

Hello Laura

My name is Heidi Hokanson. My mom Beverley Riglin-McIntyre, son Logan Hokanson and I we live at NW-10-47-2-W5.

I appreciate you giving our family the chance to explain why we feel that the NRCB decision on September 13th for G&S Cattle Ltd. RA21045 to deny the construction of a 4,000 beef finisher confined feeding operation should stand. His request for review should be denied.

I agree with the decision, as outlined in the decision summary 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”.

We are a directed affected party to the proposed CFO. What people don't understands is we live by a unique environment area. What i mean by that is our lake and the rainfall we get in these parts. As a large body of water such ad Pigeon Lake causes it's own weather pattern. The proposed CFO is located 1.6kms from Pigeon Lake. But the CFO has 2 creeks running through it, that heads straight to the lake. But what about other facilities that are closer than the lake like TransCanada Trail and Sunset Marina?

No this CFO is not appropriate use of the land. We are agricultural community, and this CFO is not agricultural it's a business. It will impact the health of Piegon Lake, the 2 creeks that run through the proposed land, As well as all our well systems that some rely on to water our homes, livestock, gardens, etc.

The decision of odour concerns as being among the “unacceptable

negative impacts on the community". We lived 5 days with the unbearable smell when they spread the manure on the 3 sides of our acreage. They even spread the manure on our property. Which we were very disturbed about as our horses graze on our property. We have no idea what is in that manure, all the chemicals they use over there. I called and complained and a few days later Dave from the NRCB called me and came out and investigated. He saw the manure just sitting on top of the fields and on our property. The time frame is supposed to be 48 hours to work it into the soil. When Dave phoned G&S he was told the equipment was in Ponoka. So Dave just gave him a warning. Well it is now 8:19pm and there is still no equipment. We are now on day 3 the smell was still unbearable as they are still spreading. At 10:40am on the 3rd day they finally started working it into the soil. They started on the east side then south and west. The dust they caused was so bad, just about as bad when they were spreading. So now we have the smell, dust and more flies than we can deal with. In my letter of concern to Nathan I included a letter from our doctor about how sick my mom is and one of our horses. My mom has been locked in the house with the windows closed for 5 days because of this disaster of a business.

September 10th @ 11:20am we were heading to do a dump run and the smell of manure was still unbearable. The short time my mom was outside, from the house to the truck. Her eyes started to bug her. They were both bloodshot and her nose was running nonstop. We both felt like we were suffocating. Mom had to use her puffer more than normal to breathe on our own property. We are now a week in, from when they started to spread the manure. We are still dealing with the smell affects from it. Mom's nose is still running all the time, and today her nostrils are swollen inside. I have a bad croupy cough and my migraines are terrible lately and nothing seems to help them.

This CFO have/or taken in sick animals that are dyeing and are just hauled out to the bush for the coyotes to get them. I reported that to the NRCB on September 20th. Dave called me back and told me they don't deal with stuff like this and i should call Livestock Mortality Management. So i called them and reported it. An officer was going to head out and investigate, But as of yet i have had no reply from him. The officer i was talking to was quite familiar with this CFO and knew Dave from the NRCB very well. I am also going to call the ASPCA as they only feed once a day and not all cows get fed.

This CFO will not help our community with job opportunities, as no one wants to work for them. I included with my letter of concern a text message between me and the general manager that no one wants to work for them. That place currently is being ran by 2 employees and that's not enough employees to run it the way it is now. Sure not enough if they expand. The only ones that will benefit for any opportunities would be C&S as they will bring in outside help from other communities. So our community will not benefit from it.

Thank you for hearing me out.

Heidi Hokanson