

March 24, 2023

Mayor A. Harrison

Re: Proposed Pet Crematorium in South Canoe at 5491 10 Ave NE on Acreage Reserve A-2

We became aware of this proposal this morning while browsing the Friday AM and came across a single paragraph summary of the proposal. Further investigation found a more in depth article in the online report by Martha Wickett dated March 21. We do have an annual subscription to the Observer, but the article was not included in the March 22 printed version.

We find that the proposal was presented March 20 at the development and planning meeting, and has already come to the March 21 council meeting for submission to the ALC, with approval from the city's agricultural advisory committee. In Martha Wickett's report she notes that "Harrison added that council usually recommends applicants inform the neighbours of their plans. Although there won't be a public hearing, comments can be submitted to the ALC." However, as neighbours of the property, we only just read about this proposal today.

As the proponents have not told us of their plans, some of the questions we have are:

- What type of crematorium will be installed, a typical gas fired or AquaCremation?
- What waste might be generated, and how would it be handled?
- What is their business model regarding capacity of the crematorium initially on a daily basis, and what do they expect for growth? Our limited research tells us that average cats take ½ hour to cremate, large dogs and cut up horses can be two hours plus (smokestack emissions?).
- Will there be a retail Urn shop on site?
- What are anticipated hours of operation?
- Protection of East Canoe Creek, and the pond and wetlands on the north end?

These are some of the important questions for us as the site they are proposing is in full view of our back yard and garden, and is overlooked by our second story. We have been here for over 50 years, now onto second and third generations. We grow high quality feed hay adjacent to the site, and any potential harmful emissions concern us.

Perhaps this facility is more suited for a light industrial or commercial area.

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