
From: CHRISTINE MILLER
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021
9:10AM
To: Rob Purdy
Subject: Questions...

Dear Rob and Christine:

We are still in a place of real confusion and distress about this, about the process, about the speed with which this has been sprung upon us before a decision will be made, and the lack of definite clear information about really concerning things.

One thing that is hugely worrying are the answers you two gave to Maureen Nicholson's question about waste disposal, and Rob's remarks about capacity, maximizing the equipment etc:

This is the transcript of what we're referring to:

[we cite the passages referred to in my posts]

Can you provide more clarity around these issues? Ie:

- how many litres of cider you intend to produce each year
- details on the siting of compost, and treatment of the pomace
- wastewater treatment – what is in place for this, where on site this goes
- have you had an environmental assessment/ hydrological impact assessment done by a qualified professional. If so, can you provide that report to us?
- do you have an environmental management or standards plan in place
- any other information on these issues you can share or provide

We need clear, definite information and answers about these things, not a conversation or chat, – we really, really need to see in writing specific and clear facts and parameters.

We're sorry if you feel that we're refusing to speak with you, or that all our worries would go away if only we'd come up there and let you show us around – this is so huge and worrying for us, we need written fact and the time and calm to look at and interpret it –

Yours,

Heather and Christine

From: "Rob Purdy"
To: "Christine Miller"
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 10:22:30AM
Subject: RE: Questions...

Thanks Christine,

- how many litres of cider you intend to produce each year: We're not exactly sure, it'll be a function of the fruit production and sales - our intention is to be a small community cidery – which is why I strongly support a restriction the square footage of the cidery.
- details on the siting of compost, and treatment of the pomace We have a few possible locations for compost – the heritage orchard matures over a period of four months which is very different from picking all the trees at once, it makes it much more manageable to deal with. The fruit coming from the Similkameen will be pressed there – and transported here as juice – no waste to deal with here.
- wastewater treatment – what is in place for this, where on site this goes Water is not an input in our cider production – our plumbing requirements are very minimal (sink and hose bib). We are working with VCH and a qualified wastewater engineer to implement a gray water system where any water that is needed in the cidery can then be used for irrigation on our cider orchard – to avoid water waste. We also plan to pursue organic certification, which will closely scrutinize this as well. And trust me, as I'm sure you've dealt with the various regulations for your horse stables, they are quite heavy handed – so these areas will be well covered.
- have you had an environmental assessment/ hydrological impact assessment done by a qualified professional If so, can you provide that report to us? Water is governed by the Province, via VCH, we are working closely with them to meet their requirements.
- do you have an environmental management or standards plan in place Again, we're working through the VCH process currently. The environmental impact of what we're doing is minimal, and also very important to us.
- any other information on these issues you can share or provide

Our intent with this whole project is to preserve the heritage orchard – in the exact way that Andre states in his opinion article – that's the reason we moved here. The cidery is intended to be a place to support community and promote biodiversity. I do think some unfair presumptions are being made about our intentions and our family. Christine and I are working in the rhodo garden all day today, feel free to stop by and say hi, but I also respect whatever approach you feel is best for you. We're happy to address any other questions you have.

Cheers!
Rob

From: "Christine Miller"
To: "Rob Purdy"
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 10:34:42 AM
Subject: Re:Questions...

Dear Rob;

Thank you for the information you've shared - we will process it and reflect further. We do feel that these issues are public interest questions, and ought to be addressed, explored and articulated openly and fully in the process, before any decisions are made,

Yours,
Heather and Christine
