



Rural Municipality of Stuartburn

Minutes of the Public Hearing for Canada Sheep & Lamb Farms Inc. held on Tuesday March 8th, 2016 at 7:00pm at the Vita Hall, Vita, Manitoba

Present: Deputy Reeve: Ed Penner
Councillors: Dan Bodz and Jerry Lubiansky
Chief Administrative Officer Lucie Maynard, CMAA

Reeve Swidersky and Councillor Narth are in attendance as ratepayers and not as elected officials.

The purpose of the public hearing were to hear representations from any persons who wish to make them in respect to the following matters:

1. By-law No. 128-2015 - Being an amendment to *The R.M. of Stuartburn Zoning By-Law No. 098/2011* - To rezone a portion of land in the area generally described as being part of the SW ¼ 28-3-8E from "A1" – Agriculture 1 to "IC" – Rural Industrial/Commercial Zone, as shown bounded by a heavy broken line and labelled "IC" on the attached map.
2. Conditional Use Application C4-15-190900 - To allow for the establishment of a livestock operation of 15,000 feeder lambs producing 945 animal units (A.U.) in the A1 – Agriculture 1 Zone in the SW ¼ 28-3-8E.
3. Variation Application V1-16-190900 - To vary the required minimum setback in Table 6.2 from an animal confinement facility to a single residence from 1180ft to 680ft in the SW ¼ 28-3-8E.

Chairman Ed Penner opens the hearing at 7:00p.m and provides an outline of the Hearing Process as well as clarification on Petitions and Conflict of Interest to the audience of approximately 95 people.

Manitoba Community Planners Stephen Walker and Simi Jerez are present to go over their report for the Zoning By-law Amendment.

Provincial Reps from the Tech Review Committee (Andrea Bergmann, Petra Loro, Clay Sawka, Dave Vielfaure, Don Malinowski and Mamoon Rashid) are present. Don Malinowski goes over the Technical Review Process as well as the technical review report for the Intensive Livestock Operation proposed by Canada Sheep and Lamb as part of the Conditional Use process.

The CAO presents her report and recommendations to council and the audience.

The Applicant Pat Smith of Canada Sheep and Lamb goes over the proposal for the 15,000 feeder lamb operation and processing plant. The intention is to provide 200 jobs in total, 40 of those people would be needed immediately once the plant is in operation, which would include a full time veterinarian. They are willing to provide training to those with little or no farming experience. Expects to invest \$15 Million in the RM of Stuartburn.

Chairman Penner opens the floor to the audience to make representations:

Kevin Moen – questioned why the public was only involved in step 9 of the Technical Review Process.

Paul Stamper – in favor of the applications however questions why Mr. Smith is no longer part of the Sheep Coop.

Jim Swidersky – spoke in favor of the Conditional Use application. Urges council to recognize the history of the area and to protect the cemetery, view the present and welcome new people to the area with new ideas, potential to lower taxes and school taxes, more employment and look to the future and the benefits to this municipality as well as surrounding municipalities, it would help the realty business and the school. He recommends that Mr. Smith enters into an agreement with the cemetery committee, adhere to yearly site visits and that a road maintenance agreement be put in place to address road improvements as well as depredation.

Tiffany Tuurenhout – opposed to all 3 applications. Questioned the process and how their residence could have been overlooked during the Site Assessment for the Technical Review Application. Does not agree with applicant being able to apply for a variance. She does not want plant and operation so close to her residence.

Ben Tuurenhout – opposed to all 3 applications. Feels they were not properly informed or involved. Concerns with the size of the operation at such a close proximity to their residence. Concerned with the odor from the processing plant as well as the unknowns, like traffic, flies and noise.

John Berg – questioned why the variance does not apply to his property as he is just a couple hundred feet further than the Tuurenhouts. He also has drainage concerns due to the proximity of swamps.

Jennifer Greaves – opposed to all 3 applications. Moved to the area to get away from the industrial world and enjoy the peace and quiet. Questioned the validity of the spread acres and the potential for clearing of land to those signed up for spread acres and the lack of information provided to those signing up spread acres. Questioned Mr. Smith's business violations in the RM of Hanover. Concerned as to flies, air quality, odours, and spreading of manure near the cemetery. Also questions a previous variance that was denied due to opposition and the setting of precedents. Stated displeasure with the Reeve and Ward Councillor not taking part of the voting process. Requested clarification on Halal Certification.

MAFRD Rep Mamoon Rashid provided clarification on Halal Certification.

Jarvis Swerda – Concerned with the amount of water the processing plant and operation would be using and the effects on the quality of water to the remaining landowners.

Darryl Kantimer – feels that the people were not properly informed about the proposal, questions the validity of the spread acres and the comment made by CWS over a phone conversation with him. Does not want council to “sell us out” to foreign investors. Mr. Kantimer also reads an e-mail sent by Mr. Darryl Burmey rescinding his earlier e-mail of support due to concerns of the proximity of the slaughter plant to his “campground”.

MAFRD Rep Petra Loro explains the review of suitable spread acres.

Willy Basorowich – in disagreement of all council members not participating in the voting process.

Janice Kantimer – questions the applicant on the number of jobs that will be created specifically if RM of Stuartburn residents will be given priority.

Chairman Penner closes the public hearing at 9:46 PM

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Lucie Maynard, Chief Administrative Officer

Ed Penner, Deputy Reeve