Lysynski, Heather

From:

Saunders, Cathy

Sent: To: Friday, December 02, 2011 2:06 PM Lysynski, Heather, Bunn, Jerri-Joanne

Subject:

Fw: Planning & Environment Committee meeting Monday December 12th

Attachments:

Melanie Harvey Urbshotts letter.pdf

From: Melanie Harvey

Sent: Friday, December 02, 2011 02:04 PM

To: Saunders, Cathy

Cc: Louise (CL) Corriveau <Louise_Corriveau@canadalife.com>; don mckinnon <don.mckid@gmail.com>; karen sheppard <kshepkin@hotmail.com>; Brown, Matt; dionescu@rogers.com <dionescu@rogers.com>; urbyd@rogers.com <urbyd@rogers.com>; Donna Barr <donna.barr@sympatico.ca <Donna Barr <donna.barr@sympatico.ca>

Subject: Re: Planning & Environment Committee meeting Monday December 12th

Hello Cathy. Along with Mr. Don McKinnon, I also wish to request "status" and wish to speak at the next Planning & Environment Committee meeting due to take place Monday December 12th at 4:00 p.m. regarding lighting shed from the Storage and Moving Solutions facility.

Please find my letter attached.

Regards

Melanie Harvey Manager, Conference Services The University of Western Ontario Rm. 150, Lambton Hall 1421 Western Rd. London, ON, CANADA N6G 4W4

Attention: Cathy Saunder

I hereby request "status" at the next Planning & Environment Committee meeting. The meeting is scheduled for Monday December 12th at 4:00pm. At this meeting I wish to be presenting on the issue of the "Light Pollution" cause by the the facility operating as Storage and Moving Solutions.

Please find attached letter. I wish to speak on this issue, not just having the letter read in.

Thank you

Don McKinnon

Presentation for City of London - Planning & Environment Committee

December 02, 2011

Melanie Harvey-Urbshott 87 Acorn Place

My husband and I, along with our family, have lived on Acorn Place for approximately 13 years. During the past few years Fanshawe Park Rd., west of Wonderland Road, has progressed considerably. We have been fortunate to back onto an unoccupied area located on the north side of Fanshawe Park Rd. until the recent construction of the storage facility known as "Storage and Moving Solutions" at 715 Fanshawe Park Road. It is not that we are against city development but the fact it's a three storey building with extreme lighting that interferes with the quality of our living space. Correspondence sent to our home from the city did not explain that the facility would be a three story building with bright red and fluorescent white lighting that would flood the neighborhood. This lighting is affecting our quality of life – lighting up our whole back yard and seeps into our bedroom and other living space at the back of our house, not to mention all the properties on our street that back onto Fanshawe Park Rd. Our house backs square onto this facility. It does not help that the entire front of this building is glass. We have a hot tub in the back yard and it is like looking into a bright flash light.

Our suggestion would be to turn off the red lights (three stories high on either side of the building), turn off the red lights that span the whole width of the top of the third floor as well as the florescent strip lighting inside the building on the top two floors. We ask that the lights are turned off at a reasonable time such as 10:00 p.m. and remain off overnight. We feel it is not necessary for the whole building to be lit as well as the huge flashing advertising sign out front of the building. Motion sensors could be installed so that the 2nd and 3rd floor interior lights only come on when needed. This would intern reduce the hydro cost for the facility.

The home next to ours sold recently for lower than the asking price and lower than any home on our street has sold for over the last several years. According to a recent letter from MPAC our property taxes will be increasing, when in fact we feel they should be reduced. According to a real estate company – the value of our property has decreased by at least 20% due to the fact we back onto this three storey storage facility that is lit up like a Casino. We have worked so hard for our house and we are proud that our children have had the opportunity to grow up in such a nice and enjoyable neighborhood. The amount of money we feel our house has depreciated due to this structure would pay for our two children's University and College education!

In closing, we ask that the city approach the building owner to be reasonable and turn down/turn off the lighting.

Melanie Harvey-Urbshott