

November 30, 2019

Wheatland County
Hwy 1
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Strathmore, Alberta
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Dear Wheatland County:

RE: DP 2019-123 Proposal for a Kennel located at Plan 741 1110 Block 4 SE-6-24-25-4

We received a letter in the mail recently regarding this proposed application for a kennel permit. We have resided in this location since 1998 and have had Alpine View Pet Spa for a neighbor to the west of us for the same length of time. The only time we hear the kennel is during the winter months when sounds travel much easier, and those times are when the animals are being fed. The noise during this time is extremely energetic but short lived. Other than this time you would not be aware that the kennel is even located in our area.

I cannot say the same thing for the location that looking to apply for the kennel license with the main focus being the breeding of dogs. The dogs at this location bark continuously throughout the course of the whole day. We spend a great deal of time outside and have found that there is more noise coming out of the location that is not a kennel than the kennel located west of us.

On occasion when the dogs have entered our property and we went to speak to the owner of said dog we were met with a less than neighborly response to our request to keep the dogs at home.

In reading the proposed application there is a number of 10 adult dogs and their puppies which could possibly number over 50 animals at any given time. That is a conservative number and could possibly be higher. Nowhere within the letter does it state how these numbers will be monitored and verified. With the present level of barking that occurs we wonder what level of noise we can expect should this permit be granted.

Recently we have had the pleasure of having Township Road 240 go from a gravel road to a paved road. Since that has happened the vehicle traffic has increased significantly and a few of those people using Township Road 240 seem to be unable to read the speed limit signs. Residents need to be very careful in entering and exiting their property because of the increase in traffic and the rate of speed that they travel. Adding additional traffic to Township Road 240 may create some chaos as there is nothing in the letter to state how signage to the proposed breeding kennel and their hours of service.

We suggest that further information for control measures be provided to area residents before this permit is granted.

Sincerely,

Jan Morris and Calvin Hanson

Dear Wheatland County:

RE: DP 2019-123 Proposal for a Kennel located at Plan 741 1110 Block 4 SE-6-24-25-4

We have lived in our home now for 2 years, and have had a few meets with the owners of the applicant due to their dogs on the loose. The dogs at this location bark continuously throughout the course of the whole day and evening while we are closing our facility or are in the yard late outside. The noise bylaw we are required to follow for our facility, is quiet time between 9pm and 7am, this is not followed we feel, as we hear barking frequently later than this, during the night and early mornings.

We were told a while ago, Animal Care Center was called to vaccinate multiple pets on the property. As there was there was an outbreak of Parvo virus in the current facility, this virus can stay active for 10 years in the dirt. We feel this is a potential health threat to puppies there, as well as being in such a close vicinity to our business. This does not show a very strong control of basic health measures of the animals entering onto the property, as we were advised it was a random rescue brought to them.

As well, complaints have been sent to SPCA concerning the health of dogs and them visiting to assess them in the past. The future expansion of what is currently operating as a breeding facility and becoming more on the side of boarding, being larger and more dogs on site is a major concern for the health and safety of the dogs. We suggest that further information as in business plan, or health and safety plan, vaccine records and vet partnership for accreditation and monitoring be implemented in order to care for and manage the current amount of dogs on site.

In reading the proposed application there is a number of 10 adult dogs and their puppies (litters of 5-10 pups) proposed, which could possibly put the numbers to over 50-100 animals at any given time. That is a conservative number and could possibly be higher. In our experience with boarding dogs, that is a significant amount of dogs that two people, and possibly one employee will struggle with handling on a daily basis. The amount of cleaning, sterilization and fecal removal would be significantly more than we deal with for example, and have two employees plus our management staff available to help with daily.

We kindly ask that this application is not approved to expand to boarding, a larger facility and more traffic, as it will greatly affect the community noise currently, with concern for health and safety of dogs in their care presently, future and in the rare case our facility if there are disease break outs again.

Sincerely,

Michael and Kyla Janes