

Bergman, Andrea (CC)

Subject: Redonda Hazardous Waste Facility

From: RGray Thermo Applicators [REDACTED]
Sent: March 19, 2020 9:36 AM
To: Bergman, Andrea (CC) <Andrea.Bergman@gov.mb.ca>
Subject: [SPF Softfail] [SPF Softfail] Redonda Hazardous Waste Facility

Good Day Andrea.

Andrea, I have concerns with this proposed hazardous waste facility. When X-Potential held a community information session before they started operations, we were told that the facility had the environments best interest. They had said that the pits there would have 3 feet of clay in them and a rubber liner to prevent and leakage from the pits. Or ponds they have. They stated that the debris in the pits would no exceed a foot or two above the pits.

Those pits were stacked 6 plus feet with debris, overflowing and all over the ground and no one noticed because of the fences. I am concerned that the soil is already contaminated there and with a hazardous waste site being suggested may add to the problem.

Has the ground been tested there?

Is there a potential hazard to the water table?

What hazardous waste would be processed there?

My concern is that once the tenant is there no one will be policing the site.

I would prefer to talk in person on this. I am rushing this email because I have other issues to deal with due to emergency situation the country is in. I hope the due date for the feedback will be pushed back as well.

Cheers

Robert Gray

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Sunnyside, Manitoba CANADA [REDACTED]

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March 31, 2020

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Re: Redonda Hazardous Waste Facility - File: 6046.00

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather A. Erickson".

Heather A. Erickson

[REDACTED]
Anola, Manitoba [REDACTED]

Concerned Citizens and Commercial/Industrial Proprietors in the North Springfield Industrial Park

April 9, 2020

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In August, SDD provided its members with a notice of a pending application by Trevita Corporation to operate a Hazardous waste collection and processing operation in the Springfield Industrial Park at 999 Redonda Street. Several citizens and businesses attended the August 29th, 2019 council meeting and spoke in opposition of the application, but Council voted, 4:2 to allow it. This same business is now applying to the Province for licensing. A group of business owners have organized and are sending in their continued objection to the proposal that would allow hazardous materials to be transported to and from the site as well as be processed and stored there.

Attached, to this email, is a letter they have prepared to send to the Provincial Environmental Approvals Branch (PEAB), and they are circulating it in Springfield and hoping for additional support.

The insert to the right represents **one of eleven** reasons listed in the letter to the PEAB from *Concerned Citizens and Commercial/Industrial Proprietors in the North Springfield Industrial Park*.

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We encourage everyone to e-mail their objections by **Deadline April 14, 2020** to Andrea Bergman at Andrea.Bergman@gov.mb.ca

Redonda Hazardous Waste Facility-File:6046 with the Public Registry www.gov.mb.ca/sd/eal/registries/

Bergman, Andrea (CC)

Subject: Redonda Hazerdous Waste Facility

From: Brady [REDACTED]

Sent: April 13, 2020 10:43 AM

To: Bergman, Andrea (CC) <Andrea.Bergman@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: Redonda Hazerdous Waste Facility

Good Morning,

I would like to object to the dangers Teravita is trying to bring to our neighborhood.

I have lived in the R.M of Springfield in my permanent home for the past 5 years and plan on raising my family there.

This is dangerous and puts my family and I at risk. I do not support this whatsoever.

Also the fact that they are trying to meet about this now during a global pandemic spikes my interest that they are doing it now as we are not allowed to gather to protest this.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Oakbank, MB [REDACTED]

April 13, 2020

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by email: Andrea.Bergman@gov.mb.ca

Re: Redonda Hazardous Waste Facility - File: 6046.00

Attn. Ms. Bergman;

As a resident taxpayer of the R.M. of Springfield I would comment on the above noted application by Tervita Corporation.

On August 29th, 2019 at the RM of Springfield Planning Meeting, I spoke in objection to the Conditional Use application by Tervita on this same business proposal. It was and remains my contention that this use should not have been approved because it does not meet the Conditional Use standards under the Planning Act Section 106(1) or the Municipality's Zoning By-law #08-01 as it will be detrimental to the health or general welfare of people living or working in the surrounding area and negatively affect other properties or potential development in the surrounding area.

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In short, I repeat what the Concerned Citizens and Commercial/Industrial Proprietors in the North Springfield Industrial Park have submitted to your Department and *"implore you not to allow this business to proceed in this location. It is not the correct place to have a Hazardous Waste Storage facility. As a taxpayer, I view this as a liability, not an asset and not of benefit to my municipality. Ratepayers are the ones that ultimately pay for mistakes made by the Councils that were elected to act in their best interests. In my opinion, locating a Hazardous Waste Facility in our Industrial Park is not in our best interests. As a Provincial Government, you also have the responsibility to act in the best interests of those who elected you"*.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Nysten

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Subject: Objection to approval of hazardous waste facility in Springfield

From: Judy Chapman [REDACTED]

Sent: April 13, 2020 2:01 PM

To: Bergman, Andrea (CC) <Andrea.Bergman@gov.mb.ca>

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Dear Andrea,

For the reasons stated in the attached letter, I ask that the application for the development of a hazardous waste facility in Springfield be denied. My husband and I own two properties in Springfield and rely on living in a safe and clean environment.

- Judy Chapman

Concerned Citizens and Commercial/Industrial Proprietors in the North Springfield Industrial Park

April 9, 2020

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Sent: April 13, 2020 1:23 PM
To: Bergman, Andrea (CC) <Andrea.Bergman@gov.mb.ca>
Subject: RM Springfield and Tervita proposal

Re - Redonda Hazardous Waste Facility-File:6046 with the Public Registry

Hello Ms. Bergman,

My family and I are longtime residents of the rural municipality of Springfield. We have recently been made aware of an application by Tervita for provincial licensing to handle hazardous materials in our area.

I am writing to let you know of our strong objection to their plans. We are also greatly disappointed in our local council for approving this activity in Springfield.

The residents of Springfield rely solely on aquifers as the source of our potable water. Its quality is paramount for our health and the livelihoods of daycares, schools, seniors residences, agriculture, and businesses. It is critical that our water supply be safeguarded, not only for our generation but also for our children and our children's children.

Springfield has no alternative water sources from the City of Winnipeg nor the Shoal Lake First Nation, and it's untenable to truck water into our area due to the significant rural residency and agricultural industry.

There is a real and genuine risk the aquifer could become contaminated by hazardous materials. And not "once", but "when" that happens it will be impractical to restore the water quality - the cost to do that will be prohibitive, such that it could not and would not be realistically considered.

If there is anything good we're learning from the current situation with the coronavirus, it's that it has highlighted the importance of our health and the well-being of our communities, and the critical role of our governments at every level. Access to potable water is a basic necessity and is paramount for our collective and personal good health. It must be provided and secured by responsible authorities with this perspective in mind.

For the above-stated reasons, I implore you to reject the licensing for Tervita. On behalf of my family, our community, and our future health and livelihood, I appreciate your consideration of this important issue.

With sincere thanks,

Monica Ptak
[REDACTED]
Oakbank, MB
[REDACTED]

**OBJECTION TO APPLICATION BY TERVITA RE REDONDA
HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY (File No. 6046.00)**

My name is Bob Bodnaruk. I have been a resident of the Rural Municipality of Springfield for 44 years, residing approximately 1 ½ miles from the proposed site where Tervita has obtained a conditional use permit to operate a hazardous waste facility.

I was a Municipal councillor in the Rural Municipality of Springfield from 2002-2014 and Reeve of the municipality from 2014-2018. In our Municipal Strategic Plan in the R.M., our number one priority is the protection of our water supply.

I strongly oppose the approval of the application by Tervita to conduct a hazardous waste facility in Springfield. My primary objections are the contamination of our water supply, soil and air pollution. I also oppose the location and type of industry. This area is not compatible with the influx of residents and businesses in the surrounding area and should be located in a more remote location.

I also oppose the handling and transportation of dangerous goods on our streets and roads. The only truck routes to Redonda are the Perimeter, Gunn Rd or Day St. Day St. is a densely populated residential neighbourhood and all options are extremely high traffic routes. Transportation of daily truckloads of hazardous waste to the proposed site would

significantly increase the potential for accidents and would be a threat to the health and safety of everyone using these routes.

Prior to 1959 this area of Springfield was a collection of lush greenery, thriving market gardens and abundant grain fields. Then without consultation with local residents, council of the day rezoned the area to Industrial. The area has since been negatively impacted by the lack of inspections, regulations, controls and enforcements.

The City of Winnipeg has expanded immensely in the direction of Springfield's industrial sector. There is an approved plan in place in the City of Winnipeg for a residential development of 700 homes between the City of Winnipeg's existing residential sector, north to Gunn Rd. and a commercial development west of Redonda street. This is approximately 1 kilometer from the proposed Tervita Waste Facility site.

Surrounding the Tervita site are approximately 400 commercial businesses (all supplied by their own wells), with thousands of employees. At least 6 schools lay in the proximity to the proposed site. Another 100 Springfield residents (including 2 directly across Redonda), as well as numerous City of Winnipeg and East St Paul residents are within a 3 mile radius. All the residents from Springfield in close proximity depend on the water from our aquifer. Should a spill of hazardous waste occur,

or runoff from the outside storage of containers containing poisonous material, our access to potable water will be destroyed.

There are several wells on Tervita property. Should the wells be used in the production process or fire suppression, in the advent of a fire, there could be a drawdown of the water table or contamination of our aquifer. Similarly, we could also have our soil and air contaminated. If past practices are any indication of future activities, we as residents, parents and business owners have reasons for concern. It takes just one accident or incident and thousands of workers, residents and a number of schools that are in the vicinity will be impacted. All the conditions placed on Tervita will be of no avail. During my term on council I served as a board member on many organizations and committees that dealt with the protection of our water supply.

There have been at least 2 major fires at the proposed site, at the time owned and operated as Xpotential, that took several days and the assistance of several fire departments to extinguish, and required evacuation of businesses, schools and residences in Springfield & Winnipeg. Springfield is not equipped to handle fires of that magnitude.

The owner of the land at 999 Redonda where the facility will be located, also operated General Scrap for a number of years.

General Scrap also had some major fires in their operations. The operation was conducted on a gravel base that sloped away from their property. The runoffs after rainfalls ended up in municipal ditches, carrying with it any contaminants that were exposed to the weather. He was also associated with Buck's Auto Parts, (both businesses were located on Springfield Road, in the RM of Springfield) which also had a number of gas tank explosions and fires over the years. One fire was supposedly started by spontaneous combustion.

Prior to my being on council General Scrap was given permission to bury the residue on municipal property on Saunders St., located off Gunn Rd, south of 999 Redonda, for a period of 6 years, presumably eliminating haulage costs to Brady landfill. I visited that site when the temperature was -17 degrees fahrenheit and the runoff was not freezing.

In my opinion there is a correlation between the types of businesses and the same problems can easily occur should Tervita's application be approved.

A number of concerns have been documented and presented to council by both business owners and residents of Springfield. Most members of council are not familiar with the history of events at this location and are not aware of the ramifications of allowing a Hazardous Waste Disposal at this location.

I therefore request that Tervita's application, file # 6046.00
be denied.

Respectfully,

Bob Bodnaruk

[REDACTED]

Springfield, Mb [REDACTED]

Bergman, Andrea (CC)

Subject: Objection to Tervita's Application for Hazardous Waste

From: Elaine Chartier [REDACTED]

Sent: April 13, 2020 6:05 PM

To: Bergman, Andrea (CC) <Andrea.Bergman@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: Objection to Tervita's Application for Hazardous Waste

Please see attached letter regarding our objections to this application.

Thank you.

Rene & Elaine Chartier

April 13, 2020

Andrea Bergman, Environment Officer
Environmental Approvals Branch
Manitoba Conservation and Climate
1007 Century Street Winnipeg, Manitoba R3H 0W4

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Sincerely,

Rene Chartier

Elaine Chartier

[REDACTED]
Cooks Creek, MB [REDACTED]

Bergman, Andrea (CC)

Subject: Redonda Hazardous Waste Facility - File: 6046.00

From: sue ziemski [REDACTED]

Sent: April 13, 2020 11:20 PM

To: Bergman, Andrea (CC) <Andrea.Bergman@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: Re: Redonda Hazardous Waste Facility - File: 6046.00

Please consider the following in relation to the application by Trevita to operate a Hazardous Collection and Processing facility in the RM of Springfield.

On August 29, 2019 I attended the presentation by Trevita to open the Hazardous Waste Facility on Redonda Street. At that time I was one of about 30 people who spoke. It seemed evident to me that the majority of council had already made up their minds to approve the facility however I requested that they rethink their position based on the following concerns

1. The business location is wrong. This location is above our aquifer that supplies all our drinking water. We should never ever consider putting a business in the community that has the potential to destroy the main water source for the community. A companies best intentions will never rectify the damage of an accidental spill or leak.
2. access to the site requires the trucks to navigate through too much residential and industrial areas. Rather a location be chosen where the trucks can take a highway onto a service/ secondary road that is dedicated solely to the use of the facility makes more sense.

Please do not allow this company to have a license to operate in the RM of Springfield.

thank you

Sue Ziemski

[REDACTED]

Cooks Creek, MB

Bergman, Andrea (CC)

Subject: RM of Springfield/Trevita Corporation Proposed Hazardous Waste Collection Site

From: Barb Gyselinck [REDACTED]

Sent: April 14, 2020 10:36 AM

To: Bergman, Andrea (CC) <Andrea.Bergman@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: RM of Springfield/Trevita Corporation Proposed Hazardous Waste Collection Site

Dear Andrea,

I am writing to you today to voice our strong objection to the above business locating in the RM of Springfield. It is outrageous to think that our council would have even considered this business opportunity in our municipality, in light of the risk to our aquifer(and only water source). Compounding that with all the negative impacts on surrounding businesses and property owners and Trevita's past track record in terms of hazardous waste containment and disaster recovery plans, this should be a no brainer in terms of rejecting their business application.

Thank you for your consideration to our objections.

Paul and Barbara Gyselinck

[REDACTED]
Sunnyside, MB [REDACTED]

Bergman, Andrea (CC)

Subject: Redonda Hazardous Waste Facility

From: Richard Facia [REDACTED]

Sent: April 14, 2020 11:31 AM

To: Bergman, Andrea (CC) <Andrea.Bergman@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: Redonda Hazardous Waste Facility

We object to this development.

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Bergman, Andrea (CC)

Subject: Objection to proposal in Springfield

From: Kelly Forsyth [REDACTED]
Sent: April 14, 2020 11:54 AM
To: Bergman, Andrea (CC) <Andrea.Bergman@gov.mb.ca>
Subject: Objection to proposal in Springfield

April 14, 2020

Andrea Bergman,
Environment Officer Environmental Approvals Branch Manitoba Conservation and Climate
1007 Century Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3H 0W4

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As a taxpayer, I view this as a liability. In my opinion, locating a Hazardous Waste Facility in our Industrial Park is not in our best interests.

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Yours sincerely,

Kelly Forsyth

Bergman, Andrea (CC)

Subject: "Redonda Hazardous Waste Facility-File:6046"

From: Patrick Burek [REDACTED]

Sent: April 14, 2020 12:24 PM

To: Bergman, Andrea (CC) <Andrea.Bergman@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: RE: "Redonda Hazardous Waste Facility-File:6046"

Dear Ms. Bergman,

Please see the attached letter outlining my opposition to a pending application by Trevita Corporation to operate a Hazardous waste collection and processing operation in the Springfield Industrial Park at 999 Redonda Street in Springfield Municipality. I do not believe that the public consultation on this topic was conducted in a way that was comprehensive and transparent and I strongly appose its approval by our counsel.

Sincerely,

Patrick Burek

Concerned Citizens and Commercial/Industrial Proprietors in the North Springfield Industrial Park

April 9, 2020

Andrea Bergman, Environment Officer
Environmental Approvals Branch
Manitoba Conservation and Climate
1007 Century Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3H 0W4

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**Please see attached a schedule of Local business operators,
employees, local residents in opposition to the approval of the
Redonda Hazardous waste collection, process and transferring
facility proposed to be located at 999 Redonda**

Bergman, Andrea (CC)

Subject: Tervita Redonda Hazardous Waste Facility-File 6046.00

From: vk@mymts.net [REDACTED]
Sent: April 14, 2020 2:46 PM
To: Bergman, Andrea (CC) <Andrea.Bergman@gov.mb.ca>
Cc: Glen [REDACTED]
Subject: Tervita Redonda Hazardous Waste Facility-File 6046.00

Hi Andrea,

I am not in favour of the approval for Tervita to receive a Environmental License. I live in the RM of Springfield. I am also concerned that this facility is just north of the City of Winnipeg developing many homes south of Gunn Rd.

Thank you and Take Care,

Glen Fuhl

Bergman, Andrea (CC)

Subject: Tervita/RM of Springfield
Attachments: April 14 Tervita.docx; CCF_000012.pdf; Map Bunns Creek & Cordite Ditch.pdf

From: E G [REDACTED]
Sent: April 14, 2020 3:59 PM
To: Bergman, Andrea (CC) <Andrea.Bergman@gov.mb.ca>
Subject: Tervita/RM of Springfield

Hello Ms. Bergman,

Please find attached word doc. addressed yourself and further pdf attachments as indicated in writing.
I do not envy your position and wish you well in your contemplation's this matter.

I trust you have not delayed this matter given the extraordinary times of pandemic, if so all good and well.
Be safe, be healthy.

Warmest Regards,

Edwin Giesbrecht

Residents suing Trevita landfill in Rostraver Twp. over foul odor

- Posted: Aug 02, 2013 05:37 PM EDT
- Updated: Aug 02, 2013 05:37 PM EDT



ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP, Pa. - Odors emitted from a landfill in Rostraver Township have neighbors so upset that they are suing.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) said the so-called problems at the Trevita landfill are "long and lingering." A DEP spokesperson described the volume of complaints made against the landfill as "humungous."

Neighbors had different ways of describing the odor emitted from the 200 plus acre landfill.

"One day last summer, I said, 'It was like dead bodies of deer in my yard,'" said Debbie Fought.

"(Smells like) rotten eggs, sometimes. Decaying meat, sometimes," said David Olson.

Fought said her and others have been battling the issue nonstop since 2010.

She and Olson claim their property values have plummeted and the odor has made people sick, so they and others are now suing Tervita.

"We needed some avenue where people would really start to notice that we meant business," said Fought.

A DEP spokesman outlined a number of complaints and violations for the landfill. He also said that under Tervita's permit, there should be no smell or foul odor outside their fence.

The DEP said odor violations were detailed in 2011, 2012 and earlier this year.

As for the lawsuit, neighbors said they are nervously optimistic about a solution.

"In a perfect world, I would probably like the mountain to cease and desist, as we call it," said Fought.

In a statement, Tervita said their policy is not to comment on litigation, but they did say they're consulting with their lawyers and look forward to the opportunity of defending themselves.

DEP issues \$160K fine for odors at Pa. landfill

Author

Nicole Wrona

Published

March 10, 2014

Dive Brief:

- A landfill in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania has been fined by the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).
- The Tervita landfill in Rostraver Township was ordered to pay \$160,000 by the DEP due to an ongoing failure to control odors. The funds will be placed into the state's Solid Waste Abatement Fund.
- A consent order and agreement also requires the landfill to submit progress reports on a monthly basis that must outline its efforts to handle the issue. Failure to comply will result in a \$1,000 per day fine.

Dive Insight:

The smell is methane gas created from waste buried underground that mixes with Methyl mercaptan and escapes into the air. Residents have been exposed to the odors for two years, and have filed a class-action suit against Tervita Corporation, an environmental services company based in Canada, with U.S. operations in Houston, Texas. The lawsuit is still pending at this time.

Tervita's permit renewal for the landfill expires in July; the local township board has urged the DEP to deny the renewal, and filed a formal resolution in August.

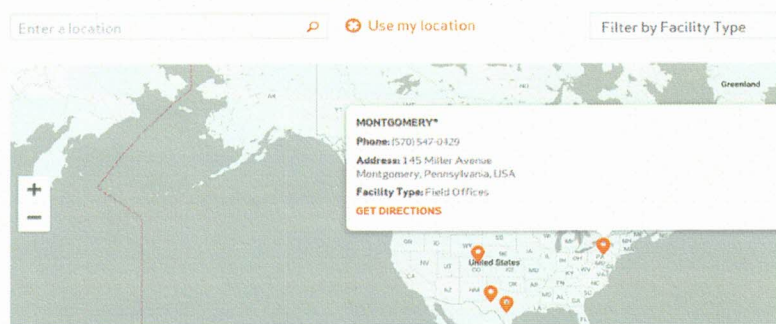
Tervita Sanitary Landfill 900 Tyrol Blvd. Belle Vernon, PA 15012	100277	adv: 2,000	Westmoreland	Rostraver Twp	Ron Levine 724-929-7694
		mdv: 2,500			

Tervita provides a broad range of services to natural resource and industrial clients in Canada. Our services are delivered through our strategically located network of facilities and specialized equipment and assets. Tervita provides customers the right services whenever and wherever they are needed.

A full list of Tervita's facilities and services can be found and downloaded from the following link:

[Tervita Facility Brochure](#)

Tervita recently merged with Newalta. Former Newalta facilities are denoted by an asterisk(*).



Management discussion and analysis (**MD&A**) is a section within a company's annual report or quarterly filing where executives analyze the company's performance. The section can also include a discussion of compliance, risks, and future plans, such as goals and new projects. This referenced in Tervita's forward-looking statements page 53, 2018 report.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This MD&A contains forward-looking statements and forward-looking information (collectively referred to herein as "forward-looking statements") within the meaning of securities legislation. Such forward-looking statements include, without limitation, forecasts, estimates, expectations and objectives for future operations that are subject to assumptions, risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond the control of Tervita. Forward-looking statements are statements that are not historical facts and are generally, but not always, identified by the words "expects", "plans", "anticipates", "believes", "intends", "estimates", "projects", "potential" and similar expressions, or are events or conditions that "will", "would", "may", "could" or "should" occur or be achieved. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to risks, uncertainties and other key factors that could cause actual results or events to be materially different from those anticipated in such forward-looking statements.

Specific forward-looking statements contained in this MD&A include, amongst others, statements and management's beliefs, expectations or intentions regarding the following:

- the long-term oil and gas environmental services market outlook in Canada will generate sufficient demand for Tervita's services;
- market outlook with respect to drilling activity, relatively stable oil and gas prices, Western Canadian oil and gas production levels, and moderate market growth and GDP growth across Western Canada;
- oil and gas producers will continue to outsource waste by-product treatment and disposal;
- it is difficult for third parties to replicate the extensive footprint of Tervita's facilities;
- that Tervita's strategy will be successful;
- cash generated from operations, asset sales and amounts available under the credit facilities will be adequate to permit Tervita to meet its debt service obligations, ongoing costs of operations, working capital needs, capital expenditure requirements and to fund acquisitions (other than material acquisitions) for the foreseeable future;
- the amount and nature of insurance coverage obtained will be adequate considering the potential hazards;
- timing of the completion of projects under development and their attendant costs;
- governmental regulation of the oil and gas industry, permits and other legal requirements, including Tervita's expectations with respect to permits;
- expected continued benefits of the Arrangement;
- plans and objectives for future operations;
- anticipated operational and financial performance (including expected synergies and cost reductions) for each operating segment;
- ability to execute on our growth strategy; and
- expectations regarding future cash flow, liquidity and financial position, our maintenance capital spending, growth and expansion capital projects, and sources of funding for our capital program.

Forward-looking statements relating to our business contain uncertainties and assumptions, including the following:

- demand for services in our businesses can be adversely impacted by general economic conditions and we are dependent on exploration, drilling and production activity levels in the markets where we offer our services;
- the ability of management to execute its business plan;
- the ability of the Company to realize the expected synergies from the Arrangement;
- the risks of the environmental solutions industry, such as operational risks and market demand;
- risks inherent in Tervita's marketing operations, including credit risk;
- the uncertainty of estimates and projections relating to revenues, costs, expenses, and capital expenditures;
- fluctuations in oil and natural gas prices, foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates;
- health, safety and environmental risks;
- uncertainties as to the availability and cost of financing;
- general economic conditions in Canada, the United States, and globally;
- industry conditions;
- the possibility that government policies or laws may change or governmental approvals may be delayed or withheld;
- governmental regulation of the environmental solutions industry, including environmental regulation;
- unanticipated operating events;
- failure to obtain third-party consents and approvals, when required;
- risks associated with existing and potential future lawsuits and regulatory actions against Tervita;
- the highly competitive nature of our markets, and competition that could adversely impact our financial position, results of operations, cash flows or our ability to make required payments on debt outstanding;

- global financial conditions are subject to increased volatility;
- legislative and regulatory initiatives related to hydraulic fracturing that could result in increased costs and additional operating restrictions or delays as well as adversely affect our support services;
- increasing concern regarding earthquake activity connected to oil/gas production and waste disposal wells could adversely affect our business;
- successful implementation of our investment and acquisition strategy;
- the difficulty of identifying and executing acquisitions on favorable terms, including successfully integrating businesses we acquire, and our significant exposure from unknown liabilities related to our acquisitions;
- susceptibility to seasonality due to adverse weather conditions;
- risks related to changes in industry practices related to crude oil equalization and declines in oil prices that may affect our energy marketing business;
- risk of implementation of controls or tariffs on competitor-owned pipelines which impede Tervita's ability to physically or economically access the pipelines that may affect our energy marketing business;
- our operations being subject to numerous natural disasters and operating hazards and the lack of assurance that such events will be covered by insurance or whether any such insurance coverage would be adequate;
- potential impairment losses in respect of our physical assets from reduced industry activity and a sustained decline in demand for services involving such assets;
- our ability to attract and retain qualified workers;
- dependence on our senior management, the loss of which could materially harm our business;
- obligation to comply with health and safety regulations at our facilities and our operations, the failure of which could result in significant liability and/or fines and penalties;
- failure by our employees to follow applicable procedures and guidelines or on-site accidents;
- deterioration in our safety record would harm our relationships with customers, make it less likely for customers to contract for our services and subject us to penalties and fines, which could adversely affect our business, operating results and financial condition;
- fluctuations in exchange rates;
- the inability of counterparties or customers to fulfill their obligation to us;
- technology we use in our business is increasingly subject to protection by intellectual property rights; and
- our treatment, recovery and disposal facilities, cavern disposal facilities and engineered landfill operations could be adversely affected by more stringent closure and post-closure obligations and a variety of other risks.

For a more detailed discussion of risks relating to Tervita see our most recent Annual Information Form.

These factors should not be construed as exhaustive. The forward-looking statements included in this MD&A are made only as of the date hereof and Tervita does not undertake to publicly update these forward-looking statements for new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by applicable laws. Any forward-looking statements contained herein are expressly qualified by this cautionary statement.

The estimates regarding Tervita's future financial performance, including estimates regarding Tervita's expected realization of synergies from the Arrangement, are based on assumptions about future events, including economic conditions and proposed course of action, based on management's assessment of the relevant information currently available. See "Outlook". The estimates of certain of Tervita's financial results for the year ended December 31, 2018, assuming the Arrangement had been completed as of January 1, 2018 may constitute financial outlook, but they are not a forecast or projection of future results, and are based on management's assessment of the relevant information currently available. See "Newalta Acquisition". The estimates are based on the same assumptions and risk factors set forth above and are based on Tervita's historical results of operations. The financial outlook or potential financial outlook set forth in this MD&A were approved by management as of the date of this MD&A for the purpose of providing investors with an estimation of: (a) the outlook for Tervita for 2019 and onwards, where applicable; and (b) results for the year ended December 31, 2018, assuming the Arrangement had been completed at January 1, 2018. Readers are cautioned that any such financial outlook contained herein should not be used for purposes other than those for which it is disclosed herein. The prospective financial information set forth in this MD&A has been prepared by management. Tervita and management believe that the prospective financial information has been prepared on a reasonable basis, reflecting management's best estimates and judgements, and represents, to the best of management's knowledge and opinion, Tervita's expected course of action in developing and executing its business strategy and growth opportunities relating to its business operations. However, actual results may vary from the prospective financial information set forth in this MD&A. See above for a discussion of the risks that could cause actual results to vary. The prospective financial information set forth in this MD&A should not be relied on as necessarily indicative of future results.

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Pa. Attorney General to investigate landfill runoff problems in Westmoreland County



Don Hopey and David Templeton
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
May 23, 2019
8:14 PM

The Pennsylvania attorney general's Environmental Crimes Section will investigate how landfill runoff damaged the Belle Vernon sewage treatment plant, causing contaminated wastewater discharges into the Monongahela River.

Speaking at a news conference Thursday afternoon in Uniontown, Washington County District Attorney Eugene Vittone said he asked state Attorney General Josh Shapiro to take over the investigation in a letter he sent Tuesday. Fayette County District Attorney Richard Bower said he planned to send a similar letter within the next few days.

The two district attorneys moved quickly last week to get a temporary injunction prohibiting the Westmoreland Sanitary Landfill in Rostraver, which also goes by the name Tervita-Rostraver Township Sanitary Landfill, from piping runoff contaminated by shale gas drilling and fracking waste chemicals to the sewage treatment plant. The plant is also prohibited from discharging any contaminated wastewater into the river.

"Public safety is the foremost objective of any district attorney in the state," Mr. Vittone said. "The potential threat to the river was stopped and will remain so. We did this because of the high volume of contaminated water flowing into the Belle Vernon sewage treatment plant and also because of questions about the chemical composition of the wastewater."

The landfill turned off its pipeline to the plant on Saturday.

Mr. Vittone and Mr. Bower also announced Friday that the landfill owner and the Belle Vernon Municipal Authority, which operates the sewage treatment plant, had agreed to a consent order that will continue the terms of the injunction for 90 days while they seek to remedy the problem.

"The parties are enjoined from discharging any waste material into the Mon River, and signed the order which will give them an opportunity to work out the issue in ways that protect the river," Mr. Bower said.

A hearing in Fayette County Common Pleas Court scheduled for Friday on a permanent injunction was postponed.

Mr. Vittone said last week's decision to seek a temporary injunction was, "a successful and appropriate use of power vested in the district attorneys' offices by the Pennsylvania Clean Streams Act."

He said they acted to make sure the sewage plant discharges were not harming the river, which is the source of drinking water for several public water suppliers in the Mon Valley and Pittsburgh area communities.

Rebecca Franz, chief deputy attorney general, declined to say how her office would conduct the investigation or what its first steps would be, citing the "ongoing investigation" as the reason. She did say that the attorney general employs nine investigative agents, several with the ability to do field sampling.

"The district attorneys took great steps to remedy the discharges into the river last week," Ms. Franz said. "Pennsylvanians have a constitutional right to clean air and clean water and we are committed to protecting those rights."

She declined to comment about whether the investigation will include a look at a scheme proposed by a state Department of Environmental Protection official in a January email to the Belle Vernon Municipal Authority engineering firm that proposed continuing to allow illegal sewage plant discharges into the river and have the landfill pay any fines for violations.

The temporary injunction was imposed two days after the Belle Vernon Municipal Authority voted to terminate its contract with the landfill, owned by Uniontown-based Nobel Environmental Inc., to treat its runoff, also called "leachate." The leachate is piped about three miles to the treatment plant located along the Monongahela River.

According to Guy Kruppa, the sewage plant superintendent, the landfill was piping an average of 100,000 gallons of leachate a day to the sewage treatment plant, double the amount allowed in the contract. And chemical testing done by the authority found high levels of ammonia, total suspended solids, and a host of compounds associated with shale gas drilling and fracking, including volatile organic compounds, magnesium, barium, phenols and oil and grease.

Ro Rozier, a spokeswoman for the landfill owners, issued a statement saying the landfill has begun using alternative leachate disposal methods and would continue to "invest in onsite technology to improve leachate quality that will exceed government standards."

DEP records show the landfill began accepting drilling "cullings" — rock and soil from deep underground produced by the drilling process — in 2010, and in 2017 that amounted to 119,716 tons of debris or 40 percent of the landfill's total waste stream.

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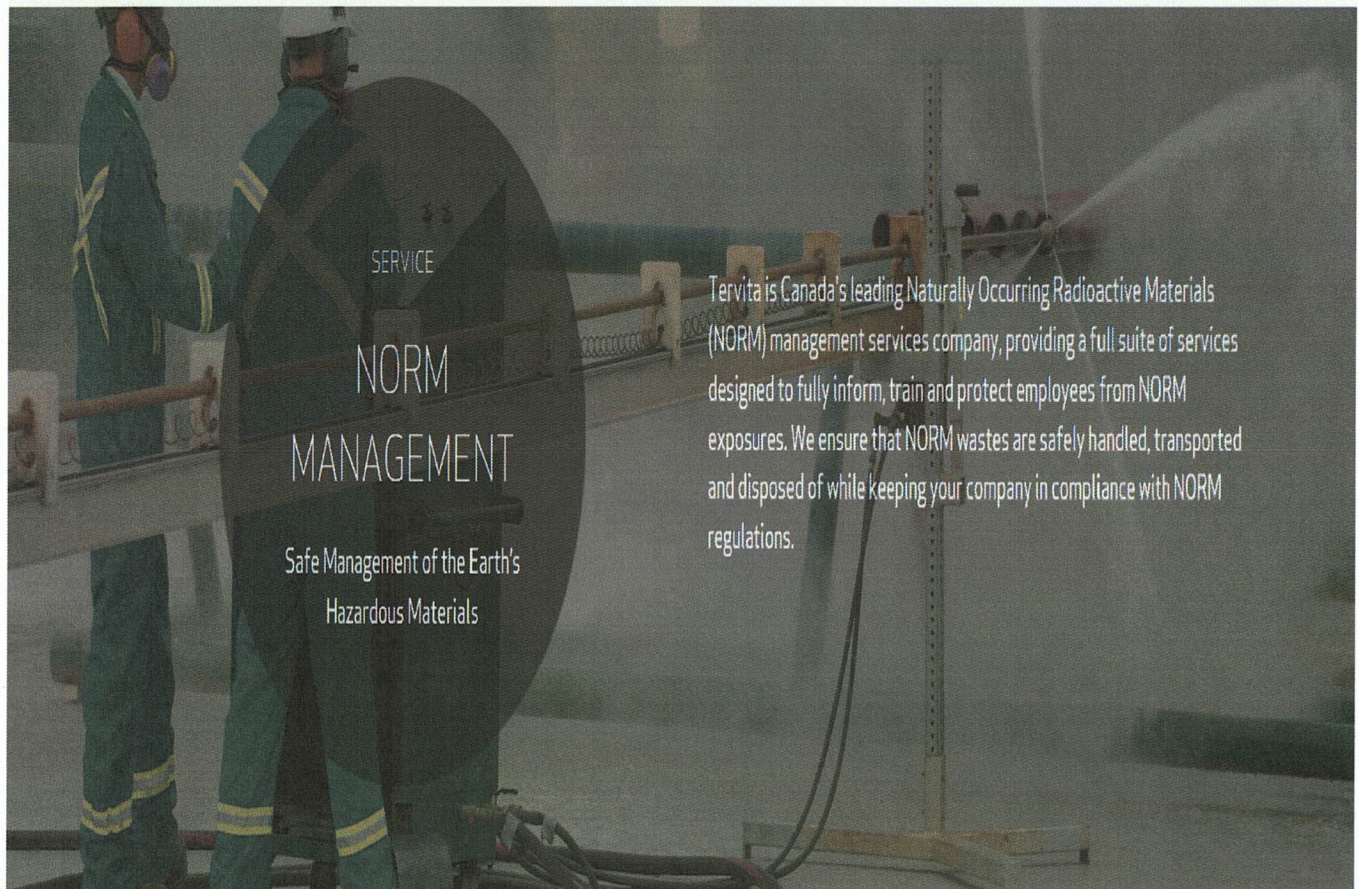
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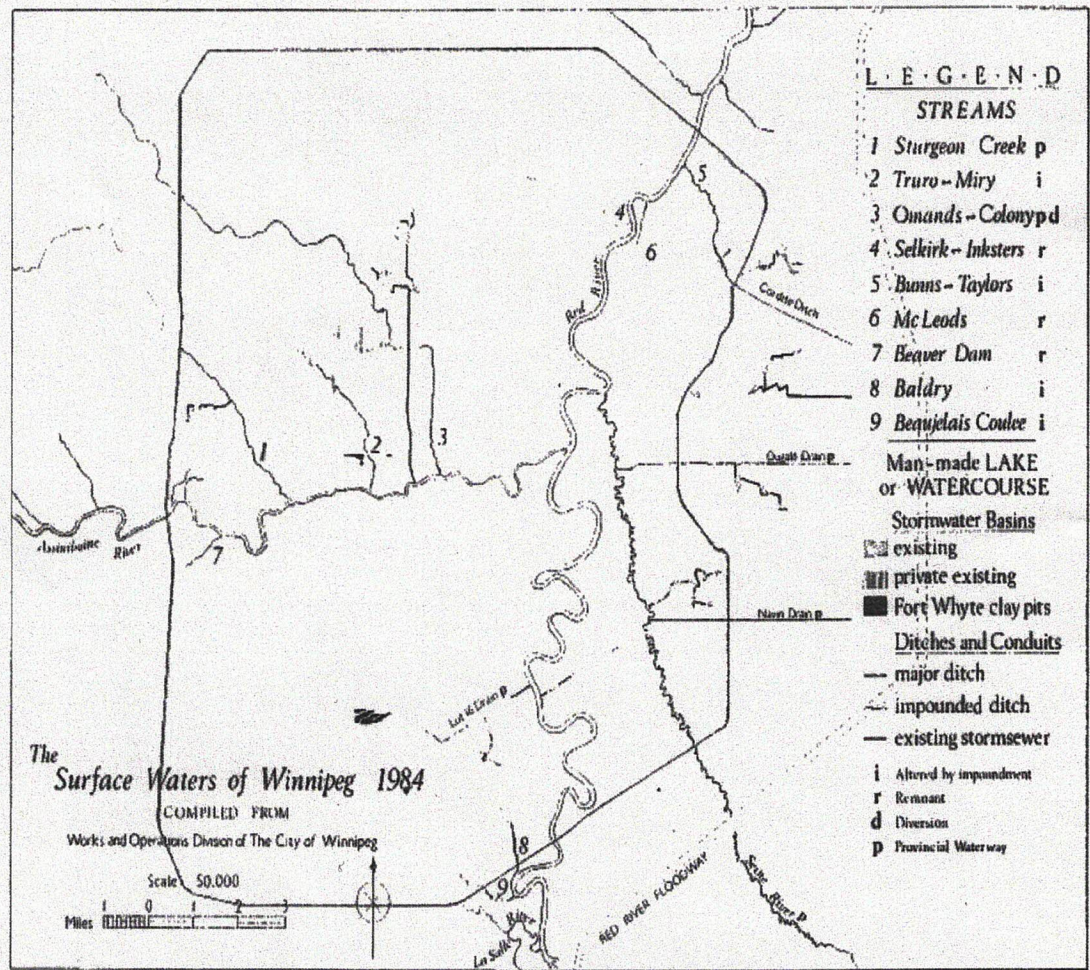


Figure 2

Bergman, Andrea (CC)

Subject: Tervita proposal - Redonda Street, RM of Springfield

From: Rick Wilson [REDACTED]
Sent: April 14, 2020 4:03 PM
To: Bergman, Andrea (CC) <Andrea.Bergman@gov.mb.ca>
Subject: Tervita proposal - Redonda Street, RM of Springfield

Hello, Ms Bergman;

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the Tervita proposal for a waste management site in the Springfield Industrial area immediately north of the CPR main line on Redonda Street.

The first issue I have is location:

: Less than a kilometer from a huge planned residential subdivision, this site has been prone to fire; the plume from a recent major fire(Pounder Emulsions) at a site less than 250 meters from this property threatened a much larger existing residential area 1 ½ km away with evacuation, while the business area in and around this site was evacuated.

: Fires have occurred on this site, some significant, as a result of the proximity of the CPR main line. No apparent changes to vegetation management or fire preparedness, by CP or by the property owners, have been made since the huge fire that shut down Xpotential, the last (hazardous waste) significant use of the site.

The proximity of both residential and commercial/light industrial operations, and the recent decision by the City of Winnipeg to rezone large area south of the subject site from light industrial to residential, argue against the establishment of such a facility at this site. The lack of response by CPR to the need to manage their track right-of-way differently to address the high density development and devastating consequences of fire adjacent to this site, coupled with the absence of on-property management to reduce/eliminate fire as a threat, remain as unresolved issues for any business seeking to occupy this site and whose infrastructure or products are flammable or could be made more dangerous by fire. The ability of RM of Springfield Fire Service to adequately respond to a complete range of new eventualities at this site is unknown; it is suggested that, as well as investigating mechanisms for complete incident training of RM and City(& Mutual Assistance agreement), that consideration of companies such as this making appropriate equipment and sufficient supplies of suppressant/neutralizer - to deal with any eventualities that may arise from the nature and volume of materials being processed by them - available at an adjacent location accessible in worst-case scenarios.

The second issue I have is with contamination potential:

: I am not aware of any test results that indicate the nature and level of contamination of this site resulting from either the previous operation, or the fire that consumed significant quantities of hazardous materials and the byproducts of the partially-burned plastics and other recyclables, nor the depth to which such materials may have entered into the clays underlying this site, whether via percolation or flow down well casings or other underground structures. The proposed addition of ongoing products and processes that may add to this contamination in the event of an incident or incidents over time, without determining the status of site contamination and spread at present, appears cavalier at best, with negligence a possible consequence.

: The adequacy of provincial regulations to enable containment also appears in question, as this very company has demonstrated in Manitoba at Virden. Other examples, including incidents involving this proponent company across Canada - some involving costly lawsuits, some still under litigation, speak to the apparent unreliability of the present minimum requirements for this type of operation.

The need to take into account existing toxins, degree of contamination/soil plume, and to account for contingencies that may be required to deal with the integrity of existing well structures, clay layer, and the effect of complicating issues such as whether/what may have been buried on the site over the years(ie: the present owners of this site also owned the General Scrap crusher, and for many years were soliciting sites for off-property burial of 'fluff' from this operation; at least two such sites in Springfield - other than the crusher site and the subject property, for which I have no information - were used for the purpose of unlicensed, unrestricted and unmonitored burial of this known carcinogen over the years), are all very real at this site.

The third issue I have is with the record of this company itself regarding its operation. I understand that country-wide within the last few years, this company has been cited for several breaches, with some relating to employees' approach to the work. If I am correct, with systematic issues such as these in play, it would appear that even the strictest guidelines/requirements may be of little avail in such situations without oversight that takes such potential into account.

- **The question of whether this or any company with a past record of breach or non-compliance should be allowed to operate/expand in Manitoba, particularly in a densely-developed area significant for the high degree of existing investment in both business and residential allocations, with only the present provincial minimum provincial oversight standards applied, appears to need to be seriously addressed.**
- **The adequacy of provincial minimum requirements for operational procedures, the training for same, the recording/reporting protocols for staff actions throughout these procedures, and the frequency and comprehensiveness of provincial oversight are an issue, both - apparently - for this company, and definitely for this site.**

I appreciate the opportunity to comment. I hope my observations will be of assistance in determining both suitability of this site for the operation proposed and any operating parameters needed to ensure integrity of the site and protection of both investments and human health and safety adjacent to this site, if approved for operation.

Rick Wilson
Springfield, Manitoba



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Bergman, Andrea (CC)

Subject: SDDNewsletterApril112020.pdf

From: Ingrid Koenig [REDACTED]

Sent: April 14, 2020 7:30 PM

To: Bergman, Andrea (CC) <Andrea.Bergman@gov.mb.ca>

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Date: April 14, 2020 at 7:25:56 PM CDT

To: Andrea.Bergmann@gov.mb.ca

Subject: SDDNewsletterApril112020.pdf

Re: file 6046

Trevita Project in Springfield on Redonda

We are not in favour of opening up and operating a Hazardous waste collection site on 999 Redonda street!

Since Trevita Corporation can not guarantee any interference with the ground water or Air pollution for this area. We have plenty of ground water problems already due to the gravel pit operation and activities, scrap yards and oil storage facilities. We do not need to add another one. Just remember Birds Hill watersupply!

Eberhard Koenig



sddsprc@gmail.com

In August, SDD provided its members with a notice of a pending application by Trevita Corporation to operate a Hazardous waste collection and processing operation in the Springfield Industrial Park at 999 Redonda Street. Several citizens and businesses attended the August 29th, 2019 council meeting and spoke in opposition of the application, but Council voted, 4:2 to allow it. This same business is now applying to the Province for licensing. A group of business owners have organized and are sending in their continued objection to the proposal that would allow hazardous materials to be transported to and from the site as well as be processed and stored there.

Attached, to this email, is a letter they have prepared to send to the Provincial Environmental Approvals Branch (PEAB), and they are circulating it in Springfield and hoping for additional support.

The insert to the right represents **one of eleven** reasons listed in the letter to the PEAB from *Concerned Citizens and Commercial/Industrial Proprietors in the North Springfield Industrial Park*.

"We are against this proposal for the following reasons:

- 1. The RM of Springfield relies solely for its drinking water from aquifers. This is true also of the businesses located in our Industrial area. Ms. Snodgrass, the company representative, agreed that during the dewatering and stabilization of hazardous and non hazardous hydrovac slurries or sludge, there is potential for leakage into the ground. Once the aquifer is contaminated, there is little ability to pipe in treated water to this area. The City of Winnipeg is prohibited by an existing agreement with Shoal Lake First Nations from supplying water to Springfield. This has the potential to endanger the health and welfare of business owners, students of schools, children in day care, and residents of Springfield."*

Concerned Citizens and Commercial/Industrial Proprietors in the North Springfield Industrial Park

We encourage everyone to e-mail their objections by **Deadline April 14, 2020** to Andrea Bergman at Andrea.Bergman@gov.mb.ca

Redonda Hazardous Waste Facility-File:6046 with the Public Registry www.gov.mb.ca/sd/eal/registries/

Darryl Speer

Oakbank, MB.

April 14, 2020

Andrea Bergman, Environment Officer
Environment Approvals Branch
Manitoba Conservation and Climate
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Winnipeg, MB. R3H 0W4

Re: Redonda Hazardous Waste Facility File: 2046.00

Attn. Ms. Bergman

I wish to oppose this license for Tervita to operate a hazardous waste processing business and storage facility at 999 Redonda Street. There is NO provision in the RM of Springfield zoning for a Hazardous Waste business-especially in an established industrial area and adjacent to the recent Gen Star housing development.

My great concern is with Tervita's plan to process hazardous and non-hazardous slurry wastes in open cells as they do at their Edmonton location(attached p1-6).

The key to this concept is the integrity of the "60mil HPDE liner", the site preparation, berming, and the anchoring the side block walls. However this system is vulnerable to vibration, temperature extremes -45C or 71C, any two factors can compromise the liner. The vibration factor is a given the double track main line with two spur lines adjacent and the associated harsh shunting of rail cars. As for a second factor- heat failure is also a given as the site chosen by Tervita is fire prone. City of Winnipeg and the RM of Springfield Fire Department records confirm a history of catastrophic fires that wrought havoc and devastation to businesses on that property. A recognized key factor was the dry tinder like ground cover possibly lit by rail activities, arson, or a cigarette butt. Each time a commitment was voiced to be proactive in prevention.

Fire Chief Jeff Hudson advised Council in July 2019 that the RM Volunteer Fire Department did not have the capability to deal with Tervita's Hazardous Waste Proposal and that to proceed would expose the RM to major liabilities.

Tervita officials and our RM Council investigated the site owned by X-Potential and approval was given August 29,2019, for all parties to proceed.

As at 6:00pm April 13, 2020, I can confirm the stage is set for another fire on this property with the dead ground vegetation, branches, trees, debris, etc. The Tervita liner failures in such a fire would trigger an major environmental incident and legal battles that nobody benefits from. Tervita has a history of legal battles over their project failures(Virden*, MB., Unity, SA.,Oshawa, ON., etc., with million dollar pay outs),* even to placing hazardous effluent onto unprotected ground(see attached).

No prudent person would knowingly pursue a course of action that would endanger their community, the ground water or wild life. The X-Potential property has been inactive for years resulting in wild life sequestering there-Canada Geese in particular, in fact they are every were when you drive by. The prospect of these geese recreating, being poisoned by open hazardous waste containment cells is not acceptable.

I would ask that you carefully consider all the objections you are receiving and deny Tervita's application File: 6046, regardless of the RM of Springfield Council's 'wrong-headed' decision to give their approval.

I thank you for your consideration on all the matters bearing on this file.

Yours sincerely,

Darryl Speer

Concerned Citizens and Commercial/Industrial Proprietors in the North Springfield Industrial Park

April 9, 2020

Andrea Bergman, Environment Officer
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Re: Redonda Hazardous Waste Facility - File: 6046.00

With regard to an application filed by Tervita Corporation for the operation of a hazardous waste processing and storage facility located at 999 Redona Street, Lot 1, Plan 29953 WLTO within NE 16-11-04 in the Rural Municipality of Springfield, **We are against this proposal for the following reasons:**

1. The RM of Springfield relies solely for its drinking water from aquifers. This is true also of the businesses located in our Industrial area. Ms. Snodgrass, the company representative, agreed that during the dewatering and stabilization of hazardous and non hazardous hydrovac slurries or sludge, there is potential for leakage into the ground. Once the aquifer is contaminated, there is little ability to pipe in treated water to this area. The City of Winnipeg is prohibited by an existing agreement with Shoal Lake First Nations from supplying water to Springfield. This has the potential to endanger the health and welfare of business owners, students of schools, children in day care, and residents of Springfield.
2. The site, where General Scrap was formerly located, has had several major fires over the years and while in business, there is no record pertaining to the disposal of hazardous materials from the wrecking of automobiles but it is quite likely much of it was buried on the property and could already be leaching contamination into the ground and eventually the aquifer. There should be a complete environmental assessment of the location before any business is allowed to operate on this site.
3. On the subject of fires, as mentioned, there has been serious fires at this location in the past, perhaps due to the rail spur line that is adjacent to the property. These have been major incidents requiring the evacuation of people working and living in the area. The compressed gasses, fuels, and spontaneous combustible solids at the site as proposed by Tervita provide potential for another accident and a major fire to occur. The Springfield Fire Department is a volunteer service and not equipped to handle such conflagrations, the smoke from which pollute the air and the residues of the fire and its management which pollute our environment. Further although allegedly there are 4 wells located on the site, the owner who took me on a tour some years ago did not satisfy me that they were in working order or provided potable water. Our Fire

Department cannot transport a sufficient supply of water to manage a serious blaze, especially given the materials that might be at that location.

4. Even given no fires were to occur, the air pollution and noxious smells due to toxins emitted from the paints, thinners, solvents, asbestos, lab chemicals, concentrated pesticides and herbicides to be stored there are detrimental to the owners and employees of the surrounding businesses in the area who will have to work and breath these toxins.
5. Ms. Snodgrass, I believe, estimated there would be approximately 12 truckloads of hazardous waste coming to the site daily, using densely populated Winnipeg streets and Gunn Road and Redonda within Springfield, with a large concentration of homes and businesses en route. I feel this is a significant threat to the safety of business staff and residents. There is potential for traffic accidents involving these trucks, rollovers, spills, and potential for the loss of lives. It would more appropriately be located in some sparsely populated rural area. There have been major traffic accidents in the past, particularly at the intersection of the perimeter and Gunn Road.
6. GenStar Development is poised to construct a new housing development approximately 700 ft. to the south of this facility. While this development will be within the City of Winnipeg, a major spill or fire incident in the area would seriously affect the air quality and safety of residents.
7. Locating Tervita's Hazardous Waste Facility at this site could negatively affect the property values of the surrounding businesses and properties and also their insurance premiums. It could also deter future investment in the area. While Tervita Corp. is currently located within the City of Winnipeg, I do not believe the business they are conducting on that site is of the same magnitude as that proposed for this site. Considering businesses in the area had little warning of this application, nonetheless there was significant opposition from business owners in our Industrial Park. While Michael Erickson, the Vice President of Tervita, stated at the hearing that "At no time do we PLAN to create an environmental disaster at the Redonda site.", of course no one plans disasters but they do happen. There was a major fire at an asphalt plant adjacent to Dugald Road (#115 or PTH 15 to the east) which I am sure no one "planned" but the smoke could be seen for miles east of the city. However at least it was not surrounded by a lot of other businesses and residences.
8. Councillor Williams brought up the fact that Tervita applied to locate in St. Andrews a few years ago and the application was withdrawn. Neil MacDonald, an employee of Tervita, did not respond when asked if he remembered why. The company has a history of bad stewardship. Examples cited were in Unity, Saskatchewan where the residents claimed the odour from an oil patch disposal site made their residents sick; Tervita's Rostraver sanitary landfill fined \$160,000. for bad odours; and the Town of Virden sued them claiming soil and ground water at risk. There are other examples to be found elsewhere. The Tervita site in Unity was several miles outside the town. Locating the business in a densely populated industrial park where businesses and residences could be adversely affected is not the place for this Tervita Hazardous Waste facility.

9. According to the provisions of Section 106(1) (i and ii) of the Planning Act, conditional approval should not be granted as this business is not compatible with the general nature of the surrounding area and could very well be detrimental to the health and general welfare of people living and working in the surrounding area and negatively affect the properties or potential development in the surrounding area.
10. Several times General Scrap was turned down when they tried to re-open their auto wrecking business because of the fact that several major fires have occurred at the property. This Hazardous Waste Storage and Processing business is even more of a fire hazard and environmentally detrimental.
11. Tervita Corporation is now a member of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce. The RM of Springfield and at least one of its Councillors are also members of the Chamber. In my opinion, the decision to allow them to re-locate the business from their current site to this site in our Industrial Park was not arms-length. There is question of Conflict of Interest.

In short, I implore you not to allow this business to proceed in this location. It is not the correct place to have a Hazardous Waste Storage facility. As a taxpayer, I view this as a liability, not an asset and not of benefit to my municipality. Ratepayers are the ones that ultimately pay for mistakes made by the Councils that were elected to act in their best interests. In my opinion, locating a Hazardous Waste Facility in our Industrial Park is not in our best interests. As a Provincial Government, you also have the responsibility to act in the best interests of those who elected you.

Yours sincerely,

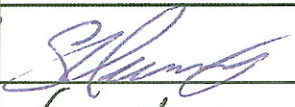
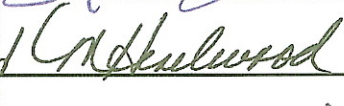


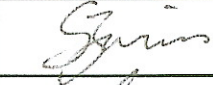
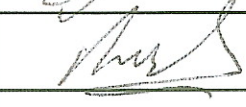



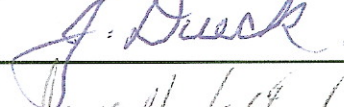
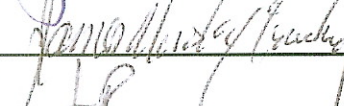



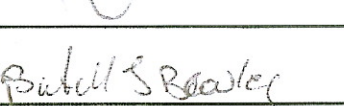
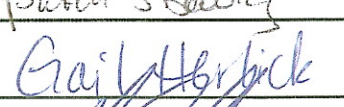
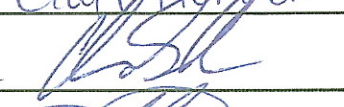
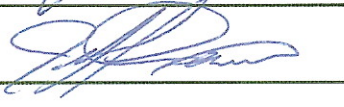

Concerned Citizens and Commercial/Industrial Proprietors in the North Springfield Industrial Park

Please see attached a schedule of Local business operators, employees, local residents in opposition to the approval of the Redonda Hazardous waste collection, process and transferring facility proposed to be located at 999 Redonda

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Name	Signature	Address	Date
STAWN QUINSON		3-6 DON VALLEY	APR 13/2020
MARY-ANNA HESLOP		84C DON VALLEY	APR 13/2020
JADYN LABOSSIERE		84C DON VALLEY	APRIL 13/2020
NEIL BOORSMA		84D DON VALLEY	APRIL 13/2020
GLENN ZWIERS		84D DON VALLEY	APR. 13/2020
GEORGE BELL		83 DON VALLEY	APR 13/2020
WILLY DUECK		83 DON VALLEY	APR 13/2020
WAYNE McDONAH		83 DON VALLEY	APR 13/2020
GERE GIESBRECHT		83 DON VALLEY	APR. 13/2020
JUDY DUECK		937 REDONDA	"
JAMES HUNTER		370 REDONDA	APR 14/2020
JUDY HUNTER		370 REDONDA	APR 13/20
JUDY FLYNN		1-885 REDONDA ST	APR 15/20
LLOYD KRAFT		1-877 REDONDA	APR 15/20
RYAN KRAFT		377 REDONDA	4/15/20
BRIAN BRADLEY		87 - REDONDA	4/13/20
MATILDA		225 GUNN RD	4/13/20
MRS GREENWICK		241 GUNN RD.	4/13/20
JEFF PENNER		241 GUNN RD	4/13/20

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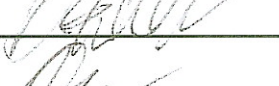
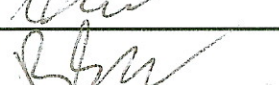


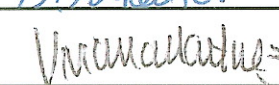









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Name	Signature	Address	Date
Mary Lou Fosty	Mary Lou Fosty	67116 Deacon Rd	4/10/20
WILLIAM FOSTY	William Fosty	67116 DEACON RD	4/10/20
Laurie Fosty	Laurie Fosty	17 Laurest.	4/10/20
Nick Kravchenko	Nick Kravchenko	30 Don Valley Pkwy	4/13/20
Nicole Leininger	Nicole Leininger	30 Don Valley Pkwy	4/13/2020
Lukas Leininger	Lukas Leininger	30 Don Valley Pkwy	4/13/20
Marybeth Smith Vign	Marybeth Smith Vign	30 Don Valley Pkwy	4/13/2020
SEAN S. S.	SEAN S. S.		4/13/20
Joan Veyl	Joan Veyl	8 Don Valley	4/13/20
Drew Syech	Drew Syech	8 Don Valley	4/13/20
SYLVIA WINZIMOWICH	Sylvia Winzowich	6 Don Valley	4/13/20
DEREK QUINSEY	Derek Quinsey	6 DON VALLEY	4/13/20
Tyler Kutch	Tyler Kutch	38 Don Valley	4/14/20
Eric Platt	Eric Platt	38 Don Valley	4/14/20
Trevor Osmicki	Trevor Osmicki	3-38 Matheson Parkway	4/13/20
Lindy Dick	Lindy Dick	66 Matheson Pkwy	4/13/2020
Kristian Zapp	Kristian Zapp	84 Don Valley Pkwy	4/13/2020
Michael Madden	Michael Madden	84 Don Valley Pkwy	4/13/2020
Michelle Boyko	Michelle Boyko	22 Barona Cove	4/13/2020

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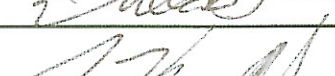


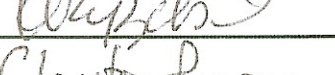



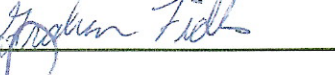
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Name	Signature	Address	Date
S. Chornogyski		71 Don Valley	04/09/20
J. Corpuz		71 Don Valley	04/09/20
Karen Clapham		71 Don Valley	04/09/20
D. Corpuz		71 Don Valley	04/09/20
ISAGANI CORPUZ		71 Don Valley	04/09/20
SPICA MARAFA		13 DON VALLEY	04/09/20
Don Syckyle		13 Don Valley	04/09/20
Uleh Shud		13 Don Valley	04/09/20
Ryan Sinclair		13 Don Valley	04/09/20
Tyson Bzdel		6 Don Valley	04/09/20
Brittney Froese.		6 Don valley.	04/09/20.
Viviana Martinez		4 Don Valley	04/09/20
Carlo Ochoa		4 Don Valley	04/09/20
Nikolay Katychuk		56 DON VALLEY	04/09/20
DANIL Katychuk		56 Don Valley	04/09/20
Johanna Deley		68 Don Valley	04/09/20
Keow Hughes		973 Redonda	04/09/20
Nieran Cinsal		973 Redonda	04/09/20
Christian Pagan		973 Redonda	04/09/20
Rob Clark		56 DVD	04/09/20

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Name	Signature	Address	Date
M. Symchuk Auto		5-56 Don Valley	April 9/2020
Kyle Picnic Dirty Drip Detailing		5-56 Don Valley	April 9/2020
Austen Komyskygn Dirty Drip		5-56 Don Valley	April 9/2020
Geon. Phorte		9-56 Don Valley	Apr. 9/2020
Art Gross		4-893 Redonda	Apr. 9/2020
Michael Barclay		1-885 Redonda	2020-04-09
D. Martens		4-877 Redonda St	April 9th/2020
K. BEWSKI		4-877 REDONDA S.	APR 9th/2020
A Hanischuk		9-885 REDONDA	APR 9th/2020
T. Groth		9-885 Redonda	Apr 9th/2020
Dallas Friesen		7-885 Redonda	April 9th/2020
Larae Dickey		7-885 Redonda	April 9th/2020
Ryan Joseph		75 Don Valley Pkwy	April 9th/2020
Kevin Ryzebach		70059 Spruce	APR 9/20
Clayton Pearce		75 Don Valley Pkwy	April 9/2020
Bryan Eroy - orbrusk		75 Don Valley Pkwy	April 9/2020
'Se' OLIVARES		75 Don Valley Pkwy	APRIL 9/2020
Graham Fidler		75 Don Valley Pkwy	April 9/2020
DRAGAN VIDAR		2736 Vaux	04-13-20

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North Springfield Industrial Park
62 Don Valley Parkway
Box 43003 Kildonan Place, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R2C 5G5
Phone: (204) 333-2221 Fax: (204) 222-9611**

Attention: Dan Doucet, The Reeve/Mayor and Municipal Councillors
R.M. Of Springfield Planning Department
27055 Oakwood Road 64 North
Box 219, Oakbank, Manitoba, R0E 1J0

July 25, 2019

Re: Opposition against a “Hazardous Waste Collection and Processing Facility” to be established and located at 999 Redonda.

I believe this is the fourth or fifth time that we have been to a public hearing on similar matters regarding the storage of a Hazardous Waste Collection and Processing Facility to be located on this site. Prior to this request Xpotential has been before council at least three times on similar matters. Each time council has voted to turn down similar applications. That in itself makes a serious statement regarding:

- the concerns of counsel
- the concerns of local resident and;
- the effects on the environment and lives of the people who will be impacted by the decision that council makes.

I am not going to re-harsh all the arguments I have made but I have included a binder that contains a lot of our previous concerns of similar type of operations. I want to summarize our concerns and talk to you

about a vision for the RM of Springfield that I believe many of the local residents, current and future businessmen would strongly support.

I know a common question I hear amongst councillors is if we do not allow the “Hazardous Waste Collection and Processing Facilities” to move into the RM of Springfield then where will they go? The answer is simple, they should go on crown land where the provincial and federal government can deal with the associated environmental issues and these sites should be as far away from residents and commercial/industrial areas as possible.

Canada has shipped garbage to other countries in the world including the Philippine’s and now they are trying to return it to Canada.

The collection of hazardous waste and processing of it is a huge environmental problem, but it is also not the problem of the Rural Municipality of Springfield. You as councillors are not responsible for solving all the world’s problems. As we realized twenty years ago the City of Winnipeg changed their policy and prohibited the development of car shredding facilities within the city boundaries due to environmental concerns and optics. As a result of that decision many of the auto wreckers headed to the RM of Springfield where they took residence. **The City of Winnipeg recognized that auto wreckers and shredders, the storage of hazardous waste and the processing of it are environmentally unsafe, visually unpleasing, causing odours and are a huge disturbance to surrounding businesses and residents.**

You represent the people of the municipality and it is your moral obligation and responsibility to do what is right and what is best for your local constituents.

Big business has goals, and many times their goals do not align with what is best for the local residents or the environment. Businesses exist for

one reason, and that is to make corporate profits. A friend of mine once told me:

“Corporate greed is the very idea of making as much money and profits as possible without getting caught breaking the rules”

If we allow a hazardous waste facility to open and operate in the RM this could and probably will lead to a big, big mess. We will end up having to deal with the operator of the facility who interests may not align with that of the RM and her residents. If Tervita goes bankrupt all the costs and issues associated with the environmental clean up will become the RM's problem.

When reviewing the history of Tervita Corporation, I came across quite a few articles that gave me grave concern. I have provided you copies of these articles in the binder provided and I want to name some of the articles I reviewed.

- 1) Town of Virden sues environmental service company (Tervita) claiming soil and ground water at risk (Dated Aug 16, 2016)
- 2) Oil patch Waste Disposal Company, Tervita, Poisoning and Sickening residents of Unity Saskatchewan? Shame on Brad Wall's Petro State for downplaying the many that were sickened, claiming a strong Odor had in some cases caused personal discomfort (Dated January 31, 2018)
- 3) Mysterious odour in Saskatchewan Oil facility contained waste not approved to be disposed at facility (Dated July 20, 2018)
- 4) Rostraver landfill fined \$160,000.00 for bad odours (Dated March 10, 2014)

- 5) Tervita to exercise another 30-Day grace period and miss an \$18 million interest payment. The company is attempting to renegotiate \$2.5 billion worth of debt and will use a grace period to delay interest payments. (August 15, 2016)
- 6) Tervita Now, 2018 Annual report states - In the 2018 financial statements under foot note 28.0 Contingencies, the report states that the company is exposed to possible losses and gains related to environmental and legal matters. Stating Tervita has several unresolved claims. Out of curiosity how many environmental claims are they currently dealing with? (2018 Annual Report)
- 7) In the minutes from the Yellowhead council meeting in the chambers in Yellowhead Country administration building in Edson, Alberta. The residents were very concerned at the actions taken by Tervita. Residents felt that Tervita only addressed their concerns when forced to? Why would they say that? (As Per attached article). Minutes Dated February 14, 2017

There concerns included in the minutes of the meeting, attached to this letter:

- a. The landfill site should not have been built in its current location which is agricultural and residential areas
- b. Community members stated they have already file complaints with Tervita
- c. Community members stated they filed complaints with Alberta Environmental regarding Tervita
- d. In 2015 the Tervita Tower landfill was observed to be slumping which resulted in tonnes of industrial waste being moved to verify both the poly and clay liners integrity
- e. Leachate piping is broken and clogged

- f. Residents object to Tervita receiving industrial waste from out of the Province
- g. Suitable locations for the landfill exist on Crown Land or locations away from residential properties
- h. Water quality – the residents felt that underground water was vulnerable to being compromised by chemicals
- i. Waste being tracked off the site is a concern for residents
- j. Residents felt that Tervita had only addressed their concerns when forced to and that many of their commitments have not been kept
- k. Proposed buffer offers inadequate protection
- l. Odor that permeates the surrounding properties is intolerable and could potentially cause health problems for humans and livestock
- m. The Community advisory Committee due to Tervita control of the agenda and lack of response for additional information
- n. Residents had requested that Tervita provide a list of potential contaminants, however they have not received that information
- o. Concern about financial viability of Tervita in terms of long-term management of the site
- p. Residents expressed frustration with the site which was allowed to receive 25% more waste than it was designed to contain
- q. Industrial Waste could negatively impact agricultural land
- r. Residents felt that Tervita negatively impacted their land values
- s. Tervita may not know what, in fact, is being dumped on the site as they do not have manifests from trucking companies

When we look at this application, we have to look at it as if this is a “good idea” or a “bad idea”

The reason we believe this is an extremely bad idea as based on the 10 reason we have already discussed with you in the past and presented to council:

- 1. Concern about fires caused by collection of Hazardous waste operations in the area are a huge concern to local businesses.**
- 2. Tervita has already had a history of causing residents to come out against expansion in areas that they already operate in**
- 3. Fire Fighting Costs and Dangers associated with a catastrophic event regarding hazardous materials could endanger fire fighter’s lives. Who covers these costs?**
- 4. Response Time for Emergency Services if required to fight fires. Due to extended response time due to logistics it will take time to establish a fire fighting force at the location and will these fire fighters be properly equipped to deal with crazy toxic materials**
- 5. Carcinogens associated with fires. Firefighters, local businessmen and employees, and local residents could all be subject to toxic fumes in a catastrophic event.**
- 6. Contamination of ground water and Surface run-off. If our water supply is contaminated who will pay for the decontamination?**
- 7. Residential Activities in the surrounding area considering the expansion of Transcona up to Gunn Road. Genstar is currently working on a plan to develop this property. A few thousand resident will be located within 700 meters of the active toxic waste site – a real bad idea in the world of bad ideas.**
- 8. Tax Benefits and Costs. If the site is developed as a toxic waste storage facility this could generate a \$100,000.00 in tax base. If**

the land is divided up for small business that could generate \$1,800,000.00 in tax base a year with fair less environmental concerns.

9. Previous Precedent Established by Council in November 30, 2004 Development Agree between Matheson Industrial Park and the RM Springfield which prohibited the establishment of Auto Wrecking Facilities and storage of dangerous goods
10. Concerns the previous council had with the various applications related top toxic waste have been denied. The previous council thought this was a bad idea, and we still believe this is a bad idea.

If you review all the possible concerns and potential problems associated with this application, then in which way can this application possibly make the Rural Municipality a better place to live, to raise your family and attract new business.

I cannot see one possible advantage of allowing this application to go forward. I believe storage of toxic wastes is already considered a prohibited use. The Rural Municipality of Springfield on this matter has already established this fact. Please, let's not re-open the flood gates. Cause that is what will happen. Once we have one Hazardous Waste Collection and Processing Facility, this could create a snowball effect of more toxic hazardous waste facilities applying to come into the RM. A very dangerous president.

If we approve this application, then ten or twenty more toxic hazardous waste facilities could apply for a conditional use and once we set a new precedent that will be very difficult to undue

For all the reasons listed above I think it is obvious why the approval of this application I believe is a **very bad idea**.

I believe the vision we need to have for the Rural Municipality is to let businesses and the City know this is not the dumping ground for the less desirable businesses.

The Redonda and Gunn Road commercial area has strongly grown over the last ten to fifteen years. We have gotten away from the stigma of being the auto wrecking capital of Manitoba and we are moving forward with clean businesses which are constantly adding more value to the area. Our growth in the area has been phenomenal and we are constantly attracting new business to the RM of Springfield.

We should be continuing to develop this area and continue focusing on attracting new clean business to our municipality. In fact, with the approvals of the new residential development Transcona will be expanding out to Gunn road which once again will further increase growth into this area and making it all the more attractive for clean business development.

A **good idea** is to continue to grow this area and develop a strong marketing plan to add value to the area. We should continue attracting more clean business to the area and we will see this rural municipality flourish like it should.

Questions for Tervita:

1. Hazardous Materials for processing, where are they coming from?
2. If your company fails what assurances do, we have on site restoration. Who would acquire this site and deal with the hazardous waste issue?
 - a. Tervita, in 2016 you missed a \$18.2 million-dollar interest payment on 2.5 billion worth of Debt
3. In your 2018 financial statements under 28.0 Contingencies you state your company is exposed to possible losses and gains related to environmental and legal matters. Stating you have several unresolved claims. How many environmental claims are you currently dealing with?
4. In 2015 your stock was worth \$22.00 a share. As of 2018 your stock was worth \$2.00 a share. Your current share price is at \$6.50 in 2019. Is your company financially secure in the long term specially to solve site restoration if you cause a catastrophic environmental catastrophic event?
5. Is it true you were sued by the town of Altona for putting community soil and ground water at risk? (As Per attached article)
6. Can you confirm in 2018 Oil patch disposal company Tervita was accused of poisoning and sickening residents in Saskatchewan? (As Per attached article)
7. Can you confirm in 2018 a mysterious odour in a Saskatchewan oil facility contained waste not approved to be disposed at facility? (As Per attached article)

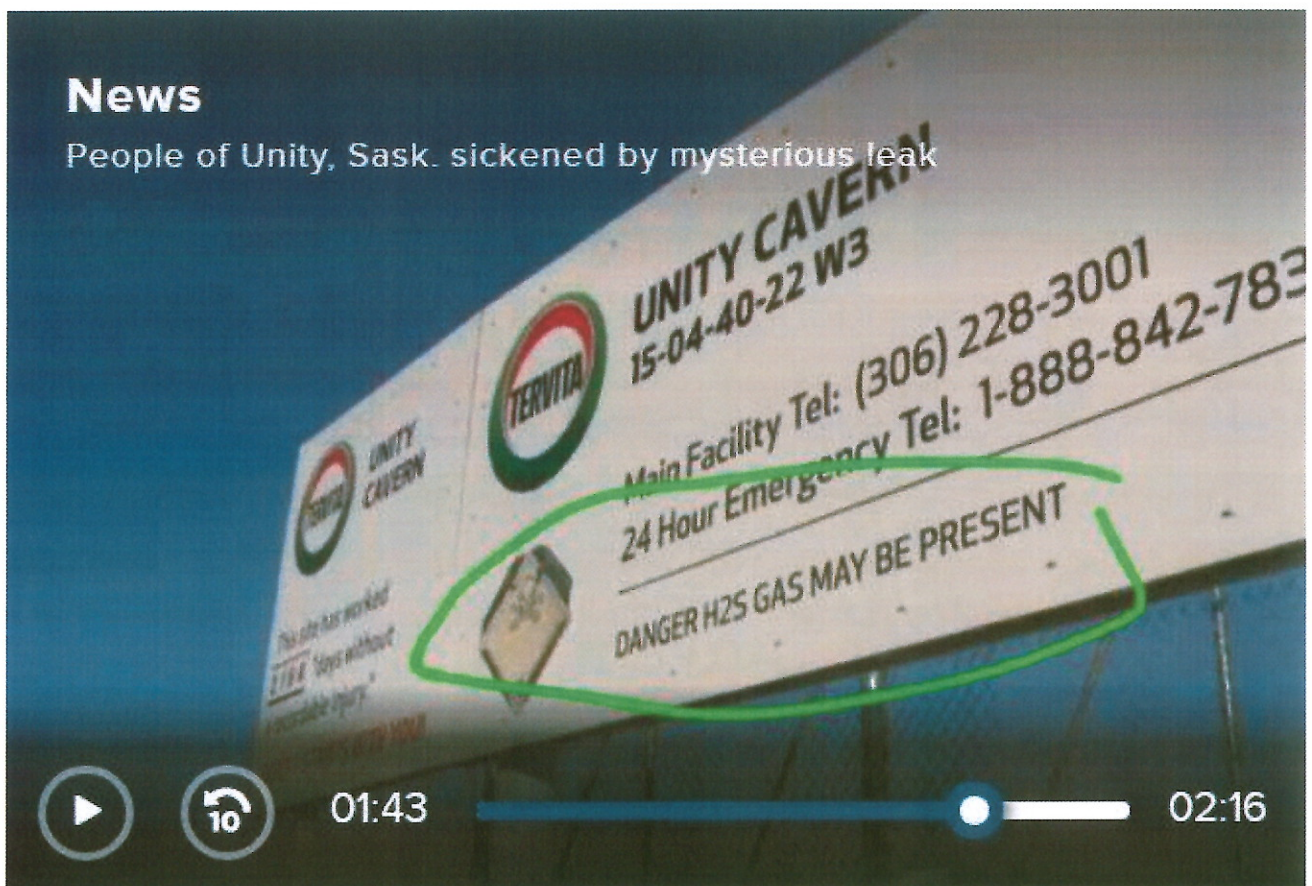
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Ernst v. EnCana Corporation

Landowner Jessica Ernst sues EnCana and Alberta government regulators over water contamination

Oilpatch Waste Disposal Company, Tervita, Poisoning and Sickening residents of Unity Saskatchewan? Shame on Brad Wall's Polluting Petro State for downplaying the problem. Residents were sickened, claiming a "strong odor" had "in some cases caused pers

Posted on January 31, 2018 by Jessica Ernst



Snap from news clip in last article below

Subject: **Sounds Like DMDS To Me!!**

Date: Thu, 1 Feb 2018 13:31:52 -0700

From: Stewart Shields <lagran@shaw.ca>

To: Premier@gov.ab.ca, ec.ministre-minister.ec@canada.ca

CC: info@brianjean.ca, brian.mason@assembly.ab.ca, Doreen.Mueller@JUSTICE.GC.CA

innisfail.sylvanlake@assembly.ab.ca, Lacombe.Ponoka@assembly.ab.ca, info@liberal.ca, MCU@JUSTICE.GC.CA, raittl@parl.gc.ca, reddeer.south@assembly.ab.ca, whitecourt.st

If indeed the Caroline Shell Complex was involved in this incident I would suggest the problem with Saskatchewan air has something to do with DMDS a product I used at one time to dissolve solid sulphur in sour natural gas wells!! **A simple call to the Caroline Shell Complex material sent all the way to Saskatchewan had any contact with DMDS or any of its cousins would answer to the problem!! [EXCEPT, SHELL IS NOT ANSWERING QUESTIONS ABOUT THEIR SHIPMENT!]** DMDS is extremely very very smelly and has a liking for rubber gaskets and seals –that would explain losing packing in a disposal pump !! DMDS may come with several cousins like [Merox](#), but Shell should know very well what they shipped and if indeed it had contact with its cousins !!

Stewart Shields, Lacombe Alberta **[Mr. Shields is well experienced in the toxic ways of Shell]**

This oilpatch town was overcome by a mystery gas. Now its residents are a sick? by Robert Cribb, Jan. 31, 2018, *Toronto Star*

Residents of Unity, Sask., still don't know what they breathed in after a "disgusting" gas leak. The operators of the nearby Tervita waste disposal site say the smell was "not hazardous" (but **when does an oil company, especially in the waste disposal business, tell the truth?**) They are investigating. **[When does a Canadian province or regulator really investigate? They are deflecting, shaming and bullying harmed citizens, and engaging in fraud to help corporate toxic crimes and revictimize and or blame the victims just like so many authorities, including assault cases.]**



Unity, Sask., population 2,500, was the site of a mysterious incident Jan. 2 at a near facility that caused a toxic smell and sickened many residents. (DAYNE WINTER/G

UNITY, SASK.—It was late evening when the pungent odour began entering people's homes. "Overwhelming" one resident called it. "Disgusting," said another who inhaled the smell in western Saskatchewan town of 2,500 on **Jan. 2**.

"It gave me a migraine and nausea and burning eyes and throat," one local wrote [on the c page](#). Others quickly joined sharing similar symptoms.

By the next day, **some residents were thinking about leaving town.**

"No one knows what's going on," one wrote. "I'm thinking of packing my children up and worse in my home!"

Neither the town's emergency alert system nor the province issued warnings to residents; no decision has been made on the waste disposal facility that has acknowledged being the emission; and the incident appears nowhere in [the province database](#), a joint investigation by the Toronto Star and Glob found.

"Nothing went off that night," says Unity resident Lindsey Ann Soderholm. **"There was radio ... Nobody called ... There was nothing."**

Nearly a month later, the cause of the smell remains a mystery in Unity, one of the hundreds of towns in the western Canadian landscape where the oil industry's economic benefits [What benefits? V Alberta and BC are falling apart, infrastructure decimating from wear and tear by oil patch waste hauling; public education and health are in tatters, while oil and gas companies get subsidies and freebies from taxpayers, and **still refuse to clean up their toxic waste facilities, ever whining pathetically for more and more and more deregulation to bolster their billions in profit raping and walking away from their respons**

with regulators and governments bending triple over backwards to help the public health risks coexist in constant tension.

A day after the incident, operators of the Tervita waste disposal site, which sits two kilometers from Unity, issued a statement confirming a malfunctioning pump had released an “unpleasant smell” that was “not dangerous.”

Tervita declined interview requests for this story, sending a two-sentence email: “The Saskatchewan Environment is currently conducting an investigation and we are working with them. We have no information to provide at this time.”



The Tervita facility near Unity is a waste disposal facility that handles high-risk materials. (WINTER/GLOBAL NEWS)

The province did not issue a statement for 10 days, residents on Jan. 12 that a “strong odour” had “in some cases caused personal discomfort.” [!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!] The province dispatched inspectors to investigate the risk and the cause of the incident.

Provincial officials also declined interview requests but sent a statement confirming the province was “over the next several weeks with a full report prepared once it is completed.” The investigation into the official response to the incident was “appropriate.”

Many in Unity believe the answer is no.

"The critical question still has not been answered," says resident Morice Miller. "What emission and was there any danger to the health and well being of the citizens of Unity?"

Read more:

['Like saying cancer is not a disease': Ottawa considers declaring deadly oilpatch](#)

[That rotten stench in the air? It's the smell of deadly gas and secrecy](#)

[Toxic gas nearly killed this oil worker. His employer never told the province](#)

The province's characterization of the incident as causing "discomfort" is, Miller says, "more than a bit" of an understatement.

"The town was unprepared. Tervita was unprepared The government of Saskatchewan unprepared and that is unacceptable," says the 71-year-old. "This cannot happen again. **P** **important, the jobs or the health of the citizens of Unity? For me, that's a no-**

Alexandria Stubbs' family dog refused to go outside on the day the incident came to town.

"The smell was quite strong," says the mother of two small children. "Within just the courtyard was open, it filled our living room ... I went on Facebook to see if anyone else was bothered. The town was complaining. That's when we started brainstorming a plan to pack up the kids and leave."

"There has been no attempt to debrief the people of this town as to what happened and then what to do if and when it happens again."

Soderholm, a 32-year-old mother of two, **thought she had a gas leak in her house. She called the fire department and was told to leave, go outside into the frigid cold with her children, aged 5 and 3, and wait for someone to come.**

After 25 minutes sitting in her car, Soderholm decided the s
stronger outside so they went back inside, logged on compu
discovered others experiencing the same thing.

“My daughter had a headache and the headache lasted until the next day,” she says. “I ha
feeling nauseous.”

In the end, she says **no one responded to her call.**

“Nobody came to test the air around my house,” she says. “\
what it was ... **(The Town of Unity) completely brushe**
rug Once you start showing physical reactions to a chem
the air, that’s definitely cause for concern.

“I would like them to be fully honest about what happened, **what we were breathing,**
levels and what they’re planning to do so that it doesn’t happen again,” says Sc
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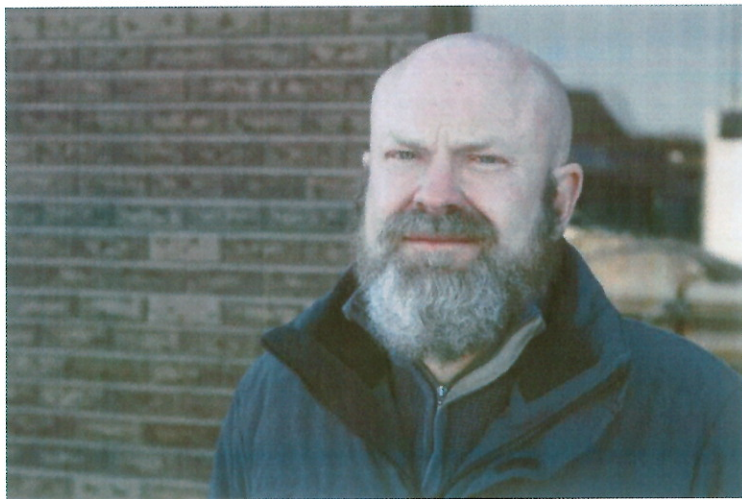
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incident has passed before testing for emissions, or they test upwind.] But con
what was in the air the previous night.

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Baker sent the results to the province's ministry of environment on Jan. 4 where they found that Environment Canada officials in Ottawa confirmed they received the samples. Results are still to be shared with the province. [Be assured the data will vanish or get altered to show no problem. You can't do that without looking too guilty, the results will just never be "shared" or made public. I am waiting for public baseline water testing records to be released to her after being ordered by an Alberta authority unlawfully withholding public records she had FOIPed for **in 2008** money for]



Carey Baker works for the town as an economic development officer. (DAYNE WINSTON/NEWS)

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“I definitely don’t want (the facility) shut down.” [Let’s just keep on poisonin and ruining the brains of our children. Nice & stupid & greedy.]

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With files from Patti Sonntag and Patricia Elliott

[Sask. Ministry of Economy launches probe into strong ‘crude oil-like’ odour say the smell made them sick in early January, still no answers](#) by CBC News

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The Government of Saskatchewan is investigating the cause of a strong odour in the town **many people sick** earlier this month.

Some residents took to the town’s Facebook page to share their own grief over the issue. **experienced nausea and migraines on Jan. 2 due to the smell.**

“Many people got sick in the town of Unity, including my wife,” wrote Morice Miller.

"I had a friend tell me **they got a headache instantly and their eyes burned.** That happen."

The town of about 2,500 people, 170 km northwest of Saskatoon, **is known for its invo industry.**

Unity resident Brooke Ceslak said she worked in that industry and is still an advocate and **smelled like oil.**

"I got a headache before bed, the smell was gone soon after, and I woke up fine," she said **cells damaged or dead?]**

"I do believe better safety measures should be put into effect for the future, **if** possible. T although it shouldn't happen, people shouldn't be surprised by it. If they don't like it, they else in the world." **[Why such pathetic clinging to abusing, lying polluters and e Moving is expensive, most families can't afford to move and certainly not to j world, and why should they? Why pull children from their friends and comm lose school days so that a polluter can keep polluting and poisoning a comm lived in Unity, the company shouldn't be enabled to pollute. It's not just hum clean air.]**

Malfunctioning pump blamed

The Tervita Unity Waste Processing Facility, about two kilometres southeast of the town, **the oil and gas industry.** It released a statement on Jan. 3, attributing the odour to a r the plant which has since been fixed. The company **said** it was not hazardous or dangero

Tervita declined to speak to CBC News but said it is working with the Saskatchewan Mini investigation.

"We have no additional information to provide at this time," a spokesperson wrote.

Carey Baker, director of economic development in Unity, said he used an air-sampling ca Ministry of Environment to take an air sample.

"It was a crude oil-like smell," said Baker. "That's how I would describe it."

Consultants to help review data

The province did not respond publicly for 10 days following complaints. [Tha and Polluter Enabler Brad Wall.]

The issue was initially reported to the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment, but because the province's Economy licenses the plant, it initiated an investigation. A statement from the Ministry was

It said field workers from Lloydminster inspected the facility using radar cameras and hydrogen sulfide monitors to evaluate H₂S emissions levels. No emissions were identified. **[Of course not, initiated way too late, as is standard in petro state jurisdictions in Canada, like Saskatchewan]**

The Ministry contracted consulting firm **Intrinsik Corp.** [Run by Encana's favourite son Don Davies, who works for companies to con the public into believing industry's deadly secrets fraud will Intrinsik help create to cover-up Tervita's pollution?] on Jan. 8 **to help its engineers** **the waste delivered to Tervita. Intrinsik Corp will be providing advice on the methods, testing protocols and interpretation of findings.** [Purpose to help the government's fraudulent best covering-up any law violations, pollution and health harms, similar to the toxicity of frac chemicals?]



A Screening-Level Assessment Tool for Classifying Hydraulic Fracturing Fluids

A presentation to the PTAC 2012 Spring Water Forum

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Intrinsik Environmental Sciences Inc.
May 28, 2012



Samples collected at the facility were sent to Ottawa for analysis by the Environment and

According to the province, the investigation will continue for the next several weeks and a report will be released. The report will include an action plan.

“It would be my hope, and I think everyone’s hope, that information would come from the province to provide some suggestions as to how to ensure similar incidents don’t occur in the future,” [he added]

[This oilpatch town was overcome by a mysterious odour. Now its residents made us sick?](#) by Rob Cribb with *The Toronto Star* Special to *Global News*

News

People of Unity, Sask. sickened by mysterious leak

MUST WATCH: An industrial leak late at night on January 2nd immediately sickened the small town of Unity, SK. Global News investigates what happened.

UNITY, SASK.—It was late evening when the pungent odour began entering people’s homes.

“Overwhelming” one resident called it. “Disgusting,” said another who inhaled the smell in the small western Saskatchewan town of 2,500 on Jan. 2.

“It gave me a migraine and nausea and burning eyes and throat,” [one local wrote on the Facebook page](#). Others quickly joined sharing similar symptoms.

By the next day, some residents were thinking about leaving town.

"No one knows what's going on," one wrote. "I'm thinking of packing my children before it gets any worse in my home!"

READ MORE: [Saskatchewan Energy Minister responds to investigation about potentially wells](#)

Neither the town's emergency alert system nor the provincial alert system issued warning decision has been made on charges against the waste disposal facility that has acknowledged the emission; and the incident appears nowhere in the province's tracking database, a joint Toronto Star and Global News has found.

"Nothing went off that night," says Unity resident Lindsey Ann Soderholm. "There was no Nobody called ... There was nothing."

Nearly a month later, the cause of the smell remains a mystery in Unity, one of the hundred western Canadian landscape where the oil industry's economic benefits and its public health constant tension.

A day after the incident, operators of the Tervita waste disposal site, which sits two kilometers a statement confirming a malfunctioning pump had released an "unpleasant smell" that was dangerous."

Tervita declined interview requests for this story, sending a two-sentence email: "The Saskatchewan Economy is currently conducting an investigation and we are working with them. We have information to provide at this time."

[WATCH: Mo Miller recounts the 'burning' smell in Unity from the evening of many people in the town fall ill.](#)

The province did not issue a statement for 10 days, [confirming to residents on Jan. 12](#) that "in some cases caused personal discomfort." The province dispatched inspectors to investigate cause of the incident.

Provincial officials also declined interview requests but sent a statement confirming the province's response "over the next several weeks with a full report prepared once it is completed." The investigation of the official response to the incident was "appropriate."

Many in Unity believe the answer is no.

"The critical question still has not been answered," says resident Morice Miller. "What was the cause of that toxic emission and was there any danger to the health and well being of the residents of Unity?"

The province's characterization of the incident as causing "personal discomfort" is, Miller says, an understatement.

"The town was unprepared. Tervita was unprepared The government of Saskatchewan was unprepared and that is unacceptable," says the 71-year-old. "This cannot happen again. Priority is important, the jobs or the health of the citizens of Unity? For me, that's a no-brainer."

Alexandria Stubbs' family dog refused to go outside on the day the smell came to town.

"The smell was quite strong," says the mother of two small children. "Within just the couple of days the smell was open, it filled our living room ... I went on Facebook to see if anyone else was bothered. The whole town was complaining. That's when we started brainstorming a plan to pack up the kids and leave."

"There has been no attempt to debrief the people of this town as to what happened and what to do if and when it happens again."

READ MORE: [Is Saskatchewan ignoring the potentially deadly gas from oil wells?](https://www.ernstversusencana.ca/oilpatch-waste-disposal-company-tervita-poisoning-and-sickening-residents-of-unity-saskatchewan-shame-on-brad-wall-polluting-unity)

Soderholm, a 32-year-old mother of two, thought she had a gas leak in her house. She called the fire department and was told to leave, go outside into the frigid cold with her children, aged 5 and 13, and come back.

After 25 minutes sitting in her car, Soderholm decided the smell was stronger outside so she got out and logged on computer and discovered others experiencing the same thing.

"My daughter had a headache and the headache lasted until the next day," she said she had a migraine and was feeling nauseous."

In the end, she says no one responded to her call.

"Nobody came to test the air around my house," she says. "We have no idea what it was ... completely brushed it under the rug Once you start showing physical reactions to a chemical, that's definitely cause for concern.

"I would like them to be fully honest about what happened, what we were breathing, the chemicals, and what they're planning to do so that it doesn't happen again," says Soderholm.

Residents fear that the emission could have contained hydrogen sulphide (H₂S), a toxic gas, [that killed one oilfield worker in Saskatchewan in 2014](#) and injured others.

The province told the Star and Global News that they will not monitor in Unity. [Intentional: If you do not seek, you will not find; if you do not monitor, you will also not find]

In its statement, the government said ministry staff visited the town with air-monitoring H₂S monitors, on Jan. 3 and found no toxic emissions. But concerns remain about what happened the previous night.

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Baker sent the results to the province's ministry of environment on Jan. 4 where they forwarded them to Environment Canada officials in Ottawa confirmed they received the samples. Results are **will be shared with the province. [Highly likely that the province will not share the data with the public, and not even with the harmed residents of Unity]**

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For many, the prospect of a similar incident re-occurring without a warning and a detailed investigation by authorities has left lingering implications.

"If there's a risk of that happening again, I'll be moving," says Solderholm. [Emphasis added]

-With files from Carolyn Jarvis, Meaghan Craig, Patti Sonntag and Trish Elliott

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Mysterious odour in Saskatchewan oil facility contained waste not approved to be disposed at facility

By National Observer in News, Energy, Politics
July 20th 2018

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The Tervita facility near Unity, Sask. is a waste disposal facility that handles high-risk materials. Photo by Dayne Winter/Global News

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Energy and Resources has confirmed the likely source of a mysterious odour experienced by residents of Unity, Sask. in January.

At the time of the incident, residents said the overwhelming smell wafted in from outside. "It gave me a migraine and nausea and burning eyes and throat," one local wrote on the community's Facebook page.

Air samples collected on Jan. 2 and 3 revealed a mixture of gaseous petroleum hydrocarbons and

mixture of gaseous petroleum hydrocarbons and sulfur-based compounds. According to the ministry, these concentrations could have resulted in the short-term effects reported; however, no serious or long-term health effects are expected.

More than six months later, the ministry has come out with its findings about what may have made the townspeople sick. On Thursday, the ministry said the source was likely a gaseous component in the liquid waste stream that was received by Tervita's waste processing facility nearby.

The ministry investigation determined the shipment delivered on Jan. 2 contained caustic waste that was not approved for disposal at the facility. Information indicates it was classified a “Transportation of Dangerous Goods Class 8 corrosive liquid.”

The ministry has instructed Tervita to cease accepting these substances at the facility.

As a result of the investigation, Tervita must also conduct a third-party engineering assessment of its waste processing and disposal system and make sure sampling procedures meet operating standards.

The company is not facing any fines and has 90 days to comply with these orders.

In addition, the ministry will amend Tervita's facility licence to more clearly state the substances that can be received and establish site-specific incident reporting requirements.

The last requirement aims to ensure the facility operator immediately notifies the ministry of any release of gas that activates the facility's emergency shut down procedures.

An estimated 2,500 people live in Unity, approximately 175 kilometres west of Saskatoon.

— *Global News*

This story is part of an ongoing investigative series called The Price of Oil. It is the largest investigative collaboration of its kind in Canadian history bringing together more than 50 journalists, editors, students and teachers from four journalism schools and three media outlets (Global News, Toronto Star and National Observer) to examine the hidden costs of Canada's oil industry.

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MINUTES

Yellowhead County Council held a Council Meeting on February 14, 2017 commencing at 9:30 AM in the Council Chambers, at the Yellowhead County Administration Building in Edson, Alberta.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Gerald Soroka, Mayor
Sandra Cherniawsky, Councillor, Division No. 1
Anthony Glezen, Councillor, Division No. 2
Fred Priestley-Wright, Councillor, Division No. 3
David Russell, Councillor, Division No. 4
Bill Velichko, Councillor, Division No. 6
Dawn Mitchell, Councillor, Division No. 7
Jack Williams, Councillor, Division No. 8

COUNCILLORS ABSENT:

Shawn Berry, Councillor, Division No. 5

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Jack Ramme, Chief Administrative Officer
Barb Lyons, Director of Corporate and Planning Services
Christopher Read, Director of Community Services
Don O'Quinn, Director of Infrastructure Services
Stefan Felsing, Communications Coordinator
Tracy Parker, CAO Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary

Mayor Soroka called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

1 AGENDA

1.1 Adoption of Agenda

RES 31--02-14-17

MOVED BY Councillor Glezen that Council for Yellowhead County adopts the February 14, 2017 Council agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2 MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of Council Meeting Minutes

RES 32--02-14-17

MOVED BY Councillor Cherniawsky that Council for Yellowhead County adopts the January 24, 2017 Council meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3 PUBLIC HEARINGS

3.1 Bylaw 18.16

The Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 18.16 was called to order at 9:32 a.m with fifty one individuals in the gallery.

Mayor Soroka instructed Council to introduce themselves. The Mayor outlined the meeting procedure to be followed.

Jan Karasek, Planning and Subdivision Officer for Yellowhead County, advised Council that pursuant to Section 692 of the Municipal Government Act, being Chapter M-26, R.S.A., 2000, and amendments thereto, the purpose of the hearing is to allow persons to make known their views with respect to the proposed Bylaw No. 18.16, being a Bylaw to amend Yellowhead County Land Use Bylaw No. 16.13 as follows:

"That the land use designation for the North East and South East Quarter, Section Twenty Seven (27), Township Fifty Three (53), Range Thirteen (13), West of the Fifth Meridian be changed from RD – Rural District to RI – Rural Industrial District in the Yellowhead County Land Use Bylaw No. 16.13."

Mayor Soroka invited the representatives for Tervita to give their presentation with regard to Bylaw 18.16.

The following representatives from Tervita were available to provide clarification to the PowerPoint and verbal submission:

Jim Murphy, Legal Counsel from Ogilvie LLP representing Tervita;
Duane Burkard, Vice President Energy Services;
Shad Watts, Director Regulatory and Community Relations;
Garry Chan, Senior Hydrogeologist;
Bob Jardine, Landfill Design,
Don Proudfoot, Geotechnical Engineer.

Tervita presentation:

- Mr. Murphy, representing Tervita, stated that Yellowhead County relies on energy industry and Tervita is an integral part of that industry;
- Supplementary information submitted in the agenda package included over one hundred letters of support;
- Tervita has proposed a 450 meter buffer zone at the border of the property;
- Submission to Alberta Environment has been completed and the Province is awaiting the outcome of the rezoning application;
- All of the commitments made to the neighbors will be contained in the development permit and will be enforceable by Alberta Environment and Yellowhead County.
- Mr. Burkard, Vice President of Energy Services, guided Council through a PowerPoint presentation;
- Public consultation had been conducted utilizing open houses, town hall meetings, store fronts, information sessions and through the Community Advisory Committee;
- Tervita had reduced the expansion footprint size in response to neighbor's input;
- Tervita is committed to utilizing visual barriers;
- The expansion will continue to use existing infrastructure;
- Tervita had collected data regarding emissions and are committed to continued monitoring;
- Emission readings are below Alberta Ambient Air Quality Objectives;
- Tervita had monitored groundwater since 2004 utilizing twenty four groundwater wells - this would be continued on the site of the expansion;
- The company is committed to additional monitoring of domestic water wells;
- Waste Tracking had been addressed with the addition of a tipping pad. Tervita proposed daily Tower Road monitoring;
- Tervita stated that the initial investigation into waste movement found no loss of containment of the landfill. As a proactive measure, Tervita had redesigned the landfill and the proposed lateral expansion to lessen slopes and reduce future risk of movement;
- The current location of the site is ideal as there is highway access and industrial activity in the surrounding area;
- Mr. Murphy advised Council that the issue before them is a planning issue and the information offered from those opposed to the development could be better dealt with through the development permitting and regulatory processes.

Responses to questions from Council include:

- The collection of VOC data had been undertaken from April to October which is the slowest time frame for the industry. Tervita indicated that they would be open to the collection of data year round;
- When questioned about the lack of air monitoring prior to April 2016, Tervita representatives advised that they had not received any complaints nor concerns from the residents. Representatives informed Council that the monitoring was not a condition of the approval, however the company is willing to add it as a condition of approval for the new development;
- Thirty trucks daily is the annual average. Tervita acknowledged that the daily numbers could be significantly higher;
- When asked whether the Community Advisory Committee recommendations were legally binding, Tervita representatives advised Council that they are not, however the company takes seriously their recommendations and had acted on many of their suggestions;
- Water testing is done twice annually. Council expressed concern about this not being sufficient to capture problems in a timely way. Tervita representatives advised that the movement of water through the liner would

- be very slow and twice annual testing is sufficient;
- Council requested clarification of the air monitoring - fogging program. Tervita representatives advised that the compound reacts on a molecular level, however does not mask. Fogging does not work in winter months;
- An action item arising from the September 22, 2017 meeting between Tervita and the Community Action Committee, the committee asked for additional information regarding the life of the liner and liner integrity, however the information had not been submitted. Tervita advised that the liner longevity study indicated that the life cycle of the 60 millimeter liner system could be beyond a hundred years. The existing composite liner system has a failure rate of almost zero. In addition, three separate companies assess the integrity and longevity of the liner. The liner complies with Alberta Environment regulations;
- A restrictive covenant is registered on title regarding the setback;
- Tervita advised Council that the majority of the material received by the landfill is from Yellowhead County and only three percent is from out of province;
- Council was advised that current visual barriers include capping and grassing the landfill;
- Council requested an explanation for shifting material in the landfill. Tervita advised that the slope is a 3:1 ratio. Slippage occurs when material slides on the plastic liner. In order to mitigate any further possibility of shifting, Tervita is proposing a lesser slope and a double layer liner material with the rough (grippy) surface out. Alberta Environment will limit the height of the material;
- Council expressed concern regarding the twenty-eight incidents had been filed with Alberta Environment. Tervita representatives informed Council that the majority were on the shoulder of the landfill and consisted of a nick at the top of the liner.

Mayor Soroka recessed the Public Hearing at 10:36 a.m.

Mayor Soroka reconvened the Public Hearing at 10:47 a.m.

Mayor Soroka asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against Bylaw 18.16. Due to the quantity of submissions, and the general consistency of the information, the following is a summary of the fourteen presentations:

Presenters:

- Darrell Robinson: Opposed to the application;
- Al Dickson: Opposed to the application;
- June Dixon: Opposed to the application;
- Klaus Puhmann: Opposed to the application;
- Richard Andringa: Opposed to the application;
- Doris Sinclair: Opposed to the application;
- Hope Andringa: Opposed to the application;
- Bob Wild: Opposed to the application;
- Jesse Smith: Opposed to the application;
- Dale Wesenberg: Opposed to the application;
- Gloria Keyes: Opposed to the application;
- Tom Stad: Opposed to the application;
- Paul Fischer: Opposed to the application;
- Jill Dickson: Opposed to the application;

Summary of Presentation by the aforementioned fourteen residents:

- The landfill should not have been built in its current location which is in an agricultural and residential area;
- Tervita had operated the Tower Road site for 11 years;
- Community members maintain that they have filed complaints with Tervita;
- Community members stated that they had filed complaints with Alberta Environment regarding the Tervita Tower Road site;
- In 2015 the Tervita Tower landfill was observed to be slumping which resulted in tonnes of industrial waste being moved to verify both the poly and clay liners integrity;
- Thurber Engineering recommended a change in the type of liner, revised waste placement practices, and reduced slopes in future landfills;
- Leachate piping is broken and clogged;
- Residents object to Tervita receiving industrial waste from out of the

province;

- Suitable locations for the landfill exist on crown land or locations away from residential properties;
- Water quality - the residents felt that underground water was vulnerable to being compromised by chemicals;
- Some residents supported the development of alternative methods of disposal of industrial waste;
- Not all labs are capable of testing for sulfolane and some groundwater monitoring programs are not designed to monitor effectively for contaminants that are denser than water;
- Yellowhead County's lack of a strategy to deal with planning for industrial waste;
- Yellowhead County can request capping and closure of the site and ensure that industrial landfills be developed away from residential areas;
- Community members expressed concern regarding the footprint of the industrial waste and its future impact on air, soil and water;
- Waste being tracked off the site is a concern to residents;
- Residents feel that Tervita had only addressed their concerns when forced to and that many of their commitments have not been kept;
- Proposed buffer offers inadequate protection;
- Niton School is only 1.5 miles from the site;
- Odor that permeates the surrounding properties is intolerable and could potentially cause health problems for humans and livestock;
- Community Advisory Committee ineffective due to Tervita control of the agenda and lack of response for additional information;
- Residents had requested that Tervita provide a list of potential contaminants however have not received that information;
- Concern about financial viability of Tervita in terms of long term management of the site;
- Residents expressed frustration that the site was allowed to receive twenty-five percent more waste than it was designed to contain;
- Industrial waste could negatively impact agricultural land;
- Residents felt that Tervita negatively impacted their land values;
- Tervita may not know what, in fact, is being dumped on the site as they do not have manifests from the trucking companies.

Mayor Soroka asked Administration if there were any written submissions. Mr. Ramme advised that there had been written submissions included in the agenda package as follows:

John Myslicki
J. Dixon
J. Dixon Part B
Bonavista
Theresa Wynn
Jill Dickson
Al Dickson
R. Andringa
R. Andringa Part B
H. Andringa
W. Sinclair and D. Sinclair
Ron Muller
Barb Cant
Gloria Keyes-Brady
Donna Lowe
Klaus Puhmann
Gordon and Shirley Piercy
Dale Wesenberg
Tervita Supplemental Information Package - Rezoning Application
Bruce and Elizabeth Webb
Eric Karlzen
Russell Wesenberg
Walter and Gretchen Knobloch

William and Margaret Heintz
Jesse Smith
Tervita Powerpoint Submission
Yellowhead Public Hearing Introduction
Betty Mazur
Paul Fischer

Mr. Ramme advised Council that Administration had received a submission on February 14, 2017 from Gerald and Sandy Mazur and read it into the minutes:

"We are landowners that reside within the 3.2 km radius considered for neighbour engagement to the Carrot Creek Tower industrial landfill. We are strongly opposed to the proposed expansion and to the original site being established on private lands. This is not an appropriate location for chemical waste adjacent to residences and farms. The water contamination that occurred at the South Rosevear gas plant is an example of how past EXPERTS or current experts cannot or do not know everything and problems can and do occur. There are no regulations that set out acceptable remedial action for adjacent landowners, who have their water containment. So clearly the answer then is that NO INDUSTRIAL LANDFILLS should exist on private lands where people and animals live. Landfills do have a negative impact on land values, as landowners we have the right to ensure the integrity and value of our land is maintained. We ask that Council oppose the proposed rezoning application and subsequent landfill expansion."

Mr. Ramme advised Council that there were no further written submissions.

Mayor Soroka adjourned the Public Hearing at 11:53 a.m.

Mayor Soroka recessed the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

Mayor Soroka reconvened the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

4 SCHEDULED PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

5 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

6 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

6.1 Carrot Creek Tower Road (Grading) - Tender Award

RFD - 620

This project generated considerable interest, resulting in twelve submitted tenders. The lowest 5 tenders and the highest tender are as follows:

1	Contour Earthmoving Ltd	\$2,856,645.02
2	Crow Enterprises Ltd	\$3,261,753.12
3	Thompson Bros. (Constr.) LP	\$3,357,048.30
4	In-Line Contracting	\$3,408,810.00
5	Site Resources Group Inc	\$3,469,542.46
12	Prairie North Const. Ltd	\$4,813,824.20

The low bid submitted by Contour Earthmoving Ltd. meets all tender requirements. Contour Earthmoving Ltd. has not worked in Yellowhead County in the past. AMEC has checked their references and received no negative comments. The contract has a completion date of October 31, 2017

RES 33--02-14-17

MOVED BY Councillor Priestley-Wright that Council award the contract for the grading of Carrot Creek Tower Road to Contour Earthmoving Ltd. at a total tender price of \$2,856,645.02.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 West of Edson Gravel Supply

RFD - 621

Tenders for the 2017 - 2019 West of Edson Gravel Supply was closed on January 27, 2017. The Tender requires the supply of 33,000 tonnes of crushed gravel aggregate over three years.

1.	A. Gering Ranching Ltd.	\$495,000.00	SE-20-54-15-W5
2.	LaPrairie Group	\$386,100.00	NW-15-53-17-W5
3.	West Central Contracting	\$354,750.00	NW-10-52-24-W5
4.	Associated Aggregate Inc.	\$497,750.00	NW-28-53-19-W5

To determine the best value of the tenders, the location of the supply is compared with the haul distance for the summer gravel program at a rate of \$0.30 per tonne per kilometer.

RES 34-02-14-17

MOVED BY Councillor Velichko that Council award contract 2017-738 West of Edson Gravel Supply to LaPrairie Group at a total tender cost of \$386,100.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7 COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 Campground Contractor Payment

RFD - 617

Our current Campground operations contractor has held the position for the last three years. Due to the unpredictable nature of campground attendance and our short season, the contractor has found it difficult to realize sufficient profit to make the endeavor worthwhile. While they have delivered an exceptional service to our residences and been easy to deal with administratively over the past three years, they have indicated a reluctance to endorse the extension into the 2017 and 2018 season.

Administration has reviewed their performance and the earning capacity of the following campgrounds:

Bear Lake
Shiningbank Lake Campground and Day Use Area
Long Lake
Riverside
Jerry Vanderwell Memorial Park

Our findings do corroborate their observations. Therefore Administration feels that a financial incentive may be the best solution. Upon consultation with the contractor, Administration would recommend either a fee increase from the current \$15.00 to \$17.00 per site to \$20.00 per site or compensation in an equivalent amount. This would offset costs associated with garbage disposal fees, transportation costs or equipment maintenance. A fee increase to \$20.00 would result in approximately \$15,000.00 revenue increase based on the 2016 statistics. This is inline with other payments to contractors for campground operation and maintenance/care-taking of day use areas throughout the County.

Administration feels that this increased payment to the operator is warranted, and will assist in ensuring sustainable campground operations. Administration further feels that paying an additional operating payment to the contractor without raising fees will bring these campgrounds in line with our other operating agreements while keeping fees reasonable, therefore ensuring continued resident enjoyment.

RES 35-02-14-17

MOVED BY Councillor Cherniawsky that Council for Yellowhead County approves a payment of \$15,000.00 payable in installments of \$3,000.00 per month, over the five month operating season;

AND THAT the funding would come from the existing Parks and Recreation Grant Allocation.

CARRIED

8 PROTECTIVE SERVICES

9 CORPORATE AND PLANNING SERVICES**9.1 Request by Coalspur Mines (Operations) Ltd.**

RFD - 619

Yellowhead County Administration had received a request from Coalspur Mines (Operations) Ltd. to close approximately 50m of undeveloped road allowance on the north side of the NE 31-50-23-W5M (see attached map); the administration of this land would then be transferred to the Alberta Government. Coalspur Mines is in the process of applying for a crown disposition to allow for the development of an on-site power distribution system to be owned and operated by Coalspur Mines. To facilitate this development, the Province requires that public access be eliminated from this portion of road allowance.

The proposed site has been chosen for its proximity to the Altalink transmission line. The undeveloped road allowance is in a remote location and will very likely not be developed as a County road. Comments received from Yellowhead County Infrastructure Services indicate that "closing this portion of the road allowance would have no impact on the County's road network at this time".

According to Policy number 3200.04 (Use and Closure of Road Allowances and other roads), Yellowhead County will not consider a request to close, sell or lease road allowances under its jurisdiction unless there is a matter of public safety or a request from a senior level of government. Because the request from Coalspur is not consistent with Policy 3200.04, Administration cannot support their application. As Council can vary Council Policy, Administration is requesting their direction in this matter.

In the past, Alberta Transportation required that road allowances be closed by Bylaw; however, Yellowhead County has been advised that the process has been changed and that Council Resolution in support of this type of road closure is all that is required. Should Council be in support of the closure, Administration will submit the Resolution and a letter of request to the Provincial Government for their consideration.

RES 36--02-14-17

MOVED BY Councillor Williams that Council for Yellowhead County support the request to close approximately 50 meters of road allowance on the north side of the NE 31-50-23-W5M.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**10.1 Council Schedule**

RES 37--02-14-17

MOVED BY Councillor Cherniawsky that Council for Yellowhead County accepts the Council Schedule for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.2 Council Information Package

RES 38--02-14-17

MOVED BY Councillor Russell that Council for Yellowhead County accepts the Council Information Package dated February 1, 2017 for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11 MAYOR & COUNCILLOR REPORTS**11.1 Adoption of Mayor and Councillor Reports**

RES 39--02-14-17

MOVED BY Councillor Giezen that Council for Yellowhead County accepts for information the reports which were presented and reviewed at the January 17, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting submitted by Councillor Giezen, Councillor Priestley-Wright, Councillor Berry, Councillor Velichko, Councillor Williams and Mayor Soroka.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12 IN-CAMERA SESSION

12.1 In-Camera Session

RES 40-02-14-17 MOVED BY Councillor Giezen that Council for Yellowhead County enters into an In-Camera Session at 1:08 p.m.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES 41-02-14-17 MOVED BY Councillor Williams that Council for Yellowhead County adjourns the In-Camera session at 1:13 p.m.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.2 Request to lease a portion of Block W, Plan 1035AR (NE 2-54-16-W5M) for grazing purposes.

IC-0062

RES 42-02-14-17 MOVED BY Councillor Velichko that Council approve a five year lease, for Pt of Block W, Plan 1035AR to Jean Wright at a rate of \$90.00 per year (\$450.00 for the five year term) for a period of March 1, 2017 to February 28, 2022.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13 ADJOURNMENT

13.1 Adjournment of Council Meeting

RES 43-02-14-17 MOVED BY Councillor Chernlawsky that Council for Yellowhead County adjourns the February 14, 2017 Council meeting at 1:14 p.m.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Gerald Soroka, Mayor

Jack Ramme, Chief Administrative Officer

This oilpatch town was overcome by a mystery gas. Now its residents are asking, what made us sick?

By Robert Cribb in News, Energy
January 31st 2018

#18 of 41 articles from the Special Report:
The Price of Oil



Carey Baker works for the Town of Unity, Sask., as economic development officer.
Photo courtesy of The Toronto Star

It was late evening when the pungent odour began entering people's homes.

"Overwhelming" one resident called it. "Disgusting," said another who inhaled the smell wafting through this western Saskatchewan town of 2,500 on Jan. 2.

"It gave me a migraine and nausea and burning eyes and throat," one local wrote on the community's [Facebook page](#). Others quickly joined sharing similar symptoms

showing similar symptoms.

By the next day, some residents were thinking about leaving town.

“No one knows what’s going on,” one wrote. “I’m thinking of packing my children up and leaving before it gets any worse in my home!”

Neither the town’s emergency alert system nor the provincial alert system issued warnings to residents; no decision has been made on charges against the waste disposal facility that has acknowledged being the source of the emission; and the incident appears nowhere in [the province’s tracking database](#), a joint investigation by the *Toronto Star*, *National Observer* and *Global News* has found.

“Nothing went off that night,” says Unity resident Lindsey Ann Soderholm. “There was nothing over the radio... Nobody called... There was nothing.”





The town of Unity, Sask., seen here, was the site of a mysterious incident Jan. 2 at a nearby oil and gas facility that caused a toxic smell and sickened many residents. Photo by Dayne Winter/Global News

Province dispatches investigators

Nearly a month later, the cause of the smell remains a mystery in Unity, one of the hundreds of towns that dot the western Canadian landscape where the oil industry's economic benefits and its public health risks coexist in constant tension.

A day after the incident, operators of the Town site

A day after the incident, operators of the Tervita waste disposal site, which sits two kilometres east of town, issued a statement confirming a malfunctioning pump had released an “unpleasant smell” that was “not hazardous or dangerous.”

Tervita declined interview requests for this story, sending a two-sentence email: “The Saskatchewan Ministry of Economy is currently conducting an investigation and we are working with them. We have no additional information to provide at this time.”

The province did not issue a statement for 10 days, [confirming to residents](#) on Jan. 12 that a “strong odour” had “in some cases caused personal discomfort.” The province dispatched inspectors to investigate the risk and the cause of the incident.

Provincial officials also declined interview requests but sent a statement confirming the province is

investigating “over the next several weeks with a full report prepared once it is completed.” The investigation will also examine if the official response to the incident was “appropriate.”

Many in Unity believe the answer is no.



The Tervita facility near Unity, Sask. is a waste disposal facility that handles high-risk materials. Photo by Dayne Winter/Global News

Government accused of downplaying impacts

“The critical question still has not been answered,” says resident Morice Miller. “What exactly was in that toxic emission and was there any danger to the health and well being of the citizens of Unity?”

The province’s characterization of the incident as causing “personal discomfort” is, Miller says, “more than a bit” of an understatement.

“The town was unprepared. Tervita was unprepared... The Government of Saskatchewan, especially, was unprepared and that is unacceptable,” says the 71-year-old. “This cannot happen again. Period... What is more important, the jobs or the health of the citizens of Unity? For me, that’s a no-brainer.”

Alexandria Stubbs’ family dog refused to go outside on the day the smell came to town.

Tervita's Unity facility is licensed to receive, store, treat and dispose of waste, including hazardous and "hydrocarbon-contaminated" wastes from the petrochemical industry, a provincial statement confirmed. Some residents believe the incident may be connected to a shipment of waste from a Shell Canada plant in Caroline, Alta. But there's no clarity on what was in that shipment. Shell declined to answer that question.

"As one of Tervita's customers, we were made aware that there was an issue near their Unity Cavern facility on Jan. 2, 2018," reads a statement from Shell. "We remain in touch with the company as well as local regulators to assist in any investigation being conducted as needed."

Brooke Ceslak, 23, is a former oil industry worker who, like many in Unity, doesn't support any response that would undermine the plant's operations and the jobs it provides.

"If it's dangerous it needs to be told," she says. "But being that they said it wasn't dangerous... I guess we just have to believe them. But it would be good

to see all the proof. I definitely don't want (the facility) shut down."



Mo Miller is a resident of Unity, Sask, who is concerned about the mysterious toxic odor and health impacts from an incident on Jan.

2, 2018. Photo courtesy of Global News

Residents experience headaches

For many, the prospect of a similar incident re-occurring without a warning and a detailed explanation from authorities has left lingering implications.

“If there’s a risk of that happening again, I’ll be moving,” says Solderholm.

“The smell was quite strong,” says the mother of two small children. “Within just the couple of minutes the door was open, it filled our living room... I went on Facebook to see if anyone else was bothered and saw the whole town was complaining. That’s when we started brainstorming a plan to pack up the kids and evacuate town.

“There has been no attempt to debrief the people of this town as to what happened and the severity of it, or what to do if and when it happens again.”

Soderholm, a 32-year-old mother of two, thought she had a gas leak in her house. She called the fire department and was told to leave, go outside into the frigid cold with her children, aged 5 and 13, and wait for someone to come.

After 25 minutes sitting in her car, Soderholm decided the smell was stronger outside so they went back inside, logged on computer and discovered others experiencing the same thing.

“My daughter had a headache and the headache lasted until the next day,” she says. “I had a migraine and was feeling nauseous.”

In the end, she says no one responded to her call.

“Nobody came to test the air around my house,” she says. “We have no idea what it was... (The Town of Unity) completely brushed it under the rug... Once you start showing physical reactions to a chemical or a gas in the air, that’s definitely cause for concern.

“I would like them to be fully honest about what happened, what we were breathing, the

concentration levels and what they're planning to do so that it doesn't happen again," says Soderholm.

Residents fear that the emission could have contained hydrogen sulphide (H₂S), a toxic, potentially deadly gas that [killed one oilfield worker](#) in Saskatchewan in 2014 and injured others.

The province told the *Star*, *National Observer* and *Global News* that there is no H₂S monitor in Unity.

In its statement, the government said ministry staff visited the town with air-monitoring equipment, including H₂S monitors, on Jan. 3 and found no toxic emissions. But concerns remain about what was in the air the previous night.

On Jan. 2, Carey Baker, the town's director of economic development, picked up air-quality testing equipment that the province had left with him after a previous incident and took air samples along the main street.

Baker sent the results to the province's ministry of environment on Jan. 4 where they forwarded them to Ottawa. Environment Canada officials in Ottawa

confirmed they received the samples. Results are expected shortly and will be shared with the province.

— with files from Patti Sonntag, Patricia Elliott, Carolyn Jarvis and Meaghan Craig

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Mary Nokleby | a year ago

Sounds like an industry captured government to me.

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John Atkinson | a year ago

It's about time we discontinued putting our heads in the sand over incidents like this.

I know jobs are a priority, so is our health. The company outside Unity needs to be held to account for what the smell was and more importantly own up to what they are processing in the plant.

The Federal Government, Saskatchewan Government and local government all need to ensure they know what the companies are manufacturing, disposing of etc.

Ontario had a Hydrogen Sulphide gas leak from old gas wells and the residents were evacuated and the area quarantined until the problem was corrected.

It's time the corrective action is taken in all such instances. More important governments need to know what the company is processing, anything less is unacceptable.

One final point "Companies and governments are afraid of being sued so nothing is said because of this fear. Not an acceptable excuse.

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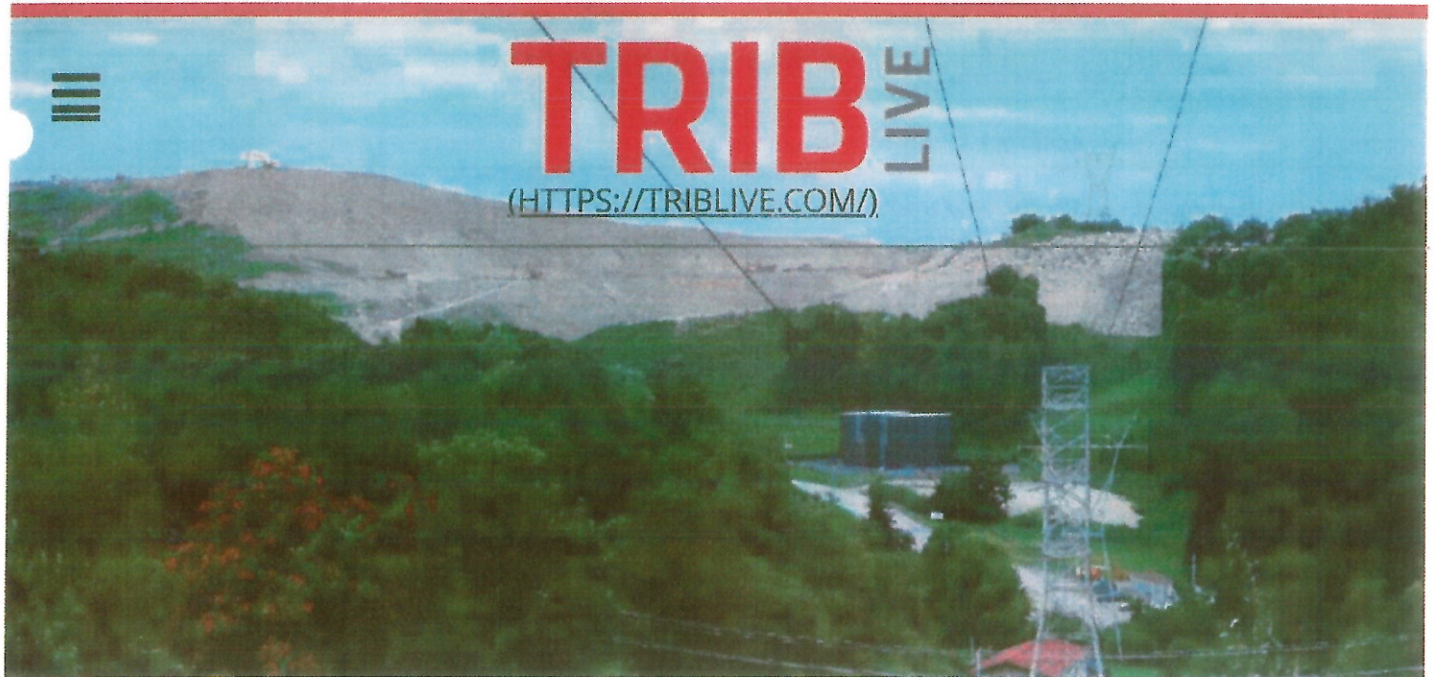
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Rostraver landfill fined \$160,000 for bad odors

RICK BRUNI JR.

Mon., March 10, 2014 12:00 a.m.





The Tervita landfill in Rostraver Township has been ordered to pay a six-figure fine for repeatedly failing to control foul odors, according the state Department of Environmental Protection.

A consent order and agreement — signed by both DEP and Tervita officials Wednesday — orders the company to pay \$160,000 to the state's Solid Waste Abatement Fund. It also mandates the 270-acre landfill provide monthly progress reports on its efforts to maintain odor control.

Neighboring residents have been complaining for nearly two years about a stench that has permeated their homes and properties – an odor the DEP has since confirmed through off site inspections and air testing.

The smell, often compared to rotten eggs or a decomposing animal, is caused by odorless methane gas from underground refuse that combines with Methyl mercaptan and escapes from the landfill and

into the air.



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Approximately 50 local residents filed a class-action lawsuit in July against Tervita, seeking unspecified damages for the stench affecting their property values and quality of life. The lawsuit is still pending in Westmoreland County Common Pleas Court.

A handful of residents have repeatedly asked the Rostraver Township Board of Commissioners to help cease the stench.

In August, the board approved a resolution asking DEP to deny Tervita's permit renewal for the landfill.

The permit, which expires in July, is still under review by DEP.

Board chairman Pat Egros said he learned about the consent order on Saturday and was pleased with the results.

"One hundred and sixty thousand bucks is significant. ... I haven't spoken with any of the other commissioners this weekend, but I don't think anyone will be disappointed by this," Egros said.

"I truly think the township played a large part to motivate the DEP to act and move things forward."

Egros said he's sent invitations to DEP officials and elected officials to attend the commissioners agenda meeting in April to address residents' concerns about potential health hazards caused by the



landfill.



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DEP maintains the landfill committed numerous violations, including emitting combustible gas levels that exceeded state law, on "numerous dates" between April 1, 2012, and March 31, 2013.

According to the consent order, DEP issued a notice of violation to landfill operators on the following dates: Aug. 14, 2012 (offsite odors detected on Lenity School Road, Patton Road and Maria Drive), Feb. 27, 2013 (failure to control and minimize offsite odors), and Dec. 5, 2013 (constructing portions of the landfill in violation of the landfill's permit).

DEP maintains that between August 2012 and March 2013, Tervita violated state law by failing to minimize and control odors, perform frequent inspections to check whether its odor-control methods were working and correct deficiencies that were discovered during subsequent inspections.

Since March of last year, according to Tervita officials, the landfill has undergone efforts to control offsite odor, including the installation of 16 vertical gas extraction wells, placement of soil cover over problem areas and improvements to a system that collects methane gas and pipes it into an on-site flare.

A key provision of the consent order mandates that the landfill provide DEP with a written progress report every month. The report must specify any corrective actions being performed onsite,



including unsuccessful ones to reduce or eliminate odors.



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Failure to comply with the order could result in a \$1,000-per-day penalty. ([HTTPS://TRIBLIVE.COM/](https://triblive.com/))

In addition, if DEP workers document offsite odors for more than 15 minutes, the landfill will be ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$5,000.

The latter stipulation does not include any construction work that might expose old refuse. However, the landfill is to notify DEP in advance if any such work is being planned.

Tervita LLC is based in Calgary, Alberta, Canada with U.S. operations based in Houston, Texas.

Vice president Michael S. Wood, who signed the DEP consent order, could not be reached for comment Sunday.

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DETAILS

Failure to comply with the state order could result in a \$1,000-per-day penalty against the landfill.



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The image is the cover of the Tervita 2018 Annual Report. It features a photograph of two industrial workers in safety gear (hard hats, safety glasses, and high-visibility green jumpsuits) standing on a metal platform. They are looking at a large, white, cylindrical industrial tank. The background shows a clear blue sky with the sun shining brightly, creating a lens flare effect. The title 'TERVITA NOW' is printed in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across the upper middle of the image. Below it, a red horizontal bar contains the text '2018 ANNUAL REPORT' in white, sans-serif capital letters. The overall composition is professional and industrial.

TERVITA NOW

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Management Compensation

The remuneration of key management personnel included in direct expenses and general and administrative expenses on the Statements of Profit (Loss) were:

For the years ended December 31	2018	2017
Salaries and short-term benefits	1	1
Termination benefits	—	8
Share-based compensation	2	1
Bonuses	1	—
Total key management compensation	4	10

The following units were issued and outstanding to key management personnel under the Option and RSU Plans:

	Note	2018	2017
Options outstanding	22	1,828,653	880,073
RSUs outstanding	22	25,000	25,000

Other Related Party Transactions

Positions held in the US\$360 million senior secured notes and US\$250 million senior secured notes by certain equity owners and members of the Board of Directors were:

(amounts in US\$)	2018	2017
Balance, January 1	22	22
Issuance of US\$250 million senior secured notes	15	—
Balance, December 31	37	22

During 2018, equity owners and certain members of the Board of Directors earned US\$2 million in interest income (2017 - US\$2 million) related to their proportionate holdings in the US\$360 million senior secured notes and US\$250 million senior secured notes. During 2018, certain equity owners and members of the Board of Directors also earned fees for issuance of the escrow notes of \$4 million (note 3).

27. COMMITMENTS

	2019	2020-21	2022-23	Thereafter
Interest	64	127	—	—
Office and facility leases	10	19	17	42
Operating leases	1	1	—	—
Pipeline transportation commitment	22	7	—	—
Utility purchase commitments	2	2	—	—
Investment commitment	1	—	—	—
Total commitments	100	156	17	42

28. CONTINGENCIES

ACCOUNTING POLICIES, JUDGMENTS, AND ESTIMATES

Significant judgments

Tervita is exposed to possible losses and gains related to environmental and other legal matters in the ordinary course of business. Prediction of the outcome of such uncertain events (i.e., being virtually certain, probable, remote or undeterminable), determination of whether recognition in the Financial Statements is required, and estimation of potential financial effects are matters for judgment. Where no amounts are recognized, disclosure may be appropriate. While the amount disclosed may not be material, the potential for large liabilities exists and, therefore, these estimates could have a material impact on Tervita's Financial Statements.

During the normal course of business, the Company is involved in legal proceedings, with several unresolved claims currently outstanding. The legal process of these claims has not advanced sufficiently

to the point where it is practicable to assess the timing and financial effect of these claims, if any. The Company does not anticipate that the financial position, results of operations or cash flows of the Company will be materially affected by the resolution of these legal proceedings. Insurance coverage against certain types of claims, including hazards which result in personal injury or death, damage to or destruction of equipment and facilities, suspension of operations, environmental contamination, damage to property of others, and directors and officers liability claims, is maintained at a level determined by management to be prudent.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Legal and Environmental Matters

Secure Energy Services On December 21, 2007, Tervita commenced an action in the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench (the "Court") seeking alleged damages against Secure Energy Services ("Secure") and several of its personnel (former Tervita employees) in their individual capacities. Pembina Pipeline Corporation ("Pembina") and Triumph EPCM Ltd. ("Triumph") were also named as defendants. The claim alleges that, among other things, the former employees breached their employment contracts and fiduciary duties, and engaged in other unlawful conduct by improperly taking confidential Tervita information and using it to enable Secure, Pembina, and Triumph to continue Secure's business in direct competition with Tervita's business. Secure filed a defence and counterclaim in November 2008 claiming alleged damages for alleged conduct in contravention of the Act.

Tervita and Triumph have settled the claims against Triumph. The Court summarily dismissed portions of Tervita's claims against Pembina, and the balance of the claims were discontinued. As a result, Pembina no longer has any involvement in the lawsuit.

29. GUARANTEES

As at December 31, 2018, Tervita had \$111 million (December 31, 2017 – \$69 million) of surety bonds outstanding to secure work, provide for potential environmental liabilities, and for completion of work with respect to its operating segments. These outstanding bonds do not impact the amount of credit available under the Revolver.

For guarantees associated with Tervita's long-term debt, see note 19.

Tervita indemnifies its directors and officers who are, or were, providing guarantees on behalf of Tervita at Tervita's request. Historically, these costs have not been material to Tervita's financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

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Tervita to exercise another 30-day grace period and miss an \$18-million interest payment

The company is attempting to renegotiate \$2.5 billion worth of debt and will use a grace period to delay an interest payment

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CALGARY – Tervita Corp. is attempting to renegotiate \$2.5 billion worth of debt and will use a grace period to delay an interest payment to one group of creditors, the company announced Monday.

The private Calgary-based oilfield and environmental services company announced after markets closed that it would miss an \$18.2 million interest payment on its senior unsecured notes, which carry an interest rate of nearly 10.9 per cent.

The announcement marks the second time Tervita, which employs 1,500 people, has used a 30-day grace period since May to delay interest payments to noteholders.

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use a grace period to delay payment to a different group
of noteholders, with whom the company did reach a
renegotiated lending agreement before that 30-day grace
period expired.

Ryan Wong, Tervita's vice-president, treasury, said the
company has been renegotiating its debts with six
different groups of creditors, including the group with
which the company has already reached an agreement,
in an attempt to recapitalize the company.

"The plan is to restructure our entire debt portfolio," Wong
said. The total value of the company's debt is \$2.5 billion,
he said.

The company warned in a release that it has yet to strike
a deal with the senior unsecured note holders affected by
the delayed interest payment Monday and "therefore no
assurances can be given that Tervita's efforts will result in
any such agreement in the future."

"The company has been working very hard with
stakeholders over the past several months towards
reaching a deal that would recapitalize Tervita," the
company's president and CEO Chris Synek said in the
release.

"Our objective is to reduce Tervita's long-term debt,
building a stronger and more resilient company: a

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Plastics recycling plant in Transcona destroyed by fire

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Fire destroyed a plastics recycling plant in the RM of Springfield Sunday morning, with fire officials placing the estimated dollar loss in excess of \$2 million. The fire at XPotential Products Inc., on Redonda Street, north of Transcona, was reported at 2 a.m.

Mike Purtil, chief of the Springfield Fire and Rescue Service, said the site's main building had finally burned out by late Sunday afternoon but added that a large outdoor stockpile of waste plastics was still burning and could be burning for another six to 12 hours.

Purtil placed the estimated dollar loss at between \$2 million and \$4 million. He said the fire destroyed a 50,000 square foot recycling building, which contained machinery and more than one million pounds of

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building. The facility purchases used plastic bags and containers and other waste plastics from the Winnipeg area to make its composite material posts.

Lazarek refused to disclose sales figures but said the plant markets its unique composite material posts all over North America and elsewhere.

Lazarek used to own General Scrap, a nearby scrap metal operation on Springfield Road.

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Explosion Northeast of Kindersley

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Written by Brittany Warner



An investigation is underway following a structural tank explosion at Tervita resulting in one man being air-lifted by STARS to Edmonton.

Kindersley fire crews and EMS were dispatched to a disposal facility site northeast of Kindersley on Wednesday, to what was initially reported as a truck explosion.

- [STARS dispatched to Truck Explosion East of Kindersley](#)

After speaking with Jeff Soveran, Kindersley Fire Department Deputy Chief, we have now learned that it was in fact a structural tank explosion at the Tervita site, that fire and EMS responded to that day.

With the severity of the incident, STARS was called and were promptly on scene, they were on the ground for approximately 45 minutes along side fire and EMS crews.

In a statement from STARS communications department, the emergency team then air-lifted a man injured from the explosion to the University of Alberta hospital where he is being treated for burns sustained in the incident. It has been recently reported that he is currently in stable condition.

Kelly Sansom, manager of communications for Tervita, stated that following the incident all safety protocols were followed to ensure the situation was contained.

To that effect, fire crews were called out a second time to assess residual smoke according to Tyler Fittus, Tervita area manager. Soveran added that the second call was for extra precautionary measures given the scope of the initial explosion and everything was contained and without incident during that second call.

Sansom informed us that the incident is under investigation to determine the cause of the explosion, which was later confirmed by Saskatchewan Occupational Health and Safety, therefore details are not being released at this time and the site will be closed during the investigation.

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Firefighters extinguish blaze at Tervita tank farm

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Firefighters from Taylor, Fort St. John, and Charlie Lake responded to a fire at Tervita's Fort St. John Treatment Recovery and Disposal Facility on Thursday morning.

Heavy black smoke from the fire could be seen for miles this morning due to the hydrocarbon waste that was found to be burning in waste storage pits at the site, the District of Taylor said in a news release.

Taylor firefighters extinguished the blaze with tanker support from Fort St. John and Charlie Lake. By 11 a.m., the fire was out, and the scene at 6288 249 Road was turned over to the property owner, the district said.

"Taylor Fire-Rescue thanks the Fort St John Fire Rescue and Charlie Lake Fire Rescue Departments for their continued support," Fire Chief Steve Byford said.

"It is support like that shown today that helps keep all of our communities safe."

There were no reports of injuries or damage to the facility, Tervita said. The incident was reported to regulatory agencies and the facility is open, it said.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

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A small fire at the Highwest facility in Highlands was extinguished by firefighters Thursday. (Katherine Engqvist/News Gazette staff)

Small fire at Highwest site in Highlands

Fire crews douse dump pile with both tanker trucks

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Highlands fire crews put their relatively new tanker truck to good use Thursday afternoon.

Crews were called to a fire at Tervita Corp.'s Highwest facility on Millstream Road just after 1 p.m. The site is an engineered landfill and disposal facility.

“Basically, the pile had caught,” noted Deputy Fire Chief Gregg Fletcher. “They had their [excavators] there so we opened it up and soaked it.”

The department used both of its tanker trucks to soak the pile, making sure the fire was out and had not spread underground.

Fletcher added that crews from Tervita would monitor the site overnight just to make sure any remaining hot spots don't flare up again.

Nine firefighters were on scene for about an hour and a half.

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No injuries in Redwater truck fire

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Emergency crews were called to a fire in Redwater's industrial park area on Thursday afternoon (May 30).

The Tervita facility is a transfer station where products are prepared for disposal. Some of the product — a mixture of crude oil, fuel and sawdust — caught fire, which spread to the loader truck it was being transported in.

"The operator backed the loader out of where the work was being done into the parking lot area, safe away from the product and buildings," said Sturgeon County fire chief Pat Mahoney.

Sturgeon County, Redwater and Gibbons fire departments responded and were able to control the blaze and extinguish it.

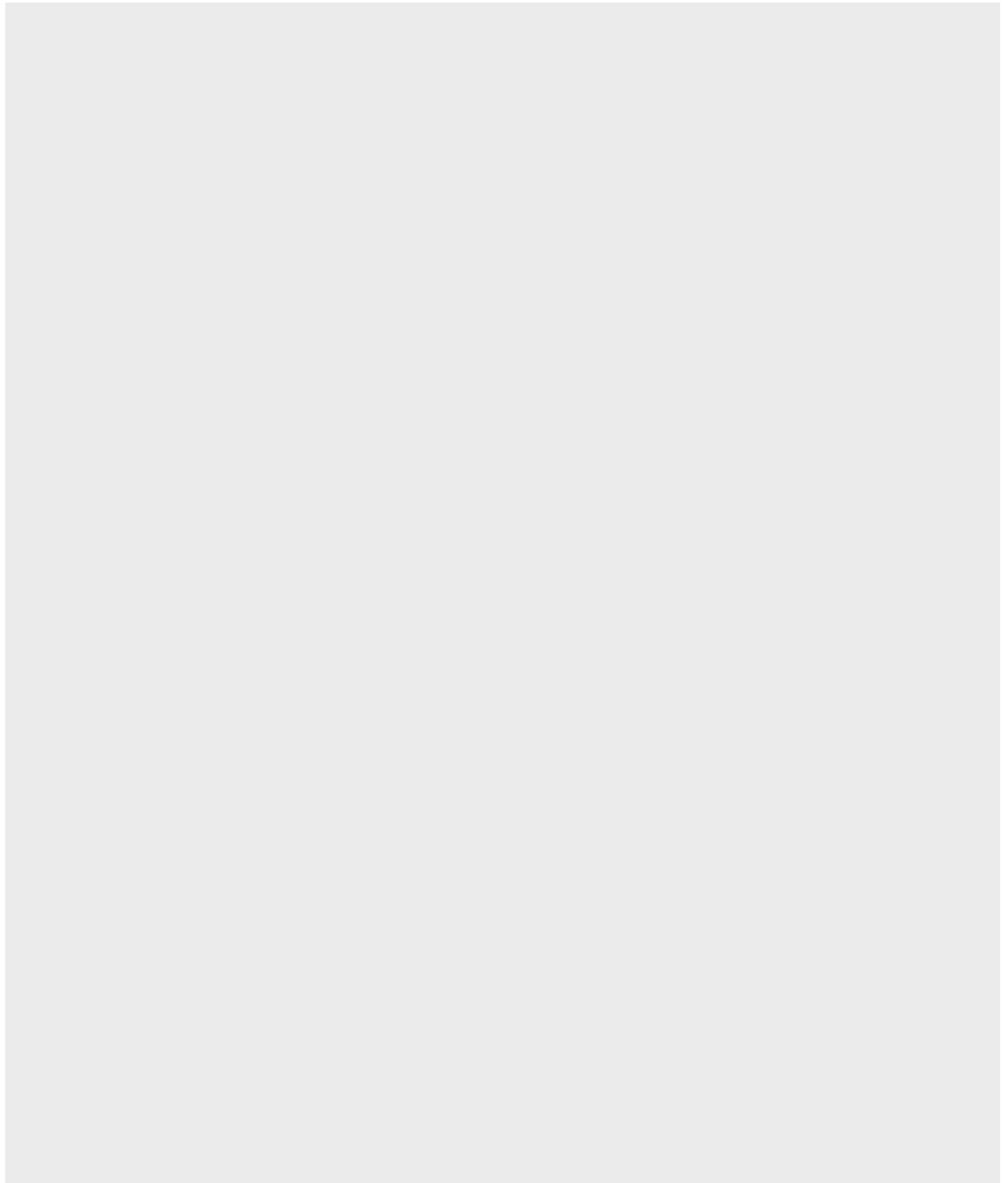
The fire caused some black smoke to be released. As it happened on the same day that [the air quality was at its worst for the region](#) and smoke was already in the sky, the sight was worrying for some residents.

"It certainly caused some concern that perhaps there was another wildland fire was occurring, but that wasn't the case," Mahoney added.

No one was injured and the only property damage was to the loader, which was ruled as a total loss.

The cause of the initial blaze is unknown.

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Mysterious odour in Saskatchewan oil facility contained waste not approved to be disposed at facility

By National Observer | News, Energy, Politics | July 20th 2018

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The Saskatchewan Ministry of Energy and Resources has confirmed the likely source of a [mysterious odour](#) experienced by residents of Unity, Sask. in January.

At the time of the incident, residents said the overwhelming smell wafted in from outside. "It gave me a migraine and nausea and burning eyes and throat," one local wrote on the community's Facebook page.

Air samples collected on Jan. 2 and 3 revealed a mixture of gaseous petroleum hydrocarbons and sulfur-based compounds. According to the ministry, these concentrations could have resulted in the short-term effects reported; however, no serious or long-term health effects are expected.

More than six months later, the ministry has come out with its findings about what may have made the townspeople sick. On Thursday, the ministry said the source was likely a gaseous component in the liquid waste stream that was received by Tervita's waste processing facility nearby.

The ministry investigation determined the shipment delivered on Jan. 2 contained caustic waste that was not approved for disposal at the facility. Information indicates it was classified a "Transportation of Dangerous Goods Class 8 corrosive liquid."

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The ministry has instructed Tervita to cease accepting these substances at the facility.

As a result of the investigation, Tervita must also conduct a third-party engineering assessment of its waste processing and disposal system and make sure sampling procedures meet operating standards.

The company is not facing any fines and has 90 days to comply with these orders.

In addition, the ministry will amend Tervita's facility licence to more clearly state the substances that can be received and establish site-specific incident reporting requirements.

The last requirement aims to ensure the facility operator immediately notifies the ministry of any release of gas that activates the facility's emergency shut down procedures.

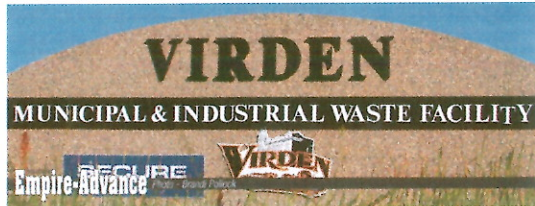
An estimated 2,500 people live in Unity, approximately 175 kilometres west of Saskatoon.

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Town of Virden sues Hazco

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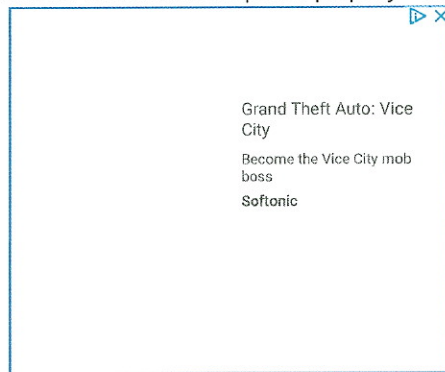
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The Town of Virden has filed a lawsuit against Hazco Environmental Services for putting the community's soil and groundwater at risk.

Hazco has been in a contract with Virden since 2006 – the town of Virden signed under the impression that the company would be involved in ongoing development of the Municipal & Industrial Waste Facility.

In a CBC article, the statement said, "That involved constructing "cells" containing compacted clay liner overlaid with a high density polyethylene liner which would be filled with non-hazardous industrial waste."

The first cell was built in 2007 and the second one followed suit a few years later in 2010. During work on the second cell, it was allegedly found that the first cell's retention berm was not replaced properly – after it was removed for construction.



Currently, Hazco Environmental Services has 40 days to file a defence statement.

According to CBC News, in a statement of claim filed at Manitoba's Court of Queen's Bench last week, the town said Hazco Environmental Services, operated by Tervita Corporation of Calgary, didn't install a retention berm properly at their waste treatment and disposal facility. The town claims this resulted in leachate - a liquid that drains from a landfill - permeating non-lined ground, a violation of the facility's Environment Act licence, causing a risk of soil and groundwater contamination.

At this time none of the statements have been proven in court.

The town of Virden is asking for \$140,000 in damages after finding out in 2014 about the problems and paying for environmental investigation and repairs.

Town of Virden sues environmental services company claiming soil, groundwater put at risk



Virden says Hazco Environmental Services left industrial waste material on non-lined ground

CBC News · Posted: Aug 16, 2016 5:00 AM CT | Last Updated: August 16, 2016



The Town of Virden is suing an environmental services company after the town says their soil and groundwater were put at risk. (CBC)

The Town of Virden is suing an environmental services company claiming the community's soil and groundwater were put at risk.

In a statement of claim filed at Manitoba's Court of Queen's Bench last week, the town said Hazco Environmental Services, operated by Tervita Corporation of Calgary, didn't install a retention berm properly at their waste treatment and disposal facility, leaving the soil at risk.

The town also claimed that Hazco Environmental Services employees let industrial waste material go onto non-lined ground, violating the facility's Environment Act licence.

None of the statements has been proven in court. Hazco Environmental Services have 40 days to file a statement of defence.

According to Virden, the town entered into a contract with the company to operate their industrial waste treatment and disposal facility, located north of Virden, in November, 2006.

The contract meant the company would be involved in continuous development of the facility, the statement said. That involved constructing "cells," containing a compacted clay liner overlaid with a high-density polyethylene liner which would be filled with non-hazardous industrial waste.

The first cell was constructed in 2007 and work began on the second one in 2010. While working on the second cell, the town's lawsuit alleges that a retention berm for the first cell was not replaced properly after being removed for construction purposes.

The statement says that resulted in leachate, a liquid that drains from a landfill, going onto non-lined ground, a violation of the facility's Environment Act licence that caused a risk of soil and groundwater contamination.

It also says that while Hazco operated the facility from August, 2010 to 2013, the company's employees placed industrial waste materials on the non-lined ground, which was also a significant risk for soil and groundwater.

The town discovered the problems in 2014 and the community had to pay for an environmental investigation and repairs. It is asking for \$140,000 in damages.

A Tervita Corporation spokesperson said they have received the claim and are in the process of reviewing it, therefore are unable to provide a statement.

Virden is located 300 kilometres west of Winnipeg.

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Toxic waste fire, faulty brakes earn companies big fines from WorkSafe BC

WorkSafe hands out \$126,000 in fines to companies in northeast

[Jonny Wakefield](#) / Alaska Highway News

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Two workers were injured in oilpatch accidents in Northeast B.C., according to newly released information from B.C.'s workplace safety regulator.

WorkSafeBC fined five companies in the Peace Region more than \$126,000 for worker safety incidents this summer.

Those incidents include a sour gas leak that left a man unconscious, and a flash fire at a hazardous waste disposal facility that injured a truck driver.

While the fines were issued in June and July, the incidents themselves happened between February 2014 and March of this year. The penalties were released publicly in WorkSafeBC's November/December magazine.

Vac truck driver injured in fire

Tervita Corp., which operates a hazardous waste disposal facility 40 kilometres north of Fort St. John, was fined \$75,000 for a flash fire that injured a vacuum truck driver on Sept. 10, 2013.

A worker for the firm was directing the unloading of flammable liquid waste from the truck tank, according to the report.

When a valve on the tank was opened, "the waste sprayed out and vapours from it entered the truck's engine, igniting a flash fire and spot fires." The truck was idling at the time.

Tervita's Silverberry facility was evacuated and the driver seriously injured.

An investigation into the incident found the company "knowingly or with reckless disregard" allowed a buildup of flammable vapour in the unloading site.

The company also failed to keep an eye on ignition sources, WorkSafe found. The regulator also dinged Tervita for "insufficient" safety inspections.

WorkSafe levied the fine July 14. The company says it has changed how it handles waste from vacuum trucks to avoid future incidents.

Faulty brakes endangered worker, public

A worker for a Fort St. John trucking company drove a pickup with faulty brakes for more than two hours on busy winter roads, WorkSafe found.

WorkSafe fined Darryl Peters Trucking & Repair/DP Timber Services \$27,785 for the high-risk violation, which endangered "not only the (firm's) worker but other workers and the public."

"The firm's supervisor knowingly permitted its worker to operate mobile equipment that could have created a health and safety hazard," WorkSafe writes in the report.

The rear wheel brakes were disabled by a damaged rotor, according to WorkSafe, while the brake line to the rotor was "pinched off" and not functioning. The violation happened Feb. 2.

"The firm failed to ensure that each piece of equipment in its workplace was capable of safely performing the functions it was used for."

WorkSafe fined the company on June 17. Peters declined comment when reached by the Alaska Highway News.

Worker gets face full of H2S

When a worker pried open a flange on a natural gas well's venting line near Fort St. John on Nov. 12, 2014, he got a face full of sour gas.

The worker was "overcome" by the poisonous vapour, collapsed and was taken to hospital.

WorkSafe fined operator Terra Energy Corp. \$9,728 on July 13 for the violation, which it "committed knowingly or with reckless disregard."

The regulator blamed the incident on the company's failure to provide the worker—a supervisor—with "task specific training, nor had it trained him on any of its safe work procedures."

The company did not respond to a request for comment.

Fourplex a fall risk

Heartbeat Homes Ltd. was dinged with a \$11,826 fine for safety risks on a housing development in Dawson Creek in March 2015.

Two young employees were working on the roof of a fourplex without fall protection when they were spotted by a WorkSafe employee.

The employees were at risk of tumbling 30 feet, the regulator found. They had not received orientation and training, and a supervisor was on site.

The firm had earlier been cited for similar offences, including failure to submit a notice of project to WorkSafe. The company declined comment.

Log load lands company in a jam

A truck driver drove an improperly secured load of logs to a mill in Fort St. John, even after being told to reload the logs by a WorkSafe officer.

The company, Spruceland Trucking, was fined \$2,500 on June 10 for the Feb. 6, 2015, violation.

WorkSafe inspected three loads of logs, all of which were not secured properly. An officer ordered the driver, a representative of the firm, to reload the logs.

The officer later discovered the driver had driven the truck anyway without reloading.

"These were high-risk violations committed knowingly or with reckless disregard," the report notes on the June 10 fine. Spruceland could not be reached for comment.

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Clarification: the dates of the incidents involving Terra Energy, Tervita Corp. and Spruceland Trucking have been changed. Due to a communication error, the dates that were initially reported were the dates on which WorkSafeBC began its investigation—not the dates of the incidents themselves. The lede of the article has been updated to reflect this.

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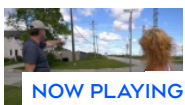
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Transcona couple worried about approved waste facility in Springfield

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Concerns over new waste transfer facility



CTV's Jason Gaidola reports on a Transcona couple concerned about a new waste transfer facility.

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A Transcona couple said they're worried about a new project on the horizon, down the street in the Rural Municipality of Springfield.

Transcona residents, Shelley and Rob Rudyk said they're concerned about safety in their neighbourhood after an environmental waste company was given the go-ahead to make plans to build a new facility up the street in the R.M. of Springfield.

"Residents are concerned. This is our home," said Rod Sunday. "We have a school down the street."

The Rudyks have lived in the area for 14 years and said they have safety and health concerns with potential hazardous waste.

"I know its Springfield but it affects Transcona residents a lot," said Shelley. "Us probably more so than Springfield, with us being so close."

Springfield mayor, Tiffany Fell said the decision was made at a public hearing Thursday night, when council voted 4-to-2 in favour of Tervita's plan. The energy and environmental waste services

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company plans to build a “waste transfer station”, which will store, package and re-distribute waste to a disposal site.

“There’s always going to be a little concern of the unknown,” said Fell.

In a statement to CTV News, Tervita Vice-President of Waste Services, Michael Erickson said in part:

“Tervita implements and maintains environmental monitoring, routine inspections and audit schedules to ensure impact is mitigated”.

“Our sites are constructed and designed in a manner that contains all hazardous waste in designated storage areas. In addition, the waste received at our facilities is contained in sealed, regulated containers to prevent any release.”

CTV News asked the company why residents in Transcona were not given a notice. The company said the notification processes outlined in the Planning Act were followed for its application – and it is committed to working with the R.M and the community.


Fell said the company will be transferring waste derived from paint cans, gasoline, propane and other household waste.

Fell confirmed that council was met with some opposition from residents within the R.M at the hearing about safety risks as well.

“They’re not going to be keeping large amounts there,” said Fell.

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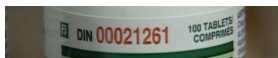
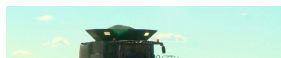


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Oshawa wins \$4.3 million in lawsuit over courthouse lands

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OSHAWA -- The new courthouse now under construction on Bond Street. April 17, 2008 - AJ Groen / Metroland file photo

OSHAWA -- The City of Oshawa has won almost \$4.3 million in a lawsuit related to environmental remediation on the Durham Region courthouse lands.

Before the courthouse itself was built, the City was responsible for environmental remediation to the formerly industrial lands. To prevent recontamination of the lands, an environmental barrier system was built into the land.

Part of the barrier system included a slurry wall built by Hazco Environmental Services. However, the wall did not perform as expected and the City was forced to replace it with another type of barrier.

The City sued Hazco to recover the costs and the two parties ultimately agreed to go to arbitration.

Last week council was informed that the arbitrator had awarded Oshawa almost \$4.3 million. Oshawa's entitlement to interest on that figure as well as legal costs is yet to be determined.

Mayor John Henry was pleased with the news.

"This is a good news story," he said.

The total bill for the City for the courthouse land cleanup was roughly \$19.9 million.

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April 14, 2020

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Re: Environmental and Financial Impact for businesses and residents operating near or living close to the Redonda Hazardous Waste Facility - File: 6046.00

We are contacting the Environmental Approvals Branch regarding the application pursuant to the Dangerous Goods Handling and Transportation Act for the Redonda Hazardous Waste Facility File: 6046.00.

Our concerns are based on two major issues that could affect the area should this application for the hazardous waste processing and transferring facility be approved. These concerns can be summarized as:

- the environmental impact this facility will have of the businesses operating in the area and the resident living close to proposed 999 Redonda location.
- the economic impact for businesses and residents operating near or living close to the proposed facility in the case of a minor or major catastrophic event and a devaluation in property values that could result from the operation of this facility

We strongly oppose this application based on the following facts and that the approval of this application will have a tremendous effect on the environment and economic wellbeing of the area. Our concerns which include but are not limited to the following:

- 1) The area is serviced by underground wells, if hazardous wastes comes in contact with our drinking water, how will this area be serviced for potable water and who will cover the costs?
- 2) If this facility creates odors and expels toxins into the air and local employees and residents become sick how will we deal with these health issues, what compensation can we expect? If someone dies from a poison/toxin how will that persons family be compensated?

- 3) This area is prone to fires. There is a history of fires on this site and there is a strong history of fires in this area on a regular basis. With the approval of this application the local residents and business operators will be forced to deal with fires, this is a fact. Please note there is always a reason why a fire started, these reasons include fires created by passing trains, fires created by cause of arson, and fires created by human error. So, it is not a question of preventing fires, it is a question of when the next fire will occur, regardless of the cause. These fires happen and it is a reality, and we must deal with reality. To pretend we can prevent them by man-made intervention is like saying the world will never experience another Covid 19 – Virus pandemic. With that being stated there will be a super strong possibility of toxic fumes being released into the air during a fire and toxic waste resulting from runoff water from the site used to de-escalate the fire. The runoff water used to extinguish the fires could easily be transferred to other properties in the area and could also run into the water supply/aquifer supply for the area. If this is the case who will be responsible to cover the costs and the environmental restoration required for the area? We know environmental restoration costs can be expensive, and we know this will be a reality we will have to deal with. No one can guarantee the residents and business operators will never have to deal with a fire again in this area. Statistically that is impossible.
- 4) Fires in the area are a constant event, primarily caused by trains running along the tracks and/or acts of arson or human error. The RM of Springfield is not equipped to deal with toxic fires and our area has already been under lockdown in the past. The RM fire department has already had businesses and residents evacuate the area a few times. Evacuating our business or homes is not acceptable because council made a grave mistake and did not take the concerns of the local business operators and residents in the area seriously. This council seems to be incompetent at listening to the people. Especially those people who work and live in the area and are affected. Council is supposed to represent the people and protect the people, this is obviously not the case in this situation.
- 5) All financial institutions investing in business' in the area will require phase 1 and now probably a phase 2 Environmental study because of what they find in phase 1 and possible concerns related to a dangerous goods/hazardous and processing facility in the area. Who will cover these additional costs for these environmental reports for local business? These reports are great if you are Stantec, Pinchin, or another environmental agency providing services. These actors have just created a whole new subset and a huge hot spot for themselves because businesses that will require additional environmental reports due to the proximity of the Tervita hazardous waste and processing facility. This is like putting the fox in charge of the chickens. The goals of the chickens do not correlate with the fox. Environmental companies love to find new clients for their services. This is like creating an epidemic in the area. Furthermore, these reports are not inexpensive and considering the situation, financial institutions will be cautious to invest in the area. Banks are famous for creating no fly zones for hot spots for contaminated areas or economic areas that are devalued and unpredictable.

- 6) If toxins spread off the site, lending institutions who required a phase 2 environmental reports and may refuse mortgages and loans to small business operators due to environmental concerns created and supported by and approved by council. If that happens then who will protect these small businesses? If owners need to do remediation due to toxins being transferred to their property. Who will pay for the environmental remediation? We know the first thing Tervita will do is claim it is not them. Trying to track back the source and proving it can be near to impossible. We already know the only way Tervita deals with these kinds of issues is if they get sued. Local businesses have small pockets, huge environmental corporations have deep pockets. How will the RM protect, and Environmental Approvals branch protect the local businesses from cross contamination and associated cleanup costs?
- 7) If there is a devaluation of the land in the area how will local business and residents be compensated for damages due to this devaluation? Especially considering the RM and its Councilors who supported this conditional use and were fully aware of the environmental and other complicated issues at hand. It is like the RM has a personal vendetta against the business community and resident in the area alike.

Case Example:

If businesses in the area is plagued with environmental issues we may have to deal with a 20% land and building devaluation in the area (as example - 400 businesses surrounding the Tervita site with \$2,000,000.00 in asset value, land and buildings), this loss in value to the local business operators which will have calculatable losses based on a devaluation of land in the area.

Our example would be as follows:

\$800,000,000.00 (400 business at \$2,000,000.00 average real estate value)

\$640,000,000.00 (in assets devalued by 20%)

\$160,000,000.00 Net decrease in value to the local businesses

In this example, local business operators could incur as a group, a devaluation of their assets in the amount that could be up to and maybe exceed \$160,000,000.00. If this is the case, then how will these business operators be compensated for catastrophic losses which could have easily been avoided if council had acted appropriately. It is almost as if the Rural Municipality has failed to provide the local residents and business owners with “a duty of care”. They have not looked at the ramifications to local business, they have not asked for any independent environmental reports from environmental agencies not affiliated with Tervita, they have not talked to other municipalities that are currently suing Tervita. They are not concerned about land devaluation. They are not concerned about what other municipalities have had to deal with when it comes to Tervita. Council just rubber stamped the conditional use application. No duty of care was shown and talking to many residents there is a feeling that council may have acted knowingly or

unknowingly in bad faith. Given the amount of negative press and articles relating to this operator and in turn the RM just ignores them as a possible serial bad actor. The internet is full of actions taken against Tervita. How is it that the RM of Springfield ignores this over mounting of information and bad press that Tervita has undertaken. We need environmental companies to deal with hazardous wastes, that is not the issue, but to place it in the middle of an industrial park and close to a residential neighborhood is beyond anything imaginable. At the minimum these types of facilities should be located as far as way as possible from thriving neighborhoods. That is just common sense. It is like the RM ignores all the warning signs and they think the Easter Bunny is moving in. If and when issues arise at this site, the RM will claim they are the victims. This is complete gross negligence on their behalf.

- 8) We firmly believe an RCMP investigation should be opened into the Rural Municipality of Springfield Councilors to determine if council members have behaved in a reckless matter and to determine if a duty of care was met or if perhaps some councilors may have acted in bad faith and failed to meet a duty of care (knowingly or unknowingly or due to ignorance). If members of council were pressured by other members of council or received current or future compensation from outside sources they should come forward and this should be identified and disclosed. Furthermore, if councilors were persuaded in terms of how they voted, or if there was any showing of impropriety, they should have excused themselves and not voted on this matter.

Many residents including myself firmly believe that this should be investigated, cause given the concerns of residents, this council decision makes no sense, and this would not be the first time a group or an individual councilor fell off the tracks. If it walks like a duck, and quacks like a duck, maybe it is a duck!! At this point in time this statement is an allegation not a fact, but worthy of a detailed RCMP investigation to confirm council is acting on the behalf of its residents and not in bad faith representing another group or other interested party and not acting on behalf of its residents and business owners. If this is the case, are we are dealing with a bad faith scenario, then we need to know what exactly is going on!

- 9) Genstar as a major developer in the area and would also have a claim based on their residential land for development, their project alone would have a \$100,000,000.00 value. At 20% devaluation they would have a claim of at least \$20,000,000.00 themselves against the co-conspirators. These numbers are catastrophic. That would be the equivalent of a **\$180,000,000.00** in claims of devaluation of land and buildings all based on events that could have been mitigated.
- 10) If residents and business' in the area are not happy with the approval process and the results, business' and residents in the area are talking about uniting and we may look at other means to minimize our losses and protecting our interests and property values. Business' in the area may not always take environmental concerns seriously, but when they realize they may be impacted financially they get very interested very quickly.

At this time many small business' and residents in the area feel the RM has not protected our rights under the municipal planning act which clearly states:

THE PLANNING ACT _ MANITOIA LAWS

PART 7

CONDITIONAL USES

DIVISION 1

GENERAL CONDITIONAL USE:

APPLICATIONS

106(1)

After holding the hearing, the board, council or planning commission must make an order

(a) rejecting the application; or

(b) approving the application if the conditional use proposed in the application

(i) will be compatible with the general nature of the surrounding area,

(ii) will not be detrimental to the health or general welfare of people living or working in the surrounding area, or negatively affect other properties or potential development in the surrounding area, and

(iii) is generally consistent with the applicable provisions of the development plan by-law, the zoning by-law and any secondary plan by-law.

Based on section 106 (1) we strongly feel that the RM of Springfield upon reviewing the initial application ignored the by-laws for a conditional use and failed to provide the residents with a "Duty of Care" and may have unknowingly acted in bad faith. Many local business and residents believe the approval at the municipal level was a complete abuse of power by council. Many local business' and residents believe members of council may have acted on their own personal belief or acted for the benefit for someone else rather than for that of the resident and businesses that they represent. How does a Hazardous Waste Facility benefit the area? The councillors and mayor that approved this application are listed below:

Mayor: Tiffany Fell
Councillor: Howard Bredin
Councillor: Valerie Ralke
Councillor: Peter Williams

All these councillors are aware of our concerns and I have documented these concerns with the Rural Municipality of Springfield before and on several occasions. I am now sending most of the information that I have already shared with the RM to the Environmental Approvals Branch. As far as many residents and businesses are concerned the RM of Springfield has failed to represent our concerns and issues and we will seek other alternatives to protect our rights if necessary, especially if they have been violated by actions by council and/or other associated parties.

We have also become aware of another situation involving lawsuits against Tervita that we need to look into. We have now learnt that Hazco, which has been under the ownership of Tervita since 2012. In June 3, 2014. Oshawa sued Hazco and won a \$4.3 million Dollar lawsuit which was increased to \$5.3 million in October 25, 2014 to include legal and interest costs. The lawsuit resulted because before the courthouse in Oshawa was built, the City was responsible for environmental remediation to the former industrial land in the area. To prevent recontamination of the lands, an environmental barrier system was built into the land. Part of the barrier system included a slurry wall built by Hazco Environmental services. However, the wall did not perform as expected and the city was forced to replace with another type of barrier. The city sued Hazco for failure off the slurry wall. Had Hazco operated and been a good corporate citizen this would have not been the situation. It shows once again municipalities need to employ the courts to enforce contracts against Hazco which is now under Tervita. Why would you invite bad actors in the past to be part of a great commercial park you have established in the RM of Springfield? Once again these appears to be a lack of duty of care on part on council and furthermore looks very suspicious that perhaps the RM may be acting in bad faith, full well knowing that Tervita has in the past been a bad actor and subject to lawsuits. It is interesting how past behaviours are often the predictor of future behave.

We have reached out to an appraiser at Colliers, Rob Preteau has provided us with letters and concerns stating that the land values in the area will be devalued, he just does not know by how much. We will protect ourselves and use what ever means necessary to do so. We are just putting Environmental Conservation and Climate on notice at this time. We want a proper detail investigation into this matter to review all facts and we want a detailed and fair investigation completed.

As part of our package I am sending the following documents along with this opposition letter to your department for review which include most documents that I have already sent to the Rural Municipality of Springfield:

At this time, we strongly urge the following activities should be undertaken by the RM of Springfield and the Province of Manitoba to guarantee that we can minimize the impact of approving this Hazardous waste facility. If that does indeed occur against the better judgement of many peoples and businesses in the area.

Now that we apparently have a full or perhaps a better understanding and realization of what exactly what we are getting into before we fully commit. We need to have a full understanding of the true financial costs and environmental impact of this undertaking to the municipality and the taxpayers who will be on the hook if a catastrophic event occurs at this site. We as a municipality of residents and small business operators want from the Provincial government a guarantee that me can expect:

1. At a minimum the corner of Gunn and Perimeter Highway needs to have a light controlled intersection installed. The Springfield Fire Department is well aware that this is perhaps one of the most dangerous intersection in the municipality. I travel through this intersection daily and have seem more accidents then acceptable. We now want to bring dangerous and hazardous goods that are trucked into the area that need to travel through this high-risk intersection. We strongly believe the costs to create a light control intersection at Gunn Road and the Perimeter Highway for the safety of locals and other travelers should be incurred by Tervita and not by the taxpayers of the municipality. We need a commitment from Tervita that they will be a good neighbour and protect the already well established business' in the community as well as local

and future residents who will be moving into the area once Genstar begins developing and land on the south side of Redonda. This could add another 2000 residents living within a kilometer or two of the site. These hazardous wastes will travel on route to the perimeter which in turn will be traveled by a 2000-person residential subdivision. This is once again great planning by the municipality and not listening to local players in the area.

2. The previous fire chief gave a detailed presentation to council (which they ignored) stating that the municipality is ill equipped to deal with toxic/hazardous wastes fires and events that could occur at this facility or on trucks on route in the RM to the facility. If we know this is a high-risk area and the municipality is aware of the fact and that they know they are ill prepared and ill equipped to deal with a catastrophic environmental event such as:

- Dealing with Toxic fires at the facility,
- Chemical spills along roadways,
- Accidents in the area involving dangerous goods,
- Truck collisions with other vehicle in the area due to increased traffic,
- In an extreme cases dangerous goods explosion at the facility,
- Contents travelling in trucks that may explode on route to the facility,
- Trucks being involved in an uncontrolled accident resulting in an explosion.

How confident are we with the knowing that our fire department does not have the tools to deal with such an event and/or other unpredicted and unforeseen events that could occur due to the transportation of dangerous goods through the area or relating to the storage of hazardous/dangerous materials stored at site that may be processed and transferred.

To deal with this type of events the RM requires specialty equipped fire trucks which the previous fire chief admitted they don't have and the costs of properly training fire fighters that need to be incurred for these chemical fires/explosions. For the safety of the business and residents, the RM should consider moving away from a volunteer fire department to a professional well train fire department for the area so that they can handle the type of toxic fires and explosions that we may have to deal with in the future.

The costs of setting up a professional fulltime fire department for this area and adding better equipped and perhaps more fire trucks and trained personal should be the responsibility of Municipality. It is their responsibility to keep us safe and any costs incurred by this should be paid by Tervita because this situation is going well beyond what we currently need at this point in time. These increased costs should not be paid by current taxpayers in the area. The municipality has already charged taxpayers in the area a levy for road improvements. If their plan is just to tax the local businesses and residents more taxes to cover these costs that is completely unacceptable. These additional costs need to be incurred by Tervita, not the local taxpayer.

3. We believe a full land value study and an appraisal should be prepared by Colliers and Cushman Wakefield to analyze the economic impact of the dangerous goods facility to land and businesses in the area. Our concerns are that land devaluations will occur in the area due to the issues and stigma associated with a dangerous goods processing and transferring facility. Coupled that with other associated events that may occur at this facility (Explosions, uncontrolled fires, toxins being added to the air and water supply, news events associated with the reporting of these events will make this a less attractive area and have a negative impact). These are all major items that will

cause a destabilization of land values. The question is how do we prevent land devaluation in this area, and if it does occur how do we compensate those business and residents that are affected. They did nothing wrong but could suffer the consequence of devalue land and building pricing in the area?

At this time, we can only imagine what could occur in the future at this facility especially considering dangerous and hazardous goods are getting more complicated due to advances in technology and engineering. I have had discussions with Rob Preteau at Colliers and Aaron DeGroot at Cushman Wakefield, and both appraisers have a strong feeling that this processing/transferring facility will negatively impact the land values in and around the area due to all the concerns that are associated with a Hazardous Waste Facilities. New businesses wanting to move into the area will be tempted to look elsewhere at other areas around Winnipeg because they will have less interest investing in the RM of Springfield concerning the uncertainty. Why would a new business invest in the area only to see a decrease in land values, and plus having to deal with the environmental impact and other concerns that may occur. You definitely would not be a very bright businessperson wanting to move into that area. Business owners typically want to have pride in what they build and how they operate, they do not want to turn off their client base. They don't want to have their business devalued because of there neighbours. That would just be a very bad strategy and not a great business plan, especially considering the banks and financial institutions may be concerned about the land values due to area where you are operating out of. No business should have to add this to their list of concerns while operating their business and trying to make money.

If I was a new business operator there is no way I would want to be located next to a hazardous waste and processing facility. With that being said, even to be located in and around the associated area with this hazardous waste facility will have a stigma. Why would a new potential business want to take the risk and locate close to a dangerous goods facility, this is common sense and there are other great commercial subdivisions they would look at around the city. Businesses try to minimize risk; they don't go looking for it. If the demand for land decreases in the area because of the concerns and stigma coupled with the belief of future unperceived events that could occur, this will have a damaging effect to property values in the area. The other side of this equation if toxics smells are in the area, this will have a destabilizing effect on the area and business will want to leave the area and relocate.

We also need to consider that a 2000 resident development will be moving into the area. If toxic smells do become an issue, they will be the first to leave and housing and land costs will devalue, that is the nature and characteristics of residents in an area. If they don't like or agree with what is going on in the area they will leave and relocate elsewhere.

The other important question to ask is if land values fall, then the tax base for the area and the RM of Springfield falls. Does that mean residents in the rest of the municipality will be affected due to a decrease in the land values. This could be a tertiary event that will impact the municipality at large and affect out tax base. I don't think residents in Oakbank, Dugald, Anola and the municipality at large will be happy. Indirectly they will be supporting Tervita operations and to put thee costs they may have to incur for in restoration of the lands if something goes wrong and a catastrophic event occurs is unacceptable. Alsop what kind of mess does the RM end up in the Tervita runs into financial difficulty.

4. After reviewing all the concerns with Tervita, we are asking for the RM to obtain a \$5,000,000.00 bond on the lands at 999 Redonda, that way if at some point later time the RM needs to act against Tervita or in the case they run into financial hardship we have some protection. This protection will be there in case of a catastrophic event in the future or failure of Tervita to meet provincial and municipal requirements. Whether related to fires, chemical spills, future clean up costs or restoration for our water supply at least we have some insurance we can act on. We believe it is essential that the residents have some form of protection in case a foreseen or unforeseen incident occurs. Getting something before hand is lot easier then trying to obtain it later.

Should you have any additional questions please contact the writer.

Yours Truly.

Gerald Matheson

Business and land developer in the area

**List of Documents Sent to the RM Springfield and to Manitoba Conservation
and Climate for Review:**

- 1) Document Dated: April 9, 2020 – Re: Redonda Hazardous Waste Facility – File: 6046.00
- 2) Schedule of signatures of resident and business owners opposed to this application (Dated April 9, 2020 till April 14, 2020)
- 3) Document Dated: July 25, 2019 - Re: Opposition against a “Hazardous Waste Collection and Process Facility” to be established and located at 999 Redonda
- 4) Document Dated August 12, 2014 – RE: Opposition towards future Scrap division of X-Potential Products Inc: Similar industry with Environmental concerns
- 5) Document Dated: N/A – Prepared for: Eshetu Beshada – Environmental Approvals Branch RE: Opposition towards future Scrap division of X-Potential Products In – Auto wrecking File 5702.00 c: Similar industry with Environmental concerns
- 6) Article: August 16, 2016: Town of Virden sues environmental services company claiming soil, groundwater put at risk
- 7) Article: August 26, 2016: Town of Virden Sues Hazco
- 8) Article: Feb 1, 2018: Oil patch Waste Disposal Company Tervita, Poisoning and Sickening residents
- 9) Article: July 20, 2018: Mysterious odour in Saskatchewan oil facility contained waste not approved to be disposed at facility
- 10) Minutes to Yellowhead County Council dated: Feb 14, 2017
- 11) Article: January 31st, 2018: This oil patch town was overcome by a mystery gas. Now its residents are asking, what made us sick
- 12) Article: March 10, 2014: Rostraver landfill fined \$160,000.00 for bad odours
- 13) Tervita Now – 2018 Annual report – Tervita is exposed to possible losses and gains related to environmental and other legal matters
- 14) Article: August 15, 2016: Tervita to experience another 30-day grace period and miss an \$18 million interest payment
- 15) Article: May 30, 2019: Canadian garbage on its way from the Philippine's to Vancouver
- 16) Document Dated: N/A – Prepared for: Eshetu Beshada – Environmental Approvals Branch RE: Opposition towards future Scrap division of X-Potential Products In – Auto wrecking File 5702.00 c: Similar industry with Environmental concerns with 98 signatures from local businesses concern about an unfriendly environmental concern for the area
- 17) Article: June 12, 2012 – Scrapyard blaze ruled accidental, damages estimated at \$300,000.00
- 18) Article June 13, 2012 – Scrap fire out, finally
- 19) Article: 10/8/2006 – Winnipeg Free Press – Plastics recycling plant in Transcona destroyed by fire
- 20) Article: June 12, 2012 – Springfield Scrap Fire gets Aerial Dowsing
- 21) Notice of Public hearing, July 25, 2019: Application for conditional use order under the Rural Municipality of Springfield Zoning By-law No. 08-01 as amended
- 22) Article: June 5th, 2019 – No Injuries in Redwater Truck Fire
- 23) Article: December 2, 2015 – Toxic waste fire, faulty brakes earn companies' big fines from WorkSafe BC (WorkSafe hands out \$126,000 in fines to companies in northeast)
- 24) Article: July 6, 2017 – Small fire at Highwest site in Highlands
- 25) Article: August 10, 2018 - Explosion Northeast of Kindersley
- 26) Article: September 1, 2019 – Transcona couple worried about approved waste facility in Springfield