

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

3.5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING – Application – 1992 Fanshawe Park Road West (TZ-9177)

- Councillor Cassidy: Thank you Ms. Vivian. I am just going to make the Committee aware that the applicant is in the Committee Room; however, they don't have, Committee Room #5; they don't have planned remarks to make but they are available for questions. Councillor Turner, go ahead.
- Councillor Turner: Madam Chair, perhaps through you to Ms. Vivian, who identified that the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS), it was consistent with the PPS. The PPS, as you noted in 3.4 there, "The intent of the agricultural policies in 2.3 of the PPS is to ensure that agriculture remains the predominant use in prime agricultural areas. Permitted uses and activities within the prime agricultural areas include agricultural uses, agriculture-related uses and on-farm diversified uses". Do you see this as consistent with that part of the policy?
- Councillor Cassidy: Ms. Vivian?
- Michael Tomazincic, Manager, Current Planning: It's much like the Official Plan policies that would require this, much the same, agricultural areas predominantly used for agricultural uses; however, there is that caveat where temporary zoning could be applied to permit a use that would otherwise not be permitted by policy and that's also an Official Plan policy. The Provincial Policy Statement doesn't get that specific but that's where the Official Plan policy would allow for exceptions through a temporary zone that would not otherwise be permitted through a long-term zone.
- Councillor Turner: Through you Madam Chair, I'll get into the debate part of it a bit later but would you consider twenty-three years to be temporary?
- Michael Tomazincic, Manager, Current Planning: It's a fair question and it becomes a judgement call after that whether or not the use should be extended further. Right now it's really the only way that this site could function and should Council wish; sorry, yeah, it's the only way that this use could continue is through a temporary zone. We couldn't support a Zoning By-law Amendment to permit this on a permanent basis and so that is where the judgement call has to be made whether or not this use that has achieved a measure of compatibility within the neighbourhood should it cease to operate from here on in or the fact that it has achieved some compatibility should be extended for another three years.
- Councillor Cassidy: Councillor Turner?
- Councillor Turner: That's all I have for now and I'll get to the debate afterwards.
- Councillor Cassidy: Thank you. Councillor Hopkins? You're muted Councillor.
- Councillor Hopkins: Thank you Madam Chair. I do apologize. I just want confirmation on how many years we have had this temporary agreement? Is it twenty-three years or? I just wonder if I can confirm.
- Councillor Cassidy: Ok. Either Mr. Tomazincic or Ms. Lowery or sorry Ms. Vivian.
- Melanie Vivian, Site Development Planner: Through you Madam Chair, I believe that is correct, I'd have to go back and do some research to get you the exact number of years. In my records that I could see, it was beginning back in 2003; however, I would have to confirm how many years exactly.

- Michael Tomazincic, Manager, Current Planning: Madam Chair, the reason I was silent for so long is because I was just scrolling through the report. Under, on page 252, 3.1 “Planning History”, it was approved initially in 1991 and this is by the Township, this is a driving range that the City actually inherited prior to annexation.
- Councillor Hopkins: Thank you.
- Councillor Cassidy: Ok. Any other technical questions? Seeing none, I will look for a motion to close the public participation meeting.