

Dagdick, Elise (CWS)

From: Dale LaMonica
Sent: August-05-14 10:43 PM
To: Dagdick, Elise (CWS)
Subject: Hydro lines

As stated on the website change.org, it was indicated to contact you to confirm an opposition to having new Hydro lines built in Sage Creek. We are **very** much opposed to this and if they *must* be added, we would like to have them buried.

LaMonica

Dagdick, Elise (CWS)

From: Brigitte L

Sent: August-05-14 10:39 PM

To: Dagdick, Elise (CWS)

Subject: Hydro corridor sage creek

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Thanks,

B.L.



Dagdick, Elise (CWS)

From: Jessica Keus
Sent: August-05-14 6:04 PM
To: Dagdick, Elise (CWS)
Subject: Investing in the Future

Hello Elise,

I would like to take the time to address the expansion of the Hydro Corridor through Sage Creek. As a soon to be resident of this "natural appealing" neighbourhood I was shocked to learn of the expansion.

I believe that there are additional options that should be considered before moving forward. Our preference would obviously be to have the lines buried. As I am sure this is extremely costly I was hoping that this is a project that could involve not only Manitoba Hydro but the residents of Sage Creek and Qualico.

Over the course of time I would assume property values would greatly increase for those along the corridor as well as the whole Sage Creek community if these lines were to be buried. This is an investment into our future. As I am sure residents would be willing to put forth funds to bury the lines.

The concern of the corridor is not only its image but it's safety for an upcoming school that will be practically backing onto the lines. There are millions of dollars being invested in this area and our future children there has to be a comprise that proves Hydro's invested interest in community.

Warm Regards,

Jessica Keus

Dagdick, Elise (CWS)

From: Dave & Michelle Wowchuk Sent: August-05-14 8:36 AM
To: Dagdick, Elise (CWS)
Subject: Sage Creek Hydro Corridor

Good morning,

We would like to add our voice to those who have already responded to the application being by Manitoba Hydro to the Environmental Approval Branch of Conservation and Water Stewardship.

When we purchased our home backing onto the Hydro Corridor in Sage Creek, we were not made aware of the future plans for additional towers/lines, and therefore would appreciate some consideration in the decision made to add lines. We are not in agreement, nor do we support the decision to add more lines, and at bare minimum, would like to see them buried in the Sage Creek area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dave & Michelle Wowchuk


Dagdick, Elise (CWS)

From: David Bastable

Sent: August-04-14 10:23 PM

To: Dagdick, Elise (CWS)

Subject: Hydro line in Sage Creek

Hi Elise,

Just a quick email to request the hydro lines in Sage Creek be buried rather than above ground. We have a young family and have moved to Sage Creek due to the beautiful green landscape and the hydro lines would ruin it all.

Warm Regards,

David Bastable



Dagdick, Elise (CWS)

From: southofsagecreek
Sent: August-04-14 9:39 PM
To: Dagdick, Elise (CWS)
Subject: St.Vital Transmission Complex - File 5719

The area of concern is the Manitoba Hydro corridor south of Sage Creek to the Floodway. Consideration should have been given to the number of lines in the corridor and fairness to those landowners beside it. There are already two power lines in this corridor (in the segment from the perimeter to the floodway) and with the addition of two more for this complex, there will be four.

The decreased property value, health risks associated with four lines (not studied by manitoba hydro), and the decreased enjoyment of life (having to look at them everyday), is a sacrifice that no other Manitobans have to make. Nowhere in Manitoba are there four rows of transmission line towers in such a narrow corridor running through the middle of someones property. And that's not fair.

Additionally, this land is within the City of Winnipeg boundary and will eventually be developed. Adding two more lines will significantly reduce its value (evidenced by sage creek residents objection to the addition of lines). Due to the protests of Sage Creek residents, Manitoba Hydro is combining two lines into one by "double circuiting" the lines through sage creek. But landowners beside the same corridor between Sage Creek and the Floodway have been ignored.

In the interest of fairness, Manitoba Hydro should:

1. Double circuit the segment from Sage Creek to the floodway or Compensate landowners bordering the corridor from Sage Creek to the floodway for the decrease in property values, health risks, and loss of enjoyment of life; or
2. Purchase the property between the perimeter and the floodway to avoid future issues such as those experienced in Sage Creek

Thank you.

Dagdick, Elise (CWS)

From: SC SPAK
Sent: August-04-14 6:26 PM
To: Dagdick, Elise (CWS)
Subject: Hydro corridor in sage creek

I received a notice online stating we were to be in contact with you by Aug 5th if we opposed the hydro corridor construction in sage creek and wanted the lines to be buried.

Please let me know if you need more information from us

Sent from my iPad

Dagdick, Elise (CWS)

From: Patrick Macchia
Sent: August-04-14 11:36 AM
To: Dagdick, Elise (CWS)
Subject: Hydro lines sage creek.

The SCRA, and other concerned members of the community, believe that there are additional options that should be considered before moving forward. While our preference will always be to have the lines buried, there are still other options that have not been discussed with the community. In Oregon, the community was presented with a similar situation - an existing 115kV line with the plan to add two additional 230 kV lines. The community was not pleased with the additional towers and worked with the utility company and arrived at a solution which had all the lines running on one set of towers.

P Macchia
Sage creek resident

Dagdick, Elise (CWS)

Subject: FW: Sage Creek Hydro Corridor

From: Scott LOEPP
Sent: August-04-14 11:16 AM
To: Dagdick, Elise (CWS)
Subject: Sage Creek Hydro Corridor

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to make you aware of my concerns with the expansion of hydro lines to the sage creek hydro corridor.

1st - Sage creek is suppose to be a natural landscape concept and these lines will do exactly the opposite. I have had to spend thousands of dollars on extras to the rear of my residence for architectural guidelines and all of a sudden they can add these unsightly towers. If we had to spend more money to make the corridor more appealing then hydro or Qualico should also have too

2nd - Winnipeg is a major city and to have a major power line run through a family development is crazy. We are no longer a farming city and should start developing like all other major city's and have smart infrastructure. Lines should run out of the city along bishop to the east and go around sage creek and then south. Major lines belong next to hwy's and unoccupied land, where there is no risk.

3rd - I understand that there is no evidence that supports wether they are safe, nor a health risk. But not having them next to houses guarantees no health risk. Why take the chance when there is other options.

I understand Hydro owns the land and has the right to do what they want with it, but the area is no longer a farmers field that it was at the time they acquired it. It is now a major development where family's call home. I only wish hydro would agree/see that it's not an option to run these line through sage creek or any other major development for that matter.

If you have time can you email me back to confirm you received this letter. I'm curious to hear your opinion on the matter. How can we stay up to date on the process.

Thanks,

Scott LOEPP



Dagdick, Elise (CWS)

From: Beverley Hedley-Kippen
Sent: August-04-14 9:38 AM
To: Dagdick, Elise (CWS)
Subject: Oppose hydro expansion in sage creek

Good morning,

I'd just like to send out my opposition for the proposed hydro expansion in Sage Creek. I'm 100% for exploring other options and burying the hydro lines in my community. We have children and I think it's in the best interest for my family and neighbours if this option(s) are considered instead of the alternative.

Thank you.

Sincerely

Beverley Hedley-Kippen & James Kippen

Sent from my iPhone

Dagdick, Elise (CWS)

From: Ashley Davis
Sent: August-04-14 3:40 AM
To: Dagdick, Elise (CWS)
Subject: Opposition to 5719.00

Hello Elise,

My name is Ashley Davis. My husband and I along with our three sons ages 7,9 & 11 recently purchased a lot in Sage Creek with plans to build our dream home for our family. We loved that the lot backed onto green space with walking paths and saw it as an area where our kids could play and explore. We did take note of the hydro tower that is already there in the corridor but thought it was far enough away from our property line. We were not aware of plans for additional transmission lines in the corridor.

Our concerns are: health risks associated with exposure to EMF's, as well as the simple fact that it is not visually appealing to look at a gigantic tower erected in your back yard. Sage Creek claims to be a "Naturally Appealing" community filled with ponds, walking trails and families to enjoy all that this growing community has to offer. The addition of more power lines would directly contradict the goals of Sage Creek as a community. Furthermore, we are concerned that property values would be decreased with the addition of more power lines. Please look at other options such as burying the power lines and take the residents concerns into consideration when making a decision.

Thank you for your time,

Ashley Davis

Sent from my iPhone

Dagdick, Elise (CWS)

From: Angela Taylor
Sent: August-03-14 5:02 PM
To: Dagdick, Elise (CWS)
Subject: Sage Creek Hydro Expansion

To the Department of Conservation and Water Stewardships Environment Approvals Branch,

I wanted to let you know that on behalf of my neighbors and family, that I am deeply concerned that our voices remain unheard. Sage Creek does not want and should not have additional power lines put into our green space or near our homes. If there are additional lines put in, it will reduce our quality of life and our property values.

I would hope that Hydro would reconsider the proposal and take family's voices into account.

I look forward to having this issue resolved with families in mind,

Angela Taylor
Sage Creek Resident.

Dagdick, Elise (CWS)

From: Nicole Hartleb
Sent: August-03-14 3:23 PM
To: Dagdick, Elise (CWS)
Subject: Opposed to hydro corridor expansion in Sage Creek

I am writing to express my opposition to the Manitoba hydro corridor expansion in Sage Creek. I am aware Manitoba Hydro has currently made its application to the Environmental Approvals Branch of Conservation and Water Stewardship. I support the actions of the Sage Creek Residents' Association in asking that Hydro delay any expansion until all options are explored.

As a resident of Sage Creek I am concerned for the health and safety of my family and friends, the safety of the many animals (particularly migratory birds), as well as the beauty of my neighbourhood and my property values.

Ultimately for myself and my family, this is a major safety concern.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Nicole Hartleb
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Dagdick, Elise (CWS)

From: Antonina De Pau
Sent: August-03-14 1:52 PM
To: Dagdick, Elise (CWS)
Subject: Against the Hydro corridor expansion in Sage Creek

Good afternoon:

I am writing to voice my families utmost rejection of the proposed expansion of the Hydro corridor in Sage Creek. When we initially approached and decided to build within this suburb there was no indication or acknowledgment of said possibility. Living in Europe these lines are forbidden within a certain distance of habitations and has been linked to leukemia within young children. How dare our government forge ahead and not take into consideration the number of young families that live within this neighborhood. How dare they put our children's health at risk. Community planning obviously has not been conducted appropriately in Winnipeg and if anything the government needs to step in and prevent this monstrosity. As a home buyer, a tax payer, a citizen and a family member I wish to advise I will strongly oppose and advocate against this proposal and promote a change within our governing body here in Winnipeg and Manitoba. I await your acknowledgment of this letter that I wish be added to the growing number of frustrated citizens of the inadequacies of this government.

Sincerely
Antonina and Patrick De Pau



Dagdick, Elise (CWS)

From: V N

Sent: July-30-14 10:54 AM

To: Dagdick, Elise (CWS)

Subject: Opposition to the Manitoba Hydro project (Sage Creek)

My name is Van Ngo, as a resident in Sage Creek I am expressing my opposition to the proposed addition of 2 Hydro towers running through Sage Creek.

I would like MB Hydro to use an alternate route around our residential area or at least bury the lines underground.

My concern is the increased EMF's by the addition of the towers, are they carcinogenic or not? This among many other unknown hazards. Mb Hydro may have presented pamphlets currently suggesting there are no risks to Humans or surrounding Environment. But to the best of my knowledge and research the current scientific studies best conclude that there are not enough studies done to conclusively say whether or not they are safe.

Also, I can live with one tower running through the corridor in Sage Creek but adding two more will ruin the look and feel in what was marketed as a "Naturally Appealing" neighborhood. Could you imagine three towers running through an ever growing residential area with an elementary school near it! They must use an alternative route! Plain and simple. I realize Mb Hydro owns the corridor but that doesn't mean they can ignore the residents concerns. It may cost MB Hydro more to use an alternate route or bury the cables but the current and future residents of the area demand it. People over profit!

I ask for your help in voicing our concern and demands in this matter to the highest authority in Mb Hydro. Thank you for your efforts in all our matters.

Van Ng

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[REDACTED]

Dagdick, Elise (CWS)

Subject:

From: jennifer ham

Sent: July-29-14 2:50 PM

To: Dagdick, Elise (CWS)

Cc: Premier (LEG); Municipal Government, Minister (LEG); Health, Minister (LEG); Conservation and Water Stewardship, Minister (LEG)

Subject: Proposed expansion to St. Vital Transmission Complex - Strongly opposed

Hello,

I am writing to indicate that I am adamantly against the proposed expansion of this transmission complex through Sage Creek. My husband and I moved to the area last October and had we known that this project would be taking place, we would not have purchased property in Sage Creek.

As new residents in this community, we feel as though we have not been adequately involved or considered in this process. Increasing overland power running through the corridor is not acceptable. We are troubled not only by the loss of the natural beauty in Sage Creek, but also by the potential health risks of living so close to these towers. We ask that you at least consider our perspective and work with us to seek alternative, mutually agreeable outcomes, such as consolidating or burying the lines.

We invite you to come to our community and see how close these towers will be to our home as well as the new school that will be constructed. Again, had I been properly informed about the expansion, I would not have purchased my home, which backs on to the corridor. We are worried about the potential health concerns associated with this project. As first-time home owners, we are also concerned about the value of our investment in this property.

I strongly believe that further discussion needs to take place before we determine the fate of the corridor running through Sage Creek. I am asking Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship to not grant approval to Manitoba Hydro until a more mutually agreeable solution can be reached.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Ham, 

Dagdick, Elise (CWS)

From: Greg Wolitski
Sent: July-29-14 9:17 AM
To: Dagdick, Elise (CWS)
Subject: Sage Creek Hydro Tower expansion

Good morning Elise,

As a resident of Wpg's Sage Creek residential development, I vehemently disagree with the proposal of additional above ground towers and transmission lines in our beautiful neighborhood. Sage Creek's motto is 'Naturally Appealing'. There is nothing 'natural', or 'appealing' about constructing unsightly hydro towers through our neighborhood. There is already one set of towers running through, and this really should be enough. I am aware that the specific strip of land is Hydro property....but you have another option at your disposal that has already been completed in other parts of Winnipeg: burying the transmission lines.

The amount of land that we are talking about is maybe a few regular street blocks long. That's it. The lines can emerge from the ground as soon as they exit the neighborhood. There are a couple of key reasons that I would recommend this action by Hydro:

1. Aesthetics. I trust that you are aware of Sage Creek. The goal of the neighborhood was to create a residential area unlike any in Winnipeg. There are wonderful tree lined streets with backlanes. There are multiple million dollar homes. There are native grasses growing. There are beautiful ponds. There are gorgeous birds in the grasses around the ponds. In short, we have a wonderful area here that would like to continue with the current aesthetics.
2. Health and Safety. With additional lines, and higher powered lines, the onus is on Hydro to present to residents that the additional lines will not cause any adverse health affects. So far we have not been given any scientific research laying out any claims that the proposed lines will not be a health concern. Again, the onus is on Hydro. Please show us that the proposed lines will not have adverse health issues. Nothing has been shown.
3. The school and our children. Elise, do you have children? Well, there are hundreds of children in Sage Creek, which is why the province had agreed to build a brand new school in the area. The school is set for completion in 2016. The additional lines would be put up very close to the school, and even closer to the outside park areas where the children would be playing. Please tell me how this makes sense. I have not heard a single argument why this possible action by Hydro has any thought or well-meaning behind it.

In closing, Hydro has a choice to make here. I get the cost argument. It's not lost on me. I understand business. But, we're talking about a small parcel of land here, that could be a huge detriment. I doubt that Hydro is suffering under the weight of incredible debt right now. MB Hydro is expanding. Business is good. So....MB Hydro....do the right thing here. Is there any consideration for the residents of Winnipeg, with regards to the pursuit of profits? Can a company and its board make a decision that will not adversely affect the citizens of the city that pay handsomely for their services? We're not asking for the world here, we're asking for some foresight and sober thought to make it right. So, make it right.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Greg Wolitski



Dagdick, Elise (CWS)

From: Jay Mysh
Sent: July-28-14 9:50 AM
To: Dagdick, Elise (CWS)
Subject: Hydro Expansion Sage Creek

Hi Elise

I am embarrassed by the NIMBY's in my neighborhood.

That hydro line pre-dates the neighborhood by decades. It is a highly visible structure and the space in between the lines and houses is extremely generous, even for more than one line.

Allow Hydro to expand by adding more towers. If people worry about health effects they should have never bought a home close to the lines to begin with, and if it really scares them, they can move.

Again, these lines were here for 50+ years to my estimate and the neighborhood less than 10. There is a generous amount of land to put another set of towers up.

This is brutal NIMBY'ism and it is embarrassing.

Sincerely,

Jay Myshkowsky



Dagdick, Elise (CWS)

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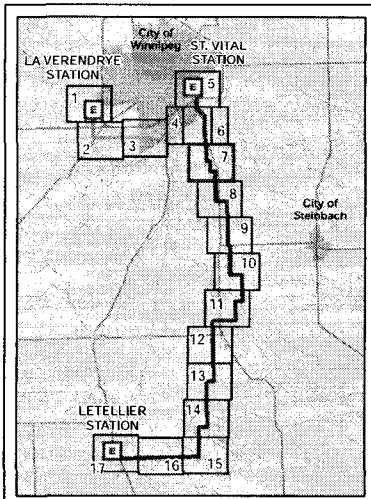
From: Don Doerksen
Sent: July-23-14 10:00 AM
To: Dagdick, Elise (CWS)
Subject: st vital transmission line

Good Morning Elise

I'm contacting you regarding the proposed St Vital Transmission line by MB Hydro. I live on The SE 1/4 of Section 29-8-4E and the line is proposed to go on the west side of Sec 28. This places the line very close to my house and farm yard which is my livelihood.

I'm not sure how this will impact my operation but there is always the concern of line buzz, stray voltage and just the inconvenience of this infrastructure so close to the yard. Would it not be the same cost or even more cost effective to keep the line going north of the 210 highway an extra 1/4 mile onto the field and then turn west to Falk Rd. (the west side of Sec 28), this is still on my property but at least I would not have this line so close to my house and farm yard. Thank you for this consideration, for comments you may email or call my cell at 204-346-3166.

Best Regards
Don Doerksen



St. Vital Transmission Complex

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- Electrical Station
- Final Preferred Route (V95L)
- La Verendrye-St.Vital (Y36V) Transmission Line

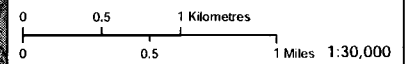
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- Community
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- Watercourse
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Coordinate System: UTM Zone 14N NAD83
 Data Source: MBHydro, ProvMB, NRCAN
 Date Created: May 13, 2014



Final Preferred Route 30k Map Folio



St. Vital Transmission Complex

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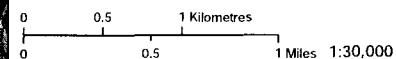
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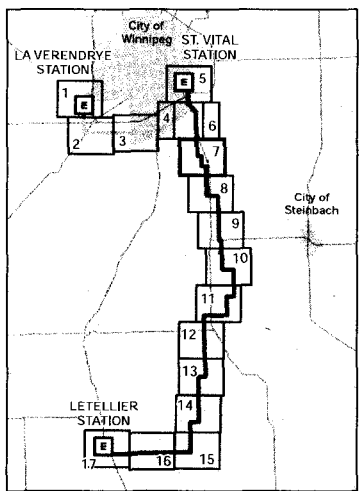
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SAGE CREEK

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July 14, 2014
Elise Dagdick
Environmental Approvals Branch
Conservation and Water Stewardship
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Winnipeg MB
R3C 1A5

Hello Ms Dagdick,

My name is Frank Capasso, President of the Sage Creek Residents' Association (SCRA). I am writing on Behalf of my Community; to express our concerns, regarding the proposed expansion of the St. Vital Transmission Complex.

We understand that Manitoba Hydro has applied for the Environmental Assessment Licence for the Manitoba Hydro St. Vital Transmission Complex.

The Sage Creek Residents' Association would appreciate more time to work with the Department of Conservation and Water Stewardship (CWS), Manitoba Hydro and the NDP Government on exploring the alternatives to the proposed expansion plans. It has come to light that other jurisdictions have faced similar situations and arrived at a solution which either saw the lines buried or had a new tower erected to sustain the transmission of 1-115 KV line and 2-230 KV lines (District of Columbia).

Health concerns aside, this is an issue that is dividing the Community. While the Community supports the economic development of the Province (through Hydro Exports), it should not be done at the expense of having our Community transformed into urban industrial parks. While it has been communicated to the SCRA that this particular project is not for export, energy that is currently being exported could have been rerouted to service southern Manitoba.

If reliability and redundancy is a concern for the electrical grid, buried lines are not susceptible to weather elements like overland lines would be. Provinces in eastern Canada have witnessed the impact of large storm systems crippling their power grid.

Nearly 500 people have signed a petition indicating their support for the lines to be buried.

With Sage Creek having a large young and growing population, there is heightened concern with the environmental and health impacts of the proposed expansion of the added lines within our Community.

The increase in power lines will transform the natural beauty of the area greatly by reducing the green space and creating an eye sore.

The expansion of power lines in the community will drive down property values.

This Community values its green space, healthy living lifestyle, trail system and the overall feel of the Community. While we recognize that Hydro owns the land; as a crown corporation, they have a responsibility to the people of Manitoba and stakeholders directly impacted by their construction practices. The SCRA is willing to work with all interested parties to arrive at a mutually agreeable decision. We are a reasonable Community; we look forward to having additional dialogue to resolve this situation.

It is the recommendation of the SCRA and its Residents, that the proposed plan be rejected by CWS and that a public hearing be granted for additional expansion options to be evaluated and considered more closely.

On behalf of Sage Creek Residents, I would like to request a meeting with you to discuss this further. I will follow up by July 25, 2014.

Please let me know when a meeting can be arranged. I assure you, this is the number one concern for Sage Creek residents.

Sincerely,



Frank Capasso

President

Sage Creek Residents Association

CC: Honourable Gord Mackintosh

CC: Honourable Stan Struthers

CC: Honourable Erin Selby

CC: Honourable Shelly Glover

CC: City Councillor Dan Vandal

CC: Scot Thomson Manitoba Hydro