

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

3.12 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING – Application – 8076 Longwoods Road - SPA19-022

- *(Councillor S. Turner requesting clarification and Ms. M. Sundercock, you did say it, but there is no further anticipation of the livestock paddock so there will be no livestock kept on the property, livestock will arrive for processing in the abattoir and not be kept on site.);* Ms. M. Sundercock, Site Development Planner, the applicant may be able to speak to that better than she can but she believes the intent is that the livestock will be held solely in the barn and then moved into the abattoir portion of the building.
- Ben McCauley, Zelinka Priamo Limited, on behalf of London Quality Meats - coordinating the site plan application; addressing a couple concerns that were brought up through the process and he just wanted to clarify for the Committee; providing a recap on the timeline, January, 2017, a Zoning By-law Amendment application was deemed complete by staff, in July, 2017 Council approved the Zoning By-law Amendment application, in August it was appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board by a third party, that Ontario Municipal Board appeal was dismissed in February, 2018, in September 2018, they were finally retained and site plan consultation occurred and in March, 2019, the first submission was made and in June, 2019, the second submission was made; showing a larger site plan that the Committee has already seen but for clarity he provided a bit of a clear drawing of the proposed abattoir; outlining for clarification, the concrete pad that is noted on the site plan, they will be revising that, it is intended to be the holding bin and it is located on the northeast side of the barn to accommodate for the parking and loading area and wire fencing will be provided around the holding bin; noting that the intent of the holding bin is actually the only place that livestock would be stored outdoors; advising that the intent is to keep the livestock internal to the barn and that holding bin would only be used for a few hours a day up to twice a week when the abattoir is in use; indicating that there were also some concerns about the adequacy of the perimeter fencing so he went out and did a little bit of a due diligence himself but this is an example of the fencing from the subject lands, standard board and baton fencing and as well from the neighbouring property; outlining that in terms of next steps they are continuing to work collaboratively with staff to address comments including the discussed revisions and a third site plan submission will be submitted shortly; *(Councillor A. Hopkins enquiring asking for more clarification since they no longer have the fencing for the paddock; Mr. B. McCauley did mention about the holding pen the livestock will be held there, what will surround that concrete pad then; wondering how they are they going to be contained.);* Mr. B. McCauley, Zelinka Priamo Limited, responding that the intent is in the existing barn, that is where the existing livestock would be held; they have to make further revisions to show there will be fencing connecting the existing barn to the concrete pad of the holding bin just to the south of the proposed abattoir and that will be the only place that livestock is moving outside to get to the holding bin from the existing barn; *(Councillor A. Hopkins reiterating that there will be fencing then.);* Mr. B. McCauley, Zelinka Priamo Limited indicating that there will be fencing. (See attached presentation.)
- Resident - after several weeks of the hot humid weather that climate change is here to stay by climate change she means the heating up of our Earth and atmosphere, people have noticed, she is sure the protests and demonstrations going on here in front of City Hall; believing people are waking up, they stopped being complacent and start becoming realists; according to Professor Gee McPherson, in his book, "Only Love Remains", it may only be a mere three years until the arctic ice and permafrost will have melted and temperatures will increase to the point where our lifestyle as we know it today will be gone for good; indicating that they are here to talk

about slaughterhouses today, one particular slaughterhouse; advising that there is an obvious relationship between the building of new slaughterhouses and the supply of animals to be killed for their bodies so they can be consumed; stating that the more slaughterhouses that are being built, the more animals that are being harvested or farmed; the harvesting of animals will continue to grow; there is a direct relationship between the increased water, land and air pollution and the increase in farmed animals; talking about water, animal industry shows use forty-five percent of drinkable water, human consumption a mere four; talking about poop, animals produce one hundred times more waste than all humans in North America; this waste runs into our streams and rivers causing fish to die and creates dead zones; speaking about greenhouse gases, methane gas, burped by cows, is twenty-eight times more potent than CO₂, poop releases nitrous oxide, a gas two hundred and fifty-six times more potent than CO₂, let us not forget that all of the deforestation for grazing land for animals decreases the amount of trees removing CO₂ from the atmosphere; believing our oxygen supply will be severely decreasing, to be precise the creation of large and more efficient slaughterhouses, the number of factory farmed animals will increase as will water, land and air pollution as will the release of fossil fuels as will the heating of our planet; thinking that if you, Council Members, believe in climate justice, and if you would like to continue to have comfort in your lives and the lives of your children and grandchildren, then you need to take a stand; advising that you will not be liked by others by the stand you are taking, in fact, you may be an island standing alone and you will feel the pressure to give in, but please do not give in, it is time to decrease slaughterhouses not increase; as our London City Council you have a difficult position and she wishes the Council strength and determination, they will need it, do not forget they chose this position of responsibility, you are responsible and we all are responsible for the Earth; *(Councillor S. Turner asking for a Point of Order; appreciating the submissions from the public; advising that they have no capacity to decline or approve the application here today, the application has already been approved, the slaughterhouse, the abattoir, it has been approved; this is the site plan application and it is really a question of where trees and buildings go but that decision has already been made and it was made by Council and the Ontario Municipal Board; we do not have the opportunity or the capacity to reverse that decision.)*