

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

3.4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING – Bird Friendly Development

- *Mayor E. Holder indicating that he was not going to comment but just a couple of things that came to mind, he did not see it here and perhaps it was just him but how many birds in London do we lose per year as a result of lighting challenges.);* Mr. L. Maitland, Site Development Planner, indicating that he does not have an exact number, the number that was quoted to them at the last meeting of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee was in the hundreds of millions within North America; obviously that is not specific to London but it is eight or nine figures; *(Mayor E. Holder saying that is not credible, he is not sure how you measure that and he just wondered for them to, he knows they are just trying to fine tune the aspects of this but he is wondering, he thinks it is a noble effort and it is not just for the birds but he would tell you that he is just trying to understand what the impact in London is and there has been no measurable study he guesses is what he is asking through the Chair.);* Mr. P. Yeoman, Director, Development Services, responding that the Advisory Committees, as Mr. L. Maitland, Site Development Planner, has mentioned are the ones that brought this forward, there is a member of one of the Advisory Committees who is actually doing his PhD research in this area; he has not actually completed and fleshed out the full study yet for the City but they are working on it actively; to the Mayor's question, no, they do not have a full London number for this; *(Mayor E. Holder suggesting that this is anticipatory in terms of the challenge that might occur as it relates to the safety of birds and migrations and the light, is that correct.);* Mr. P. Yeoman, Director, Development Services, responding that yes, they think that will be impactful and helpful but they do not actually have a quantifiable measure related to the policy that is before the Committee.
- Brendon Samuels, student at Western University that was just mentioned; he is doing his PhD at Western and his Doctoral research is about bird/window collisions specifically - *(See attached presentation.)*
- Mike Wallace, Executive Director, London Development Institute – indicating that it is great to follow Brendon and he talked about cats and lower buildings; expressing appreciation to staff for their approach to their Industry, he knows it was brought here in January of last year in terms of the by-law you are seeing in front of you and over the last number of months, the Spring and Summer, they have had a number of meetings and they had discussions about what they would like to see and from their perspective, their Industry is ok with the changes in terms of what is being proposed here in terms of lighting and actually supporting of it, the one thing that they would ask is that once they get familiar with what the issues are and understand and staff at City Hall understand what works and what does not and what is needed, and if an application comes in and it meets that criteria that it does not have to be circulated over and over again; if they meet what the City's requirements are, it should not need to be circulated; every time something gets circulated somewhere else it costs time and effort and money and makes your affordability issue go up every single time so they are happy with what is being proposed, they are more than interested in the Working Group; he sits beside Brendon most often at Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee meetings and he has tried to absorb some intelligence from him but it does not really happen that way but the Council has some very good experts right here in the community volunteering their time to give them the information that they need to make the appropriate recommendations to Council on this bird issue; happy to be working on the Working Group that is coming forward, that you have to call us tomorrow morning about.