

September 8, 2020

To: Joe Sonnenberg: NRCB

Re: Application LA 19032
Corner's Pride Farms Ltd.
NE 7-7-20 W4M

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I am OPPOSED to Application LA 19032 for a new 2,500 head feedlot (CFO) in close proximity to my property for the following reasons:

- 1) Water runs to the lay of the land which in this area is from the north to the south and directly into my property. I have attached pictures so you are able to see the degree of flooding experience on not only my land but neighbouring land as well. One picture was taken from my yard looking to the east and slightly south. The trees in that picture are part of the farmyard owned by the applicant. It shows flooding, not only on my property but his as well. Major flooding has occurred many times since I can remember. Two years that stand out to me are 2012 and 2018 putting us well within the NRCB parameters of 1:25 year events.

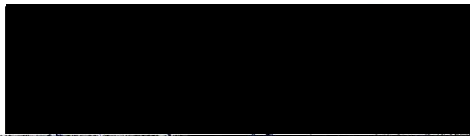
Culverts have been installed to mitigate some of the flooding but since that time the flood waters have been so high that one of the culverts on my property has washed out. There is so much runoff water from the fields that it runs into the drain ditches and often causes an overflow and flooding.

Heavy rains and (or) spring snow melt cause the water to run off of the hill tops to the large area of lowland. The flood plain area runs for miles with only an 8 – 10 inch variance in height. Once the water hits here, it takes a long time to disperse and has created a very high water table in the area. I know of one acreage to the east of me that has their septic above ground due to the poor drainage and high water table. Applying an excess of irrigation water is only complicating the situation. Adding a new CFO to the mix would be, in my opinion, a formula for disaster. The flood waters that I already have to deal with regularly would be contaminated with manure not only directly from a proposed CFO but also from the application of manure to the hay land.

- 2) If the applicant obtains a license to develop a new CFO, it will become his “golden ticket”. The next step will be expansion with more truck traffic, more manure, more smell, and more pollution. Neighbouring properties will have manure water in the drain ditches (especially people to the east).
- 3) CFO development would increase truck traffic on gravel roads creating dust pollution. Gravel roads are not built for the wear and tear of semi truck traffic. The cost to infrastructure repairs will be at the expense of the county rate payers.

- 4) There will be air pollution from the proposed CFO and from the application of manure to the surrounding land.
- 5) It has been suggested by a neighbour close by that the applicant should have purchased better quality land for his haying operation. The suggestion was not taken well by the hay farm operator. The land in question has poor drainage and is not able to take all of the irrigation water that is applied. After running the pivots there is standing water in the hay fields and low areas for extended period of time. If manure is applied to the fields, it will create standing manure water.
- 6) The applicant is a resident of BC, his business is based out of BC and the proposed CFO will have a majority benefit to the province of BC and not Alberta.
- 7) Real estate values will be drastically reduced, especially on smaller acreages. Who wants to live close to a confined feeding operation(CFO)?

I am OPPOSED to Application LA 19032 to construct a 2,500 head CFO and ask for it to be DENIED.

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Tom Reich





