

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

7. Properties located at 941, 943 and 945 Hamilton Road (Z-8457)
 - Harry Froussios, Zelinka Priamo Limited – indicating that they are the agents for RioCan; advising that he does not want to add too much, just a few items for your consideration for this application; indicating that this proposed use is different from what you see from some of your typical drop off bins, where people just go and drop off their items in a parking lot somewhere; advising that this will be staffed, it will be a unit inside the commercial plaza where staff will be in there to receive the items, store them accordingly and then they will be shipped off to the Value Village locations; advising that any items that are brought during the off hours will be immediately dealt with the next day through staff, whether they bring them inside the unit or they will just dispose of them accordingly if there are items that cannot be sold to people, they will be disposed of and then removed off-site immediately so you will not have the items sitting outside for a long period of time other than just overnight potentially; pointing out that RIOCAN is not only the landlord but they are the property manager, so they will ensure that the proper steps are taken to make sure that the site is cleaned up if anything should happen overnight with any drop offs; advising that, in terms of traffic, based on what they have been told, from other similar uses, they get about ten to thirteen visits a day; pointing out that it is not a very intense use compared to other uses that could be here in terms of retail, restaurants, they would have much more traffic on-site during the course of the day; adding those few items for the Committee's consideration; and, advising that he is happy to answer any questions that you might have.
 - Jennifer Wilsonfoot, 88 Giles Street – indicating that she also owns a rental property at 84 Giles Street; advising that she has lived on the street for twenty years; speaking for twenty neighbours that have signed a consent for her to speak for them today, a lot of them are elderly and some would just prefer for her to be there for them; noting that she has also received fifteen additional consents verbally with their concerns; advising that the letters and additional e-mails are in the report; pointing out that the picture that they see kitty corner at the No Frills which is at the northeast corner of the intersection of a drop centre; realizing that it is not a donation centre, but it is a drop box; believing that everyone here has driven by and seen what can be left at drop centres, donation centres overnight; realizing that the applicant has mentioned that it would be cleared up in the morning but there is the potential for them to have to drive by on the way to work and see it before the building is opened up and everything would be removed and cleaned up; indicating that it is a very high traffic area, Highbury Avenue and Hamilton Road, there are numerous accidents, including pedestrians, as well as vehicles as everyone knows that lives in London; pointing out that there is no access off of Giles Street; therefore, in and out of that plaza onto Hamilton Road, the ability to turn left is very restricted; pointing out that you have four lanes to get across; indicating that, immediately, you turn right and you are going onto the highway within 100 feet; advising that she does not see how the increase in traffic is going to help their neighbourhood, keep the safety of their children, they already have plenty of vehicles that come down Giles Street thinking that there is entrance into the plaza from Giles Street; noting that there is not so people turn around in driveways; indicating that she has young children and she blocks the end of her driveway so that they can play so that she does not have vehicles that are not really aware as they are in a hurry to turn in a driveway; noting that she is three up from the plaza; pointing out that there is a danger for the children crossing the road with higher traffic; noting that a lot of it has been pointed out in the report; reiterating that she wanted to be here to speak for the residents; noticing that 88 residents were notified and thirty-five plus the four that she does not know about, so that brings it to almost 45% opposing this, which she believes is a large amount of people not wanting this to happen; *(Note: Councillor S. Turner asks Mrs. Wilsonfoot a question with respect to her being in opposition to this use; noting that the zoning is Commercial 4 Zoning which would provide a wide variety of potentially higher intensive usage which would not require any presentation in front of this Committee or any rezoning, what*

would be acceptable to her. Pointing out that if this was a Convenience Store, and that could happen, most likely without any requests to Council or Committee and would have a much higher traffic use; enquiring as to what is the sticking point); Mrs. Wilsonfoot responds by indicating that the items that possibly would be left on a daily basis outside, which, most times people would not drop off during office hours, it would be over the evening, it is the eyesore; as being a neighbour in the neighbourhood she does not want to see that every day; and, advising that they see it kitty corner and she thinks that there are other places in London that this type of donation centre could be that is not so close to homes.