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I am opposed to the closure and sale of an irreplaceable bit of Dundas history and heritage, the laneway between Alma and Victoria Streets, in use for 160+ years.

Many of us in Dundas wonder if the property owner/developer is acquiring that extra strip of land with a view to a future severance and the creation of a building lot in the Heritage District of our town. The City should not be enabling such a move.

'The safety of the children' justification seems like a red herring; there has not been a recorded case of any mishap, ever, either in the laneway or at either end.

This is, rather, an issue of a private citizen taking for his own, something that is an asset to an entire population, and it should not be permitted.

Access to the proponent's garage and parking area could easily be accomplished on his own property (he is a paving contractor), thus leaving the public laneway for the use and enjoyment of the hundreds of other Dundas residents who do not wish to see it closed.

Sincerely,
Toby Yull