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Subject: Noise from Big Digem

In the past two years, the noise from the industrial activity next to my home has increased a lot. It is very stressful to have to live with this noise.

It wasn't always this way. Port Washington is historically a farming neighbourhood. No one ever thought Big Digem would get so big when his TUP was approved ten short years ago! But now we know: the massive diesel trucks and backup beepers don't really fit into this small Rural neighbourhood.

It is a very tiny site so it has a big impact on me as neighbour. I am certain that if he is asked to go somewhere else, he will find a better place for everyone. His poor drivers have to back in across two lanes of traffic for every load here!

Furthermore, it is very difficult to comment on activities continuing from expired permits because the comments are not attached to any project. So no one in the community knows what is actually going on. This is a breach of the public trust. Please talk to your planning department and ask them why they thought the activities had ceased at one point?!

You should be getting input from local residents about the Big Digem operation. Do people know there is fuel storage and welding next to a community water supply? Do they know about the fire risk? There was a fire on the hillside below my home in April caused by welding. All this next to bulk fuel storage!

There should be a public hearing if this activity is to continue. If it is moving elsewhere, can we please get some kind of timeline for this? It is very stressful not knowing what is happening and not being heard.

I wish you would consider my comments because I actually pay you with my taxes, unlike the people next door who are running an industrial corporation on vacant Rural land.

The Landuse Bylaw Review Project said each property would be considered individually. When does Pender get to consider this ten year old operation that has clearly outgrown its temporary location?

Kind regards,
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