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Submitted values are:

I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, December 12, 2022

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Silverwood Heights Community Association

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Monday Dec 19th 2022

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Administration to examine all possible legal options to deal with the rendering plant

Comments:

Hello,

I live in the Lawson Heights neighborhood and I am the Safety Coordinator for our community association. I work for SHA as a Safety Specialist. There is an animal rendering plant West Coast Reduction (WCR) located on Miners Ave. The rendering plant produces extremely rank smells. There are schools, restaurants and churches in very close proximity to this location.

There have been many complaints brought up by the residents of the neighborhood, however no one knows who to report these concerns to. It is said they have only had 11 smell complaints but again the whole north end community is complaining about this and they do not know where to place complaints.

The smell is the smell of death, many of our residents have said this. The manager of TC Industrial Tire, located just a few steps away from the plant has been on record stating 'Some days, especially in the summer, he said he can't stand in the parking lot for longer than five minutes'

Do we know if any air monitoring has been done since this plant has been operating and do the public have access to this data? What is WCR plan to reduce the smells they are emitting? Who is monitoring the air they are pumping into the north end? Do they meet all regulations for operating and have they proven this?

I think the bigger issue is with the growth of the city there is a large population living very close to this industrial zoned area. The industrial zone may need to be looked at as it is very close to 51st street which is commercial and very close to Silverwood Heights schools and churches.

The other concern is animal rendering plants may emit volatile organic compounds (VOC's) some of which are malodorous, while others are consider hazardous. So, we have the odor concern as well as possible carcinogenic risks and toxic effects due to the VOC emissions.

I had also reached out to our provincial air quality team and they are looking into the specific pollutants that they release to see if that would trigger an environmental protection plan under our Industrial Source Air Quality (ISAQ) chapter.

I have seen in other cases (Quebec and the states) that the animal rendering facilities are not meeting requirements to filter out these VOC's and have had heavy fines and in some cases the city has actually shut down the plants for not meeting requirements.

I have a young family and air quality in our residential areas should be held to the greatest standard, especially if they are emitting VOC's. Perhaps tabling a air quality policy for the city would be a great next step to keep our air clean.

In November of 2022 as most of you know there was a pile of pig carcasses left outside that caused quite the commotion on our end of the city. The smell isn't related to just this occurrence.

I am advocating for the North End of Saskatoon's residents that WCR plant is moved to a better suited location or a deep look into the practices and what is actually being emitted and breathed in by the residents of the North End of Saskatoon.

Comments from residents:

"I think it's the newly reopened rendering plant, and it's brutal... No way that thing should be allowed in the middle of a city."

"That's the everyday smell of Lawson/Silverwood Courtesy of West coast reducers on Miners avenue"

"As everyone else has mention it's the rendering plant on miners Ave. Our secondary warehouse is across the street from it and some days you can hardly open the door without gagging. Not sure why it isn't further North away from some of the more condensed businesses"

"It's coming from across the train tracks from the west it seems. Is there a dog food factory or something? Anyone have any ideas?"

"it's horrible and getting stronger."

"The plant was shut down for a few years but recently reopened. Full steam ahead you can practically taste the rotting flesh"

"I've been smelling it for several hours all over the north end of town (Lawson, Silverwood). Smells like rotting bananas mixed with ammonia."

"I work in north industrial (far north end, Marquis and Arthur Rose) and I spend a fair amount of time on this end of town, and sometimes there is this insanely unpleasant odour coming from somewhere up here, it's hard to describe, but if you've smelled it you 100% know what I'm talking about"

"Because there are shockingly absent air regulations in our province. The province points the finger to the municipality etc"

"I have been wondering this for so long!!!! It's almost like the smell of a pool and mold mixed together"

"It's disgusting and vomit inducing and not reasonable at all for people to have to suffer this. I live in Lawson and some evenings the smell permeates into my home. I haven't complained to city council yet but this stinky industrial business should not be in such close proximity to residential areas or even the commercial area along 51st"

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