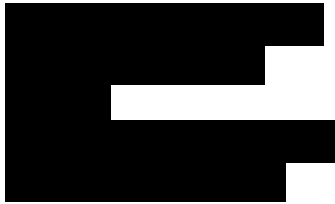


Hello Laura,

I'm writing this letter to you on behalf of myself and my wife Roxanne as a rebuttal to the RFR submitted by G&S Cattle Ltd., concerning the NRCB approval officer's Decision Summary RA21045.

We are designated as Directly Affected Parties as our property lies less than 1.5 miles directly south of the location of the proposed confined feeding operation. Our contact information is as follows:

Tom and Roxanne Rose



We own and reside for the majority of the year in our residence at:

SW-34-46-2 W5M (lots 3&4, block 1, plan 0320897)

We would like to start by saying that we are in full support of Nathan Shirley's decision to deny the application by G&S Cattle Ltd. We feel that his finding that "the proposed CFO would pose materially negative and long-lasting effects on the community, I have also concluded that it would not be an appropriate use of the land" is an accurate assessment and summary of the issues surrounding the proposed CFO. We would therefore request that the request for review of Mr Shirley's decision be denied.

Should a review go forward, we would like to express our support for granting directly affected status to the municipalities that have requested such, as in our view there is no reasonable argument that can be made that Pigeon Lake and it's surrounding residents will not be directly affected by the proposed CFO. We feel that the area waterways and drainage will definitely result in the proposed CFO affecting the lake. The RFR submitted by the Summer Village of Grandview does a good job of presenting arguments on the subject of watercourses, phosphorous, etc, so even if they are not granted directly affected status, we would like to consider the evidence they have presented in their RFR as representative of our views as well.

G&S Cattle argue that Mr Shirley's decision did not contain an accurate assessment of community effects and land use. Conversely, we feel that the decision has properly recognized that in this environmentally sensitive watershed, the community as a whole has established a recognized management plan, and has invested millions of dollars on efforts to protect Pigeon Lake and the surrounding watershed. This community supporting these initiatives is not limited to residents immediately surrounding the lake, but also includes the farmers and landowners in the greater surrounding area.

G&S Cattle argue that the decision relies too heavily on the Pigeon Lake Watershed Management Plan (PLWMP). We would like to submit that although this is not yet enshrined in the county's Municipal Land Use Development Plan, the PLWMP, and in particular its exclusion of CFOs within the watershed, is extremely relevant. As per our communication with Rod Hawken, the CAO for Wetaskiwin County, the county is currently in the process of a full review of the Municipal Development Plan and "as a part of the proposal made by County Council as resolved on July 19, 2022, the following statement has been

proposed to be added as a Policy under the proposed IDP between the parties in relation to Confined Feeding Operations (CFOs):”

“The County of Wetaskiwin will amend its Municipal Development Plan by December 31, 2023 to prohibit new and expanded Confined Feeding Operations (CFOs) within the Pigeon Lake Watershed and to identify areas within the County, outside of the Pigeon Lake Watershed where CFOs will be given priority.”

We feel that this is an accurate indication of the prevailing will of the community, and lends support to Mr Shirley’s assessment of the negative effects on community.

G&S Cattle argues that there was an unfair focus on the concerns of unaffected persons, apparently specifically recreational users of Pigeon Lake concerned about the health of Pigeon Lake, at the expense of other community members. Over 35 affected parties, as well as Indigenous communities, submitted letters of concern opposing the development, and most of those parties were landowners, farmers, and deep rooted community members who shared many of the same concerns as the unaffected recreational users. We don’t frankly feel that it was possible to weight the concerns of the unaffected recreational users unfairly, as they were largely the same concerns that the local community already had.

G&S Cattle argue that it will benefit the local economy. We have seen no evidence that they have any interest in the concerns of local residents, or made any effort to liaise with the local community. We feel that any potential contribution to the economy from the proposed development would be far outweighed by the potential harm to the economy caused by the detrimental effects the operation would have on the health of Pigeon Lake. Reduced health of the lake would result in reduced enjoyment and use of the lake by residents, and this could result in the reduced use and viability of the supermarkets, pharmacies, gas stations, and other industries that rely on the lake community for their business. Loss of these services would result in less accessible services for all residents of the community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

Tom and Roxanne Rose