

September 11, 2020

Attention: NRCB, Mr. Joe Sonnenberg

RE: Corners Pride Farms Ltd.
NE 7-7-20 W4
Application LA 19032

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[REDACTED]
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I would like to take this opportunity to express my concerns regarding Application LA 19032 to construct a 2,500 head Confined Feeding Operation. I am opposed and ask that the application be denied for the following reasons:

I previously worked for a trucking company hauling cattle. Thirty head of cattle will pollute 20,000 sq. ft. of air in less than 20 minutes and bad enough to make your eyes and nose burn. The air pollution from 100 head in a confined area would be intense but take it a step further and times that amount of air pollution an additional twenty five times. This development would create a terrible smell and air pollution for myself, my family, and all of my neighbours. Add the air pollution created by 2,500 head of cattle to the practice of manure application to surrounding forage land and the odour will be unbearable.

I live downhill and the water drains down from the north of the proposal site to a low flat area to the south. When it floods in my area (which is common), water drains down from the land in question to Tom Reich's place, into Ian Whishaw's land and to properties further south. Seepage comes directly across into my land and creates standing water with no place to go. If this development is allowed, I will not only have flood water to deal with but it will be contaminated manure flood water.

My family enjoys living in the county with clean county air. We sleep with our windows open all summer. I do not believe air conditioning is a healthy alternative so I prefer to open windows. I should have the right to make the choice and not be forced to close all windows and doors due to a bad odour. My family is young and it is important for me to raise my children in a clean, healthy environment.

A development such as the one proposed would cause more truck traffic on the surrounding gravel roads. This would create dust pollution and increase safety issues. When it is hot and dry, the dust created by a semi truck on a gravel road severely decreases visibility for other drivers.

I noticed the application advises that there is only 1 residence within a 1.5 mile radius. I know that is not true. There is one home that is much closer in proximity and a number of homes within the 1.5 mile radius, including mine.

This application will devalue my property and stop any further development on my land.

It is my understanding that the owner (applicant) doesn't even live in Alberta and all of the hay produced on his land is trucked to BC for his dairy.

I would suggest the proposed site in Application LA 19032 is not a suitable CFO site and ask that this application be denied.

Yours truly,

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Mr. Antonio Ramirez