

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

- 3.1 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING – Demolition Request of Heritage Designated Property at 660 Sunningdale Road East
- Jennifer Granger, President, Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, London Branch – expressing concern that the two remaining barns are listed as Priority 2 in the City of London Inventory of Heritage Resources; advising that the London Advisory Committee on Heritage recommended in late June of 2017 that the barns be designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act*; according to the Heritage Inventory, the three barns were built in about 1925, they are built of hollow clay tile, which was a common building material for barns and silos at that time; understanding that there are very few such barns remaining in Ontario; stating that the barns in question are therefore representations of an early twentieth century building technique; believing that they are significant for that reason; expressing disappointment that the largest of the three barns was demolished, apparently without a demolition permit being obtained prior to beginning the work; recommending that the two remaining barns be designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act* so that they can be preserved; in terms of the preservation, if there is a new development going on at the site, they would hope that there might be some way to actually incorporate the barns into the new development; advising that there are certainly many examples of historic barns that have been adapted to new uses in this country, the United States of America, Britain and Europe; noting that they can be turned into stores or restaurants, they have been turned into private homes, although these would be a bit small for that; requesting that the Planning and Environment Committee refuse the demolition application, expedite the heritage designation process and make further approval related to this property conditional on integrating the barns into the proposed development.