

JUNE 12, 2017

ATT'N-TOWN/TWP OF MINTO COUNCIL
IN RE-HORSE MANURE

DEAR COUNCILLORS:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF MAY 19, 2017 REGARDING THE MATTER OF HORSE MANURE ON OUR ROADS/HIGHWAYS. - I HAVE SINCE BEEN CONTACTED BY SLOBODAN AND JELENA RADOJICIN (OF THE 12TH LINE) WHO SHARE MY CONCERN.

HAVING VISITED SEVERAL AREAS AND HAVING BEEN RAISED IN AN AREA WHERE HORSES PLIED THE ROADS ON A REGULAR BASIS LEAVING NO DROPPINGS I CAN ONLY CONCLUDE SOME MANNER OF CONTROL MUST HAVE BEEN IN PLACE. (SHOULD YOU WONDER WHY I DON'T KNOW FOR SURE, I GUESS BECAUSE IT WASN'T HAPPENING I DIDN'T QUESTION WHY IT WASN'T HAPPENING.)

AS TO THE MESSSES MADE ON THE ROADS BY TRACTORS/SPREADERS AS THEY GO FROM BARNYARD TO FIELD, GRANTED IT'S NASTY, HOWEVER, 1) IT'S SEASONAL, OCCURRING MOSTLY IN THE SPRING AND 2) IT SERVES AN IMPORTANT PURPOSE - FERTILIZING THE SOIL IN WHICH CROPS ARE GROWN, MOST OF WHICH EVENTUALLY MAKES IT'S WAY INTO THE FOOD CHAIN. HORSE MANURE ON THE ROADS IS 1) ALL SEASONS AND 2) SERVES NO USEFUL PURPOSE THAT I'M AWARE OF.

-- MY CONCERN IS NOT LIMITED TO SIDEROADS ALONE BUT INCLUDES THE SHOULDERS OF THE HIGHWAYS WHERE CARS/OPERATORS ARE TO BE WHEN TEXTING/TALKING -- (AS IF) -- AS WELL AS THE HIGHWAY ITSELF.

AND, AH YES, THE "SIGHTS AND SMELLS OF RURAL LIVING"; I HAVE LIVED MY ENTIRE LIFE (AT LEAST TO THIS POINT) ON A FARM. I HAVE PUT HAY INTO AND THROWN HAY OUT OF HAYMOWS, FED LIVESTOCK, MILKED COWS AND MUCKED OUT STALLS/PENS/GUTTERS - THE OLD WAY, WITH MANURE FORK AND WHEELBARROW, SO I'M FAIRLY WELL VERSED IN THE "SIGHTS AND SMELLS" THANK YOU.

TWO THOUGHTS TO CLOSE, 1) CAN'T COMMON SENSE/DECENCY/COURTESY PREVAIL IN THIS MATTER?, 2) CAN THE POINT BE MADE DIPLOMATICALLY? I LEAVE IT IN YOUR CAPABLE HANDS.

SINCERELY -
Jane Gibson