

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

3.1 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING – Application – 16035 Robins Hill Road (Z-9225)

- Councillor Cassidy: Thank you Mr. Adema and thank you Ms. Lee for your report. Are there any technical questions? Councillor Turner.
- Councillor Turner: Thank you Madam Chair. This might be a little weird one but it references any impacts on the airport operation. Is there any concern about the airport operations impact on the site? And I ask this specifically, there is no mention of Federal regulations in this, it speaks to Provincial regulations. I recall, and I don't know how accurate this is, a while back that the Federal government had built a level four research facility for bio-hazardous materials in Mississauga, one that met that standard and it was underneath a flight path and the approaches to Pearson. This site is directly at the end of the runway for London Airport and has bio-hazardous wastes and others that will be stored there, is there any concerns about any impacts associated with, I don't know, an error in navigation perhaps, of aircraft through this flight path?
- Justin Adema, Manager, Planning Policy: Through the Chair and I'll responded and if Ms. Lee has any additional comments I'll let those come through the chat. We did circulate the application to the airport, they reviewed it and didn't identify any concerns with the use so long as those site specific regulations were put in place and their concerns were more with regard to potential impacts on, on the airport so a waste transfer station may produce odors, may attract birds, which obviously could be a concern for flight paths as you mentioned. I'm not aware of, of national restrictions on uses such as this in proximity to the airport. Again, the airport didn't provide any comments to that effect but and I'm also not sure if the applicant is on the, on the line who may consider those sorts of refinements.
- Councillor Turner: Through you Madam Chair, the question is specifically what if there is an accident at the airport and compromised the building itself? So recognizing this probably doesn't have any impact on the airport's operations but the airport's operations could pose a risk associated with this to the general public environment if there was an accident at the airport at the end of the runway especially if there was a fire at the end of the runway or if a plane continued off the runway into this building, that would be a bit of a mess I would think.
- Justin Adema, Manager, Planning Policy: Through the Chair, again, I haven't specifically considered that, that type of impact. I would, I would just say that through the, the environmental compliance approval process some of the specific operations may be considered and I don't know if they would look at area impacts such as the, the airport system. Again, through our review, that wasn't a specific item that we looked at.
- Councillor Cassidy: Councillor?
- Councillor Turner: I think I'll hold on there. That was my technical question. Thanks.
- Councillor Cassidy: Okay. Councillor Hopkins?
- Councillor Hopkins: Yes. So my technical question is regarding the shipment of the waste from the facility, I'm not sure if it would require a ministry approval but

nothing is really mentioned how the waste would be removed. Is that it a concern or a consideration through this zoning process?

- Councillor Cassidy: Mr. Adema?
- Justin Adema, Manager, Planning Policy: Through the Chair, my understanding is that's an issue that will be covered and addressed through the environmental compliance approval process. Our review of the of the site included impacts on adjacent sites so and, and the nature of the, of the facility is that materials will be delivered and secured in containers and moved, stored onsite to be moved elsewhere but there's no processing of, of any of the materials on site so they will stay in those secure containers the whole time on there at the facility.
- Councillor Cassidy: That's good. Councillor Hopkins you're all good? Great. Did you have your hand up Mr. Mayor?
- Mayor Holder: Yes. Physically and on the computer I think, Chair. I just want to come back to, excuse me, Councillor Turner's comment because I want to be sure we know we're dealing with here, he, and I have great confidence in his role with the Health Unit and when he makes reference to bio-hazard that, that kind of raises a question for me and then I see reference to, in the detailed description of the operation sharps disposal, pharmaceutical disposal and it says no processing of liquid or hazardous materials. So do you deem, I need this to be bio-hazard is my question through you to the staff?
- Councillor Cassidy: Mr. Adema.
- Justin Adema, Manager, Planning Policy: Through the Chair, I'm not sure if it would be considered bio-hazard or not with the specific materials that, that could be coming through this facility. My understanding and, and I was satisfied based on the description of their operation that materials would be delivered and installed in containers to be delivered and processed off site so that none of that processing would occur within this facility.
- Mayor Holder: So does that, so is the processing component, is that the point which there's some concern about this being bio-hazardous because I did note that you said no precedent, no processing would be unsafe.
- Justin Adema, Manager, Planning Policy: Through the Chair, if there were bio-hazardous materials it's my understanding that's the point at which they, they would be exposed and removed from those sealed secure containers.
- Councillor Cassidy: Mr. Mayor?
- Mayor Holder: Yeah. I'm just trying to understand, Chair, how sharps disposal should needles and the like and pharmaceutical disposal translate to bio-hazard and I'm respectful of what can be a needle and what can be in pharmaceutical stuff but I'm not sure that it rises to the level of bio-hazard, I'm just trying to understand that to help me along with this. I don't know if that's a rhetorical question?
- Councillor Cassidy: I'm going to go to Councillor Turner, he's got his hand up.
- Councillor Turner: Perhaps it's not for debate, just more, if I might add some clarity to it, any medical instruments that have been in contact with somebody else, with their blood or otherwise, are deemed bio-hazardous waste until they are properly disposed of and incinerated so anything that's, all the stuff that's identified here would be construed as bio-hazardous waste. It doesn't

necessarily mean that there's actually a virus or something that, that poses risk but it's not known until it's destroyed, so storage of it is bio-hazardous.

- Councillor Cassidy: Okay. Any other questions or technical questions about this? Okay. Seeing none. I wonder if the applicant is, is on, on the call, excuse me. I see the agent for the applicant in the committee room. If you would state your name, you have five minutes to address the Committee.
- Thank you Madam Chair Cassidy. My name is Laverne Kirkness of Kirkness Consulting and Strik Baldinelli Engineering and I am representing Dancor Construction Limited and Madam Chair and Committee Members, thanks very much. I have Sean Ford, President of Dancor Construction with me and he would like to address the two points from Councillor Turner and, at least that point about bio-waste. I, I should say though that having made the application, written the Planning Justification report, tracking this, I have to appreciate the planning staff for kind of looking critically at their policies, or constructively at their policies not just kind of throwing them at us but looking at what we're doing in terms of the small scale nature, the absence of processing and, and the small scale and the nature of the operation so that we can get through this process as well as respect the level of policy as well as the ECA which will, which will eventually come subject to the successful rezoning so we appreciate that. We agree with the report, we agree with the restrictions that are in place on the operation and would ask that Planning Committee look favorably upon this report and recommendation but before, before I can say that, and by the way, I think it was kind of covered in the Free Press fairly well by Norm DeBono, but in any case I'd like to bring Sean forward so he can address Councillor Turner's comment.
- Coucillor Cassidy: Okay.
- Thank you. Members of the Committee, good afternoon my name is Sean Ford with Dancor. Just to address really one question I believe Councillor Turner's addressed the issue of the bio-hazard, it is the contents of the needles. Once they're collected, even though they're in a container that deems them a bio-hazard, we're not going to have our tenant dealing with anything other than that. In terms of the airport and their view on us and us on them, the building is illuminated, it's got red lights on the roof, it is built at a certain level to avoid any flight path issues. The operation is using a small truck, thirty feet in length, to be able to pick up what most of you would know as the yellow needle containers as well as delivering new needles as they make their rounds. That thirty foot truck comes back to our building, if the contents are, are in a container, they are palletized, they are brought into the building, they are then put on a fifty-four foot trailer and that fifty-four foot trailer is taken away whenever it's full – twice a week, once a week, and it's brought to another location where everything inside is destroyed and it's, it's, it's near the City of Barrie where that destruction operation happens. So I hope I have addressed those two comments. If there's anything else I'm happy to address them now as well.
- Councillor Cassidy: Thank you Mr Ford. I'll open it up. I'll also check with Committee, did you have any, any additional technical questions before I move to the general public? Seeing none, I will invite any members of the public who would like to address the Committee on this application to come forward and I'm looking at committee rooms one and two and committee room five. No? Again, one more call. Any members of the public who would like to address the Committee about the application on Robins Hill Road? Seeing none, I'll look for a motion to close the public participation meeting.