

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

3.5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING – Argyle Core Area Community Improvement Plan (O-9299)

- Councillor Squire: Presentation Please. Thank you very much. Well under five minutes. Appreciate it. Any technical questions from the Committee? There being none we will move on to public comments.
- Heather Lysynski, Committee Clerk: Through you Mr. Chair, Jae Truesdell.
- Councillor Squire: Go ahead sir.
- Jae Truesdell, SmartCentres: Thank you Committee. Thank you. Thank you, Committee Members, for the opportunity to speak today. My name is Jae Truesdell and I'm the Director of Corporate Affairs for SmartCentres. We own and operate the Argyle Mall within the proposed Community Improvement Plan area, and we appreciate the opportunities to engage with staff on the CIP and want to acknowledge the forward-thinking that has gone into it. SmartCentres was founded on providing value-oriented retail for communities across Canada, and for the past five years we've begun intensifying our centres by adding residential, both condo and purpose-built rental, seniors housing, and self-storage to begin to build truly mixed-use communities. Presently, SmartCentres has applications or approvals for over seven thousand residential units across Ontario, ranging from townhomes in Cambridge to high rise luxury rentals in mid-town Toronto. We're very pleased to see that the strategies presented in this report will contribute to the community and help us all move forward towards a brighter future. I want to thank staff, again, and thank the Committee Members and, eventually, Council for looking at this in all seriousness and for including us in the conversation. Thank you very much.
- Councillor Squire: Thank you. Next speaker.
- Heather Lysynski, Committee Clerk: Through you, Mr. Chair, I believe there are people in the Committee Room.
- Councillor Squire: Alright. Members of the community in the Committee Room who wish to speak to the Argyle Core Area Plan? Yes? No? No. Alright. Are there any other speakers? No.
- Heather Lysynski, Committee Clerk: Through you Mr. Chair, no.
- Councillor Squire: Alright. We'll have to close the public participation meeting.