

My name is Laura. I am a wife and stay at home mom. I moved to the Anola area in 2021. I had lived in Winnipeg for 36 years. It had been my life's goal to move out to the fresh clean tranquility only country living could provide. Finally, after years of saving and years of looking at properties, we found our forever home. A place we could raise our daughter without the constant worry about polluted air, noise, light, and enjoy the wonderful minerals only clean well water can provide.

Upon moving here to Springfield, speaking with the tight knit community, it was brought to my attention that my life's dream... could be destroyed – by Sio Silica. When I heard, read, researched and got in touch with our local like-minded environmentally conscious community... I was immediately sick to my stomach. I felt dizzy, sick, had heart palpitations, started crying. Needless to say I was devastated to hear that Sio Silica was attempting to bully their way in and destroy our environment, our wildlife, and our people's lives.

Every time I see the Sio ads in our local paper I get physically ill. Heart palpitations and nausea, anxiety so high I can barely function. When I receive Sio pamphlets I am disgusted by the ignorant nature of which they are written. Sio itself isn't certain of the damage it will cause, yet they would like to pursue.

Sio has been made known through every avenue possible that they are not welcome here in Springfield; yet they are still buying their way in.

My most recent disgust was the letter written to Springfield residents direct from CEO Feisal Somji. I had almost threw up in my mouth. He attempted to humanize himself by discussing his sick daughter needing and having an organ transplant. The letter was completed with a picture of himself and this daughter he spoke of. There was no picture of his complete family; all his children and wife...No, instead he knowingly made the choice to exploit his daughter for personal gain.

Also in the personal letter from CEO Feisal Somji, he mentioned providing up to 300 jobs, job security for our children, maybe some stores, maybe tax rebates. He had said so many arrogant uneducated statements, I got instantly gravely concerned as he is obviously someone whom cannot be trusted. If he had even bothered to look at a map (at the very least of efforts), he would see his perspective site of decimation is only minutes to all the shopping amenities and jobs anyone would ever need. It is a short drive to the city of Winnipeg. The Springfield community of which he is delusional in thinking needs jobs and stores... this community... is HERE ONLY FOR PEACE AND QUIET, CLEAN AIR, CLEAN WATER. We all take the short drive to work, to come home to tranquility and wildlife. I was honestly both disgusted by him, and embarrassed for him. Sio has no respect, it's only about Sio's personal gain, and I am not fooled by phony PR or propaganda.

I couldn't be more against Sio Silica bullying their way in to my community. To think that they could – against the greater community's wishes - continue to pursue the scariest environmentally damaging silica extraction. Risk human life. Risk killing people with tainted drinking water, sending silica particulates in the air ((I am aware it is a slurry method); however any statements made stating otherwise I simply cannot trust). Causing mental illness with 24/7 365 processing; noise pollution, light pollution, air pollution, water pollution. Making the CN Rail even more busy as they plan to all so take advantage of that. So more train horns and passing trains to listen to and watch out for. All the wildlife they will kill and displace. The trees which clean our air - taken.

Another fact is that after they conclude extraction, after they've taken everything they can from mother nature, from Springfield residents... they will abandon. They will abandon the land they've destroyed, abandon the thousands of wells, abandon the residents who's lives they destroyed. Abandon the displaced struggling wildlife. Abandon the Cancer they've created. All without an ounce of guilt. Without regard for human and animal life. Without a care in the world *for our world*. As far as Sio's positive 'swing' on their purpose such as selling their silica for positive outcomes "for the good of man" hypocritically contradicts the damage it will do daily as a processing plant, and the long term damage it will do to our local environment. That being said, non-locally there is a possibility the silica will be sold to be used in the fracking industry. Just one of the branches of destruction this proposed project will feed.

So NO to SIO SILICA

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