

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

13. Residential Driveway Widths (Z-8316)

Gary Brown, 35A - 59 Rldout Street – expressing concern with the increase in the paved space in our City; indicating that we have already seen the effects of climate change and extreme storms in our City; increasing the paved area in our City, which to him, when he reads through the staff report, is what he is seeing is only going to put more of an increase on the storm runoff and into our strained storm sewer system; wondering who is going to pay for this larger storm sewer accommodation; enquiring as to whether that will be adapted through development charges or will the taxpayer be picking up the tab for that as well; indicating that we are talking about houses with three car garages in the suburbs; advising that this is really not something we should be encouraging and accommodating to begin with; indicating that an 8 metre driveway is the equivalent to 27 feet; indicating that that is a horrendously wide driveway at the boulevard; pointing out that we have all been having discussions, in the last couple of weeks, on the lack of tree cover; indicating that we should be doing everything we can to preserve green space, to put these trees on in the first place; indicating that he sees this as being the opposite of some of the policies that have been talked about around the Council horseshoe recently; advising that he applauds discouraging parking in front of homes; however, what he is seeing in the staff report, is that you are going to be able to pave eight metres of quite a narrow lot now, and we are saying that that is acceptable; indicating that this is really going to increase the hard surfaces in this City; and, indicating that he has quite a few concerns about this.