

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

2. Proposed By-law to Amend City of London Ward Boundaries

- S. Levin – providing the attached presentation.
- S. Trosow, Mayfair Drive – noting his surprise in seeing this serious and substantial item be without much notice and difficult to find information about on the City website; suggesting that the magnitude of the changes affect Ward 6, and that is a lot of population to move into that ward – it is more than 10%; noting the proposed changes are not a “tweak” to the existing boundaries; suggesting that current census data was not used, and that there needs to be a more precise accounting of off-campus populations; questioning the need to increase the population in ward 6, and offering that there are other viable options to move population out of ward 7, without adding so substantively to ward 6; adding that the proposal assumes that previously high growth areas will continue to be high growth, and this is contrary to the London Plan; noting concerns with data discrepancies and with the poor notice of the proposed change; asking for different considerations which would limit what is taken from ward 7 and added to ward 6, noting that some of the additions are not complementary to the fabric of ward 6; and noting that ward 6 will be an area of future infill growth and that there are other ways to reduce the population of ward 7.
- B. Davis, 25 Cherokee Rd. – noting that he is speaking as an individual, and not on behalf of the Masonville Ratepayers Association, of which he is a member; speaking in support of the recommendation, he noted that the ward 7 area is a mix of new and old homes, and has more in common with ward 6 than previously stated; suggesting that maybe the Sherwood Forest area is better to reassign; noting that the area in question is partially included in the Greater Near-Campus neighbourhood; noting that the SHIFT initiative is another common thread of the two wards and that there is definite logic to what is proposed in the report.