

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

17. Residential Rental Units Licensing By-law: Secondary Dwelling Units and Inspection Protocol

- Jeff Primeau, 1 Carrick Lane – advising that he, his family and neighbours have concerns related to the policy and its effect on the strength and safety of the community; noting that the commercialization of residential neighbourhoods should be avoided; suggesting that ultra-short, hotel-style residencies allow for the circumvention of rules and minimize the potential benefit to the local community; noting questions to the committee as to whether the potential negative impact on the existing residential community has been assessed and evaluation and whether a minimum lease length requirement (such as 30 days) has, or will be considered.
- Linda Mara, 19 Carrick Lane – noting her comments will be related to secondary bedroom numbers allowed, and the owner-occupancy; noting support for the increased licensing fee that is proposed in the staff report; suggesting that a number of residences have by-passed the current requirements for short-term rentals, which has created safety issues and traffic concerns; noting that a majority of the revenue from these short-term rentals is not staying in the City of London; noting that if the residences were in compliance with requirements, they could be made available for new-comers; advising that the transient nature of the residents takes away from the community atmosphere, and repeats of disturbances are increasing; suggesting significant concern with the potential that the owner occupation requirement may be lifted by the Minister and asking what steps will be taken if the by-law is contravened and what will be done when these rentals are de-stabilizing to a neighbourhood.