

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

16. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING - Property located at 4166 Scotland Drive (Z-8669)

- Laverne Kirkness, Kirkness Consulting, on behalf of the applicant – advising that Hyde Park Equipment Ltd. is a successful business at the corner of Mallard Drive and Fanshawe Park Road just west of Hyde Park; indicating that the business has been there since 1989; noting that there are two locations in there; pointing out that this is an opportunity for them to expand to another location, to another corner of the city and broaden their service even more into the agricultural sector; looking at this as an opportunity as this is a great site for them, it has a huge window onto Highway 401 which they want to take advantage of and the Urban Design staff point out in the staff report that they want that, too; advising that it also has pretty good access through Scotland Drive and a new interchange with Wonderland Road at Highway 401; indicating that this is good news in the sense that they are doing proper land use planning as Mr. J. Adema, Planner II, pointed out in his report and providing a locally grown business an opportunity to expand; noting that they hope to start building next Spring so they will be going through the site plan approval process subject to the zoning in the recommendation to Council; indicating that they have reviewed the report; stating that they have shrunk their site size somewhat in trying to work with the City and knowing that they, too, want to minimize the use of agricultural land but this is kind of a remnant as it is mostly a gravel pit really on this seventy-five acres; expressing agreement with the staff report; hoping that the Planning and Environment Committee recommends this to Council; pointing out that Mr. B. Polhill is also with them because he has been helping the property owner go through the process as well.