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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

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Jennifer

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What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: December 19, 2022

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: West Coast Reduction Smell Mitigation

Comments:

I have been a homeowner in Silverwood heights for the last 11 years. As an active family, a major draw for us is proximity to the trail system and riverbank where we spend much of our time outdoors. Something has changed in

the last six to eight months where a west wind (our prevailing wind) brings an indescribable stench on the neighbourhood. I am familiar with the U of S barns and the water treatment plant smells, and this is not the smell. The stink of rotting flesh that is permeating the North end is unlike any other. I believe that the West Coast Reduction rendering plant has removed or failed to repair a component of their air filtration system. I work at a school on Redberry Road in Lawson Heights. I don't often do outdoor supervision, so I'm able to specifically recall the morning of Wednesday, November 23. I was on the playground and the Southwest wind was bringing the rendering smell right to the children playing outside. The following Saturday (November 26) the smell was so overpoweringly disgusting that I called the city customer service line. I was told to call West Coast directly, which I did at approximately 4pm. Their line was dead and wouldn't even ring. (I would like to note that this was after their literal pile of dead pigs was supposedly dealt with). I don't think it should be the responsibility of homeowners to contact the company directly, especially considering most of my neighbours don't know where the smell is coming from.

I understand the north industrial was zoned for heavy industry before the neighbourhoods were built, but the fact is, the neighbourhoods are here now and city changes bylaws all the time. When my home was built, the owners were allowed to have fires in the backyard whenever they wanted, but a bylaw was added in recent years to protect air quality. Likewise, homeowners are prohibited from owning laying hens in the city because no one wants to smell them. I believe this can be done with the North Industrial zoning as well. I don't think the smell of boiling rotten animals is something that should be normalized in an area with nine schools.

Thank you for considering my request to protect the air quality in our city.

Jennifer Peever

Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting?: No