

Residents fight proposed animal shelter

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Frustrated residents asked city council to throw them a bone Tuesday by keeping a proposed animal shelter out of their neighbourhood.

The Flin Flon, Creighton and Area SPCA wants to build a shelter and headquarters near McKean Avenue, adjacent to Northern Bus Lines.

Council has yet to vote on whether to green light the project, but during their regular meeting, the position of at least a half-dozen nearby residents was made crystal clear.

“It just seems like a strange place to put a dog kennel,” said one woman, addressing both council and a Council Chambers packed with

over 30 people, mostly SPCA members.

A key concern from the opponents was the noise that would stem from a metal-clad facility housing up to about 25 cats and 20 dogs.

But SPCA President Debbie Hiebert said none of the animals will be kept outside and that the building will be completely sound-proof.

“You will have less noise coming from this building than you will have from your neighbour who ties his dog up outside,” said Hiebert, adding that the SPCA is not exempt from noise by-laws.

Others worried about unwelcome odours wafting onto their properties, but again Hiebert stressed there was nothing to fear.

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The location of a proposed SPCA headquarters and animal shelter.

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