

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

### 15. Wortley Village - Old South Heritage Conservation District

- Bob Porter, 50 Byron Avenue East – hoping that we can move forward with the Heritage Conservation District; advising that there have been a few delays on this; expressing concern that we might lose more heritage properties; noting that we have already lost two that were torn down this summer; reiterating that there were two century homes torn down which, unfortunately, will become a new parking lot; hoping that we are at the final stages and we can continue on; and, expressing appreciation to the Municipal Council because they have been supportive all along.
- Gary Brown, 35A – 59 Ridout Street – expressing support for the Heritage Conservation District; expressing appreciation to the staff for all the work that they put into this; enquiring as to the comment in the staff report that indicates that there should be no change to the sign by-laws; indicating that he comes into Wortley Village and on his way home, he passes by two giant black and neon coloured portable signs; noting that they are not portable as they have been there forever; indicating that, quite frankly, he would ban them from the City; indicating that they are extremely inappropriate in a heritage district; noting that one of them is on a residential street and one of them is on the gateway to our community; advising that he does not think that we should not be not changing the sign by-laws if those are permitted; suggesting that we should be lobbying a lot of businesses; recommending that we do this the right way and have someone design a beautiful sign for their businesses; putting up these hideous temporary black and neon signs is a blight on our community and it is a blight on our City; indicating that, you drive down Wharnccliffe Road, which is ugly enough to begin with, and some properties have six of these stuck out front; indicating that he does not want to see that in Wortley Village; and, expressing support for the Heritage Conservation District and we should definitely move forward with it at this time.
- Derrick McBurney, 4 - 466 South Street – advising that he has a very long history in this area; noting that he spent 14 years of the Wortley Road Community School where they did all the barbequing for the Gathering on the Green and the start of the Wortley Village Christmases that he was involved in and everything; expressing support for the Heritage Conservation District; indicating that it is really important to remember that what really got this going was a court case where people who lived by the River Forks were being told by OSCO that they did not live in Old South when they certainly did and for many years, these people were denied the right to membership; advising that the judge's decision was very scathing; reiterating that this is what got this whole thing going; expressing appreciation to the staff; and, reiterating his support for the Heritage Conservation District.
- Susan Smith, 4 - 124 Bruce Street – expressing support for the Heritage Conservation District; expressing appreciation to the staff and consultants; and, hoping the Committee passes the Heritage Conservation District.