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Laura, I am afraid that I have a computer issue in my Microsoft accounts so will have to use simple email for the response.

The County of Wetaskiwin MDP of April 2024 is a document that exhibits poor planning and confusion in general as well as a demonstrable bias against this particular application. The relevant section of the MDP is section 11.6, specifically 11.6.4 and 5 and 11.6.7 and 8. Starting with 11.6.4 the County immediately contradicts itself saying they will " support upgrades and/or expansion of existing CFOs, including those already in operation within the setbacks listed in 11.6.3, where upgrades in technology and/or practices result in improved manure management..." The immediate contradiction is that they say they support expansion here but not in 11.6.3. With respect to my application, the addition of a polymer liner to the EMS is very much such an upgrade, as are all of the enhanced concrete requirements that come with modern construction and the newer NRCB requirements. According to 11.6.4 they should support this application as it is a massive upgrade over the existing operation.

Sections 11.6.7 and 8 are completely outside of the scope of a municipal government. AOPA, as administered by the NRCB, governs the environmental components of 11.6.7 and an EIA is simply redundant and likely cost-prohibitive for Agricultural operations. Road usage and levies are County issues, and 11.6.8 would seem to be an attempt to offload responsibility, blame and enforcement to another branch of government.

It is 11.6.5 that demonstrates direct bias against this application. For background it is necessary to know that by far the most vocal objector to this application has been my neighbour Mrs. Lynn Carwell. Field services will be able to verify multiple letters and phone calls from this individual. A newspaper article in multiple local newspapers featuring unfounded accusations quoted to this individual are in the public domain. Amazingly, she is also the County Councillor for Division 2 at the County of Wetaskiwin, a position that places her in a significant conflict of interest to be voting on this issue. I have personally brought this up at a County meeting but had it dismissed as not relevant. Despite my concerns, she did not recuse herself from votes affecting this issue. Section 11.6.5 was not to be found in any of the public consultations hosted by the County. It is an 11th-hour addition (just weeks before adoption) to the then-proposed MDP aimed solely at myself. When you compare the list of setback areas listed in 11.6.3 of the MDP to the list of permitted CFOs on the map display of the NRCB, there is only one CFO in the entire County that is affected, Darcor Holsteins! Additionally, the inclusion of a 10-year number for operations not in use makes it blatantly clear that this is only meant to deal with my application, as

this was at the exact timing of my request for an appeal about the abandonment issue of the original permit. It simply was impossible for it to apply to anybody else as there are no other existing CFOs in these areas and constitutes an attempt to circumvent the authority of both the NRCB and the Review Board itself.

I look forward to the zoom meeting of April 17 where we can discuss these issues interactively.

Respectively submitted, Darrin Rasmuson