

January 31st, 2021

To whom it may concern,

In response to your request for our opinion regarding the proposed expansion of the Rising Hope Dairy expansion plan, we wish to submit our objection based on the following reasons. Keep in mind that we live 4km North of the farm.

- When there is a south wind we can smell the manure.
- They haul solid waste to fields near our home.
- The trucks, from that farm, are often on our road to deliver the manure. It goes on year round. They go in the fields even when wet. They leave a mess on our roads.
- Their trucks also come from their sister farm (Alleta dairy farm).
- The trucks enter from both ends of our road (River Road).
- These heavy trucks make it hazardous for the residents who live on this populated residential area. Many residents use the road for walking, cycling, and jogging. It is the only place where these activities can be enjoyed.
- Their trucks are damaging our roads and kicking up dust even with dust control.

To sum it up, our concerns are mainly regarding the truck traffic and the odor. For these reasons, we are opposed to the Rising Hope Dairy proposed expansion.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jacques & Simone St. Pierre

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To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: TRC 12-075 Rising Hope Dairy Expansion
Date: February 7, 2021 3:10:31 PM

Dear Technical Review Co-ordination Unit,

I'm emailing to voice my concern with the proposed expansion of a dairy operation - Rising Hope Dairy (TRC 12-075). This very large expansion request will negatively affect the surrounding communities of Landmark, Ste. Anne's, along with rural home properties. The awful smells, massive waste run off into the earth, ditches and water supplies are all hazardous to the environment and our drinking water. This would also have a negative impact on the values of our properties. I am strongly against this expansion. The request is very unreasonable and is not a gradual change but a drastic tripling of the operation. There wouldn't be an option to "test" a smaller expansion to see first how that impacts the surrounding areas as they are looking to triple the number of animals right off the start.

The surrounding communities continue to expand and grow along with rural property development and this will only deter further community growth and diminish the housing values for us all. The run off of manure and the unbearable smells may drive many to leave the communities or even put their properties up for sale. Many summers, it is almost impossible to be outside already with all the surrounding barns, chicken & hog farms and several dairy farms already in the RM of Tache. There are more than enough already in the area that a very large expansion is not acceptable or wanted. Dairy farmers in the area already rent other farmers lands to "store" their manure in the fields that are not designated animal farm land and this creates major run off issues in the spring and large fly issues that render being outside unbearable. Several rural homes live off of water wells and with the manure run off in the land, ditches and water ways this alone should stop any expansion from being approved.

Thank you for your consideration to NOT approve and to DENY this dairy farmers request to expand.

Regards,

Eric Ahi

To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: TRC 12-075
Date: February 4, 2021 4:36:33 PM

In my opinion, this farmer with his two operations is too big as is. Let the smaller farmer or even his own children start another farm at a different location. When I see Liquid floating down the ditch from his operation, I know it is beyond saturation, and this needs to stop. The name "Rising Hope Dairies" seems to tell me that this is a religious organization. I think he forgot to read in his Bible that we are to be content with what we have."

In summer time his semi trailer trucks loaded with all kinds, from feed to manure drive past our place 24/7, and fast. If he kept to Hwy 210 it would not be so bad for me. Others would probably object.

He doesn't have nearly enough land to take care of his waste units. Talking to my neighbours, apparently he has already contacted all of them for his rights to spread his manure on their land, and some of them tell me they will not allow it.

Saturation point. What will this over abundance of dry or liquid manure eventually do to our water aquifer.

Sincerely
Walter Plett

To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: Rising Hope Dairy proposed expansion
Date: February 3, 2021 11:29:13 PM

My name is Harold Kroeker, and my wife and I live at the corner of MUN 45N/30E.

Ref. proposed expansion of Rising Hope Dairy TRC 12-075;

1. MUN 45N east of Landmark, MB and 30E north to TRC 12-075 is home to at least 15 residential properties. More than a few of them are home to families with children and young teenagers. This route is regularly used by community walkers, runners, and children riding bicycles to and from school. With the exception of winter months (Dec. to March) there is a very significant amount of heavy truck (3 axles or more)/trailer traffic to and from Alletta Holsteins and TRC 12-075. The dairy also uses this road extensively to move a significant amount of large farm machinery back and forth between Alletta Holsteins and TRC-075. During the spring, summer, and fall months there is a significant amount of noise and dust (despite municipal dust abatement efforts) generated by this traffic from early morning to often late at night. Visibility is often reduced, and during wet weather, the road is a sloppy mess, to say the least.

2. I live 2 km east of Landmark, and 2 km south of TRC 12-075. Within a 3.5 km radius of TRC 12-075, there are many other livestock operations. The Seine River Diversion runs less than 2 km south of TRC 12-075. The Seine River runs approximately 5km north of TRC-075. Any expansion of this dairy would only exacerbate an already delicate and compromised groundwater and well water situation.

My wife and I are not all in favour of any expansion of Rising Hope Dairy.

Respectfully

Harold Kroeker

To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: reference TRC 12-075
Date: February 1, 2021 6:25:03 PM

I oppose the expansion of this dairy farm. There are a large number of farms (dairy, pig and chicken) in the area. We need to start protecting our aquifer and stop overloading the area with these operations. This farm is LAO close to several towns in the area and the odour on some days is overwhelming. The area cannot support expansion or further development of this kind.

Sincerely
Gary Desrochers

To: [+WPG139 - TRC \(MR\)](#)
Subject: RE: PRESENTATION FOR TRC 12-075
Date: February 8, 2021 2:47:13 PM

February 7th, 2021

To: Technical Review Co-Ordination Union, Municipal Relations

Re: Expansion of Rising Hope Dairy Operation, TRC 12-075

I am writing with regards to the Rising Hope Dairy Operation expansion from 600 to 1,800 animals. My family and I own land in close proximity to Rising Hope Dairy Farms. We are concerned with the impact it will have to the area. This farm was at a capacity of 200 animals approximately seven years ago and at that time was approved to triple in size, and now tripling again. Where does it stop?

There is a story that I would like to share. My family was at a gathering which was held outside in the summer of 2019 (the property is in the vicinity of where Rising Hope Dairy is located). There were tents set up outside for this party and the flies were overwhelming. We later found out that manure had been spread about ¼ mile away from this yard. Flies will carry disease and as we were sitting outside, we were dealing with biting flies. This definitely affects the quality of life for the residents dealing with this, so can't imagine with tripling the animal units.

These are concerns that we have as land owners:

1. Some statistics that causes a lot of concern:
 - A milk cow requires approximately 60 gallons of water /day = 1.267 million gallons year x 1,800 animals is approximately 39,420,000 gallons a year, that is not including what water will be used daily to wash the barns.
 - One cow produces approximately 12 tons / year of wet manure x 1,800 animals is approximately 21,600 tons a year
 - One dairy cow in one year will produce methane gas equivalent to 74 pigs in a year
2. There are currently rank ammonia manure smells with the operation as it is. With an increase of triple the number of animals how will this affect the life style of other people living in the surrounding area?
3. With manure injection, does the owner have enough land base to apply manure safely with the setbacks factored in?
4. Since the client expanded from 200 animals to 600 animals in the last seven years, has the road been monitored, as residents living there will attest now that the roads have been effected due to the heavy trucks travelling to other land locations for manure disposal. It is not only the disposal of manure that has to be considered but the feed that has to be trucked in for the animals as well. Will there be someone checking the roads first? There will be more wear and tear to the roads with triple the amount of transportation of manure and feed.

5. If there is any leaking on the roads while transporting the manure, how is this managed?
6. Has there been an assessment or environmental study to determine the effect this may have on surface and ground water? As now we are looking at triple the amount of manure to dispose of and no confirmation of land base required to dispose of this manure. Does the owner have the land base not including any rented land?
7. Is there a sufficient water source sustainable to now wash barns and water cattle of triple the size? And how does this effect the residents in the area?
8. If Rising Hope Dairy is allowed to expand, how does this effect anyone else wanting to expand? Will this expansion cap what may be allowed in the area for any other livestock?
9. How will this affect future development, as more people are building in the area? The odor will be a deterrent.

We are against the expansion of this operation to tripling the animal units. We feel this is not sustainable to the area and will effect quality of life for people living in this area. Also, we are concerned for our property value in the future with this type large operation.

Owner of property located at: 47066, Municipal Road 30E, SW 36-8-5 E
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Ken Burak
Gary Burak
Kevin Burak

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January 28th, 2021.

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RE: Rising Hope Dairy (Dairy Operation Expansion) – File No. TRC 12-075

Council of the R.M. of Taché has had the opportunity to view and discuss the proposed Dairy Operation Expansion submitted by Rising Hope Dairy in the R.M. of Ste. Anne.

Council has no concerns or objections with the proposed location of the property for expansion; however, Council has the following request(s) for the Board's and Applicants consideration:

- Spreading of manure (spread fields) on properties in the R.M. of Taché (if applicable) be contained/restricted to a minimum separation distance of ½ mile (.80 km) radius from the LUD (Local Urban District) of Landmark.

The R.M. of Taché appreciates the opportunity to submit comments to your Department and thanks you in advance for considering the above request as presented.

Regards,

**Christine Hutlet,
Chief Administrative Officer.
R.M. of Taché.**

