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Natural Resource Conservation Board
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Attn: Appeal Board

Re: Decision File: FA19003 Some numbered company a.k.a. Hines Creek Farms

I am normally an easy going, tolerant and friendly individual however you are certainly doing your best at bringing out the worst in me! What exactly is it about your purpose as an Appeal Board that you don't understand?

I have been involved with Government Appeal and Mediation Boards for 25 years. I know exactly why they exist and so should you.

The only legitimate reason for having an appeal is a situation whereby there is either new information or a serious error/omission that significantly alters the basis of the original decision. (Maybe read this again carefully)

In this particular case, I am not aware of any new significant information and the case has been examined by a competent officer who made a decision based on the NRCB's own existing criteria. One thing I find particularly disturbing is your attempted promotion of the use of an appeal. Why not simply just dismiss the entire role of your officer and run the show yourselves, thus saving taxpayer's money?or is there some need to justify your existence.

We now have a Government that has shown strong initiative and leadership in eliminating wasteful and unproductive "Red Tape" and excuse me if I have the perception that that is exactly what you are creating. May I suggest you utilize your energy towards actually solving the problems associated with industrial "agriculture". Confined feeding operations have a very dubious and controversial history and about to feel the brunt of media exposure particularly with what is going on these days. Maybe your board should formulate a strategy whereby these operations can be located in an area safe to humans and also in a strategic economic location. Surely I don't need to spell it out for you.

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So we have a situation where your officer has made his decision based on your own NRCB rules, and you decide to appeal it. Yes, you! (Hines Creek Farms has already provided you with all the facts you require.) Then you “invite” me and others to beg to become an affected party? I have no more basis to appeal that, than does Hines Creek Farms in appealing the NRCB decision.

I should drop what I’m doing and travel down to wherever, spending time and money to participate in your self imposed circus. And I shouldn’t be self centered. I also noticed some hard working individuals of Hines Creek Farms working out in a recent snow storm. Let’s also drag them down to wherever, to attend your meeting.

While you are at it, please also bring in your approval officer and shame him some more.

The quote “that the Board reconsider the approval officer’s determination” is in fact shameful and it is sad this needs to be brought to your attention. Your treatment of your own staff is akin to the statement, “it doesn’t matter what you think”. May I suggest you call a board meeting to carefully review your own policies and procedures and perhaps engage the services of a competent consultant to assist you.

If you are feeling a tad “heated” right now, take a moment and consider how we feel after getting your letter and checking the bios that make up the Board!

Please realize that to this day, no one has had the decency to inform the nearby residents of what is taking place. And of course there is reason for this. We settled on this property in 1980. At that time we had an understanding to respect others and not build an airport, start a Trap & Skeet club, or a scrap heap of demolished vehicles. We don’t scheme to find loopholes in the community laws. It’s called respect and common sense.

We promote agriculture. I can milk a cow and trust me, have a history of shovelling fresh manure. I admit to opposing industrial confined operations for many reasons. Yet I still understand there is a need to nourish millions of people in the urban environment. Hard to believe we are even having this ‘discussion’. Canada has 3.5 million square miles of land. The options are almost unlimited, including even near the residences of appeal board members if they so desire. The local ByLaws are there for a reason, even to the point of having an exclusionary zone map to avoid any misunderstanding.

As I hear the news in the background, I wonder if you happen to for a moment correlate the responsibilities of the original intent of the NRCB to the virus outbreak. Did you catch the part where in the last few days, the “bird flu” has again broken out in China and B.C. I just clipped an explanation of that virus in case you need clarity:

“They have been closely watching the H5N1 bird flu virus. The virus remains hard to catch with

most human infections linked to contact with infected poultry, but scientists fear it could mutate and spread rapidly among people, potentially sparking a pandemic.”

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Here we are facing a worldwide crisis of health and the economy, literally turning the population into prisoners and you are doing everything possible to promote this.

DO YOU NOW REALIZE WHY WE HAVE POLICIES TO SEPARATE THESE FACTORIES FROM OUR RESIDENTIAL AREAS? Do you not feel an ounce of foolish to have an appeal to decide if we are “affected” parties?

The real issue here has less to do with the declined application, but rather a matter of your organization and its mandate. I have only outlined a few points where you surely realize you need to re-examine your role and responsibilities towards promoting a geographically safe and economically viable food supply chain. A part of that formula involves the strategic location and efficiencies in the costs of inputs and transportation. Something like the concept of industrial parks.....hey, I don't work for you. Surely you can figure this out and take pride in your accomplishments.

You know what...I've been at this for hours. I am angry, fed up.

I will be forwarding a copy of this letter to my respective Government officials as my protest and suggest a more productive strategic role for your Board. Rather sad they end up spending any time on something you already should be properly and competently dealing with.

Hines Creek Farms might get some new batteries for their calculator to discover some chickens are actually albatrosses. There are amazing plant based opportunities up north that have been overlooked.

THERE IS NO REASON WHATSOEVER TO HAVE AN APPEAL.

Despite my ire,
sincerely yours,

Peter Frixel
Hines Creek , Alberta.

c.c.Todd Loewen, MLA for Central Peace-Notley

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