

To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: Reference # TRC 12-076
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We would like to express our opposition to the proposed hog sites known as Blanton Feeders as well as Pappy Feeders.

These two feeder sites as well as the previously approved Gibson's Nursery site lie within a five mile radius of the village of Elgin. Add to this, the newly built hog barn at Souris River Colony, we now have four major hog sites in very close proximity to the village of Elgin and our farm.

We strongly appose this heavy concentration of hog barns in our home town.

As well, we have been informed there has been wells dug in very close proximity to Elgin as well as the wells that supply the village of Elgin and the Souris River Colony not to mention our own wells which lay very close. We have found out that there is a proposed pipeline bringing water to the Gibson's Nursery and the Pappy Feeders and are very concerned about our water supply as well as the residents of Elgin when they find out about this proposed well site. It is well known how badly Elgin's water supply has been compromised recently and this can't help but add to the problem.

With these proposed wells and pipeline that is supplying water to Gibson's Nursery and Pappy's Feeders we are finding out that people who we thought were neighbors are using our area's resources instead of their own for their financial gain.

As owners of a Century Farm, land that has been owned and farmed by our family for 115 years, we find ourselves wondering if we have a future in this Rural Municipality. Will we have water for our livestock or ourselves? We find ourselves at the mercy of a Council who finds itself supporting a foreign owned hog barn industry and a select few neighbors. This is a position that we never thought we would find ourselves in.

Jim & Kim Draper

Clark and Shannon Combs
Elgin MB

February 21, 2021

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RE: TRC 12-076 Blanton Feeders

To Whom It May Concern,

As a residents of the RM of Grassland my husband and I writing to express our opposition to the TRC 12-076 the construction of the Blanton Feeders operation. We are opposed to this operation for a number of reasons:

1. **Water quality** will be severely taxed as the site will draw 8,030,000 imperial gallons annually. This is an additional drain on our water reserves that is already used by our local longstanding agricultural operations as well as our municipal residents. Our farm well has dropped 6 feet from April/2020 - Feb./2021. I cannot believe that we are a single case farm of a depleting water table. What compensation will be given to family farms whose wells go dry because of the greed of the international corporation, Hylife? The water quality will also be impacted due to the residual runoff and leaching of contaminants from the hog manure. Again, Hylife has no concern for the local residents of this municipality because little water or poor quality water it will have no impact on them personally.
2. Municipal tax payers will be paying for the upkeep of the **roads** with the increased traffic of feed trucks, livestock pots and workers going to and from the proposed site. With the little municipal tax monies that would be generated from the hog barns (approx. 12,000.00 year 1 and then depreciating each year after), the burden of road maintenance and repairs will be left to the tax payers of Grasslands Municipality, not Hylife!
3. **Community Building:** Grassland Municipality has been successfully working with local volunteers to enhance and promote Whitewater Park located one mile east of Elgin. The proposed hog operation is 3.5 miles north east of the park. Visitors have come to the community and enjoyed the facilities (new full service camping sites, boating, fishing, swimming, quiet rural relaxation) throughout the 2020 summer. It would be shameful if the proposed project would produce a negative social and financial impact on this already established project.

Trust, respect and open communication among all stake holders is an essential when building a strong community. Hidden agendas, disregard of local residents concerns and questions, and twisted words do not promote any type of positive community building.

Hylife is a large corporation owned by stakeholders from Japan and Thailand, the profit they make from this operation will not be spent in this community supporting our local businesses. They will be paying minimal tax dollars to the local RM, while the residents of Grassland municipality subsidize this operation.

In closing, I wish to reiterate that we ARE NOT in favor of the proposal of the establishment of a pig operation Blanton Feeders (TRC 12-076) at SE 13-6-21W1.

Thank you,

Clark and Shannon Combs

Pig Operation Proposal Concerns

Re: HyLife Pig Operations within the Municipality of Grassland

Blanton's Feeders – TRC 12-076

Pappy's Feeders – TRC 12-077

February 21, 2021

To Members of the Manitoba Government,

I am writing to you with concerns related to the proposal of pork operations in the Municipality of Grassland, specifically the Pappy (TRC 12-077) and Blanton (TRC 12-076) Feeders.

I have lived in the Municipality for most of my life. My parents are grain farmers in the area. We have never had pig barns in our area, and now there are two proposals, along with one already approved, to be in the vicinity of Elgin. While there are many benefits, I am worried about three coming to the area. Why? Our Municipality cannot keep up with maintaining the gravel roads that the farmers use for their livelihoods, so how can the municipality keep up with maintaining the roads once there is significantly more traffic on them? And, Elgin has poor water. How can humans go without good water for weeks on end, yet it is fine if water is pumped six miles so we can ensure a pork operation can occur?

Road maintenance. I use the gravel roads to travel from my home within the municipality to my parent's farm to help them during harvest. Last year, without the extra HyLife trucks that are going to be on them, Road 27 was a mess. There were frost boils all year. This is fairly normal for this road, but our municipality was not able to keep up with the road maintenance all year. Now there is going to be continual travel on this road for the Pappy Feeder, and the already approved Gibson barn located South-West of Elgin, and Road 27 is going to be a disaster. Farmers need to use this road. This is one of the only roads that runs right from South of Elgin to Minto, where many farmers get their fertilizer and chemical. With spring road restrictions, how are loaded trucks, including HyLife trucks, going to be able to use this road? Trucks have been damaged using Road 27, but as it is one of the only gravel roads that leads into Minto during spring road restrictions, what is going to happen to it? This will affect the Co-op and

Double Diamond's business as farmers have to look elsewhere for their supplies. Also, how is the municipality going to be able to afford to continually fix this road with the much higher traffic that HyLife is going to bring to this road? I, as a tax payer, should not have to pay for the upkeep of these gravel roads, especially when the HyLife trucks have to travel long distances on these roads. It is not my decision to have pig operations that are far from #10 highway, and only accessible by using the only decent gravel roads in the municipality, so why should I have to pay for that upkeep? HyLife trucks will have to travel on approximately 10 miles of gravel from the #10 highway to Pappy's Feeders, approximately 14 miles of gravel from #10 highway to the Gibson's Feeders, and approximately 7 miles of gravel to the #10 highway to the Blanton's Feeders. There are plenty of places closer to #10 highway that barns can be put on, which would create less money spent on road repairs.

Ethics surrounding water. Elgin has not had water for weeks, and the quality has been poor for years. I understand that to get water to the already approved Gibson operation, water is being piped from a mile North of Elgin to that site. One can assume that there will not be enough water in Pappy's or Blanton's Feeder sites also, which would mean that water will have to be run to them. Yet, the residents of Elgin do not have adequate drinking water. How is this fair? This becomes an ethical problem. If the municipality is going to approve these barns when water has to be piped for miles, then how are the tax payers going to feel about humans not being able to have proper drinking water? The municipality and LUD cannot afford to provide Elgin residents with proper drinking water, but somehow it can be approved to have water piped for miles for the benefit of pork operations?

I continue to point out that having HyLife pork operations do not necessarily provide much income through tax revenues to the municipality. So, how is the Municipality of Grassland going to be able to continue to pay for the upkeep of our gravel roads due to the increase of truck traffic, and how is the cost of running water to pork operations going to be covered, especially when people in town cannot have access to clean drinking water? The Municipality of Grassland is not going to be able to afford these pig barns, unless HyLife is willing to pay for the costs of running waterlines and fixing the roads, on top of the low amount of taxes they will be paying. Unfortunately, I use two of the gravel roads that will be

beaten down due to HyLife trucks. And I also have empathy towards the residents of Elgin who will be seeing water being ran to pigs, but they themselves cannot even wash their hands.

I really hope that others are willing to speak-up about the ethical and financial difficulties that our municipality will have if these barns are approved.

Thanks,

Hannah Beghin

To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: Municipality of Grassland - Proposed Hog Operation
Date: February 2, 2021 12:41:14 PM

Good afternoon

Unfortunately, this is the second time I am writing to you about proposed establishments of hog operations in the Municipality of Grassland.

Reference: TRC 12-078 / TRC 12-076 / TRC 12-077

It was very disappointing that our concerns were not heard last time and the project was allowed to proceed.

Is there a case where ratepayers concerns would out way a project that meets all of the technical requirements?

We are landowners and residents of the Municipality of Grassland with concerns on the proposed establishment of **3 more** hog operations, especially the one proposed for SE ¼ 15-5-19 (TRC 12-078) as this will be only 3 – 4 miles from our residence and the village of Minto.

Community members of neighboring municipalities openly share their frustration with hog operations in their areas, with the biggest concern being the offensive odor. This will undoubtedly decrease the value of our residential property when the time comes for us sell.

Another major complaint is the traffic of big trucks on our roads and the major expense this will create for the Municipality and then transferred to the taxpayer.

In my previous letter I asked the question, if one hog operation is approved in the Municipality, how many more will follow? Well, at this point we are looking at 3 more and not even a year has passed!

We are hoping careful consideration is made in this decision, and the taxpayers concerns are heard, as the quality of rural life for many residents will be affected.

Regards,
Chris & Mavis Winters

To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: HyLife wants more hog sites in the Municipality of Grassland.
Date: January 28, 2021 7:01:18 PM

To the Manitoba Technical Review Co-ordination Unit :

cc. Manitoba Government

Here we go again! There is no need to rehash all the reasons for turning down HyLife's request for more factory hog barns. Everybody knows there are more reasons for turning them down than allowing them in your community.

Despite the fact that this business is foreign -owned and stocked with, mostly, foreign workers the Manitoba government will bend over backwards to make this go through, smoothly. The red tape has been cut!. HyLife will prevail!. Making money at Manitobans'expense and pathetic jobs matter most. Must be good royalties. No?

Long story short. I was born and raised in SW Manitoba. I was damn proud to be a Manitoban. Bragged about it's beautiful farmland and lakes to everyone I met. Can't do that anymore.

There is a long and dark polluting shadow over the land. Factory hogs sites dot the landscape. Doesn't appear to be any end of it in sight. Hogs and more hogs!!!

Manitoba is a lost cause. People have given up trying to save it. The hog industry owns it. Our ancestors would be ashamed . What a waste and fouling of a beautiful province.

I still own some property in and near Killarney. I spend some time ,in the summer, there despite the stink wafting from factory hog barns, most days and nights.

If it weren't for the factory hog barns my family would spend more time there. WE used to spend so much time at Killarney Lake. That is over now, too. The beach is empty. The lake is polluted with toxic blue green algae, most of the summer.

My sister is moving to Calgary, as I write this. Sold their home in Killarney. Couldn't deal with the stench of hog barns, even in town on a lot surrounded with trees. The changes that have overtaken the town with HyLife's presence has soured many relationships.

Now my three siblings, and their families. have moved away from Manitoba.

Our ancestors settled in SW Manitoba because it had so much to offer. Not now!

The Manitoba government is scraping the bottom of the barrel by encouraging more HyLife business. Are you so desperate you will do anything for such Lowlife business?

The people of Manitoba are beaten down ,I get that. Many of us have tried so hard to save this province from this humiliation but we wasted our time. The factory hog takeover had its stamp of approval even before the hearings. We knew !

It's a sad situation when people give up. All I can hope is that one day HyLife will get what they deserve. Disease in the hog population could end them.

These are not nice people.

-They sell out their province to foreign buyers.

-They get special handouts from government.-taxpayers' money.

- They pollute the waterways and wells and disrespect the communities around them by stinking them out.

-They are asking for many more years extensions on sow stalls, even though they know these stalls are cruel and inhumane. So disgusting!

I have given up on Manitoba. The MB government will cater to these takers.

I will NEVER give up trying to save these poor pigs from the nightmarish conditions they have to endure. Regulations and laws regarding the treatment of factory animals are immoral and never should have been permitted.

There is beautiful farmland in the Grasslands Municipality. I get the impression they are

willing to sell their souls to the devil. "Evil grows where the sun doesn't shine" -in hog barns.
It's regrettable that they have such short vision, no creative business ideas and choose to live in
the dark world of HyLife.

There's a HighPrice to pay for inviting HyLife into your community.

Thank you .

Sincerely,

Denise Trafford

Calgary