

Public Meeting
Intensive Livestock Operation Application – Rein/Catley
Tuesday, August 8, 2006

Reeve Hipkin offered the option for people in attendance to address the developer on a one on one basis to ask any questions they may have. People declined this option and wanted to commence the meeting portion right away with opening remarks from the Developer.

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Reeve, Jim Hipkin:

At this time I would like the members of Council, that are with us tonight, to introduce themselves. I will have the Councillors introduce themselves and I ask each of you to introduce yourselves, and we will go from there.

Al Szeles: Division 1

Bill Marquardt: Division 3

Ed Thorpe: Division 4 where the proposed ILO is going to be set up (*couldn't hear*)

Glen Samuelson: Division 5

Tracy Preete: Division 2

Reeve, Jim Hipkin:

We also have with us our planner, John Wolfenberg. He is the person we use in the municipality with all our developments. We also have Darcie Cooper who will be keeping the minutes; she is our Assistant Administrator. Also, with us is Randy Vopni and he is with SaskAg and Food and he is an agrologist.

Now, I would like to introduce Mark and his wife Joanne [Catley] and Brent Rein. So Mark and Brent, I guess, you can take it away.

But, also I am going to read what we had in the newspaper as to what purpose this is:

Reeve Hipkin read the Public Notice Advertisement

Mark Catley: We don't have anything prepared, I didn't know we were responsible to get up and say anything. I don't know how basic you want me to explain it. A bit of background: 2,500 to 3,000 calves. We're not sure if it will be all year 'round or just in the winter months. This will be determined as we progress but we're going to have large 10 acre pens so that they won't be that intense actually. I don't know what else to say really; maybe I'll just let people ask questions.

Reeve, Jim Hipkin:

I guess, given Mark's comment, has anyone got a submission they would like to present at this time.

Ken Langford:

Is Brent going to have an opportunity to speak first or not?

Reeve, Jim Hipkin:

Not really. I will ask each of you to identify yourself.

Ken Langford:

My name is Ken Langford, I have property that is adjacent to their planned area as well as a quarter and a yard site across the road where I have a dugout and I have a well site and in the 1980s I even had a permit to have trout in there. And so, when I heard of this impending possible disaster I figured that it's time that I started to find out what it's about. And it's only been a short while, it's only been two weeks.

Joanne Catley:

(*couldn't hear*)...keeping comments to the facts... rather than to impending disaster.. after this.

Ken Langford: Yes.

Joanne Catley: Thank you.

Ken Langford: But from my perspective.....

Reeve, Jim Hipkin:

It will be best to let each person say. There is going to be things said, probably both ways, that some of us won't like but I guess restrain yourself from making too derogatory...

Ken Langford:

I don't believe it's derogatory; I may be wrong. But from my perspective there is nothing to be gained. Maybe I'm being selfish, but indeed if you look at what the possibilities are

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in regards to the property that I have adjacent to it, it is an impending disaster. So, that's why I chose that - - maybe I was incorrect in using it.

Anyway, over the period of time, I spent a lot of time talking to the people who are in the area because, after all, they are the ones going to be affected. There is the whole business of the definition of being adjacent or being affected by. Ironically and coincidentally, about a week ago I had visitors from Calgary, at my place in the valley, and we were enjoying a bit of barbequed hamburger and so on, and all of a sudden we started to get this distinct odour drifting into the valley and I didn't think anything of it but by the time we were done I was wondering which end of the animal that hamburger was coming from. In a couple of days, we found out where the odour was coming from; it was coming from - - oh, I have the land location but - - . This was the 21st of July and you guys were completing the corrals about 5 - 6 miles away. It was drifting down nice and easy. So, that's why the area that one has to be concerned about is much larger than the one defined by legislation. I mean there's a bit of common sense as well. And that's why we have so many people here, whom I recognize as ones I talked to who have had concerns. And, I'm just going to list these concerns and let the rest deal with them later. And the first one that I have listed, out of 13 or 14, is:

There is a distinct odour problem, and that is self-evident.

There is the business of surface water pollution. As I said, I have a dugout there that's spring-fed and it's also fed by run-off. And many other people have similar situations and I, myself, have cattle in the valley and years ago we had to build ??????? and things to restrict the run-off and so on. I know that in the spring time that this area where the cattle are starts to thaw gradually and gradually and it oozes and oozes down to the ?????? and the flies just love it. And if this is something that's gonna..... And I only 30 or 40 head of cattle. Now, when you are looking at a hundred times this, you're looking at a serious problem. So, that's all I want to say about that.

There is the depletion, or the pollution of underground water sources. We didn't really have a chance to talk to the agricultural fellas or the fellas drilling the holes. Is there anyone here who is involved with test drilling? (*couldn't hear...*) I wanted to ask him... I would go there in the morning and he would show me how all these test holes were plugged up to prevent sewage and things from going down into the different strata. Because right now, there is a program either in Saskatchewan or Alberta where they are going around closing old wells and test holes and so on to prevent pollution of ground water. You gentlemen would probably be more aware of that. So, that is a concern. And then there were some people I spoke to who were really concerned about the fact that they also need their drinking supplies of water from the same kind of reservoir. 3,000 head of cattle drinking every day, there is a concern about it being depleted. I am not a geophysicist so I can't tell you (*couldn't hear*) a concern.

The fourth concern here is the decline in property value. Any realtor will tell you in a minute that as soon as a livestock development is in the area, the value and saleability of your property declines. So, I was hoping you guys would have a plan here how you are going to compensate or relocate people who are affected by this. Are we just supposed to absorb this by ourselves? Or is the Council going to deal with it? It's going to happen if this goes ahead. And somebody's going to have to deal with it?

From the floor (male):

Is our R.M. not classed as ag.?

Reeve Jim Hipkin:

Just hold on. We wait. Let him finish. I won't have people interrupting in the middle. Each one will be given an opportunity because if we break into a mess; it becomes uncontrollable for me.

Ken Langford: Thank you very much.

(continuing with point 4). This is the decline in saleability and property value. What about the decline in taxation base? We won't go into that now because I don't want to keep you.

Then there are concerns about disease such as BSE, Anthrax or God knows what introduced into this neighbourhood and we know that right now that it's a particularly dangerous time for Anthrax. And the The BSE thing has risen to the state where we no longer can export our older animals into the United States; this was supposed to happen

this month or so and it's not happening because of finding of more BSE animals. Do we need all of this brought into our neighbourhood? It's not there now. Take a look.

There is a problem of manure management, stench, flies and weed seeds being spread all over the neighbourhood. I'm disappointed that we didn't hear anything as to how this was going to be dealt with. And so, all I have to go on is rumour and people were saying that they need enough land so that they can spread the manure all over in keeping with Ag and Food direction. Is that true? You are the specialist, I believe.

Randy Vopni: Well, they need to present us with a manure management plan that shows that manure is being applied at a rate that won't (*couldn't hear*) the crop. Not over amount is basically what we're looking for.

Ken Langford: Right. And so this going to be spread all over the neighbourhood.

Then there is noise pollution and I never thought of this at all, but there was a fella who worked in Alberta and he came back and he said he used to be near a livestock operation and he said there were nights when I couldn't sleep. And now that I get to think of it, in weaning time, I just shut the gate and I go and drive to Regina and stay in a hotel for 2 or 3 nights and then it's a lot better. And even if I come home and the troughs are empty, the cattle will let me know. And that's only about 30 of them, imagine 3,000 if they should get a notion to let you know something.

Then there are concerns about handling and disposal of dead animal carcasses. I never really considered that but some people living nearby the existing livestock operation said these groups have pointed out some concerns that they have had. I'm not going to go there, but if they were here and they might be here, they might want to address that.

Then there is the added noise, dust, and road deterioration caused by large trucks. And already people are wondering what the big trucks are doing coming down the road, day after day. They're closing the windows, they're shutting the vehicles -- they don't want the dust in. I don't know.

Once they start one system, they may switch to something else. Really, one doesn't know where this is going to go. Just for example, let's look at SaskBull test station. It came into the community as a reputable organization and it said that there would be areas for community meetings -- and there was -- and their banquets and all these things. And it was a good saleable point. However, as time went on it became more Bull and less testing. And today, there are some concerns about what it has become especially from people living near it. But, that's not for me to say. I'm just raising some of the concerns.

Another one that seemed to come up again and again is: why is this location and not the ones they are presently at used for this project? I mean, these gentlemen and ladies all have ?????? livestock operations at home. And, why don't they keep it there? And I thought for certain when they were going to explain their project that they would give the reasons for it. And as you know, and I know, we don't know.

There are also many concerns about the timing and procedures and lack of notification that need to be addressed. Not many people here actually received any notification of it until recently the thing in the paper. So, that's another area. But, as time goes on there is this ironical concern that your money and my money that has been sent to the various levels of government that is going to be used to build the thing which, I'm not sure anyone in our neighbourhood wants. And that's kind of ironic. So, that's a consideration as well.

I don't know. We wouldn't have any of these concerns if these people had not been plotting and scheming in the last six months to do this without letting us know. Anyway -- an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. And if these gentlemen use it wisely we will all be thankful because we won't have to be concerned anymore. So, we are urging you to do the right thing and keep the status quo, keep the neighbourhood happy, keep pollution out, keep things as they are. I have approximately something in the neighbourhood of 40 different submissions that people have brought forth and they are also interested in being notified next time anything like this is brought up to the R.M. Council.

Reeve, Jim Hipkin:

I'm going to address that as to whether you were notified. Under our Bylaws, this is the only notification that Council is required to put in any form. This is a notification. We do not have to notify you immediately upon receiving any type of an application because the application was delivered to us as well as Ag and Food. And I believe we received the

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official application and sent it on to Ag and Food and Brent and Mark had been dealing with Ag and Food prior to this in order to get their proposal put together. So, as far as Council notifying the ratepayers every time someone wants to make some type of development in the municipality whether it be a month, six months, a year ahead of the development - - we're not required to do that. We are required to do this [holding up newspaper] and we have done it.

From the floor (male):

You are not required to, but don't you think it would be the right thing to do? (*couldn't hear*)... there are people who (*couldn't hear*) I don't happen to get the paper, the Lumsden paper, but I guess I should. So, we didn't know about this until we heard from Mr. Langford and we live three miles from it.

Ken Langford: That is one of the concerns. And if I could just get out of the way here.

Reeve, Jim Hipkin:

I'm going to ask you how you suggest that we do this?

From the floor (male):

You know people, you have lists of the taxpayers. You know who lives in the adjacent area.

Darcie Cooper:

All the adjacent landowners were sent....

Reeve, Jim Hipkin:

Okay. All the adjacent landowners received a letter.

Robert Lakeman:

What do you call adjacent? I live down the road (*couldn't hear*) and I never got a notification.

Reeve, Jim Hipkin:

That would be all the ones that were within what distance, Darcie?

Darcie Cooper:

About a mile.

Reeve, Jim Hipkin:

Roughly a mile.

Robert Lakeman: I should be close to a mile and I didn't receive a notice.

Ken Langford: They have approximately a hundred and some members (162 members) so in total, these things are representing probably two hundred people here. So, if I could just give them to the Secretary here. There were also a number of submissions by people who are not here tonight because this was an inopportune time being a holiday and so on and so they did send some things. I believe you would have received them.

Darcie Cooper: We received one.

Ken Langford: One?

Darcie Cooper: Yes.

Ken Langford: Okay. So that's all that I have to say now. Thank you very much for being patient and hearing me out.

Reeve, Jim Hipkin:

Who wishes to speak next?

John Wolfenburg, Municipal Planner:

Would a brief description of the process and provincial role be appropriate right now?

Reeve, Jim Hipkin:

Okay. Go ahead John.

John Wolfenburg, Municipal Planner:

From the point of view of the R.M. the Planning and Development Act at the provincial level says that every discretionary use at least the adjoining properties have to be notified, or owners of the adjoining properties have to be notified. In this case, the R. M. and every municipality has to include in their zoning bylaw how that notification is going to take place. The City of Regina, for instance, requires the site to be sign posted for perhaps a month with a list of roughly of what the land use changes is going to be and phone numbers etc. so that you can call City Hall and it's really up to the individual municipality, but the Provincial Act just says it has to be done in the case of discretionary use. That's what we have here is discretionary use. Your comment, sir, about being notified of any use - - that would be too costly for any municipality. That's why the Planning Act creates discretionary uses and permitted uses. If you look at any Zoning Bylaw in Canada you will see two different types. Permitted uses are those that the residential zone - - they're usually single family dwellings, sometimes duplex dwellings. Those are permitted uses. Low rent apartments in a low density area would be discretionary.

(*Couldn't hear discussion*)

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What we're talking about here is not agricultural uses because those are permitted uses in the ag. zone. We're talking about discretionary uses - - things like intensive livestock operations, and that's where the definition for intensive livestock comes from the Provincial level, not the local zoning bylaw. The zoning bylaws at the R.M. level set separation distances depending on how many animal units are going to be in that ILO and what the threshold is. I'll let Mr. Vopni deal with the AgFood process because a permit has to be obtained first from the province; which has been issued now I understand, and then the R.M.'s discretionary use process kicks in. So that's sort of it in a nutshell.

There's some things that Ag and Food looks at that the R.M. does not have to. Things like: protection of ground and surface water; the ability of the soil to handle the expected nutrient load. One thing though the province does not police or even handle in their appraisal of every ILO application and that is odour and nuisance. They left that field to R.M.'s. So if an R.M. wants to deal with ILOs and the issues of odour and nuisance, that kind of thing, they have to do it through zoning. The simplest way to do that, and the way that the R.M. of Lumsden has chosen - and a lot of R.M.'s is: the greater the number of animal units in an ILO the larger the separation distance should be between, whether it's a single dwelling, a village, a hamlet or country residences it's a sliding scale.

So, this hearing tonight is to help Council determine what you, the public, think the impact is going to be, and the applicants as well. So, that's sort of it. If you have any questions about the R.M.'s role in the Planning Act and the Zoning Bylaw, I can answer them now or later, but Mr. Vopni should give you a quick rundown on the Ag and Food's process.

Reeve, Jim Hipkin:

Go ahead, Randy.

From the floor (male):

All I have is this ad in the paper (*couldn't hear*)... What paper was it in?

Reeve, Jim Hipkin:

The Waterfront Press, the local Lumsden paper.

From the floor (male):

I just moved out here in April. I don't subscribe to it.

On two locations, I get hit in Wascana ??? because I have many members that come out and shoot. We have three shoots a year. I'm just down the road. I've lived this daily life so I'm (*couldn't hear*). A notification would have been nice and I understand how you do it but you have no problem sending out my tax notice.

For a project this size, you guys got to admit that this is not a little undertaking so that's why everybody should have been notified right away.

Ed Thorpe:

This is something I have been trying to work on several times through Council for Division 4, part of Division 5 and part of Division 1 because our main centre of doing business and going to work and stuff, is Regina; it's not Lumsden. In a process the best thing that we could come up with is the odd mailer. You've got to do the paper situations. This type of thing would get lost in the Leader Post and basically we got into some of these group mailboxes of putting up a little bulletin board concept to put stuff on. If you guys have ideas, let me know because the message has to get out from time to time and those particular Divisions I noted, it's a son-of-a-gun.

(*Couldn't hear discussion*)

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Councillor Ed Thorpe:

(couldn't hear) I know it's there problem, but what I'm saying is we'd be facing the same thing -- where's my message? And I know when it comes in the mail, *(couldn't hear)* but it's your responsibility to read it.

But not everybody does. A lot of people don't even read the particulars of their tax notice either.

Reeve, Jim Hipkin:

I think that's something that Randy could speak to -- the matter at hand.

Randy Vopni:

Okay. Thank you, Jim. I work for SaskAg and Food and the legislation that we're talking about I guess is the Agricultural Operations Act and there are Intensive Livestock provisions within that.

I guess I want to start off by saying that this meeting tonight is not really about our process, it's about the R.M.'s Discretionary Use Bylaw so I can give you a history about what we do with our process but I think really you need to concentrate on the land use part of it.

Basically what we are looking for from an Intensive Livestock Operation are plans for how the manure is going to be stored and how it is going to be managed and those plans are presented to SaskAg and Food and to honest we often work quite a bit with the proponent to make sure we get the right information because there's no point in trying to make a decision if we don't proper and detailed information about what the project is going to entail. So, that's partly my role is to work with producers to get that information. And in order to make a decision, and in order to approve it we need to be satisfied that water resources -- the quality of water resources are going to be protected. We don't decide on water use issues as far as how much water the operation is going to use; we're just looking at protection of water. So, any land use issues are not part of our mandate to decide on -- that's where this R.M. Bylaw comes in.

So, what we're looking for I guess is some soils information to some depth to make sure that there's lots of clay in the soil and we're not going to get seepage and we don't have a shallow water table. We look for topographic information; a specific survey of the site to show how the water runs and provide a basis that dyking or whatever can be designed to contain the runoff from the facility. And in this case, I guess, we issued our approval for this project on the 29th of June and we were satisfied that those water resources were protected. That's kind of in a nutshell the process we go through.

From the floor: *(couldn't hear)*

Randy Vopni: I guess the things we look for are: how far down is it to a water-bearing formation? And what kind of soils are in between to act as barriers so that there won't be seepage to that depth.

From the floor: *(couldn't hear)*

Randy Vopni: Are you talking about this project?

From the floor: *(couldn't hear)*

Randy Vopni: Well, I think, I guess....

From the floor: *(couldn't hear)*..... permission for this project.

Randy Vopni: I'm certainly willing to look at complaints about another operation but we can't really consider those with this specific proposal.

From the floor: *(couldn't hear)*

Ken Langford: So could you explain to us the procedure that is followed to probe these test holes? Now, I'm under the impression there are five or six test holes and they are *(couldn't hear)* and what procedure, if you gave them approval, was followed to ensure that there would be no seepage down on the lower level?

Randy Vopni: The test holes they did for our process? Is that what you're referring to?

Ken Langford: Yes, and for any water search.

Randy Vopni: I have no knowledge of what was done for the water search.

Ken Langford: I thought you said you were looking after the safety of the water and something else.

Randy Vopni: What I look at is SaskWater well records, in the area, to determine how far it is to any water supplies. And then I also want to see some information about soils to some depth -- what was done, I guess we used the well records; the records that the driller provided. We get those from SaskWater Shed Authority. We also ask them to do specific

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tests and that was done with a track hoe (?) down to about 5.8 metres. And those were just back filled with the spill out of it; the reason being that all we found was good clay fill which is a good barrier and we didn't run into any ground water so we didn't deem that there was any risk to ground water because all the well records indicated it's over 100 feet down to any useable water supply.

From the floor (male): *(couldn't hear)*

Reeve, Jim Hipkin:

I'm going to ask you people to identify yourself when you start to speak because the voice, for me, comes out of nowhere and Darcie has no better opportunity to tell where the voice is coming from. Stand up, identify yourself, and then speak please.

Ron Litzenberger:

My quarter of land is just a mile south of the proposed project. My question regarding *(couldn't hear)*... the water pattern..... Where does the waste go, just based on a rough calculation of 3,000 cattle - - the waste just in urine alone, you know, close to a million gallons a year plus thousands of tons of manure. So are you saying as a representative of Saskatchewan government in an analysis of the environmental impact that that waste is going to be contained on that proposed yard site. Or, is it going to travel further and hopefully not damage the neighbourhood.

Randy Vopni: The plan, I guess, I want to be careful here, because I'm not supporting this. Like I'm not in favour. I'm a neutral regulator. We just look at protecting the resources.

Ron Litzenberger: *(couldn't hear)* ... the environmental impact based on your scientific background *(couldn't hear)*.

Randy Vopni: The plan that was presented to us is that the manure and so on will be stored on-site in the pens for a short period of time and annually will be dealt with by spreading on agricultural land used as a fertilizer at a rate that the crops can use up the nutrients in a couple of years. What we look at is where the manure is going to be stored - - which is the pen area, and any runoff contain *(couldn't hear)* What are the soils like there? Will it be sandy soil? Is there a high water table? Is there anything at risk? Our determination was that there is really no risk with this - - to ground water. It's zero runoff from the site, is what the plan is. Lots of clay soil, clay fill to protect any aquifers.

Ron Litzenberger:

A further questions, to the proposed developers. Your lack of presentation here leaves it open to speculation and assumption, on our parts, you did it to prevent any facts or information. So, I'm going to ask you a question: what is the proposed lifespan of this operation? And where, as this gentleman mentioned, the waste is going to be spread out on farmland - - is it just local farmland that you happen to own in that area - - *(couldn't hear)* or what's your proposal for disposing of all the waste? Is it going to be moved out so it's not.... because the environment can only absorb a certain amount; it gets to a saturation point. We don't have to be scientists to know that, everybody here can realize that. There is a point of saturation. What are you prepared to do in order to prevent that?

Brent Rein:

We're set up with SaskAg and Food to do the calculations. Everything is *(couldn't hear)* the proper calculation. The clay is down to 120 feet or whatever it is *(couldn't hear)*. It evaporates. And that manure spreading I said you're going to have x amount of head in large pens so you're not cleaning every year all the time because you're not going to have that much manure so when you do start *(couldn't hear)*.

(Quite a bit of conversation that was hard to hear).

Brent Rein:

(couldn't hear)... We didn't bring a presentation because we didn't know it was going to be like this. *(couldn't hear)*.

Ron Litzenberger:

You are going to remove, plan to remove, the manure from that area and *(couldn't hear)* other landowners and ask....

From the floor (male & female Rein/Catley???):

(discussion that is hard to hear).

Ron Litzenberger:

What's the distance from your proposed operation site to these distribution locations?

(Quite a bit of conversation that was hard to hear).

Ron Litzenberger:

...I mean that's still having it in a concentrated area without spreading it only further....(couldn't hear)

Brent Rein:

Yes. The manure as it breaks down ... the big thing here is that it's not concentrated in a really big manure pack (couldn't hear)....it's going to stinkit's breaking down as it is sitting there (couldn't hear).... There is one in Alberta(couldn't hear).

Ron Litzenberger:

I have another question for you. The proposal is for 3,000 head? Is that a limit or a potential? (couldn't hear).... Council that it will be increased? He starts at 3,000 aim and then more down the road.

Brent Rein:

We can't go over 3,000. If we go over, we will have to start the process all over again if we want to go over so, we are at 3,000.

Mark Catley:

Which would likely be 2,500 (couldn't hear).

Ron Litzenberger:

Have you got the financial resources to address potential environmental pollution impact to your neighbours? It's not just the water, it's not just (couldn't hear) it's air pollution, animal noise pollution, dust, damage to the roads and so forth. Do you have the resources to address those issues?

Brent Rein:

By resources do you mean (couldn't hear).

Ron Litzenberger:

Well, for instance, talking about cattle noise and trucking noise.

Brent Rein:

Cattle are hauled for three days and they're done.

Ron Litzenberger:

Perhaps you need to give us a better description about your operation.

Brent Rein:

Absolutely.

(couldn't hear).... It's fairly simple. As I said, I didn't realize we had to do...

Joanne Rein:

We weren't told.

Darcie Cooper (whisper to Reeve):

Yes they were.

Ron Litzenberger:

Both of you are currently in this business?

Brent Rein:

We? We farm more towards the valley. My wife and I (couldn't hear) Environmental Farm Stewardship program where that's where they go through this whole environmental thing, they teach you how to handle your farm better so we decided because of our cattle herd we would move you know 70 animals out of, we're right by the creek, and be right in the valley. If we pollute, you pollute the system into the Qu'Appelle and I betcha many farmers here have the same; everybody's on it. This way (couldn't hear)

(Conversation - - hard to hear)

Ron Litzenberger:

Okay. Past practices. You obviously started out with one operation. How many operations or sites do you currently have?

Brent Rein:

Sites that have cattle?

Ron Litzenberger:

Are you in this business of feedlots or no? Is this your first operation?

Mark Catley:

We've been in the area for five generations; we've been here for over a hundred years. I need to expand where I am. Are, we're on the Qu'Appelle Valley our soil is all gravel so I couldn't go there. So I came up with the idea.

From the floor (male):
What's your name?

Mark Catley: Mark Catley.
From the floor (male): Okay.

Ron Litzenberger:expand the lines then?

Mark Catley: I needed to find a place to feed cattle. I got four kids and I want them to stay in this province.

Ron Litzenberger:
How many cattle do you have?

Mark Catley: We have 300 cows.

Ron Litzenberger:
300?

Mark Catley: 300. And we have a grain farm but I would like to keep the cattle here rather than send them to Alberta.

Ron Litzenberger:

Okay. I think one of the concerns for myself, and other people, is that operations start up initially small at one location and then they keep building and building; the impact just multiplies. What kind of guarantee or security can you address, tonight, or perhaps not enough time.

(Conversation - - couldn't hear).

Ron Litzenberger:

You have 3,000 here, but you are in the business. Right? You're hoping for growth, I would imagine.

Brent Rein: I think with 3,000 we can make a fairly comfortable living and don't have to worry about expanding.

Ron Litzenberger:

I hope that's the nature but it's not necessarily human nature.

John Wolfenburg, Municipal Planner:

I think I can answer that part. If Council issues the Discretionary Use Permit for 3,000 cattle translates to 2,000 animal units - - that's the minimum that Ag and Food allows. That is what it is capped at. The Planning Act says that development means the changing use or intensity of use. So a new permit would be needed for anything over that 2,000 animal units or 3,000 head. And that's the same way that Ag and Food's recently issued permit reads too - - for that specific number.

Jack Zuidervaart:

I'm Jack Zuidervaart, and I live along #6 highway, a half a mile off the highway *(couldn't hear)* and I would like to talk about the water pollution, ground pollution, and talk about air pollution. If you moved into my place on Saturday you would not have been able to stand the stench that came from the sheep farm. It used to be a cattle operation and I took on with the cattle operation and I don't have much of a problem with the sheep farm except the stench that comes from that one part of it. I am 3/4 mile away from the sheep farm but not only that now we also have another cattle operation approximately two miles away from my place - - the Samuels, which have 200-300 head, which I can smell from here too.

So, now we are going to have an operation approximately two miles away from my place. So, I'm getting boxed in pretty good. At night, the flies And my wife is bothered by the flies, but what can I do? The manure brings a lot of flies, and they are at my place I'll tell you; *(couldn't hear)*... the place is plastered with them. Would you like to live out there? I was really tempted to take a little barrel of manure and put it out down here *(couldn't hear)*.... because that's what I live with. I don't want a cow/calf operation there, no way, because *(couldn't hear)*. What happens if they have manure, and my neighbour *(couldn't hear)* to their operation and I'm sure I'm going to see manure spread on the land just *(couldn't hear)* miles away from my place. So I'm going to get it from the southwest, northwest (from the Samuels), and I'm going to get it from their place. Come and visit me sometime when the wind is there. I mean that's air pollution to no end. I'm opposed to this.

Herman Wagner:

I'm Herman Wagner and this meeting so far, is the typical mentality of this province. We're sitting at a million people and any time somebody wants to start something to get another business going that we can employ more people, we've all got reasons why it

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shouldn't happen. Jack, I live right between Layton and the sheep farm. You get some smell from the sheep, I don't know. I don't get the smell they do. A cattle operation, unless you are moving manure around, you are not getting the same stink. If you have fly problems, Jack, I suggest you try and do something about it. I've got them right in my own yard, and there are all kinds of ways to control flies in your yard if you want to take the time to do it.

(Conversation - - hard to hear).

Debra Erhardt:

I'm Debra Erhardt I want to bring up. We're all talking here about environmental issues and agriculture in our community.

Reeve, Jim Hipkin:

Well, I think we will....

Debra Erhardt:

I just want to say if we are talking environmental issues - - oil and pollution that can come from that I think can be a lot more detrimental to our community than a little bit of cow shit. I also want to bring up, if you want to bring up environmental issues. I grew up in an agricultural community and am personally in favour of this project. We live very close to it and I have no concerns that my water is going to be contaminated. All our agriculture in our grain is all sprayed - - so you want to talk environmental issues. We've got all kinds of environmental issues beyond cow shit so, I just want to add that.

Ken Christoff: My name is Ken Christoff and I live probably closer than anyone; about ½ mile, maybe a little bit less. They have been in operation 15 years now - - not an issue. Flies in my yard are not any worse than flies are normally any other summer. The smell - - they're cleaning pens right now, there is a little bit of smell today - - when they stop digging, that's gone. It lasts a few days. So if we can't take a few days out of a year to have a neighbour *(couldn't hear)* business that employs, a farm that grows grain, hay, straw, I don't know what we're talking about here.

Reeve, Jim Hipkin:

Do you want to speak?

Robert Lakeman:

I'm just new to this community, I just moved out of town, from Regina but I lived in Wascana Archers for five years and I know what that road is like when it's wet and it gets pounded out and turns to soup. What is your plan? Because I don't want to pay, as a taxpayer, to maintain that road from the heavy equipment. That's all I'm asking. If you want to have a business, that's fine, but I as a taxpayer should not have to pay to maintain a road for your heavy equipment and your trucks and stuff to go back and forth.

From the floor (female):

Maybe Mark can explain the less frequency of vehicles going in and out of.

Robert Lakeman:

That's what we're asking the questions for.

Mark Catley:

The cattle go in in the fall and there's a hundred head in the winter so 25 semis with cattle going in there; and there's 2,500. There's a bit of traffic at silage time that's a week max. and other than that - - we're going to drive there to work. We'll have some hay and straw hauled in in the fall. We're easy to work with, I mean if the roads are bad. I know all my neighbours, like I say I have been in the area all my life and think everybody knows I'm easy to get along with.

From the floor (female):

(couldn't hear)... driving their grain trucks three times as much....*(couldn't hear)*.

From the floor (male):

But as far as the smell goes? There is fumes *(couldn't hear)*. I live just down the road across from the sheep farm there and anybody says that the smell goes just for a few days. We moved out at the beginning of April and for about three weeks straight ... I know there is smell involved, it's not pleasant. I thought twice about buying there because of it. And, I agree, it was just for a short time and by now it has gone.

Barry Hall:

I would just like to comment. I'm Barry Hall I think your comparing apples to oranges if you're trying to compare a cattle operation to sheep that are totally confined *(couldn't hear)* but as far as your road, I don't think there is any more problem there than is

with semis going through the R.M. up that Craven grid that we don't get any tax benefits from anyways so I think that issue isn't really a fair issue.

Crystal Semple:

I am Crystal Semple and we live up the Piapot grid road. As far as semi traffic goes, we have a lot of *(couldn't hear)* on our roads over the past ten or fifteen years on which we travel on. *(couldn't hear)* the last few years it has improved with the R.M. handling it. I mean it's not great but as *????* said it is one of the things in an agricultural R.M. *(Couldn't hear)*...I am a small *??????* user and I look forward to having this operation in our area and look forward to having *(couldn't hear)* a local family agricultural operation where we can see our kids staying home; we can see ourselves getting involved. And from what I have heard about the operation from those that are opposed, the Government regulations and stipulations that need to be met are being met. The questions that needs to be answered and among the questions being asked tonight I support strongly and I think are all good. But some of the other talk is totally unsubstantiated and I would just like to caution our *(couldn't hear)* because to me, that would be bad in the long term and *(couldn't hear)*.

Richard Zitta: I live over a mile from the proposed operation. I am not against it by any means; I support what they are trying to do in the area. But, one question of a technical nature that I hope *(couldn't hear)* can explain. I know we have talked about going to the water.

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Brent Rein:

.....*(couldn't hear)* we hired a geotechnical consultant; he's an engineer that about the best place..... *(couldn't hear)*.

Richard Zitta: I'm not worried about the pollution of the ground water, that's no problem. I'm worried about the consumption and I assume that they would need to get a license from SaskWatershed Authority.

From the platform (??) (male):

Sask Watershed Authority.

Richard Zitta: And they have okayed it and they have shown what the area of influence or what the draw down area would be I assume?

Brent Rein:

That's what they've got on their maps.

If you guys want we can get *(couldn't hear)* and we can have a mailout to you guys we're okay with that.

Richard Zitta: I think that would be good information to have because I *(couldn't hear)*

Joanne Rein: They won't let us do it if we don't have the right water. That's not even an issue; they will not do it *(couldn't hear)* make sure that we are.....

Brent Rein:

Watershed Authority License *(couldn't hear)*.

Harry Beblow:

My name is Harry Beblow and I live on the corner of Etaples Road and #6 Highway and my concern is why the municipality didn't let the people at least in Division 4 know about this. That's my first concern; I'm not for it or against it. My next concern *(couldn't hear)* who's doing it, where it's being done. Well, we'll do it here - - as long as it's not in my backyard - - it's okay. As long as they do the proper assessment so that it does go the right way we have to carry on here in Saskatchewan, but within the municipality whether there is a lesson to be learned from this meeting is I honestly do think so many people didn't hear about it but especially Division 4.

I see a lot of traffic, I see every type of vehicle go by there - - big trucks, there's other *(couldn't hear)* whether it be that wedding situation, Paintball Paradise, that's part of progress. But as long as *(couldn't hear)* We've got to have progress, and what they're doing is progress. *(couldn't hear)* but there again, as long as it's not in my backyard. *(Couldn't hear)*. And that's all I wanted to say.

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Brent Rein:

Like I said we took that Environmental Farm Stewardship Program as a voluntary thing and you learn all the stuff about the water: the creeks and the *(couldn't hear)* water in the well. So we learned a lot stuff and that's another reason why we picked down there because it is, when they did their testing *(couldn't hear)*.

Mark Catley:

I'm not trying to get it out of my backyard. Like I say, where we are now our soil isn't suitable for an ILO, we're on a gravel base and right next to the Qu'Appelle Valley.

From the floor (female):

Can't hear you.

Mark Catley:

Where our farm is now is right next to the Qu'Appelle Valley; I couldn't do this on our own operation. I'm not trying to get it out of my backyard I love cows, I live right there.

From the floor (male):

I would like to make a short comment. I'm new to this area and I think the biggest problem, why you are getting jumped on like you are is lack of notice, lack of information *(couldn't hear)*, what you're being jumped on because of *(couldn't hear)* down the road I can find out from the other guy that comes to my house and says, "Hey, this is what's going on in the area". I don't know if it's your fault or if it's the information but that's why you're getting jumped on. I agree we have to have progress and if all the bells and whistles are *(couldn't hear)* right, but it's because of the fact that you found out that *(couldn't hear)* that's these meetings were being held, this was being considered, and because I don't read (get?) the paper.

Brent Rein: I'll say that that's my fault, I went in an 800 meter adjoining landowner consent, I could've went further out *(couldn't hear)*.

Joanne Rein: We're not trying to keep a secret from anyone *(couldn't hear)*

(Several comments made from the floor - unable to hear)

From the floor (female):

..... "approval, we can't really say. We know about it but we can't talk about it until the meeting."

From the floor (male):

If I talked to them....

From the floor (female):

We tried to.

Crystal Semple:

Unfortunately, your mail travels faster than...

Reeve, Jim Hipkin:

Could you please identify yourself?

Crystal Semple:

Crystal Semple the concern that we have *(couldn't hear)* we're not in the near vicinity but we do have cattle ourselves and we also are on the Qu'Appelle Valley so the Farm Stewardship program is something that I think that we should encourage in our operation and protect the environment for the future. All these people are starting to ask questions and become educated and take caution with rumours and it's uneducated because it made a difference for our place in how we feel about this program *(couldn't hear)*.

(Several comments from the floor - unable to hear)

Reeve, Jim Hipkin:

No, you don't have to work for the government. Anybody can apply.

(Several comments from the floor, unable to hear, but was innuendos about needing to work for the government to get an ILO development....)

Reeve, Jim Hipkin:

Whoa, whoa, we're not going to get into an argument about who works for who or who works for what.

From the floor (male):

(couldn't hear).

Reeve, Jim Hipkin:

Pardon? Can you start up a 3,000 head operation, did you ask?

From the floor (male):

Yes.

Reeve, Jim Hipkin:

Well, you apply and go through the channels and you'll end up here the same as Mark and Brent have. And you'll have the same questions to answer, I'm quite sure.

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Larry Carlson: My name is Larry Carlson and we've lived in the municipality for six years now. I grew up on a farm and then went to university, got away from the farm, after a year (???) I worked for the government and (*couldn't hear*).

I just want to add to what was said that wouldn't it have been nice to have information out about this and I came fully expecting to get a thorough description of what was going to happen and I understand and appreciate that you're as surprised about that as the rest of us are. But, I appreciate your willingness to share.

We were concerned about the water too. We bought our place contingent on water and we had a well dug. We don't want the water from our well to be flowing elsewhere. That is a concern. Our biggest concern and I don't judge the process either. If all the questions can be answered I think that's great. I think there's something very special about the land and People are talking about generations and I grew up on a farm in And I (*couldn't hear*) proper prior notification that would be much appreciated

Reeve Jim Hipkin:

I guess I'm going to speak to this notification business. In the past like one of the reasons I lost a lot of faith in the mail, in mailing notifications to people. We'd hold a spring ratepayer's meeting and we'd mail out notification to this meeting to everybody who paid taxes in the municipality and some of these people don't even live in the Province, but when you do a blanket mailout you have to mail out to everyone and I forget how many it is it took to mailout and we spent over \$500 in the mailer. So we hold the meeting and we didn't only hold one, it goes back to when Ken was on council, we were holding these meetings, I think it was after he left that we decided to decrease because we, at one time we held a supper meeting and we would subsidize part of the supper and the ratepayer would pay \$2.00 and the municipality picked up the tab. Even with that and people ... tickets we ended up with a very poor turnout and people would say that they didn't know about it. We don't know about it, well after doing that we had newsletters going with the tax notice, and we still send the newsletter with the tax notice or we'll send a little information with an assessment notice. But in doing that and the calls that come into the office and the calls that I receive and numerous other councillors receive from ratepayers. We've decided that only 20% of the ratepayers read anything other than the tax notice and some of them don't even read that because they'll say they've never received their tax notice. And that's one of the problems, we don't know how big the area is we have to notify.

We sent these letters out to adjacent landowners, the ones that given our bylaws and the distances and so forth of people that are going to be affected and we hope that that was going to address this. But clearly it hasn't so maybe what we've got to look at is, what would you say is a fair distance? A 10 mile radius, a 5 mile radius. What is a fair distance? Cause I'm willing to listen, because this is a very difficult thing to do because, even if we had sent out all written ones, I'm positive that some of the people would not have seen it.

Harry Beblow:

I'm sure that's true, but you know you send our tax notices and if we don't read those we're in trouble and if we don't read other stuff that you put into the tax notices, that's our problem not yours.

Reeve Hipkin:

Well once it's your problem, it becomes our problem we've always found out. The two are inter related.

From the floor:

As a suggestion I think if (*couldn't hear* but indicated that if a development was to take place in Division 4, then the Division 4 people should receive notice)

Reeve Hipkin:

I'm going to give you another scenario, for example if this location was going to be say where Ed Thorpe lives. Ed Thorpe is right on the edge of the municipality in Division 4, now would we notify all of Division 4? What would we do with the people in the RM of Edenwold?

From the floor: That's just a suggestion

Reeve Hipkin:

And I live in a similar situation I live in a corner of the municipality where I am bordered by the municipality of the RM of Dufferin and the RM of Pense, so we would have to involve all of those people to some degree, so part of this sort of thing is people talking to

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one another and it's quite apparent tonight that people did talk to one another about this. And that is an important thing about living in a community is that we talk to one another.

General discussions took place on notification to public.

Terry Bedard:

I'm Terry Bedard and I live probably about 2 miles from the area and I hear a lot about (couldn't hear) I am an independent mind, I'm very capable and always that.... Everybody in this room can phone Sask Watershed, they don't have to believe what Brent tells you, you don't have to believe what someone else tells you (couldn't hear) issue is that I might have to share the roads and hoping that guys (couldn't hear). They met their requirements of Sask Ag & Food, there well was deeper than most surrounding wells, which tells me they are probably in I understand that anyone is welcome to drive in there, so I took the opportunity to drive in there to see what was going on. There is a huge sileage pit there that is pretty fascinating, There is lots of things you can do for yourselves and try to sort it out. I'm probably not the best one to talk about odour and stuff like that I actually

As tapes were very difficult to transcribe from the tapes, no one identifying themselves or coming to the podium, you couldn't hear what was being said. Therefore, began using the Assistant Administrator's notes of the meeting.

Terry Bedard spoke and suggested that residents contact Sask Ag and Food and Sask Water for themselves to obtain answers to any questions they may have, as she has done. She went to the site and asked questions of agencies involved as well as the developers and encouraged others to do the same. She commented on odour and how, in her experience odour is very limited from a cattle operation.

Ron Litzemberger questioned council on their stand of future applications of this nature and what they would do to avoid possible saturation of that kind of development in certain areas.

Reeve, Jim Hipkin indicated that we are operating under the zoning and development plan and that they are usually up for review every 10 years. Council, at that time, will review the current documents and perhaps change some things that are not working well or some areas of concern. As well, he indicated that the review is a public process and there is a public meeting required to hear comments and/or concerns from the public.

Sean Erhardt discussed the benefits of having a local operation supporting local area farmers, creating jobs by shipping the animals, slaughtering and consuming the animals locally.

Ken Langford suggested the developer investigate the possibility of purchasing the sheep center for their business, as it is already established.

Ken Christoph asked if there was any history in the RM that any developments have decreased property values. He indicated that property values in Alberta do not decrease around feedlots a lot bigger than the one proposed. He does not agree that development decreases property values.

Tape was clear for this speaker as she was at the podium and speaking very near the speaker. Therefore, verbatim follows:

Joanne Catley:

Joanne Catley, I'm Mark's wife. At the beginning it was said that, implied that we conducted our business in an underhanded way and tried to slide it by you. The enormity of this operation, is not going to pass by anybody. You can't ignore it, it's there. Did we do it on purpose? No. We are about the business of agriculture, we're farming, we do have supporters in the community that are not here, not because it's a They are busy. They are combining, they're farming.

We have supporters, they're comfortable with us as persons attempting to create business in this RM because they know us. You're new to the area, you don't have that You can stop by. I understand your concerns that information doesn't get out there, it's not broadcasted. We tried to meet all the requirements regarding that. Brent did canvas the area, he admits he could have taken it out further. He is busy, he works, he's got kids working the farm, he works the farm.

We attempted to do this to the best of our ability and the knowledge that we have. It's a new operation. The concern that should we go ahead with this ILO? Is there going to be

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an ILO here and here and here. The sheer enormity of the cost of doing this not only dollars but man hours. That's why we don't see more. It's an attractive business if you can feed cows. It's not attractive in the amount of work it takes, the amount of dollars ... Are we serious about this business? Yes. It is unattractive to certain pallets, the smell, the look of it. You're going to find out living in an agricultural community what you can take and what you can't take.

Debbie mentioned, there's spraying, you can't avoid that. There are smaller cattle operations that will spread manure. It smells the same as manure from a larger cattle operation if it's spread right next to you. We are not throwing this business in anybody's face. The wedding guy, Mr. Kerry Keller's concern was the odour. Obviously, what bride wants her wedding smelling like cow shit. We would not intrude upon his business in that way. We are not rude or ignorant. It's been implied that we do not conduct our business ethically. We are not that kind of people, you can ask our closest neighbours. We do not conduct ourselves in that regard. You would have to get to know us to We're willing to do that no problem, you want to come over, you want Mark to give you a tour, show you what Great. But if you... relay the fears because you're just not in tune with that agriculture sector.

As far as land values, land values is a personal taste of what you want and what you don't want. I would not want to live across the road from the Agro Salvage place. If I needed that property, if it was the only one available to me, I'd put up trees. I can stop having to look at him, I could look at trees. Flies, everybody gets flies. It doesn't matter if you're in town or next to our farm or next to the Agro Salvage business. Flies exist, they exist as do any other bug you can't attribute to a feed lot. We can't control We are looking at this business to the best of our knowledge. We have met Mr. Vopni's criteria, the departments criteria.

The well, we hired a hydro-engineer to look after that because we are in no way capable in dealing with that issue. Can we even relay to you, the details of that report. We are not capable of doing that. You want to see the report, we have nothing to hide. His mandate was to number one secure water source so that we are able to go ahead with this business. Number two, to ensure that that water source does not impact anybody else's life. Those are his mandates. We are paying a lot of money for this to be done. We're not talking about a couple hundred dollars or a couple thousand. We are talking many tens of thousands of dollars to ensure not only our needs but the needs of people around it.

We are not about to move in, we're not moving in. Brent owns this land, has owned this land for some time. We're not moving an unpalatable existing operation from our backyard to somebody else's backyard. Quite frankly, it would have been easier for me had it been in my backyard cause I could have walked out the back door and gone to work Had it been an option we would have taken it. This land, is a property or was a property of Mr. Rein's. We are now using or want to use it for this purpose. We did not select it in somebody else's back yard attempt to buy it and then move this business into somebody else's neighbourhood.

(couldn't hear comment from floor)

Joanne Catley:

I'm not done, I'm not done. I'm not done.

Reeve Hipkin:

Hey, please restrain yourself back there. She has...

Joanne Catley:

We are not spending government money. Believe me my name is on enough documents telling me how much money I owe thus far. I do not work for the government, Mark does not work for the government. Joanne does not work for the government and neither does Brent. Brent is a business owner. Does he sub-contract for the government? I have no idea, don't care, it's none of my business. We are not spending your money as taxpayers, either at the municipal level or the provincial level to do this. If you want to see where your money is going, there is a great paper called the ratepayers or taxpayers look in there if you want to get sick over your cornflakes in the morning. We're not in the business about spending your money, we're spending our own and nor do we work for the government nor do I want that said about us, because it is slanderous and it's erroneous at best Richard. It's erroneous. Are there grants available for business all over the province at every level? There certainly are. If there is a grant available for this business, would we take advantage of it? You betcha, why wouldn't we? Because any business owner looking at the availability of grants, would certainly take those grants. But this feedlot is not built on the backbone of government money, it is private money.

To conclude, when it is said about us that we are not reputable cow breeder's, nor reputable as in our own persons. I would challenge you, number one you've been told something false or number two I would say that you don't know us. If you choose to get to the bottom of this and you choose to find out the truth and you choose to find out the facts. We're here to answer those questions for you. You find out those facts and you find out those truths and you would be comfortable. Ken said, he lives between two ILO's there's smell, there cows and we're not going to lie to you, but it's not a constant living in fear that you can't sit on your deck in the evening or enjoy your home. That is not what we're thrusting into anybody's neighbourhood. Thank you.

Speaking from the floor again very hard to hear and make out clear comments

Louise Malowany indicated that they had not been contacted and have land right beside them.

Crystal Semple indicated that what helped her understand the manure management practices of the operation and asked the developer to explain the process to everyone else.

Mark Catley explained that they wouldn't be keeping their animals in small pens. The cattle would be kept in 10 – 12 acre pens. Therefore the manure is spread around and doesn't stockpile in small pens, causing excessive odour. Also, Mark indicated that it is healthier for the cattle being in a large area as opposed to small pens.

Tape was clear for this speaker was at the head table and speaking directly into the speaker. Therefore, verbatim follows:

Councillor Ed Thorpe:

As your councillor we've heard a lot of talk about notice and so forth. When I first became your councillor I took the attitude that no matter who you are or how much you've complained in the past or will complain in the future, that I'll always take the time to stop and listen to what you have to say. And I've had some phone calls in the past. I've certainly had some phone calls if you're up to your butt in mud on the piapot or the snow won't let you get out to work in the morning. But how many have stopped to take the time to phone me about this. None of you. As for notice, council really couldn't get out and do a lot on the notice thing until we actually had in our hands which was our July meeting because of the approval process from Sask Ag & Food we really can't work on anything until we have that.

And that came up in our July meeting. And going through the package that was given to us at the meeting. I went through here and noticed that there was such thing as acknowledgement forms and the different people who were bordering on this particular quarter or very very close to this quarter. And they have all been let know what was going on. There was one piece of property that we did at council question cause the name wasn't on the notice and I believe they did get a form sent out to in a letter and I think that's the property right next to the archery place to the East of it. From my perspective, I don't care if you've bitched like heck in the past to me about something or whether you want to take me to court and sue me for whatever decision was made. I don't care. I'll still talk to you and I'll still answer your phone call. If I'm not home my wife takes the message and we get back to you as fast as I can. That's still going to stand, I don't care how often you call and complain about something. I try to get the answer for you. I try to correct the situation if it needs to be corrected and that's what I started with in 1999 when I was elected and I guess that's what I'm going to keep doing until I'm defeated or I decide to retire from this.

I know that you've had some concerns about spreading manure, I did a quick check here because in my package there is a consent form for manure spreading and there's 12 quarters that I counted up in a hurry here that was gonna be used. That were not Brent's property so yeah I had Brent's cattle banging on my doorstep and I just keep wondering every once in a while, man there's a lot of cows there. And it's right on the valley, have I ever called you Brent and complained about the number of cows you've got there? And yeah I listen to them bawl when he goes to wean off his calves, I never once had to call him about it because I live in an agriculture area and it goes with the territory I figure.

In my younger years, the closer I ever got to agriculture, was my grandparents had a 10 acre market garden in Ontario. I can live with the smell and that type of thing. If it really gets bad, yeah I'll go talk to somebody and yeah if you have serious concerns, I'll take up your concerns and handle them on your behalf. I'm not telling you at the moment here whether I have my mind made up yes or no for this particular project. I was asked that this morning in the phone call I had and my comment and I said it in the past at other

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situations. I may form my own personal opinion on something that's being brought to council but I was elected to speak for people. And if I'm finding tonight from a meeting like this, as an example that everyone hear from my division don't want this and personally I do want it, I'm going to vote your wishes. Irregardless of what my wish is that's my focus and it was when I started and like a said until I retire or get voted out or whatever the case is, but my point's very simple, you've talked about no notice and stuff.

I didn't call you all because the fact that it touched on areas very close. There was a couple of people, I noticed they didn't talk to Louise and I mentioned to Louise at one time and she'd already heard it before I talked to her. The thing is you guys had some questions and concerns why didn't you call me? I got one phone call and while I was going through my briefcase with one hand, the phone in the other, I'm going through this document here looking for some of the information that would answer the question. I would have done that the same for you guys to if you would have asked me but the thing is I know Larry for instance, Larry lives down on the south boundary road of my division I'm way up at the north boundary. In proximityness a fair distance away from this process so, it wouldn't be on the top of mind to call you Larry and say hey, because it's not going to impact you quite the same as it would in fact say Sherwood Archers or whatever. That's where I come from on the notice situation like I said we as council really couldn't do to much until we got the yay or nay from Sask Ag and Food and that came to our July council meeting.

And the thing is when you're working on a project similar to this yeah there's a lot of money involved and if you've got the money in the bank from your banking source or whatever you want to get your project going, if it's going to be approved as soon as you possibly can because you go to earn money to start paying back. So the thing is, anybody at council or something we're not going to sit on it for a year or two or three so while we'll wait and see we'll wait and see.

We try to handle each and everything that comes to us in a very I want to say a quick manner, but in a fair time frame is what we like to do and I thing council has tried to handle this and like I said earlier I have talked several times at the council table about the way we get the message and not everybody gets the Waterfront Press and it's a serious concern of how you ... parts of Division 1, 5 and 4. I don't get the Waterfront Press, I got a free copy in the mail I looked at it a couple of times, I didn't really see anything that really interested me to follow through, but that was me. I mean yes I do read my newsletter when it comes, in my own book but we do know there is a lot of people that don't. But like I said, if there's, I told you before if you've got concerns, I don't care if you've bitched at me hundreds of times or you've done whatever. I will still give you decency and respect and return your phone calls and talk to you. If I don't know the answer, and I've done it in the past, I'll try and find that answer and I'm honest enough to tell you I don't know but I'll find it for you and that's the commitment I made to each one of you guys here and it's still gonna stand. And the thing is after we leave here you got comments, call me but I can tell you right now from about noon Friday to Sunday I'll probably be away. The wife's decided today we're going to the cottage for the weekend. I will return your calls as fast as I possibly can.

Reeve Hipkin:

I'm just about to shut this down but so I'll take you

From the floor – It was requested of the developer to take five minutes to explain the development including when the developer hopes to begin.

Conversing between Reeve Hipkin and Mark Catley regarding answering questions.

Mark Catley:

Well I've been in the cattle business all my life so like it's hard for me, I don't know at what level you want it explained I guess. The cattle will come in in the fall and be backgrounded through the Winter.

Reeve Hipkin:

Mark explain to them what backgrounding is . Because I think from what I can interpret you're not from weaning to totally finished.

Mark Catley:

Yeah, we're probably not going to finish them there. We're probably going to take them from roughly 4 to 500 lbs. to roughly 8 to 900 lbs. They're fed light rations which means they don't gain real rapidly so then I don't know if it makes much difference. They'll go out in the spring roughly. It's possible we might get fresh cattle in in the spring, we don't

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know that for sure, it depends on the feed situations and were a custom lot, so the feedlot itself doesn't own the cattle, they just feed them for other people basically.

Ron Litzenger:

Can you just expand a little bit more. Give us a one year window. What does one year of your operation look like? You're saying you peak at 3000 so there's 3000 head for a couple months and then it dwindles down?

Mark Catley:

Usually like October are when calves are weaned that's usually when we would probably fill in October and then roughly feed them from, well it varies from year to year depending on market conditions and what not. But the cattle will probably start to move out March Aprilish maybe May. I would think in June July August we (end of tape)

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TAPE 3 SIDE 1

Speaking from the floor can't hear

Mark Catley:

Like I say with market conditions and feed conditions it's a variable thing.

From the Floor (male):

Who buys the cattle?

Mark Catley:

Well JGL Livestock out of Moose Jaw. They're going to supply us with an amount of cattle but we'll have some of our own cattle.

From the floor – couldn't hear

Mark Catley:

We're basically setting up to put feed through cattle, so we don't have to haul our grain to Alberta, all our hay, all our feed we can buy from neighbors

From the floor – couldn't hear but questioned how many people the operation would employ

Mark Catley:

Well also it would be variable but when cattle are coming in in October. I would think when we're doing processing it's quite intensive there will probably be 5 or 6 people working there at that time. Once the cattle are in and settled down, probably 2 or 3 it varies. I don't know what else you'd like to know. And, like I say, when we spread manure it would probably be late fall like we're not going to spread in the middle of barbeque season or anything like that. Like I said we're easy to get along with. I find the most intense smell from the cows comes out in March We see cattle right by our doorstep and I don't

From the floor: couldn't hear

Mark Catley:

Well depending on the year, like we do have farms ... that's the reason we're doing this so we can supply feed, but we're going to need extra feed And we can only truck feed so far and help the neighbours.

Reeve Hipkin:

Any further questions.

From the floor: couldn't hear but mentioned potato factory

Joanne Catley:

I would like to address that. There seems to be an issue that this is government owned, government run, government funded. This is a private business ... with other private businesses. You know as to who makes money and who doesn't make money I guess if we're purchasing feed supply or straw or hay from other producers in the area then they stand to gain. I know there's ... in this building that you know are looking at this as a viable marketing option for them, either in cattle, feed, straw you know we're not just The cattle are not government funded, they're purchased by a cattle buyer. Profit, you know obviously we're putting money in, we're hoping to be taking money out. You know it's the nature of business.

Reeve Hipkin:

Okay. Okay if there's no further questions, in summing up what one comment I'll make is that as far as And so forth it's sort of like going to, I'll compare it to how a feedlot's kept is sort of like how someone keeps their house. There are good housekeepers and there are poor housekeepers. The only thing about this type of an operation is that when they sign up for this and if it is approved the municipality and Ag and Food, if there's a problem with excessive odours or excessive a real problem you can contact the municipality, but you can also contact Ag and Food and they will investigate and if the problem persists and if it's a severe problem the municipality will have the ability or does have the ability to shut this operation down. Cause you know it's a nuisance, we've gone through this with the chicken people and this last two summers, it's been the first two summers for quite a while, that I haven't had major major complaints from people living in the vicinity of the chicken operation.

And about 3 or 4 years ago we had to contact Ag and Food. We went down there, as a council we went and seen because we were getting complaints and we saw the problem and we experienced the problem so Ag and Food we invited them out to look into it. They looked into it they sent a letter to the operator, we sent a letter to the operator, asking them to clean up and to follow good practices and to my knowledge, they must be following them, because I'm not hearing a lot of loud noises and complaints. So the same will stand for any intensive livestock operation or any livestock operation as far as that goes.

You know you do have a way to handle the problem but I would suggest that this type of operation is probably going to be less troublesome than one that was taking them from weaning right through to finish because they're going to be leaving apparently when they're 8 7 800 lbs. so you know they're not going to be there possibly as long. That's what I've heard tonight from this and what I've heard from you people is that you're concerned about your water supply, you're concerned about noise, you're concerned about odour, some of you are concerned about property values. And so I guess as a council we're going to take your comments back, we've got them recorded, both on the recorder and Darcie has been taking notes as well and we'll be holding a council meeting the day after tomorrow.

I'm not sure whether we'll vote on this at that time or not. It will be up to council to decide whether or not someone puts a motion forth to vote on it. I will entertain the motion when it comes. So thank you all for coming. And I think Brent and Mark and they're wives would be glad to talk to any of you one on one. If any of you want to contact either Ed or myself with any of your concerns or maybe any of council we are available and I'm busy harvesting right now, you can leave a message on my answering machine and I will get back to you. So thank you all for coming out.

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