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**Cc:** Public Laneway  
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Dear City Councillors,

When I emigrated to Canada, some 60 years ago, I thought the Commonwealth would have based it's Constitution and politics on the Motherland's ideals. How wrong I was ! Whereas, "back home" it's citizens enjoy the simple privilege of permission to use historical convenient public paths and 'easements' or 'rights-of-way' , there appears to be no such regard for the 'common' local dwellers, who have appreciated and protected these beloved lanes for centuries. Canada is proving it's contempt for history, and an obvious preference for the filling of the coffers of greedy landlords who ally themselves with power-crazed local politicians.

Doing away with these proofs of Dundas' founding culture, can be described as "thumbing their noses at history". How very different are the attitudes of the country from which Canada drew it's first breath. Ask anyone who has enjoyed a holiday exploring the cities and countryside of Britain, they will tell you of their admiration and gratitude for Authorities' respect and preservation of old customs. Such items play a large part in attracting Tourism to these treasured places. How short-sighted are the majority of voted-in Councillors who can be swayed by the thoughts of quick money filling the City's financial requirements. The once-attractive panorama of our small Town of Dundas, has already been pillaged by modern-day 'developers' – who without a second thought, cannot wait to fill our skyline with hideous overbearing sky-scrapers.

Gentlemen, and Ladies ! in whose hands our futures lie ... I implore you stir up your imagination and love of simple beauties to be found in the Valley Town, if you allow it to remain proud of it's heritage, which can still be traced by the architecture and quaint Rights of Way alleys , which emerged from the 18th Century and the natural geographic attraction that once made Dundas the centre of migration and industry, in the days when Hamilton was unknown. Please show us your humanity, and the sense of history which will enrich the lives of your children and grandchildren in the coming years.

I thank you for this consideration and the vote which will ensure the blessings of our population for your respect of culture and history.

God bless Canada !  
from  
Citizen, Yvonne Garry