's business. Two years ago the facility would only handle 3 to 4 pallets of batteries at any given time on site, however, the quantity collected at the facility is steadily increasing and the facility now accumulates full truckloads of 15 to 20 pallets (± 50,000 lb) at the site prior to shipping them to a processor."

"Based on the number of vehicles processed at the facility, approximately 11,500 litres of fluids are removed from automobiles per year. Fluids are pumped out of the automobiles using an air diaphragm pump and transferred into barrels based on type of fluid. When the facility accumulates 10 to 20 full barrels of fluids, a licensed contractor, A1 Environmental Services, removes the fluids from the site. The facility recovered 3,276 litres of oil and 8,190 litres of fuel from autos in 2017."

“Wheels are removed from the automobiles and the tires are separated from the rims. Tires are collected and picked up by a licensed recycler (Reliable Tire)…”

*“The proponent accepts fridges, freezers and air conditioning units. If the chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) refrigerant gases **have not** been removed from the units, they are placed in a specific area (Appendix D: Photo 14) until a large enough quantity accumulates at which time they are shipped offsite to a licensed company that removes/recovers the gases.”*

There is a concern that the company which ought to have known the difference between an M3 operation as opposed to an M2 one, (based on information presented in the 2008 M3 variance application in conjunction with Gerdau) appears to have been potentially operating as an M3 industry. This raises serious questions among residents with regards to regulatory oversight on both the City and Provincial levels, and what appears to be a lack of communication between levels of government on industrial issues and inspections.

As we understand it, an environmental license would require the company to self-regulate and self-report. It raises concerns within the community regarding ongoing compliance with standards of an environmental license.

We look forward to the opportunity to discuss these concerns with you.

Best regards,

M. Berger

On behalf of South St. Boniface Residents Association

References:

- Feb 25, 2008 Riel Community Committee Regular Meeting Minutes - public hearings item 76
<http://clkapps.winnipeg.ca/dmis/ViewDoc.asp?DocId=8065&SectionId=&InitUrl=> Audio of meeting <http://clkapps.winnipeg.ca/dmis/PlayAudio.asp?AudioId=593>
- Rakowski 2017 EAP Report (KGS Group)
<http://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/eal/registries/5699rakowski/eap.pdf>
- M3 zoning was denied to Gerdau in conjunction with Rakowski at this location in 2008. As noted on the Council meeting April 23, 2008 also found at
<http://clkapps.winnipeg.ca/dmis/ViewDoc.asp?DocId=8259&SectionId=&InitUrl=> Council Regular Meeting Minutes (item 10 under- Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development dated March 25, 2008)
- City of Winnipeg Bylaws
<http://clkapps.winnipeg.ca/dmis/documents/docext/bl/2006/2006.200.pdf>
- Unanticipated potential cancer risk near metal recycling facilities (Journal Article)
<https://www.osti.gov/biblio/22246888>
- Guidance for the Identification and Control of Safety and Health Hazards in Metal Scrap Recycling (Occupational Safety and Health Administration)
<https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3348-metal-scrap-recycling.pdf>
- Also reported in the Houston Chronicles
<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Danger-in-air-near-metal-recyclers-4154951.php>
- Proposal for minimum environmental standards in the scrap metal industry Consultation paper
<https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/-/media/AEC7480CA002483E9C73CF2210E5AB2A.ashx>

Attachments:

- Email from Don Richner Houston Department of Health, see abstract of study their department is currently involved in due to similar complaints we have seen raised in St. Boniface. "Unanticipated potential cancer risk near metal recycling facilities"
<https://www.osti.gov/biblio/22246888>.
- Images of Rakowski Recycling between 2017-2018, submitted to association by local residents.
- 2008 Dufresne Neighbourhood petition against the M3 Variance for 454 Archibald. To provide a bit more history to the issue.







PETITION: CONCERNING PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE AT 454 ARCHIBALD STREET


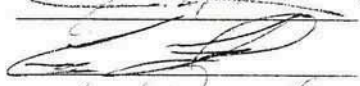
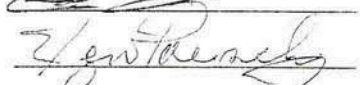
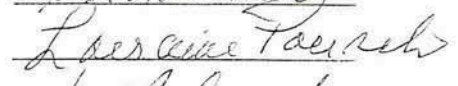
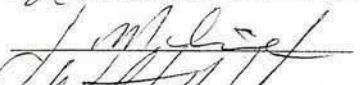

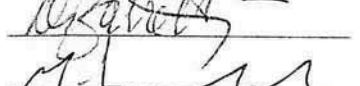
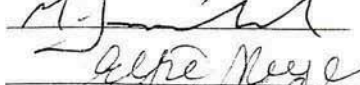
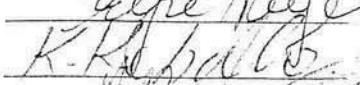
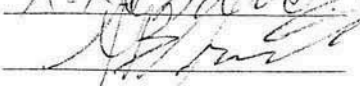
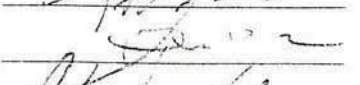

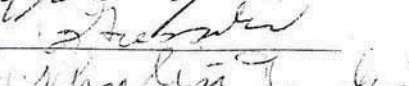
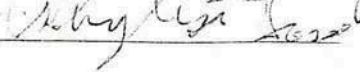

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As stated in City of Winnipeg Zoning By-law 6400/94:

The M3 Industrial District allows for heavy industrial development of a potentially noxious nature.

We believe that heavy industry, including the proposed development is not compatible with other existing land uses in the area and is located too close to our established residential area.

We urge the Riel Community Committee and the City of Winnipeg not to allow the proposed zoning change.

NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
Jeff Johnson	520 Kavanagh St	
Lonan Lansard	504 Kavanagh St.	
KEN POERSCH	488 KAVANAGH ST	
LORRAINE POERSCH	488 KAVANAGH ST	
Jose Milne	480 Kavanagh St	
WILK MILNE	480 Kavanagh St	
DEMSE BARRETT	474 Kavanagh St	
MARIA TIMCHYSKYA	466 Kavanagh St	
Elfie Meyer	466 Kavanagh St	
Kristin Kibalo	490 Kavanagh St	
AVI ARMITAGE	481 KAVANAGH	
FRANK GOSKE	481 KAVANAGH	
Todd Kendall	477 Kavanagh	
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Agnes Jacques	496 Kavanagh St	Agnes Jacques
Mary Kalan	513 Kavanagh St	M. Kalan
Mohamed Kourmouch	515 Kavanagh St	Mohamed Kourmouch
Jean Kourmouch	515 KAVANAGH	Jean Kourmouch
Peter Reed	Apt A 517 Kavanagh	Peter Reed
Mike Christyhemmes	APT A 517 KAVANAGH	Mike Christyhemmes
Steve Melick	Apt B 517 Kavanagh	Steve Melick
HELEN MURPHY	531 Kavanagh St	Helen Murphy
A. N. Kourmouch	541 Kavanagh St	A. N. Kourmouch
Paul Derraville	540 Kavanagh St	Paul Derraville
DIANA COWELL	540 KAVANAGH ST.	Diana Cowell
Gabriel Coudé	528 KAVANAGH ST	Gabriel Coudé
Robert Laramee	526 KAVANAGH ST	Robert Laramee
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GERALD AHERSTRAEM	497 GIRAUX ST	Gerald Ahernstrom
CHERI ROBIN	512 KAVANAGH ST	Cheri Robin
Tara Sutherland	511 Doucet St.	Tara Sutherland
Shelina Johnson	498 Giroux St.	Shelina Johnson
VIRGINIA OLUK	496 Giroux St	V. Oluk
JOAN NAGAMORI	498 Giroux St.	J. Nagamori
Henry Samson	519 GIRAUX ST	H. Samson
Adam Fisher	525 GIRAUX ST	A. Fisher
Nikkole Beverly	525 GIRAUX ST	N. Beverly
SORY SACKO	537 GIRAUX ST	S. Sacko
Brian Bilan	546 GIRAUX ST	Brian Bilan
Alfred Labossiere	542 Giroux	ALFRED LABOSSIERE
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Peter Thome	513 Cherrier	<i>Peter Thome</i>
C. Lavallo	501 Cherrier	<i>C. Lavallo</i>
Madeline Vignon	495 Cherrier	<i>Madeline Vignon</i>
GARY TESSIER	495 CHERRIER	<i>Gary Tessier</i>
Fran-Claude Lussier	499 Cherrier	<i>Fran-Claude Lussier</i>
SHIRLEY OLIVER	1-524 Cherrier	<i>Shirley Oliver</i>
Clay Palmer	539 Cherrie Street	<i>Clay Palmer</i>
Scott Palmer	539 Cherrier Street	<i>Scott Palmer</i>
Steve Marsden	517 Doucet Street	<i>Steve Marsden</i>
Tiffany Ritchie-Marsden	517 Doucet St.	<i>Tiffany Ritchie-Marsden</i>
Helen Oleszko	521 Cherrier St.	<i>Helen Oleszko</i>
Walter Ole 3240	521 CHERRIER	<i>Walter Ole</i>
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Ronnie LAMONTE	549 Archibald	R. L. - 10
Tom Allen	599 Archibald St	Tom Allen
Kenneth Toews	#2-599 Archibald St	Kenneth Toews
Spene Collier	581 Archibald	S. Collier
Michael Rainville		
Joanne Collier	575 Archibald St	J. Collier
Louise R Potter	575 Archibald St	L. Potter
Gigi Sylvestre	575 Archibald St	G. Sylvestre
Wesley Pannan	545 Cherrier St	W. Pannan
MARTY KRUSIA	548 C. Cherrier	M. Krusia
Joe Friesen	546 Cherrier	J. Friesen
Sylvie Boullaigne	536 Cherrier	S. Boullaigne
Linda Lake	524 Cherrier	L. Lake
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Andrew Therrien	530 Doucet St.	Andrew Therrien
Daniel Lambert	534 Doucet St.	Daniel Lambert
Elsie Hummuk	550 Doucet St.	Elsie Hummuk
Liane George	555 Doucet St.	L. George
Gabriel De Rosa	535 Doucet St.	Gabriel De Rosa
Paul Dupuis	533 Doucet	Paul Dupuis
Lois Dupuis	533 Doucet St.	Lois Dupuis
Justine Dupuis	533 Doucet St.	Justine Dupuis
Janelle Guénette	513 Doucet St.	Janelle Guénette
Kathy Cornell	525 Doucet St.	K. Cornell

Re: risk near metal recycling facilities

Richner, Donald - HHD (Donald.Richner@houston.tx.gov) [Add contact](#)

14/07/2017 5:30 PM

To: info@ssbra.ca;

Background levels are seldom significant when measuring a plants emission at the fence line, but you do have to prove it either using simultaneous sample collection upwind and downwind or by monitoring the facility from different wind directions. The first method is best.

Sent from my iPhone

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14/07/2017 5:27 PM

To: info@ssbra.ca;

Any company doing torch cutting or welding outside is a potential emission source. One torch cutter working 40 hours a week do 50 weeks a year will generate between 3 and 4 tons of metal particulate. If you have lots of cutters at a site the emissions can become very significant.

Shredders are probably next in terms of emissions, if there are no controls. A bag house will greatly reduce the emissions from a shredder (both VOC organically and metal particulates).

Administrative controls are important too! Every facility should be checking the surface coating on any metal they plan to torch cut because lead and cadmium coatings can pose a significant health risk.

Sent from my iPhone

June 8/18

I oppose Rokowski's
Application for an
environmental license

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Beshada, Eshetu (SD)

From: Madeline Lepine [REDACTED]
Sent: May-22-18 10:22 AM
To: Beshada, Eshetu (SD) <Eshetu.Beshada@gov.mb.ca>
Cc: Matt Allard <mattallard@winnipeg.ca>
Subject: rakowski metal recycling

Good morning,

I am vehemently opposed to the government of Manitoba allowing this company to shred vehicles and heavy metals. Rakowski is situated in close proximity to residential homes. This would never be allowed to happen if it were in River Heights or Windsor Park or Tuxedo.

I am situated on Dumoulin Street and my home was build in 1931. This was designated a residential area a long time ago and therefore we should not be subjected to heavy industrial companies being allowed to conduct business as if we didn't exist. The Love day mushroom factory continues to spew out strong odors (usually from Friday to Sunday) If you lived here and were entertaining friends that weekend you would be quite upset because the smell is so strong that you have to move indoors.

Rakowski already produces extremely loud noise when shredding metal and this increased production would make things even worse for the residents in the area. All of this industry being allowed to set up beside our homes is driving down the value of our properties. This is not only unfair but neither the city nor the Province is doing anything to mitigate the situation. A much larger buffer zone needs to be established between us and the industrial businesses along Archibald, Mission and our residential area. You can start by saying no to this latest request. The empty lot for sale where the Central Grain Elevator was formerly situated should not be sold to a company that will produce excessive odor, noise or emissions.

The residents of this area deserve as much consideration and respect as residents in the rest of the city. Aside from the noise produced by Rakowski soil tests conducted by independent companies have contradicted your findings. We are all aware that reports have a tendency to produce what governments want them to state. We don't want to find out 10 years from now that you were wrong and residents in this area have major health issues.

Thanks You

Madeleine Lepine

Beshada, Eshetu (SD)

From: Danielle Brodeur [REDACTED]
Sent: May-17-18 7:11 PM
To: Beshada, Eshetu (SD) <Eshetu.Beshada@gov.mb.ca>
Subject: Rakowski -Environmental Act Proposal

Dear Eshetu,

I'm writing you with great concern about the Rakowski metal recycling plant.

To begin with I don't trust or have faith in the company to operate ethically. Their track record of operating 200m from a beloved and important waterway that connects to our larger artery rivers and so near residential areas without a permit for over 3 years is just the tip of the iceberg. We recently were presented with the results of testing that already indicate high levels of ferrous and non-ferrous metals in our soil.

There is also a great concern about the air quality. What do we know about what's released into the air when they shred the metal? I read the proposal from Rakowski and it seems vague and incomplete. The only mention the possibility of these metals polluting the ground, air or water by accident. Has where's the research about the fumes of their plant, or microscopic metal particles released during the recycling process? I don't think they have done enough research on the effects to nearby residents or the environment. Nor do I think Rakowski is being forthcoming or honest about their business.

In addition to the pollution, there is significant noise and a distinct smell when the shredder is running. It starts around 7am and sounds like trains crashing, all day, for hours. I'm also worried if this is approved the continued air, water, and soil pollution will make residents sick and property values decrease. Not to mention what will happen WHEN there is a toxic waste spill or mishap. I say when because it's inevitable and with the companies already questionable ethics, I'm not confident that Rakowski would do their job and report, repair and fix all the damage they've done.

A similar proposal was denied for the same location previously. All of the reasons that the proposal was denied are still relevant and should be considered. I urge you to deny this proposal and any future proposals or appeals of the like.

I am by no means an expert, but I am a resident who loves my community and the environment. I'm a teacher in the neighbourhood and have a vested interest in maintaining and improving our city and neighbourhood. I understand the importance of recycling, but I believe it needs to be done ethically and in a location away from a residential area.

Regards,

Danielle Brodeur
[REDACTED]
Winnipeg Manitoba

Beshada, Eshetu (SD)

-----Original Message-----

From: Freya Martinot [REDACTED]

Sent: May-17-18 7:15 PM

To: Beshada, Eshetu (SD) <Eshetu.Beshada@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: Environmental approval

I am writing about the Rakowski recycling facility in st. Boniface. I have family living in the area and they have noticed deteriorating air quality and questionable soil quality and some effects on plants and vegetation. This facility should be well away of neighbourhoods, the Seine river and a nearby school. Consider relocation for this facility. I hope the government is more concerned about the health of residents and the environment in a city neighbourhood.

Sent from Freya Martinot