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To: Kelsey Peddle

RE: Application LA24002

Ronald and Laurel Ashley

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We are writing in opposition to the application # LA24002. As discussed in our town hall meeting you will receive a comprehensive list of factual concerns. However, we do have a short list of concerns for ourselves, as well as our son and daughter in-law, as they also reside on our property.

1. Water contamination: The Van Huigenbos feeding operation is upstream of Willow Creek and the aquifer. We have 2 water wells that we use for residential consumption that draw water from the aquifer. Worth noting there are several farms that draw water from this aquifer that is piped almost to Granum.
2. Water consumption increase: I understand that the feeding operation would take priority over residential water rations. Which is absolutely unreasonable if existing residents and other farm operations are restricted to water because of a newly permitted operation.
3. This expansion is near a closely populated area as many of the surrounding property owners have built their homes near water sources and around views of Willow Creek. Approving a 560% expansion is going to affect the air quality in such close proximity to a heavy populated area. Being in the cattle business myself, the odor of calves are far more pungent than cattle.
4. This expansion could seriously negatively affect the property values.

For the record I do not have anything against capitalism, I am a capitalist myself. However, the location and land base for such an operation blows my mind. This is not Europe! Canada is not so land restricted, that feeding operations have to be built in such a densely populated rural area and so close to town.

Please take this matter into serious consideration.

Regards,

Ron & Laurel Ashley.