

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Request to vote "no" on the sale of the Dundas Public Laneway
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I call to your attention to Chantal's detailed objection to the proposed sale with which I strongly agree and ask that my comment here and the attached document be both included the record of Wednesday's Council Meeting. As a compromise, I ask that this Laneway sale matter be tabled indefinitely or at least, until clarification of the much touted "policies and procedures" are understood and deemed to be fair.

I note particularly the appearance of a serious conflict of interest by Councillor VanDerBeek in the manner this file was handled. She should have stood aside from chairing when she was biased in supporting this application whilst quietly misleading people that she was neutral. She publicly characterized opposition to the sales plan to be the work of enemies and named me so on one occasion, when I was not present, to damage my reputation with my neighbours.

I note the determined opposition by a large number of the surrounding residents who cannot be ignored without undermining the confidence of citizens in those who represent them. There are long term consequences to democracy when people come to believe they are not taken seriously.

I note the offensive and bizarre suggestion of granting a "retroactive heritage permit" by the City as a reward to Mr. Medeiros for illegally paving City land in a heritage jurisdiction. This paving should be removed by the City as a matter of principle and an effective deterrent for others who might think they have the right to do as they please. Propose an amendment to cover this, if required.

I note the poor quality and biased public works report and its untimely release viz the scheduled Public Works Committee meeting. You, as is common in the City, should feel free to ignore this report. I cite the extensive, expensive and very professional ward boundary report which was ignored by Council in favour of a homemade one. Insist on better standards from professional staff and responsible management/supervision. This Public Works report was a waste of money and embarrassing.

Further, I "call out" the City for demoting the public consultation process to a mere "box to be checked" so the politicians and senior technocrats to get where they already decided they want to go. The Community Consultation process was never respectful. Community participation was minimized and undermined by Ms. VanderBeek.

Thank you,