

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

3.2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING – 464-466 Dufferin Avenue and 499 Maitland Street (OZ-9130)

- Matt Campbell, Zelinka Priamo Ltd., representing the land owner for this application: Thanks for the opportunity to provide comments. We agree with staff's recommendation. I understand that there are a number of public comments which I may be able to address, there was a comment about plumbing, I may be able to speak with that individual later after this meeting. There were a number of concerns about parking which Ms. Vivian, Planner I, has noted that is an existing situation and we really are not looking to change that right now so we do support the staff's recommendation for approval and I would be happy to answer any questions the Committee may have.
- Councillor Cassidy: Thank you. Any technical questions for the applicant? No. Any members of the public who would wish to comment on this application? Yep. Come to the microphones, state, yes. State your name and then you will have five minutes.
- Janice Lemieux: I am happy that the restaurant is going in there. My main concern is parking. I live at, I don't know if you have got the map up, I live at 484 Dufferin which is between Prospect and Maitland and on the north side there is no parking, on the south side there is two-hour parking. My concern is that it remains the same because I have difficulty getting out of my driveway between Prospect and Maitland and Maitland goes straight through so I've got the traffic going east and west on Dufferin plus coming out of Prospect plus coming out of Maitland and I have difficulty getting out of, if somebody is parking on the north side I would not be able to get out of there and there is no parking there; I just want to make sure that that stays the same. Thank you.
- Councillor Cassidy: Thank you. Are there any other members of the public who would like to comment on this application? There's a microphone up and down. State your name and you will have five minutes.
- Marcus Coles: I am generally pleased with the use of the building but parking bothers me and it didn't initially bother me but talking to people in the neighbourhood it seemed to be a concern and another concern is directly across the street it appears to be going to be stuck being a nine-unit residential building with no parking and that is going to further load the parking situation in the adjacent streets. I think that, maybe, that development, which is recently more or less been forced on the neighbourhood by the OMB decision shouldn't sort of slide below the radar. The other thing, which I don't think the restaurant will conflict too badly with is that Maitland Street through there is heavily used for pick-up and delivery of children for Lord Robert's school so my only worry is parking.
- Councillor Cassidy: Thank you very much. Anybody else? Any other comments regarding this?
- Gary Brown: I thought this would come up tonight so I mean we do this all the time in my neighbourhood, people figure the parking out without any problems. We have many restaurants which have zero parking spaces and we survive. I guess really the only reason I wanted to speak is that, you know, this again highlights why are they having to apply for, I am assuming this is a reduction in parking spaces, is it not time this city kind of ends its reliance on parking minimums that we are requiring people to have? Every time they have to come here and ask for permission to reduce the number of parking spaces. I think most businesses and I think most residential owners are going, are best know how many parking spaces they need, if they need

more they are not going to build, if they think it is a viable business then they are going to build parking or no parking so I think it is time the city started to revisit this case and highlight it again that parking minimums don't seem to be a good idea to move forward as a city. Thanks.

- Councillor Cassidy: Thank you. Any other comments from the public? Go ahead. Microphone. Five minutes.
- Kate Rapson: I am representing the Woodfield Community Association and we haven't spent a whole lot of time on this particular application but I just wanted to comment having looked at some of the comments on the minutes tonight from some neighbours, just, I haven't really heard a lot about some of the site plan specific issues like garbage storage and removal are recycling, those are sort of some little problems that could come up in a high density residential neighbourhood when there is sort of a commercial use plopped in the middle of it that might produce more garbage and recycling and also delivery of food trucks and that sort of thing so I just wondered how that was being addressed, how those issues and concerns were being addressed in the application. Thank you.
- Councillor Cassidy: Thank you. Any other comments? One more time, any other members of the public here to comment on this particular item? I'm not seeing any so I will go to close the public participation meeting.