

Dear Public Utility Board.

Elevator Construction for the New Canadian Wheat Board Elevator at Bloom started last spring and is being built next to the Canadian National Railway Main Line and is in close proximity to the NH<sub>3</sub> Anhydrous Ammonia Fertilizer Tank on the Trans Canada Highway West of Portage La Prairie. The elevator will feature a 17,400 tonne workhouse with cleaning facilities and 16,500 tonnes of steel storage capacity. A 130 car loop track will facilitate fast and efficient car loading at up to 60,000 bushels per hour. The elevator will be serviced by the Canadian National Railway Main Line.

The NDP Government in Manitoba want to put the Bipole III Hydro Transmission Hydro Towers and Lines a 130 feet from the circular loop track at the New Canadian Wheat Board Elevator at Bloom West of Portage La Prairie Manitoba and the Landowners and Landproducers and Farmers do not want the responsibility or liability if one of the Bipole III Hydro Transmission Hydro Towers and Lines land on the CN Railway or the circular loop track and derails a train and it then ends up either hitting the new Canadian Wheat Board Elevator or the NH<sub>3</sub> Anhydrous Ammonia Fertilizer Tank on the Trans Canada Highway at Bloom West of Portage La Prairie. Farmers do not want to come into contact with one of the Bipole III Hydro Transmission Hydro Towers and Lines with their large farming equipment and they land on the CN Railway or beside the circular loop track at the New Canadian Wheat Board Elevator landowners do not want this responsibility or liability now and the NDP Government are not taking no for an answer when the landowners tell them this. We have sent the NDP Government lots of emails for months and they are not listening to the landowners and are just steam rolling ahead and they are not listening to the landowners questions and answers and issues. And it is not right. Canadian National Railway worker have said if there is something lying on the Canadian National Railway like example one of the Bipole III Hydro Transmission Hydro or Transmission Hydro Line it self there is noway a train going 100km an hour is going to be able to stop in time without derailing the train or hitting what ever is lying on the train track and the landowners do not want this responsibility or liability noway.

The Bipole III Hydro Transmission Hydro Towers and Lines will be 1 mile and ½ two miles west of the NH<sub>3</sub> Anhydrous Ammonia Fertilizer Tank on the Trans Canada Highway which is far too dangerous and is putting everyones lives in danger. The RM of Portage La Prairie and the RM of North Norfolk KAP, Manitoba Aerial Applicators are opposed to the routing of the Bipole III Hydro Transmission Hydro Towers and Lines through highly productive Agriculture land in Westsern and Southern Manitoba. The proposed Bipole III Hydro Transmission Hydro Towers and Lines will Jepordizes the Safety of the Professional Aerial Applicators and has long term negative consequences to Agriculture Land and Producers in our area primarily rely on the Aerial Applicators to protect the quality of their grain crops and quantity of their crops and speciality crops like Canola for Club Root, Vercillium Longisporium Wilt, Black Leg, Scerlotinia, Beans, Corn. Potatoes and other cereal crops and oil seed crops as well for diseases, pest and insects and since many herbicides can only be applied once a year farmers in our area could experience unnecessary cost and they would be out thousands of dollars and farmers can not afford this now a days with the cost of everything. And leaving an area untreated would up te risk of our Pedigreed Seed Crops being reinfested and also when the fields are wet the farmers rely heavily on the Aerial Applicators to seed there crops and to spray there crops like it was in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and the list goes on.

Flying beneath powerlines without visual references at speeds of more than 200km an hour would be very risky for the Aerial Applicator as well it will jeopardize the Safety of the Aerial Applicators if you have the Bipole II Hydro Transmission Hydro Towers and Lines on your land and in close proximity to the NH<sub>3</sub> Anhydrous Ammonia Fertilizer Tank on the Trans Canada Highway and the New Canadian Wheat Board Elevator and the Aerial Applicators have told us and our neighbors that they will not spray our crops and neighbors crops which will leave many producers without many necessities which will hurt the Agriculture producers in our area. And the NDP Government in Manitoba do not care and realize how dangerous this really is. The Landowners do not want to be responsible for any of the Fertilizer, or oil ending up in Lake Manitoba and ruin the fish and the wild life neither and the NDP Government do not care and we do. If you have West Wind if something happens to the NH<sub>3</sub> Anhydrous Ammonia Fertilizer Tank those highly hazardous toxic dangerous fumes would reach Portage La Prairie, Long Plains, MacGregor, Westbourne etc. and surrounding areas and the landowners do not want this reliability or responsibility now and we need your help in telling the people how dangerous this is and our NDP Government in Manitoba do not care. And with all of the other activity going on in the world it would be a lot safer if the Bipole III Hydro Transmission Hydro Towers and Lines can be either rerouted or put under ground for everyone's safety and protection.

There are also other issues and questions that need to be answered by the NDP Government and Manitoba Conservation and they are Biosecurity, Manitoba Hydro say they have protocol and they do not follow it when they came on our Pedigreed Seed Land. On Pedigreed Seed Land Manitoba Hydro and other Utility Companies have to clean their equipment for weeds and debris and if they do not they will be denied access to our Pedigreed Seed Land as there have been these two new diseases that are affecting the Canola Crops in Manitoba and once you have these diseases in your crops it can ruin them and farmers can not afford this to happen and they are Club Root and Verticillium Longisporium Wilt, and there is 13 locations in Manitoba where Club Root has been found and 1 case of Verticillium Wilt in Manitoba and farmers do not want to get these diseases in their crops as it will also hurt the Canola Industry in Manitoba and the Agriculture Industry which we all rely on. And Manitoba Hydro are not paying the Landowners what Pedigreed Seed Land is worth.

Manitoba Hydro also want to put the Bipole III Hydro Transmission Hydro Towers and Lines on the bottom of a drainage ditch on 19-12-8 which the RM Of Portage La Prairie said that they can not and so did White Mud Watershed.

Portage District General Hospital also said that they would not be able to handle people if something happens to the NH<sub>3</sub> Anhydrous Ammonia Fertilizer Tank on the Trans Canada Highway like one of the Bipole III Hydro TRANSMISSION Hydro Towers and Lines lands on the CN Railway and derails a train and that train either hits the NH<sub>3</sub> Anhydrous Ammonia Fertilizer Tank on the Trans Canada Highway.

Portage La Prairie also has a flight training School where you have pilots training and flying their planes over our place and there is also a Telecommunication Tower kitty corner from the new Canadian Wheat Board Elevator and with all of the Terrorist Activity going on all over the world it would be a lot safer for everyone if the Bipole III Hydro Transmission Hydro Towers and Lines can be rerouted or put under ground for everyone's Safety and Protection.

Sincerely

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## RESOLUTION


Resolution # 2015 085

Moved By: Kevin Blight  
Seconded By: Roy Tufford

WHEREAS canola crops in Manitoba are subject to disease which can be spread when individuals do not take adequate steps to sanitize themselves or equipment before entering a canola crop;  
AND WHEREAS the Manitoba Canola Growers would like to see Manitoba Hydro and any of its contractors involved in the construction of BiPole III develop and follow a biosecurity plan to reduce the potential for contaminating canola crops;  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Portage la Prairie does hereby support the Manitoba Canola Growers Association request for Manitoba Hydro to develop a biosecurity plan during the construction and monitoring of BiPole III to ensure the adequate sanitation measures are in place to reduce the potential for the spread of disease that have a negative impact on canola or other crops grown on any of the land affected by the construction of BiPole III.

Carried

CERTIFIED to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed by Council on the date above mentioned.

  
Daryl Hrehirchuk, CAO