

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

21. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING – Brydges Street Area Review (O-8749)

- *Councillor Park asking, for clarity, with what is being discussed here, would this make it easier for places like the Brydges Street Market to be in operation in this area and what kinds of conflicts might happen if there is a food processing, beverage or those sorts of uses coming into the area, is it easier for places like that to get up and running in this area at this point;* Mr. L. Maitland, Planner I, responding that right now there is no permission for commercial so this would provide the opportunity for them to apply for a Zoning By-law Amendment, noting that they would still have to meet the criteria that they set out; in terms of food and beverage processing, there is actually Sikorski Sausages in the area and that is generally considered an industrial use so those would continue to be permitted and maintaining a base in the industrial policy framework.
- Laverne Kirkness, on behalf of Yardigans – advising that Yardigans is a home grown business here of about seven years of age; noting that the owner is not able to be here because he is ill; indicating that this business is located at 1350 Trafalgar, on the north side, just east of Highbury Avenue, across from the new Tim Horton's at that intersection; expressing support for the staff recommendation and very grateful that they are bringing it forward; thinking that Yardigans and the Brydges Street Market were the two reasons why this whole matter has come in to play; appreciating the city staff writing their new policy in such a permissive way but he has about 16,000 square feet of space, six employees, has been at this location for five years and wants to stay; pointing out that they have been working with him for two years to try and see how he could fit in to some kind of city policy framework; noting that he has been in discussions with Councillor van Holst and former Councillor Polhill and they have been helpful in terms of encouraging them to move forward and try to get the city to get this policy in place; reiterating that Yardigans is in full support and they are hoping that the Council supports this; understanding that they will have to apply for a zoning application and they are prepared to do that if the policy framework can be put in place.
- Bud Polhill – indicating that he has talked about this issue for a long time and he thinks three or four years ago Mr. Yanchula, Manager, Urban Regeneration and he discussed this to try and make this work because there were some people in there that were in commercial uses that did not fit the current zoning and the current description of the property; thinking this is a great compromise and that it works really well and the people in the area will be really happy; noting that he talked to a couple of people today and they are very happy with proposal and they think that it is going to work out well; indicating that it does not disrupt the industrial uses, it allows it to happen, if someone wants to come in and do an industrial use there; advising that the problem is that on that street there are a lot of houses on the north side of the road and he doubts whether someone is going to build a factory or some major industrial use across from those houses; advising that he talked to Councillor Helmer about this before when they went out and looked at the area, about one and a half years ago; indicating that it is nice to see it come to conclusion and have everyone happy about it.