



Sask Ag investigating carcass disposal site in RM of Wawken

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Residents in the RM of Wawken have raised questions about the site in the RM which is in a sloughy area, and if chosen, could be used for a burial pit for livestock should a mass cull event occur.

“From what we understand, the provincial government was out doing some soil testing in January, and from what we understand it’s merely a proposed potential emergency disposal site,” said Kevin Kay, Mayor of Wawota—a community just south of the land in question.

“This particular site is right in the middle of the wetlands, so it really is not a good site for what they’re proposing.”