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Subject: [EXTERNAL] PEC Item 3.7 845-875 Commissioners Road East - Z-25141
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Please include the following comments on the Added Agenda for the April 14 meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee. I would like to speak during the public participation meeting.

Thank you.

I have a long-standing interest in the protection of the Westminster Ponds Environmentally Significant Area. In fact, I made my first presentation to City Council regarding protection of Westminster Ponds more than 50 years ago.

In the case of this application, I would have preferred to see no development, or perhaps development at a smaller scale. However, given the history of planning decisions affecting this property, I feel I must support the staff recommendation.

In particular on page one of the staff report, I support the proposed transfer to the city of those lands that are designated as Environmentally Significant Area (ESA). This will ensure that future management of those lands is consistent with other portions of the ESA.

In addition, I strongly support the holding provisions noted in Section 4.7 of the staff report. I expect these provisions will help to ensure the protection of the natural features adjacent to the development.

When I reviewed the documents relating to this application, I found that the Heritage Memorandum failed to mention a former structure specific to the development site. The historic Swartz Tavern was situated south of Commissioners Road, near the eastern boundary of the subject property until 1975. The history of the Swartz Tavern is documented in Honouring Our Roots, Volume 1 of the Delaware and Westminster Townships history, published by the Westminster Township Historical Society in 2006. It would be appropriate to have some sort of on-site recognition (perhaps a plaque) identifying this aspect of London's history.

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