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I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE CEC FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE SUBJECT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY OF THE HOG INDUSTRY IN MANITOBA. IT IS GOOD THAT THE CEC WILL LISTEN TO CRITICS OF THE HOG INDUSTRY AND THEIR SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN THE PROTECTION OF THE ANIMALS QUANTITY OF LIFE WITH THE RESULTANT PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE HEALTH OF OUR GROUND AND SURFACE WATERS, OUR SOIL AND OF COURSE THAT OF OUR AIR. MAY I ASSURE THE HOG INDUSTRY IF THEY IMPROVE THEIR PROTECTION OF THE ABOVE THE INCREASINGLY ENLIGHTENED HEALTH CONSCIOUS CONSUMER WILL ACCEPT THE INCREASED COST OF THEIR PORK. ONE CANNOT INCREASE TRUST IN THAT INDUSTRY BY DENIAL AND PUTTING BLAME ON CRITICS OF THEIR PROFIT ORIENTATED ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES. THE CONSUMER HAS EVERY RIGHT TO BE A VOCAL PARTNER IN THE MEAT THEY PURCHASE AND CONSUME.

THE PUBLIC EXPECTS THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, WITH THE HELP OF SUCH COMMUNAL PROCESSES AS THESE CEC HEARINGS, TO ENSURE THAT THE HOG INDUSTRY RAISES THE ANIMALS UNDER THEIR CARE WITH RESPECT FOR THEIR NATURAL LIFE PROCESSES AND THEIR FEELINGS AS LIVING CREATURES. IF THE PUBLIC PERCEIVES THE HOG INDUSTRY AS BEING GIVEN TOO MUCH LEeway TO ABUSE THE QUALITY OF ^{LIFE OF} THE ANIMALS UNDER THEIR CARE BY OUR GOVERN-

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UNPOLLUTED WATER IS KEY TO HUMAN HEALTH AND WELFARE. IT IS THE GOVERNMENT'S JOB TO ENSURE ALL SENTIENT BEINGS ARE LOOKED AFTER. WE MUST ASSURE WHAT WE CONSUME IS SAFE AND HEALTHY; WHETHER IT'S FOOD OR WATER. INDUSTRY CONSTANTLY REMINDS US THEY FOLLOW GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS. THEREFORE IT IS THE PROVINCE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO REGULATE THE HOE.

INDUSTRY AS STRICTLY AS NECESSARY WHETHER IT'S THEIR FEED, THE WATER THEY CONSUME, THE AIR THEY POLLUTE OR THE MANURE THEY SPREAD.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BARE THIS RESPONSIBILITY. IN MY R.M. OF NORNE OUR COUNCIL HAS DUCKED THE RESPONSIBILITY TO LOOK AFTER THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH BY DENYING TO ENACT A LIVESTOCK BYLAW. FORTUNATELY THE PROVINCE HAS FORCED OUR R.M.'S. TO DEVELOPE SUCH BYLAW'S

② UNDER THE NEW TRAINING ACT. SO AT LEAST WE HAVE A BEGINNING. HOPEFULLY REGULATIONS GOVERNING I.H.O.'S. WILL RELAX AND BECOME STRICTER SO AS TO ENHANCE WATER AND AIR QUALITY AND UNLIMPLY ANIMAL AND HUMAN HEALTH.

AN EXAMPLE OF THE FAILURE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S SYSTEM TO PROTECT ITS WATERWAYS IS THE NEW BYLAW IN THE R.M. OF HORNE.

OUR WATERSHED GROUP (THE ROSKIE CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION) WORKED WITH THE R.M. OF DUFFERIN (SURROUNDS THE TOWN OF CARMAN) IN THE LAST TWO YEARS LEADING UP TO HORNE'S CREATION OF IT'S OWN DEVELOPMENT PLAN. DUFFERIN, UNLIKE HORNE, IS DOWN-STREAM FROM US IN OUR WATERSHED WHICH INCLUDES ROSKIE CREEK, THE BOYNE RIVER, MYR CREEK AND ALL FEEDING INTO STEPHENFIELD LAKE, THE MAIN SOURCE FOR THE PEMBINA VALLEY WATER CO-OP WHICH FEEDS TREATED WATER TO MANY TOWNS SUCH AS HAYWOOD, ST. CLAUDE, CARMAN, ROSKIE, MIAMI, ETC. AS WELL AS MANY FARMS IN THE AREA. THE R.M. OF HORNE INITIALLY DECIDED TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE R.M. OF DUFFERIN OVER THE MATTER'S CONCERNS WITH POLLUTED WATER COMING FROM THE FORMER R.M. WITH IT'S RAPID GROWTH OF I.H.O.'S. DUE TO THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF OUR WATERSHED GROUP WORKING WITH THE R.M. OF DUFFERIN AND MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF WATER STEWARDSHIP AND M.B.

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CONSERVATION AT THE LEG., WE MANAGED TO ACHIEVE SOME COMPROMISE SETBACK DISTANCES FROM THE R.M. OF LORNE ALONG THE WYKE AND ROSSIE CREEKS (THE LATTER THE LARGEST SINGLE FEED TO THE BOYNER.) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW I.H.O.'S. IN LORNE'S DEVELOPMENT PLAN. HOWEVER, SINCE THE R.M. OF LORNE HAS NOT BEEN KNOWN TO REFUSE ANY PROPOSAL FOR A NEW I.H.O. WE HAVE NOT GIVEN UP ON OUR EFFORTS TO PERSUADE THEM TO IMPROVE ON THEIR BYLAW.

THE PROVINCIAL PLANNING PROCESS IS FLAWED. THREE SEPARATE HOA I.H.O.'S WERE APPROVED IN OUR R.M. EVEN THOUGH THEY DID NOT MEET THE PROVINCE'S FARM PRACTICES GUIDELINES. THESE WERE; PICARDIE FARM 1/2 MI. S. OF ST. LUPICIN, MARTIN GRENIER BARN 1 MI. SOUTH OF NOUVE DAME DE LOURDES AND THE CHARRIERE BARN TWO MILES EAST OF LOURDES. THIS HAS REALLY BECOME A SOCIAL AS WELL AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE. NO PARTY SEEMS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY. OUR COUNCIL ORIGINALLY HAD NO LIVESTOCK BYLAWS AND REFUSED TO ENACT ONE UNTIL THEY WERE FORCED TO BY THE PROVINCE VIA THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN. THANKS TO THE PROVINCE FOR THIS BABY STEP.

TECHNICAL REVIEWS, WHICH THE PROVINCE MANDATES,

(5) ARE SIMPLY ADVISORY. SINCE THE REVIEWS DID NOT SAY NO TO CONSTRUCTION OUR COUNCIL SAW THIS AS AN APPROVAL PROCESS.

FOR EXAMPLE, PICARDIE FARMS' PROPOSAL DID NOT ORIGINALLY MEET THE FARM PRACTICES GUIDE LINE OF TOO MANY DWELLINGS WITHIN A MILE OF THE PROPOSED SITE ACCORDING TO THE TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE. HOWEVER, THEY WERE REVERSED THEIR DECISION WHEN OUR COUNCIL ARBITRARILY REDUCED THE NUMBER OF DWELLINGS AND OF COURSE OUR COUNCIL APPROVED THE PROJECT. WHEN THE NEIGHBOURS TO THE PROPOSED PROJECT POINTED OUT THIS DISCREPANCY TO THE FARM PRACTICES BOARD THE BOARD'S RESPONSE WAS THAT THEY COULD NOT DEAL WITH THEIR COMPLAINT UNTIL AFTER THE OPERATION WAS UP AND RUNNING. TALK ABOUT A CATCH 22! IT IS OBVIOUS THE GOVERNMENT MUST IMPROVE ON THE COMPLAINTS PROCESS BEFORE E.N.O. PROJECTS ARE PERMITTED TO BUILD.

IN YET ANOTHER CASE JUST WEST OF SOMERSET ON HWY. #23 AN E.N.O., WHICH HAD BURNT, WAS ORDERED REBUILT ON THE SAME SIZE BY THE INSURER ACROSS THE ROAD AND LESS THAN 600' FROM MR. BOIN ACHESON'S FARM. THIS IS NOT THE BARN PROPONENT'S FAMILY. GOOD GOVERNMENT COULD HAVE INTERVIEWED AND MANDATED INSURANCE COMPANIES

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TO PERMIT RE-CONSTRUCTION OF SUKA BARN AS ANOTHER SITE MORE EQUITABLE TO THE NEIGHBOUR AND THE BARN OWNER(S). THIS COULD MAKE FOR BETTER AND HEALTHIER RELATIONSHIPS IN FARM COMMUNITIES. WHO'S DRIVING THE PLANKING TRAIN ANYWAY?

NOW, IT IS KNOWN THAT IT TAKES 4,000 TO 5,000 LITRES OF FRESH CLEAN WATER TO PRODUCE ONE, YES ONE (1) KIND OF PORK. AN 8,000 FEEDER OPERATION SUCH AS THE PICARDIE SITE SOUTH OF ST. LUPICIN USES APPROXIMATELY 160 MILLION LITRES OF CLEAN WATER A YEAR ACCORDING TO MANITOBA AGRICULTURE. THIS IS AT A TIME WHEN SCIENTISTS ARE WARNING OF GLOBAL WARMING AND PROLONGED DROUGHT. MUCH OF THE WATER IS USED TO MAKE THE HOG MANURE INTO A SLURRY TO MORE EASILY (AND CHEAPLY) SPREAD ON THE LAND WHICH CAN AND DOES CREATE HAZEROUS RUNOFF AND SEARING INTO AQUIFERS. THIS MUST CHANGE. GOVERNMENT MUST MANDATE COMPOSTING MANURE SYSTEMS AS A REAL BEGINNING TO PROTECT OUR GROUND AND SURFACE WATERS. STRAW BEDDING SYSTEMS MUST BE USED SUCH AS IN THE BIO-TECH BARN OR THE PURE LEAN PORK HOG PRODUCTION SYSTEM (www.purelean.com).

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LIQUID MANURE PITS, EVEN WITH PLASTIC LINERS, ARE KNOWN BY ENGINEERS TO 'SEEP' UP TO 10% INTO THE EARTH AND AQUIFERS BELOW. NO, THEY DON'T 'LEAK'. THIS DOES NOT HAVE TO HAPPEN. IF JURISDICTIONS IN EUROPE, THE U.S.A. AND EVEN QUEBEC CAN PRODUCE HIGH QUALITY PORK PROFITABLY BY USING ABOVE GROUND MANURE STORAGE TANKS, USING MANURE COMPOSTING, NOT USING ANTIBIOTICS UNTIL AN ANIMAL IS SICK, NOT USING SOW GRATES AND BY USING STRAW BEDDING THEN WHAT IS TO PREVENT OUR GOVERNMENT FROM GRADUALLY REGULATING THE SAME PROCESSES HERE IN MANITOBA. CORPORATE HOG PRODUCERS MUST CATCH UP WITH THE REST OF THE ENLIGHTENED WORLD. THEY OUGHT TO WAKE UP TO CONSUMER CHOICE. THEY JUST MIGHT FIND COMPLIANCE, CO-OPERATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY WILL PROFIT THEM MORE THAN RESISTANCE AND DENIAL AND THEIR EXPENSIVE 'GOOD' SCIENCE. LET US WORK TOGETHER, CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS TO CREATE A MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE PASTIER AND MEATIER MEAT SO THAT'S DEBATE CAN GO AWAY.

WE CANNOT PROVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY OF THE HOG INDUSTRY WHILE WE'RE CONSTANTLY ADDING NEW BARNS. JUST LIKE

⑧ A FIREMAN CAN NOT PUT OUT A FIRE IF WE
KEEP ADDING FUEL TO THE FIRE.

PLEASE, LET'S MAKE THIS PAUSE INTO A PERMANENT
MORATORIUM.

NINE TO TEN MILLION HOGS IN MANITOBA IS
MUCH MORE THAN ENOUGH.

THE HOG INDUSTRY SHOULD NOT HAVE TO BE
REMINDS THAT OVER PRODUCTION LEADS TO LOWER
PRICES AND EVEN COLLAPSE OF THE MARKET.
AND HOW IS THAT SUSTAINABLE?

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