

Public Open House Meeting Notes

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
Public Open House
Case 22140

Thursday, June 13th, 2019
7:00 pm- 9:00 pm
North Woodside Community Centre, Pleasant Street

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Jennifer Chapman, Planner, HRM Planning and Development

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Sam Austin, District 5
Cesar Saleh, WM Fares Architects (Applicant)

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: Approximately 40

Questions asked on the Comment form:

Are there any parts of this proposal that you like?

Are there any parts of this proposal that concern you?

How do you feel the proposed building design fits on its site? How do you feel it fits in the neighbourhood?

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the proposal?

General Observation about the Comments:

Of the 40 attendees, 19 wrote comments.

Methodology:

A count of attendees and their response rate is included.

The format was Open House allowing for a mix of citizens, staff, and the applicant's representatives.

A selection of articulate comments directly from respondents has been transcribed and included in this analysis for context and tone.

The numbers in the rightmost column are either a direct count or a keyword/phrase occurrence count. Emphases are from the respondents.

Data:

Attendance & Reponses	
Total Public Attendee Count	~40
Comment Forms Received	19
Percent	47% response rate

Proposal	
Pro	7
Con	9
Undecided	3

Comments:

- Traffic was a reoccurring concern, as was the location of the garage entrance, largely because of the steepness of Chadwick Street.
- Comments on the proposed building were mixed with some believing it is unattractive, too large, too tall, and doesn't fit the low-density residential neighbourhood. Others thought it was a "good design" and appreciated the height lowering towards the residential homes on Chadwick Street. Some questioned the colour and materials used.
- Glad to see a re-investment in the area.
- Lighting was requested on Pleasant Street for pedestrians and that parking for electric vehicles should be included/identified.
- The proposed unit type mix was identified as a good thing as it provides options for people.
- Like the orientation of the building at Pleasant and Chadwick and like the grade-oriented units, but the building moves too far up the street into the community.

Quotes:

"Safety concerns with traffic coming and going on Chadwick Street, especially in the winter months"

"The proposed building does not fit within the neighbourhood"

"I like the various unit typologies that would cater to diverse residents. Could bring more young people to the area"

"The height transition and stepback are suitable and respond well to the site slope and current streets."