

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

### 3.9 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING – 50 King Street – Demolition Request

- Councillor Hopkins: I will look to staff for a brief presentation. Thank you, Mr. Gonyou. Any technical questions from Committee Members? I see none. I will go to the applicant. If the applicant is not here, I would like to go to the public.
- Heather Lysynski, Committee Clerk: Kelley McKeating.
- Kelley McKeating, Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, London Region: Thank you. You can hear me?
- Councillor Hopkins: Yes, we can.
- Kelley McKeating, Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, London Region: Okay. The mandate of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario is to work to protect the best examples of Ontario's architectural heritage and also to protect its places of natural beauty and specific to London region, that is what ACO London works towards. The building at 50 King Street, excuse me, is not as Mr. Gonyou said, it's not an outstanding example of architecture, of any era even though it does have some important municipal and county significance. We're expecting that both this Committee and Council will accept the staff's recommendation to approve the demolition request and we don't object to that but what we would like to state our support for is the staff's recommendation to require an appropriate temporary landscape plan. The County Courthouse is a beautiful building surrounded by grass, surrounded by trees and that parklike setting would be detracted from if there was a parking lot or something put in place of that building so hopefully that condition will be put on the demolition application. The other thing that the ACO would like to ask about is in the past City Council has on occasion made an approved site plan for replacement building a condition for the demolition. That's probably not something that Council would be interested in entertaining at this juncture given the uncertainty of the timeline given the property owner's plans for that site but just in general I wanted to remind that that has been done in the past. I thank you for listening to my comments.
- Councillor Hopkins: Thank you Ms. McKeating. Is there anyone else from the public that would like to speak to this demolition request? I hear and see none. With that I would like to go to Committee Members to close the public participation meeting.