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The following is our statement from The Famous Sandy Hook Pier Committee regarding the Crystal Springs Colony Lagoon proposal. This Committee is tasked with ensuring our iconic community pier is a safe and thriving gathering space every season. We strongly oppose this proposal in its entirety for the following reasons:

1. Phosphorus Debt/Nutrient Overload:

Our lake is already sick and unhealthy, being 69% over phosphorus targets set by the International Joint Commission. To add this amount of manure anywhere in the RM of Gimli, where the soil's saturation is already a concern, is very detrimental to the health of Lake Winnipeg. The watershed simply cannot absorb additional nutrients from a huge number of birds.

2. Cumulative Impact:

The additional nitrogen and phosphorus load during spring runoff will accelerate toxic blue-green already blooms, which already threaten public health and local environment greatly.

3. Wetlands Destruction:

Removing a Class 3 wetland (0.12 acres) to construct industrial barns would destroy the natural kidneys of the lake, which are desperately needed to improve the overall health of the lake by filtering out toxins.

4. Proximity To Sandy Hook:

The farm run off is far too close to our community, especially our public swimming areas, and simply proposing a lagoon for such a large farm is not enough to protect our community.

Thus, we as TFSHP Committee strongly oppose this proposal.

Kathleen Booth-Smith on behalf of  
TFSHP Committee 2025-26

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