

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

3.7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING – Application – Demolition Request for Heritage Listed Property – 3303 Westdel Bourne

- *(Councillor A. Hopkins realizing that the demolition request is just for the house but it does start the process of the Notice of Intent to Designate, does that mean all the barns, the house and she did hear Ms. K. Gowan, Heritage Planner, say the property, she just wants to confirm that it is everything.);* Ms. K. Gowan, Heritage Planner, indicating that just because the demolition request is for the farmhouse, the designation does apply to the entire property which is why the evaluation took into account all of the barns.
- Chris Hendriksen, on behalf of the owner – expressing strong opposition to the designation of this property; advising that their primary objective is the removal the barn structures as they present a major safety issue by their structural assessment issued this morning and circulated to members of the Planning and Environment Committee that indicated that the review was done on the site; pointing out that while they understand that conditions cannot be applied to delisting the property, should demolition be permitted, the owner is committed to working with City staff to mitigate the impacts associated with the removal of the buildings; advising that the owner has committed to photo documentation of structures prior to demolition and filing the report with the City of London as appropriate; salvage of barn materials by a reputable salvage company with the material to be made available to the community for reuse and to make the house available for a period of one hundred twenty days for someone to come forward with a suitable plan for relocation, should a suitable plan not come forward within the one hundred twenty day period, suitable materials and features will be salvaged by a reputable salvage company with the material to be made available to the community for reuse.
- Janet Hunten, 253 Huron Street – speaking for the excellence of that farmhouse; noting that it is a good looking house; structures for Downtown get bonusing for good design, that house displays good design and excellent detail which has been maintained in excellent condition; speaking, for instance, of the brackets under the eaves which go all the way around the house, which is unusual, they were often omitted at the back of the house and the details of the verandah decoration and they still have the original window openings; reiterating that it is a good looking house.