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Technical Review Co-ordination Unit
Municipal Relations
604-800 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, Man.
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Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: TRC 12-043 Proposal for Fairholme Colony Farms to expand hog operation at NW ¼ 26-9-8 W1

I have owned land for over 30 years directly adjoining Fairholme Colony's building site at NE-22-09-08W. **I am firmly opposed** to any intentions Fairholme Colony may have to expand their hog operation due to a number of factors I have observed over an extended period of time as their "close" neighbor. They are:

- 1. My property is on the river flat and partly up the side-hill, directly beside Fairholme Colony's yard site on the northeast side and adjacent to the Assiniboine River on the west side. It is a 45 acre parcel of land which is cut-off from the other farmland I own on the other side of the river. When I initially attempted to have the property legally surveyed, and before the surveyor could finish his report, the stakes disappeared. I, as well as the professional surveyors, found this to be very suspicious as no one else but colony members has access to that area as you have to drive through their yard site and residential area to access the property.
- 2. When I initially purchased the land and numerous times over the past number of years, I have had several discussions with Fairholme Colony (specifically Chris Mandel) to stop farming or squatting on my land. They have ignored such requests.
- 3. They built a well on my property without authorization.
- 4. Again, without authorization or discussion with me, they pushed down a large windbreak of trees on my land.
- 5. They polluted the aforementioned well on my property with hog sewerage from runoff water when they mismanaged their liquid manure by overflowing their slurry tank on the field above the river flat where my property lies. The run-off water with all the slurry contaminants ran into a couple of natural springs in the side-hill and into their well. Further, without consultation or authorization from me, they proceeded to dig a drainage ditch across my property and drained that contaminated water and sewerage directly into the Assiniboine River.

- 6. Further, when they polluted their own well on my property, they built a new well on a quarter section of land they purchased. They then turned that area into a feedlot and put cattle on the same land as they were drawing their main source of water for the colony from, as well as proceeded to dump potato waste and French fries from McCain Foods on that same property where their new well and source of water was located.
- 7. We intend to develop our acreage into a recreational campground and do not want either the air or the water supply of a new well we will be building to be polluted by hog manure.

Given Fairholme's demonstrated disrespect for safe farming practices, as well as water purity, and their neighbors' and colony members' health and well-being, I cannot support any intentions for this colony to expand their operation.

Sincerely,



Harvey Murray
