

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

### 21. Great Near-Campus Neighbourhoods Strategy Review (OZ-8610)

- Sandra Boerson, 310 Huron Street – commenting on the Vision Statement; thinking that this is something that has been brought up several times during the previous meetings for the Near Campus Neighbourhood that the Vision Statements tend to be very centred on the students and the University and when she reads this Vision Statement she realizes that that has not changed much; advising that she is looking for her in there and she does not even get listed as includes as she is not a student, not a faculty, not a staff and as someone who lives in that neighbourhood she finds that offensive; pointing out that she is not a neighbourhood that exists for the sole purpose of the University and whatever it does not want to have on campus; , she is a neighbourhood just like any other neighbourhood, she is made up of people from all walks of life and she is not even included in that Vision Statement and that is something that they talked about a lot in all three meetings that she went to; indicating that here it is again and she seriously finds that troubling; talking about secondary dwelling units and amendments on the paper that she has seen so far with regards to it, it speaks only to how to establish it; pointing out that you have to be a primary resident or primary dweller to establish it but her concern is what happens when that house is no longer occupied by a primary resident, what happens to the secondary dwelling unit that has been allowed to be established there; noting that that is not addressed nor is what constitutes proving that you are actually a dweller in that primary residence; reiterating that that is not addressed; pointing out that those are big loopholes and they are especially big loopholes in an area that has a great deal of loopholes in the five bedroom by-law as it exists now; advising that she lives next to a house that has twelve bedrooms, a house that has nine bedrooms and a house that has six bedrooms, all established after the five bedroom rule was put into effect and all apparently legal; advising that the five bedroom rule does not work; indicating that, for her, it is one more giant loophole for more intensification that she is not looking for; Mr. G. Barrett, Manager, Long Range Planning and Research, responds that the secondary dwelling units are not in front of the Committee this evening and they tried to make that very clear, that that is part of another file; pointing out that the only reason that they are even talking about that tonight is because when they brought forward the Secondary Dwelling Unit policies once piece of that recommendation in front of the Committee outlined that this is what they are proposing but they are not recommending that they be included within the Great Near Campus Neighbourhood; advising that the Committee and the Council said that they are not happy about that piece because they know that Staff is having a conversation about the Great Near Campus Neighbourhoods, find out how they feel about that as part of that process and then when Staff comes back on the Secondary Dwelling Units, Council will deal with it then; indicating that what they have reported to the Committee, at the meeting, is that going through the Great Near Campus Neighbourhood process and asking the questions about the Secondary Dwelling Units, the majority of the people that they spoke with said yes, with some of the provisos that Ms. Boerson has spoken about how they are going to enforce, how they are going to regulate, how they are going to prove all of those things, with those kinds of things in place, then yes, the prohibition within the Great Near Campus Neighbourhood should not be there, they should be permitted within that when you bring that recommendation forward; advising that that is far as they are going at this meeting is to say that as part of the Great Near Campus Neighbourhood they had that discussion, the results of that discussion were when you bring forward the Secondary Dwelling Units piece it is appropriate that they be included with the Great Near Campus Neighbourhood and the Committee will debate that when Staff brings that whole report forward; indicating that all of these issues that Ms. Boerson is talking about are issues that the Staff

will want to talk about and the Committee will want that input on when they have the Secondary Dwelling Units in front of the Committee; noting that that is not tonight; relating to the Vision Statement, he does understand what Ms. Boerson is saying and she is quite correct, this did come up a lot; pointing out that they thought that they had captured that in part in the very last paragraph because this is new; reiterating that, as Mr. J. Adema, Planner II, indicated during his presentation; indicating that on page 189 of the Planning and Environment Committee Agenda, the current Vision Statement is a lot like the very first paragraph and then the second paragraph went into this long list of things that the Committee would look at and they got rid of the long list of stuff and it goes elsewhere in the policies; indicating that it was replaced by this second paragraph; noting that Mr. G. Barrett, Manager, Long Range Planning and Research, read the second paragraph of the Vision Statement on page 190 of the Agenda; understanding the concern that when you do talk about it, it says "housing for a diverse group of residents that includes" and when you talk about that includes it talks about the students, faculty, and staff of our largest educational institutions; outlining that their thinking was not that that was not an exclusive statement, it was an inclusive statement because it is about the near campus neighbourhoods and these are the folks associated with the near campus neighbourhoods.

- Meredith Fontaine, 298 Huron Street – expressing disagreement with Mr. G. Barrett, Manager, Long Range Planning and Research, as the second paragraph is meaningless; pointing out that the beginning of the statements state provide housing to a diverse group of residents that includes students, faculty and staff; stating that very little of their neighbourhood is necessarily faculty and staff; noting that the people work at all kinds of other jobs, they are not faculty and staff of Western in a lot of the near campus neighbourhoods; expressing that she does not see why it should not just say that they provide housing to a diverse group of residents period and not include students, faculty and staff because that just indicates that the near campus neighbourhoods are basically students, faculty and staff, which they are not and, again, puts the emphasis continually on what a lot of the neighbours perceive as a problem; indicating that she does not see why it cannot say residents, otherwise it is too specific.
- Marg Chester, 1072 Lombardo – speaking in favour of what first two women spoke about relating to the Vision Statement; advising that the Vision Statement is crucial in any document; pointing out that she has three properties, student rentals, that bound her property and the one fellow is under the impression that she should get used to whatever because she lives in a student neighbourhood and we need to change that mindset of people that own these properties; pointing out that she would like to see it top and centre; mentioning the property that is mentioned in the document on Richmond Street, she is not sure if when that was built or the building permit was given, if it was realized that it would be that close to Richmond Street; advising that if you are travelling south on Richmond Street and you come off the bridge and around that little bend, there are always delivery trucks there; advising that she is unsure if there have been accidents there but it is dangerous; enquiring whether or not they built in a delivery zone.