

## Dear Sir/Madame

We are writing in regard to the Cool Spring Colony's application to increase its' permissible broiler chicken limitation to 96,000 animals at SW 24-16-17 WPM.

While this application does not appear to effect ground or surface water entering the Little Saskatchewan River prior to its' entering Minnedosa Lake, we want to ensure that due diligence is done prior to approval of this application. We are assuming that sufficient study will be done to alleviate any concerns in this regard.

Thank-you for the opportunity to voice our thoughts on this matter.

Yours truly Robert E. Jones Vice-chairman Friends of Minnedosa Lake Committee 55 North Railway St. Box 209 Oak River, MB R0K 1T0



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Technical Review Co-ordination Unit Municipal Relations 604-800 Portage Avenue Winnipeg MB R3G 0N4

RE: File No. TRC-12-048 Cool Spring Colony Ltd.

The Little Saskatchewan River Conservation District has reviewed the proposal (site assessment) for File No. TRC-12-048 Cool Spring Colony Ltd. within the context of the Little Saskatchewan River Integrated Watershed Management Plan. The Little Saskatchewan River Conservation District is not for or against any specific project. The integrated watershed management plan provides the direction from the residents, landowners, and stakeholders in our watershed.

The state of the riparian areas in the surface water drainage network emanating from the manure spread fields identified in the application is a concern. In several instances, it appears that permanent riparian cover and buffer strips have been removed, and the consequence is serious soil erosion of field drainage networks resulting in the transport of nutrients and soil downstream. This soil transport and erosion is not a sustainable agricultural practice and results in soil and nutrient build-up in Minnedosa Lake.

The LSRCD recommends the following to address these concerns. Should these actions be included as a requirement, there should be consideration to having a deadline for the establishment of the works.

- Establish permanent, perennial vegetation in all waterways, including those that are smaller than Order 1, period of flow, and delineation not acquired through actual field visits.
- Establish permanent, perennial vegetated buffers on all water bodies including waterways that are smaller than Order 1. The buffer should extend a minimum of 3 metres from the edge of the existing feature's boundary.

Sincerely,

Colleen Cuvelier Manager

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Hello,

My name is Stephanie Richards and I'm sending you the following email on behalf of my father Jim Richards as he does not have an email address.

I would like to share my opinion concerning the proposed expansion of Cool Spring Colony's request to expand its broiler chicken operation to 96,000 animals located at SW 24-16-17. I'm wondering why not everyone received a notice regarding their request, within the 3 kilometre radius of Cool Spring Colony. It was my understanding that this was supposed to take place.

I'm also concerned about the manner in which the Colony's holding tanks are emptied out and spread on their fields. It seems like there is too much waste being dumped on top of the ground, so much in fact that it runs off the field and into the ditch and begins to gather in pools of sludge.

I think if the people living down steam from the Colony, specifically those that swim and boat in the Minnedosa Lake knew of what is happening they would probably want to voice their concerns as well.

Jim Richards

Sent from my iPhone

Re: TRC-12-048 – Cool Spring Colony proposed expansion of a mixed-livestock operation.

The following are our concerns in regard to the proposed expansion of the operation named above.

- Cool Spring Colony already has two Intensive Livestock Operations on their land. The topography of the colony land and surrounding land is such that the runoff from spring thaw and rainfall events moves very quickly taking with it soil, and in some circumstances manure that has been deposited on the fields. Addition of more livestock may intensify this ongoing problem.
- Conditional Use Requirements were clearly laid out by the RM of Minto regarding the original two operations. Several of these requirements have not been met by the Colony on an ongoing basis.
- 3) Monitoring of the current operations by the government departments responsible for monitoring has in our opinion been mishandled, and in some cases negligent. It would seem irresponsible for the government to consider approving more operations when they clearly don't have the resources or staff to monitor those that are already in use.

Karen Dowsett

KD Dowsett Farms Ltd.

Dear Sirs Regarding The Proposed expansion of a mixed-livestock operation TRC-12-048 Cool SpringColony LTd we feel we need more information. The colony did not Keep the last. agreement to keep water shed runway sowed to grass. The year after being sowed down it was sprayed but & sowed for grain then cultivated after. William E. Hopkins Sr por Deaplins Glennis Hopkins Slimnis Hopkins Box73 Clanwilliam, mb ROJOKO Rm. minto-Odanah RECEIVED SEP 1 0 2018

Charlie and Lyndie Dagg Box 2256 Minnedosa, MB R0J 1E0 NW 12-16-17 W RM of Minto-Odanah

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To whom it may concern in regards to TRC 12-048,

As direct neighbors of the Cool Spring Colony we strongly oppose the proposed expansion of the mixed livestock operation.

We have a few major concerns with this proposal including the overpowering odor, increased manure contamination to waterways and water sources and the overall impact which we feel will decrease the value of our acreage.

At present the smell of the pig and chicken manure becomes so horrendous in the evening that we are unable to enjoy being outside at all, which will only get worse with more animals present.

With more animals also comes more manure on the land which will in turn drain into the waterways and potentially contaminate our water source. This is especially true due to the aggressive drainage techniques they use, causing more than average runoff to begin with. The manure contaminated runoff will affect not only close neighbors but also many farms and water sources miles downstream. The addition of more animals will only worsen this preexisting problem.

We are very worried that with this expansion in such close proximity to our acreage that our own property will be devalued. There is nothing that we do on our property that affects the Colony so we feel it unfair that their activities, including this potential expansion, has such a negative effect on us.

We hope you take our concerns into consideration and please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

Dags Carling

Charlie & Lyndie Dagg



September 1, 2018

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Winnipeg, MB R3G 0N4

RE: TRC 12-048 - Cool Spring Colony

We would like to share the following concerns regarding this proposal. First of all we feel that the terms of an existing conditional use are not being met. The manure management is questionable at best, grass runways that were part of the existing conditional use have disappeared and although this has been brought to the attention of government officials nothing has been done to rectify the situation. Could you please specify who is responsible for following up with the terms of the conditional use. Is it the planning district that issued the conditional use, the municipal council that approved the conditional use, Manitoba Sustainable Development or nobody at all?

We understand that there are regulations for the disposal of manure and mortalities but does a government official ever make an unannounced visit to the site to do an inspection. If so how often does this occur?

There is already an offensive odour throughout most of the summer from the existing livestock that the neighboring residents and beyond are exposed to. This makes it very unpleasant to be out in your own yard with your children at times. As well, it will definitely affect the resale value of neighboring property.

We understand that reports have to be submitted but if there is never any follow up or unannounced inspections the reports really are not worth the paper they are written on. Perhaps they should improve their track record and abide by existing rules before another conditional use is even considered.

Respectfully.

Keith & Sandra Syslak

Box 114 Clanwilliam, MB R0J 0K0



David and Dawn Swift

We feel that the proposed expansion of mixed-livestock operation will cause an increase of odor in our area. We feel that they have enough barns as you can't even enjoy sitting out side now with the odor. David and Dawn Swift Sent from my iPad

We disapprove of the Authorites building another Chicken barn or pig barn We get the smell all the time from chicken harn and pig harn when wind is from the West. and especially when they are clianing out the slung tark. We live 1 1/2 miles East from chicken barn and yig harn. We live on S.W. 1/4-20-16-16-16-W. Sinculy Miscouich RECEIVED SEP 1 4 2018 COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING

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Technical Review Co-ordination Unit Municipal Relations . 604-800 Portage Avenue Winnipeg, MB R3G 0N4 Fax: 204-948-4042 Email: <u>TRC@gov.mb.ca</u>

Dear Technical Review Committee Members,

We are the owners of multiple properties in the Municipality of Minto-Odanah and the Municipality of Rosedale. These properties are adjacent to or directly across a roadway to the Cool Spring Colony Ltd.

We would like to share our opinion concerning the proposed expansion with the main concerns listed below:

1) Air Pollution, the increased odour from the planned additional animal units.

Water quality and the run-off from increased soil nutrient loading into the surrounding waterways, properties and soils.

Increased water consumption and the effects it may have on the area aquifers.

We have studied the proposal and the engineering report. We have found that there are discrepancies and/or errors in the engineer's report which require further investigation and clarification on.

We would be interested in attending a public meeting/forum in regards to the proposed expansion.

Sincerely,

John Wilsel

Mark and Darcy Wahoski PO Box 1154, Minnedosa MB ROJ 1E0

Sat 2018-09-15 5:09 PM Elizabeth Davies <liz\_bethany@ Cool Spring Colony mixed livestock operati

It has come to out attention that an expansion is proposed, we have no objection to the expansion, our main concern is the odour and smell from the manure that is being produced as we have seen for ourselves that they don't inject the pig manure into the soil they spread it on the surface therefore increasing the risk of runoff and contamination into the waterways. Before this expansion is agreed these concerns should be addressed and they should be policed by the proper authorities. The other concern we have is that the water runs are way too narrow, these should be made wider

Hopefully these concerns will be taken into consideration when making the decision to licence this expansion. Yours sincerely

Dewi and Elizabeth Davies

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