

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

3.1 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING – Remove References to 1989 Official Plan from Zoning By-law Z.-1 (Z-8909)

- Councillor Cassidy: Thank you Mr. Macbeth. I see Mr. Wallace in Committee Room 1 / 2 so I will go to Mr. Wallace.
- Mike Wallace, Executive Director, London Development Institute: Thank you Madam Chair and I appreciate the Committee's opportunity to speak to this particular and I have four points. Just so you know, it's Mike Wallace, just for the record, from the London Development Institute, our office is at 562 Wellington, Suite 203. There are four points I want to make regarding this report with a request at the end. First is the timing of this report. It, my, we are the major appellant of The London Plan, the LDI, and I got, this came out on the agenda last Wednesday afternoon, I don't know, say Noon, both my legal staff and my planning individual group that looks after our appeal are not available; this is mid-summer, it is the week of the long weekend and you bring forward a major piece of policy change to The London Plan to the Zoning By-law during the week. Those people who are spending thousands and thousands of dollars who have been representing us for over the years that The London Plan has been under appeal are just not available this week so the timing of this report is suspect in my view. I know I'm normally in front of you with all kinds of good news about things but today is not one of them. And then there was, Mr. Macbeth talked about the notices before and certainly I have them and they say possible amendment, possible amendment, possible note without any details, which is fine but I am, as Councillor Turner pointed out in the previous discussion, the report on the major transit study is going out for public comment, our group will be commenting on it, I think it is a fantastic piece of opportunity for our organization to be honest and my members as long as you guys are able to put up with the not in my own backyard discussion that will come but the, that is the kind of thing that, you know, we have been working with the City on settlement discussions for months now and we have an opportunity to make things better, to make this happen. The fact is all the maps, all the maps in The London Plan are under appeal, every single, so how do you have policies where none of the maps are actually in force. Now I haven't had my professional staff, the people that, the consultants that we have, look at the actual document, we could be in favour of everything that is in here, I do not know. I don't have that skill set and I rely on those people to tell me but I can say things like on page two and on page three you talk about the Zoning By-law has to conform to the OP. I agree one hundred percent but the OP that is in effect and The London Plan is not in effect at present, parts of it may be but not the whole thing and including the maps so we need time for our Planners, at least a cycle, at least one of the Council meetings or a cycle in September so I can give you proper feedback on what that report says. Another thing that boggles my mind a bit is that we have talked about and we have been involved in this ReThink Zoning, which is a great idea, I have been involved on your side of the fence, on a comprehensive Zoning By-law change to the community I used to live in, it takes time and effort. We're piece meal. At one point we want to talk about a comprehensive review of the Zoning By-law but here we are piece mealing it to Z.-1 and so it kind of, it's inconsistent, let me just put it that way. That we talk about a comprehensive review once The London Plan is in place and we need the Zoning By-law to match. I one hundred percent agree but why are we doing piece meal here? We have been working hard with the City, I would say we have a, based on my experience throughout the province, and the country, we have a very good working relationship here with our organization and the City and the community and I think we are working well on a whole bunch of different topic areas and policy areas and I wouldn't want to see that change. Look, let's be completely frank, a change to the Zoning By-law

is appealable. We do not want to be going down that road when we are in the middle of trying to make things, improve things and make things happen. Get that London Plan in place in a format that we all can live with then we work on the zoning to make sure it matches that agreed upon Official Plan but that is not in place yet. The 89 Plan is still in effect in many parts of the City's Official Plan. The London Plan is coming in but we still have time. So here is my ask, deferral for at least a month so I can have my people at least look at it and give you a proper response instead of in the middle of summer. You can do a couple of things as far as I know, you can receive and file the report, nothing happens to it and then we are bringing it back again another time, you can put it on the Deferred List, I know you have a Deferred List on your agendas in the Committees or just a straight deferral not having it come forward as a by-law introduction on the 25th of August but either the second, the middle of the month in September you have a Council meeting or on the 29th, I think it is, and the end of September, at least give us a chance to have it analysed, to analyse the significant report. Thank you.

- Councillor Cassidy: Thank you Mr. Wallace. I will go to the Committee Rooms to see if there are any members of the public who would like to comment or ask questions about this. I'm looking at my screen. I don't see anyone coming forward to the microphones so I don't believe there are members that the public interested in commenting on this item other than Mr. Wallace, who we have heard from so I will look for a motion from Committee to close the public participation meeting.