

Dear Sir or Madame

I understand that I have an opportunity to speak at city council in response to the proposed sale of the public laneway in Dundas between Victoria and Alma Streets.

I am submitting my request to address council during their meeting on Monday morning.

I know council has received an awful lot of communication opposing the sale of the laneway.

I have attended many meetings and my sense from any city official in attendance was that they were going through the motions but that the sale was all but done.

I would like to remind town council of the number of citizens from Dundas who are third, fourth or even fifth generation towns folk who pleaded for this laneway to remain an integral part of the history of Dundas. My wife is a fifth generation Dundesian and she has spoken elegantly on many occasions how her parents and their parents as well as her and our Grandchildren have used this laneway. Residents of Dundas, particularly old established families take pride in how their forefathers were able to establish and nurture this town. They were proud and fierce about maintaining the character that they had developed here. The descendants of these families have endeavoured to make sure that the things that make Dundas stand out from all the other communities in the area is an adherence to tradition.

Hamilton city council seems to have forgotten what their role is as elected members. It is not to reinvent the wheel. The old saying that if it isn't broke don't try to fix it seem to apply aptly here. How much has the city of Hamilton spent on maintaining this laneway in the past few years and how many people have sustained any sort of injury on it?

To my knowledge it would appear to be zero and none. Why get rid of something that people want and hasn't cost the city a cent.

Respectfully yours

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