

May 13, 2024

To whom it may concern:

RE: Application LA24002
Van Huigenbos Farms Ltd.
SE 21-9-26-W4

We are writing this letter to express our sincere concern of the proposed expansion of the Van Huigenbos feedlot operation. As neighbours, we believe it is important for us to discuss the potential implications this expansion could have on our community, particularly in regard to water supply and environmental sustainability.

First and foremost, we are deeply concerned about the impact of increased water usage associated with a larger feedlot. As you may know, our region has faced challenges with water availability in recent years, and any additional strain on our water resources could exacerbate these issues. It is essential that we consider the long-term implications of such an expansion on both the quantity and quality of our water supply.

Secondly, we are troubled by the potential increase in manure production and its dispersal on surrounding lands. Proper management of manure is crucial to prevent contamination of soil and water sources, as well as to mitigate odors and other nuisances that could negatively affect our community's well-being. There needs to be careful consideration given to the measures that will be put in place to manage and responsibly dispose of the increased volume of manure resulting from the expansion.

Furthermore, as citizens with health conditions such as asthma and immune deficiencies, the potential of airborne pollutants will drastically increase as the size of the CFO increases. This is a significant concern as a resident that is directly east of the proposed expansion.

We kindly request that you take into account the concerns raised in this letter and consider engaging with NRCB on behalf of the concerned citizens of the MD of Willow Creek in a transparent and collaborative manner as this matter moves forward. Thank you for taking the time to consider our perspective.

Sincerely,

Eric & Michelle Vanderhart

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