

September 28, 2022

Ms. Friend,

My name is Patti Silliker and I am a landowner who has been identified as “Directly affected” with regard to the CFO application by G & S Cattle (RA21045). I live within the 1.5 km radius, SE-34-46-2-W5.

In April I sent an email to the NRCB with my concerns about a CFO in the area. We had very little time or notice of this application to really put together concrete factual data on the negative impact this would have on the land and residents alike.

My first reaction was for selfish reasons. I could imagine an increase in commercial traffic, airborne and groundwater contaminants, odors and noise. Not to mention de-valuation on my property and the potential to further contaminate the lake where we do enjoy recreational activities.

I moved to the Pigeon Lake area in 2010. I spent a couple of years searching for my retreat. I work in Northern Alberta, in a fast paced, industrial environment. My home would be a tranquil, rural sanctuary away from noise and traffic. I don't want to lose that. Currently, we are barely hanging on to that idyllic lifestyle with a large cattle operation already at the proposed CFO site. With approximately 1500 head of livestock, noise and odors are part of the landscape. Manure and everything it entails is a fact of life for us now.

Five months later, we are still fighting this CFO application. The data brought forward from every concerned organization is staggering, I struggle to understand a lot of it. But the overwhelming consensus is everything this CFO touches will be negatively impacted by it. We have all seen what Pigeon Lake Watershed Association has accomplished in recent years, but the progress is slow and we can't allow it to go backward. The Municipal Development Plan for the county of Wetaskiwin, Statement of Purpose is to “maintain a clean environment-to support development as long as there is no negative impact to air, natural resources, water or soil quality”.

We have a chance to make a difference now, before this goes any further. Please, let's do the right thing.

Sincerely,

Patti Silliker

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