

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

### 3.3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING – Demolition Request for Heritage Listed Property – 1588 Clarke Road

- *(Councillor S. Turner enquiring about designating a property versus the structures on the property, how is that applied as it seems odd to designate all the structures in one designation.);* Ms. L. Dent, Heritage Planner, Development Services, responding that designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act* is the designation of property so it is not the structures on the property that are designated but it is the property itself.
- Arlene Tackabury, 13 Mile Road, Denfield – indicating that she is the holder of the original deed, the conveyances, a lot of the historical information; understanding that General John Hale, who died in 1806 was the original owner and they believe he built that barn and built the house because she knows that John Tackabury did not; asking the Planning and Environment Committee to reconsider and possibly give her time to work with the London Advisory Committee on Heritage and convey more of the information with regard to the historical value; stating that the big barn, in the time that it was built, was an extremely beautiful barn when her prince and princess lived in it, it was a beautiful barn and that was not that long ago; advising that there is further history as far as Victor Tackabury who was the Grand Master of the Masons, there was Samuel Tackabury who she believes was part of the travelling of the Underground Railway, he was a noted musician and he and his daughters travelled all around; advising that you have to remember that this was built when it was called the Old Post Road and there was nothing there; reiterating that she has the deed which John Tackabury had to go down to Boston to pay \$300 to the son of the deceased gentleman who owned it; indicating that he was a good friend of James Wolf, the Major General; noting that we all know who Wolf is; stating that, as far as saving Nathaniel's house, she has a letter saying that he did not live there long and he moved onto Oxford Street; indicating that she has the conveyance for the cemeteries, she has the conveyance for the schools and that was one of the things that Mr. Hale, he was in charge of setting up the education so when he went down to Boston to get the deed on the property, they also set up the conveyances for the school and for the church; advising that there was a whole group of them that came up here, she is talking about the Kernohan's, the Belton's, the Needham's, they are all Tackabury's; they were prolific, they had a lot of children and she thinks there is value in saving the house and definite value in saving the barn because it is all part of the picture; indicating that there was a log house there that was behind the drive shed and Samuel's daughters played in it and that would be the second generation, there are a few Nathaniel's, the Nathaniel was the second son, someone would probably call him a ne'er-do-well and he did not stay on that property; advising that she is stunned at the condition of it, as far as the interior of it when it was left, it was the same woodwork that was when it was in the beginning, as far as the windows, they were put in by Foran's in approximately 1975 and there was not the technology that there is today to restore them to what they could be, the interior of the house was pretty much the same, it is a true triple brick house and it has the quick lime mortar, it is not even mortar, it is a unique type of construction, stone walls or whatever it is referred to, it is methodically well-built stone, that has the stone basement and the barn is built the same; John Tackabury, they were weavers, they were not bricklayers and when they bought the property and moved up; her records say 1829 because there was a child who was born down in Foxhollow and there are monuments to the Tackabury's and it is very well established about what was there and what was here; indicating that the Grove Cemetery still exists and anniversary Sunday they still get eighty people out; indicating that there is a lot of information; stating that this house predates Eldon House.

- Angela Tackabury, 575 Wilkins Street – advising that she resided on the subject property most of her life and there is a lot of history; thinking that it fits into that area, there are farms on the other side, there is a Conservation Area; indicating that she is not sure what else you would put there; holding a wooden cannon ball; reiterating that she does not see how putting anything else there would fit, there is nothing else around there; wondering why you would put a business in front of the Conservation Area, in front of the lakes; when you go to any other site in the city, look at all the old farms, they have all been destroyed; thinking that this is something that we need to hold on to; stating that she does care about the heritage and agriculture and she does not see how building or selling it to Sifton is going to make London better.