

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

### 21. Blackfriars/Petersville Area (Z-8602)

- Darryl Torhjem, 25 Gower Street - advising that he has followed all the correct steps going through site plan approval; indicating that on June 10, 2016, he contacted Mr. T. Karidas, Site Plan Approval Officer, because he received a letter about the change to the zoning; advising that he asked Mr. T. Karidas, Site Plan Approval Officer, if this is going to impact the work that he has done because they have been moving forward on this, they have gone through site plan consultation and everything went through fine and they are ready to submit the site plan application; indicating that Mr. T. Karidas, Site Plan Approval Officer, was unaware of what was going on so they have been marching down this road without any notice that this is going to negatively impact what they were doing; pointing out that he would like to share some further light on this because he has done two other properties in the neighbourhood and it has turned out very well because they have not altered the look of the property, they have not structurally changed anything; noting that the basements are already being used and they are habitable; pointing out that they are improving the use of the property and maximizing the use of the property which is environmentally friendly and also does not drive up any capital costs for the City because they are not touching any of the sewer or water; reiterating that they are just maximizing the use of the property; reiterating that they have done two other ones on the street; pointing out that it is a very cozy, cute street; advising that he has talked to all of the neighbours; indicating that the last one that they did, they actually brought the previous owners over to show them what they have done to the property and they were quite impressed with it; asking that the Planning and Environment Committee really consider this because there are a lot of flood plain areas in the City and he knows the Beaufort/Irwin/Gunn/Saunby project is also in the floodplain and there has been a lot of development there; asking that you consider this to support his application and possibly future applications; indicating that he is not a big fan of the bursting effects when people tear down a structure and make these massive structures but what they are doing is that they are friendly with the environment and they are maximizing the usage of the property without altering it or making any additions to the property or structurally changing the property in any way.