

May 14, 2024

**RE: Letter of Concern \*NRCB #LA24002**

A group of concerned neighbours had a town hall meeting in Fort Macleod to discuss the application of feedlot expansion **Application #LA24002**. I'd like to bring to your attention that councillor John Van Driesten was there, he represented and introduced himself as a MD councillor. During the discussion John never stated he was for or against the application. He mentioned knowing how the NRCB works this application would be approved and we are almost wasting our time trying to write letters to the NRCB. All the time he secretly recorded all our concerns, discussion among neighbours on the application and the effects it would have on the area.

I received a call after the meeting from Henry Van Huingenbos stating that he had recordings of the meeting that he was upset I would even show up at such a meeting. Several days later it was confirmed that Henry asked John to attend the meeting to gather information.

Henry stated to me the smell that his feedlot will create will have a huge impact on the 20 families that are just outside of the minimal distance requirement, he was not concerned about this.

We support animal agriculture that is done with respect to the environment and neighbours. I attended the meeting to learn and I did hear many concerns. Some of the processes do not seem to have been thought thru.

This application has many red flags.

Based on the information presented. We are **CONCERED** about this application.

- Proximity to the Willow Creek.
  - There is no way of keeping the runoff from entering the willow creek or from contaminating the ground water. This ground water in question is the aquifer that supplies many neighbours, the Town of Fort Macleod, Orton, Moon river as well as the MD well along Highway 811.
- Road Safety
  - Many trucks go in and out to move cattle and grain. There is not a designated driveway or business entry and trucks come and go several times per day.
- Increased Water Use
  - With the proposed increase in animals the water usage will increase, has the increased water usage been considered? Water monitoring must be considered

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