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Re: Crunch Time for Dundas Lane Controversy, Andrew Dreschel,  
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I am a businesswoman in Dundas. I want to share my story about the public laneway.

When I was younger growing up in rural Flamborough and was bused in to Parkside High School it was amazing to be asked by a friend who lived on Sydenham to go to her house for lunch. I still remember the grilled cheese sandwiches we ate. We walked nearly every day through the laneway that is now being scrutinized in every way and we felt safe and secure as two young girls ... the world was our oyster. We were definitely more safe than if we had walked on Sydenham Street.

For me, memories like these and the people who live here, many of them for their whole lives, make Dundas what it is today.

Now because of a lack of the City's desire to maintain these public laneways and an individual's complaint about some small things, e.g. picking up dog excrement, all of the above freedom may be taken away from our town's residents.

It is such a sad state of affairs and makes me wonder what will happen to small towns like ours in the future?

This walkway is a part of historic Dundas.

Sincerely,

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