

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

3.1 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING – 2020 Parkland Dedication By-law CP-9 Update

- Mike Wallace, Executive Director, London Development Institute: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and thank you, Councillors, for having this public meeting on this item. We are, as it says in the report, fully supportive of the report. We want to thank you, first of all, for...normally this change every two years happens mid-year – June, July – and because of the issues that we've been facing as an industry and as a city, country, province, we really appreciate the six months deferral for this to change. And we understand that the process will start up again right after that in the new year. And we are satisfied with the evaluation of the value of land that is being used in these calculations, including that for non-developable land - that is natural...you just can't build on it - so we're happy that that's done. One little thing that has nothing to do with your committee but we're certainly willing to talk to the City about lands that are developable that are being used for, like, stormwater management and so on. But that is not your area and it's not in this, so we really appreciate all the work that Mr. Page did with us in terms of providing us input early on in the process so that we could evaluate the study and make sure it was accurate, and it was. So overall we are very happy with the report, agree with the numbers, and are supportive of the bi-annual review starting up to get back in its regular schedule. And we do prefer and we do like that that change, when it does happen, will be happening at the beginning of the calendar year. Hopefully that will continue for years forward because there are a number of other policy changes that happen at the beginning of the year in terms of cost, and that's good for our industry in terms of being able to plan for changes in fees that they need to get ready for on an annual basis. With that I'd be happy to take any questions. One little thing that's got nothing to do with this is that I'm looking forward, also, to the price Waterhouse study because my daughter and son-in-law – both 30 and 31, he's an Ivey grad, they live in Manhattan, and I want to get them back to London, so I want to find out how to get them back here to work. So good luck with that study and I look forward to the results of that. But I'd be happy to take any comments or any questions on LDI's position on today's report.