

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

9. Boulevard Tree Protection By-law Revision

- Maureen Temme, 66 Palmer Street – (see attached submission.)
- Jim Kennedy, President, London Development Institute – expressing support for the staff recommendation to refer the matter back to them; advising that they do not have any major opposition to this, it is just that generally, before a by-law comes to the floor to be passed, there is a bit more pre-consultation on it; indicating that they would appreciate time, whether it comes back in two weeks or when the report can come back; advising that they did just receive it and he was away last week so they just need some time; and, indicating that he did go through it and there are a few issues that he would like some clarification on.
- Gabor Sass, 101 Forward Avenue – advising that he loves trees; indicating that he teaches courses on Ecology and Sustainability at Western University; noting that they talk about trees and they have lots of trees on their property; speaking to the concept of planting trees and planting without permission; advising that he does not know what the mechanism could be since we have really lofty goals of planting millions of trees; indicating that many property owners will not want to go through a formal application; advising that, in his case, it took many years for the City to actually come out and plant a tree, which they had requested; advising that there is a time delay; noting that there is a limit on staff resources; advising that he would like to put the idea forward of coming up with a mechanism that allows property owners to plant a tree; advising that perhaps there could be a list of favourable trees on boulevards that will not grow to interfere with wires and whatever may be overhead; reiterating that this would allow people to go ahead and plant an appropriate number, with appropriate size trees on their boulevard; advising that, for whatever reasons, they might be interested in growing food; noting that this is a big item for Londoners – urban agriculture; reiterating that right now it says that they need permission; and reiterating his request that there be a mechanism to allow people to plant trees on their boulevard without asking permission to do so.
- Dean Sheppard, Executive Director, ReForest London – (see attached submission.)