

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

3.1 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING – Application – 1150 Fanshawe Park Road East (OZ-9215)

- Councillor Cassidy: Thank you Ms. Wise. First I am going to see, excuse me, I'm going to see if the applicant is here and if the applicant would like to speak to this. So, come forward, state your name and you have five minutes.
- Madam Chair and Members of Council my name is Michelle Doornbosch. I am the owner of the property and the applicant who brought the application before you this evening. I have had an opportunity to review the staff report. We did spend an extensive amount of time working with staff on this and I would like to comment on the exceptional cooperation that we received throughout the duration of this application in working with staff and obviously given the circumstances of Covid we were quite satisfied with the timing and the process and the overall support that we received from staff. Based on the information that is provided in the staff report we have no concerns with the recommended amendment. We are fully supportive of what staff has outlined in the staff report and I would be more than happy to answer any questions of the Committee members this evening.
- Councillor Cassidy: Thank you Ms. Doornbosch. I will go to Committee to see if there are any technical questions about this application. Seeing none I will go to the Committee Rooms where members of the public are waiting and if you would like to address the Committee please come forward to a microphone I will recognize you and state your name and you will have five minutes. Welcome. I see – state your name and you have five minutes to address the Committee.
- Hi. My name is Nancy Cabral, I am a resident of Howlett Circle. (See attached presentation.) Note: A petition signed by approximately 138 people is on file in the City Clerk's Office.
- Councillor Cassidy: Thank you Ms. Cabral. Are there any other members of the public who would like to address the Committee? Ok. I see some movement in Committee Room 1/2. Go ahead. State your name and then I will jump over to Committee Room 5 after Committee Room 1 and 2. Go ahead Miss.
- Hi. My name is Jaime Crncich: I am also a resident of Howlett Circle. I have the same concerns about the height of the building. I think that for the neighbouring backyards having a fifth and sixth storey there over what it is currently zoned for would provide some concern for the privacy of the backyards. I also noticed that this site is zoned for a commercial use, a commercial convenience use and I think that's a really important amenity feature for the neighbourhood. I think it would really strengthen the urban fabric to have some kind of commercial use in this building fronting along the street of Stackhouse or along Fanshawe that would provide an important amenity for us citizens that is not currently available in this neighbourhood so I think that that should be reconsidered in the current design of the application and some of the main floor space should be opened up for commercial use.
- Councillor Cassidy: Thank you very much. I'll go to Committee Room 5. Go ahead Sir.
- Thank you. My name is Dale Dawson: We live at 1305 Howlett Circle, you won't find it on a map but that is tucked up just right beside Fanshawe Park Road backing onto the proposed development. We bought and built in 2014 and like

our neighbours we were told that it was to be commercial behind us and clearly, as you have heard it here, that is a significant change for us, it takes us from peace of mind to a situation that we are really not pleased with so in particular with us at the end of the row, so our lot is fifty-five feet. Beyond our property fence the proposed development is calling for the townhouses just fourteen and a half feet beyond that fence that leaves us forty feet of townhouse wall instead of the thirty foot cedars we look at now. On a safety concern, because we live right there on Fanshawe we get a front row seat to the speed and the volume of traffic. It's beyond scary. I can tell you as an ex-Pilot and a muscle car buff, speed doesn't bother me but what I see on Fanshawe terrifies me and I have talked to the Traffic Unit, of course, resources are limited there. I see families trying to cross Fanshawe specifically, like an eight or nine year old boy, a younger sibling in one hand and an even younger sibling in the other and they dash to the median and the idea of putting more residential in there, more kids trying to get across to the park across the street, with traffic moving at the speed and volume that it is, is an invitation to tragedy. The night that the Ross's barn burnt, myself, my wife and son were out and when we came home, we came home to Fanshawe being blocked by the Police and our first thought was "it's happened", somebody's family member has been hit trying to cross Fanshawe. Okay. So, again, the idea of putting more residential in there, to us, is only asking for trouble. Okay. So I thank you for this time. Appreciate it and thank you for giving us a safe environment to speak from.

- Councillor Cassidy: Thank you Mr Dawson. Are there any other members of the public would like to speak to the Committee? Okay. I see Committee Room 1 and 2. Come to the microphone Sir. State your name and, and you'll have five minutes.
- My name is Bob Small and I am the owner of 1152 Fanshawe Park Road East. (See attached presentation.)
- Councillor Cassidy: Thank you Mr. Small. I just want to ask, just remind people that are in the Committee Rooms, under the current regulations we must keep our masks on at all times in these public gathering. It is difficult to speak through the masks so if you could just keep your mask on and project as much as you possibly can or get closer to the microphone that will help as well. So I'll look again to Committee Rooms 1 and 2 and Committee Room 5 to see if there are any members of the public that would like to address the Planning Committee? One more time. I see someone coming forward.
- Michelle Doornbosch, owner: Madam Chair, my name is Michelle Doornbosch, again, I just wanted to respond to a few of the items that were put off by the public.
- Councillor Cassidy: Well Ms. Doornbosch, you've had five minutes if it can, I understand, we'll wait and see if there are any other members of the public and then I will go to you to address some of the concerns that have been expressed if you have responses to these concerns. But first let me give one more chance to the members of the public to see if they would like to ask questions or share their concerns. Okay. I'm sorry Ms. Doornbosch, don't go walking away because I see that there is nobody else that would like to address so I will give you an opportunity to address the concerns that have been expressed.
- Michelle Doornbosch, owner: Thank you Madam Chair. So just a few very brief comments. There was an initial discussion with regards to the trees that had burned down. The trees that were affected by the fire on the property are central to the property. All of the spruce trees that we've been proposing since the

outset of the application to retain, to be retained, are still there; they were not affected by the fire so the entire hedgerow of the tall spruce trees will be maintained. With regards to the townhouses we did provide, and I am hopeful that the Council, Committee members are able to see that we provided all of the elevations, the south, the east and the west of the townhouses so those are available in the staff report as well a full shadow study was provided, it is included in the staff report and it does show that there are no impacts on the Tyner Shorten property from the proposed townhouses more from the proposed apartment building. Again, thank you for this opportunity and if there are any additional questions that do come up I'd be happy answer them for the Committee.

- Councillor Cassidy: Thank you Ms. Doornbosch and a given that no other members of the public are seeking to speak this evening I will look for.
- Audrey Pasqual, Committee Support Clerk: Sorry I have one more member of the public who would like to speak about the item.
- Councillor Cassidy: Okay. Thank you. State your name Sir and you then you have five minutes to address the Committee.
- Okay. Thank you so much. Well my name is Yudhbir Parmar: I live on Howlett Circle and I think I'm also one of the victims, or one of the affectees by the new construction which, which has come up. The other day there was a meeting and my friend had expressed so many concerns and I endorse all of them. I repeat, I endorse all of the concerns raised by my neighbours and my community members but there are three at least which I would like to focus. The first one is because they're planning to build, make a building there, six storey, so there's going to be underground construction and they're going to take, I'm from a science background and I can assure you that my house is not even fifty meters from that place. My house would be the first to get those cracks. Does the owner of the building give me initiatives that if at all there is any loss to my property she's going to bail me out? That's my biggest concern. The second concern is that this Howlett Circle it aligns with the property all along the west side from south to the north and there is plantation of the spruce trees. Those trees are very, very old and they are very tall, thick vegetation. It is only the last ten or fifteen meters towards the north where there are no spruce trees. Unfortunately, my house lies in that area and the entrance of the building is going to be from that side so that means, I don't know how many cars would be, or other vehicles would be leaving in and out. All those lights at night would be flashing at my house. The thing is, is it possible, anyway some construction has to come whether it's commercial or residential. Is it possible for the builder or the owner of the property to first have those trees planted because it's only ten, fifteen, maybe, meters of area so if they can plant the spruce trees well now, by the time that building comes up those trees would have really grown up and at least there would be some relief from the light falling on my house. The third thing is Canada, as you know, it's a cold country and it's only in the summers we get a chance to sit outside in the backyards. Honestly, by this construction because the garbage collection center, what they have been calling it, that's just going to be about ten meters from my place. That means you're just shutting down the ability for me to sit outside. Well, I'm an Immigrant. I love this country but certainly have not come here for the litigations. I respect the law. Please and please kindly consider these considerations. Thank you.

- Councillor Cassidy: Thank you Mr Parmar. Are there any other members of the public who would like to address the Committee on this issue? Okay. I'm not seeing any movement in either Committee Room so I will look for a motion to close the public participation meeting.