

Attention: Krystal Penner
Environmental Officer

Re: File No. 5946.00

BP & Sons Grain & Storage Inc.
Grain Elevators

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I am writing in regard to the Environment Act Licence that BP & Sons Grain is in the process of acquiring. As a group of seniors that occupy two buildings directly across from the property in question, we have something to say about this proposal. Legion House One and Legion House Two are two, fifty five plus apartment buildings. They are side by side on North Railway at 265 North Railway Street and ~~265~~ 275 North Railway Street. BP grain is at 275 South Railway Street so you can see we are in the direct line of fire from dust, pollutants etc that are emitted from this operation. I myself moved here in 2010 and was told the residents have tried to do something about BP & Sons for years prior to my arrival but without success.

Since 2011 we have yearly contacted Tyler Kneeshaw, Regional Supervisor - Portage la Prairie about our concerns. For people with breathing problems, allergies etc this establishment poses a threat to our health. (Actually one of our residents is a neck breather and finds it detrimental to his health). Many of the seniors who live here have voiced concerns every year regarding the air quality. We have all signed a petition, we have submitted photos of the dust and debris emitted from the elevators (more than once), we have met with

Tyler Kneeshaw, etc. Representatives, including Tyler Kneeshaw himself have come out here and have seen the conditions for themselves. The ground is covered in corn dust debris etc. and still we wait for action. BP grain comes up with excuse after excuse, year after year, with empty promises that things will improve, filters will be installed etc, etc. But nothing changes.

Right from day one when I contacted BP & Sons they tried to snow me and cover up facts. The first year I called them direct and asked who to contact re: the environmental conditions and air quality. All I got was a lame answer that they did not know who to contact. That first year a rep from BP & Sons did come to see me and to look at all the grain dust and corn debris behind our building (north of BP & Sons). The ground was covered in piles of their elevator debris. When I said I was going to contact someone re: air quality, I received an empty promise they would check their filters which he said must be having some problem. ~~with~~ He also informed me they usually try to see which direction the wind is blowing before they start their operations (re: corn) so if it is from the south they try to hold off so we don't get too much dust and debris. He just admitted to me that they knew all along their filters did not work or were not in place at all, by making that statement. When I said I was still going to contact someone re: air quality he asked me to allow them to fix the problem first. Later that day I received a bribe of a fruit basket so I would keep my mouth shut. But eventually I found out who to contact and since then



have been in contact yearly trying to do something about this problem. And still it goes on and on. On Friday I was on Stephen Street, 2 blocks north of the elevators, and there on the street were again the piles of rusty colored corn debris we are again forced to breathe in. I had a witness with me who I pointed out the debris to. It was again all over the place, 2 blocks away. Our apartment buildings are one block north so you can see we are in the direct line of fire for whatever is emitted from BP & Sons operations. People here are suffering from breathing issues, red, sore eyes, allergies etc. Our buildings here are rent controlled and we pay according to our income so moving is not an option. Low income housing is very difficult to find and we refuse to be driven out by a careless business owner who really does not care. Whenever I have spoken to him he has been very condescending and quite a smart mouth. In the past, when someone came out from Portage la Prairie to do a surprise visit to BP & Sons I even gave them a sample of the debris I had picked up on the street. Tyler Kneeshaw has photos I sent him showing it all over the street and also on cars. (There is a govt of manitoba office just across from the elevators and their cars are covered in dust, corn dust debris and pollutants all of which have been documented in pictures I personally took). Seniors already have compromised health issues due to age and the contaminants in the air are adding to our problems. Also if we have our windows open when they are processing corn, the rusty colored corn debris actually comes through window screens and onto furniture. I have experienced that on a regular basis. We are having to breathe in pollutants from

this poorly run elevator and we are literally sick and tired of it. Tyler has tried to address our issues but it seems his hands are tied to some degree. He has listened and has been very helpful but we feel we still are forced to breathe in this polluted air from the BP & Sons Elevator operations. The attitude of the owner of the elevator stinks and he as much as said he really does not care about our concerns. He feels he can continue doing what he's doing because a bunch of old people are not going to stop him, and no one else does.

By the way, next to our 2 apartment buildings is a condo so I imagine if we are impacted by the pollutants from the elevator, they must be too. Also the pollutants go a lot farther than just a couple of blocks. The debris from doing corn has been found even a block or two further north. There are also other apartments and condos over a block or two from where I live and they are impacted too. One block from here is also residential homes that are affected also.

On speaking to one of the residents here where I live, she informed me that in the past, when these same issues existed, the owner of BP grain had said filters were too expensive and they did not last long. As you can see it is one excuse after another with the owner of BP & Sons Elevators.

Also the grain dust is everywhere. Last year as I was about to go into the giant Tiger store, directly across from the elevator, I saw a young man covered in what looked like dust. I remarked to him that he must be working very hard to be so covered in dust from head to toe and that he really deserved a coffee break. (He was standing outside the store drinking a pop). He told me he was working at the

BP & Sons ~~the~~ elevator and that was where all the dust he was covered in had come from.

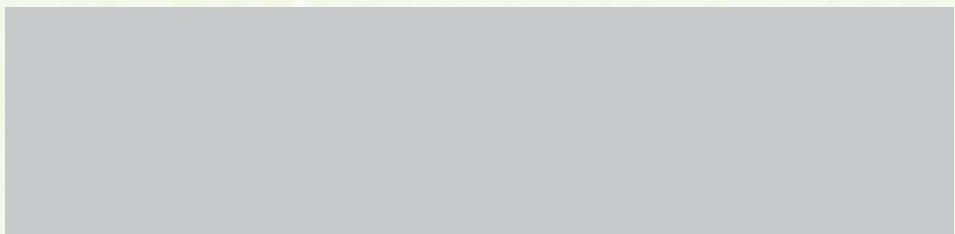
We have no idea what grains they process at the elevator besides corn (which we know is being processed because of the special unit they use beside the elevator that processes it. Actually sometimes they go all night because we can hear it working all night).

Of course ideally this kind of operation should be located out of town and not within town limits but the reality is that we are sure this operation is here to stay. All we ask is for it to be regulated, for BP & Sons to ensure, by putting in place filters etc, that future emissions stop completely. This morning Monday October 29, 2018, I took a walk and everywhere I looked was dust and corn debris (rusty colored). It had rained so it was stuck to the ground in most cases but there also was loose debris everywhere. I did not take photos today but it is exactly the same as the pictures Tyler Kneeshaw has in his possession. If not I can get pictures for you from my camera. This shows that even though the owner of the elevator has been spoken to in the past he has chosen to do nothing to improve our air quality. He's a big talker promising the moon but to date has never followed through on the improvements. After years and years of his bull shit we are tired of being sick and we are even more tired waiting for him to make good on all his empty promises. Caution - he knows all the right lingo to use and can talk his way out of a wet paper bag so be careful with what he says or promises. We have learned

it is all crap that comes out of his mouth. He knows exactly what to say and attempts to charm his way out of the situation telling you what you want to hear.

Please, we beg you, to finally do something about this man and the horrible air quality we are forced to live with. He has held us hostage for too long and considers us a big joke because he has managed to get away with this for years and years.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider our concerns. Finally now, maybe, we will have a successful voice in getting something done regarding this health hazard we've been forced to live with. We look forward to and appreciate your help in this matter.



I may be contacted at:

