

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

### 3.3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING – Request to Remove Properties from the Register of Cultural Heritage Resources

- Councillor Squire: Thank you very much. Any technical questions from the Committee and I should add that the LACH Report Item, sorry, what was the number, 4.3 we'll also deal with that at the same time, the LACH recommendation. I did find that actually on page 467, I'm not sure if it is on the Added Agenda but it's 467 of the main Agenda and the recommendation is received there. Any technical questions? Alright. Is somebody prepared to move the recommendation along with the LACH recommendation contained in this report as paragraph 4.3?
- Catharine Saunders, City Clerk: Mr. Chair we have some members of the public here for this item.
- Councillor Squire: Okay. Let's go ahead, then.
- Catharine Saunders, City Clerk: First is Ms. Valastro.
- Councillor Squire: Thank you very much. Ms. Valastro?
- AnnaMaria Valastro: Hi. I haven't read the LACH recommendations. I actually didn't see them here but I just wanted to speak to this matter because I feel like a lot of these houses are being removed because they are in the way. We know that the City wants to widen Wellington Road so they can put in bus lanes and when I look at these houses I admired actually a lot of these houses; they are working class houses. I recognize some of them are not, I don't know about every single one of them, there's no report, really, for me to read on each individual building but there are some buildings there that, for someone just looking at them on, they're, they're beautiful, there's examples of them on other parts of the city like the peaks, the gable, the peaked roof on some of these houses and the bungalows but very rarely are they examples of middle class structures that emulate ones that are more grand and I'm always dismayed when middle class or lower income houses are not given any historical or cultural value and, again, I don't know what LACH said but I do feel that these are being delisted en mass because they are in the way and I, again, this comes down to this idea that we have to widen a road to make room for transit when, in fact, we should just be narrowing traffic lanes down to one like so many other cities, they don't make them bigger, they make them smaller for cars and then they balance it out with, they make room for public transit not the other way around and I feel like this is being deregulated because they are in the way and as there is no report here, there's not much I can say other than that seems to be the outstanding motive here. I recognize there has been an assessment but a lot of that assessment is interpretive and as someone who is familiar with that stretch of road, I see a lot of history when I look at some of those houses anyways and I'm really disappointed that this, unless you can tell me they're not in the way, I'm really disappointed in the way the City approaches heritage unless they're grand. There is an example of history all through the ages and I will speak again when it comes to 126 Price Street but that's what I wanted to say. I just feel there isn't really much for the public to go on with this particular report, there's no, I don't see a LACH report myself and there's no report from the Heritage Planner.
- Councillor Squire: Ms. Valastro if I, there is a LACH report from the LACH meeting.
- AnnaMaria Valastro: I know but I, I haven't seen it. I'm sorry.
- Councillor Squire: Okay.

- AnnaMaria Valastro: I don't know. I guess it's on the first Agenda. I didn't look on the first Agenda.
- Councillor Squire: Okay. I'm just telling you there are, can I just finish please? There is a LACH Report and I believe the LACH concurred with the decision and again it's very brief just so you're aware of that.
- AnnaMaria Valastro: Oh, okay, I see. So they're in support. Okay. That's fine. That's all I wanted to say is that the overwhelming feeling I get is that these houses are in the way of something you want to do and what you want to do is just make a four lane highway basically bigger rather than smaller for cars and I drive a car and I can get down to one lane.
- Councillor Squire: Okay, we are getting, we do understand.
- AnnaMaria Valastro: That's fine. Okay.
- Councillor Squire: We do understand. You're getting to the end of your time if there is something quick you wanted to say?
- AnnaMaria Valastro: No. I'm done. Thank you.
- Councillor Squire: Thank you very much. Next member of the public?
- Catharine Saunders: Mr. Chair, Goran Mamika.
- Councillor Squire: Okay. Go ahead sir.
- Goran Mamika: I don't have a comment at this time.
- Councillor Squire: Okay. Next member of the public.
- Catharine Saunders: Mr. Chair that is all we had for members of the public in attendance for this item.
- Councillor Squire: Okay. Then we'll turn it over to the Committee. Did I close the public participation meeting prematurely? Then we're going to close the public participation meeting.