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**From:** Peter Muroch  
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**To:** Office of the Mayor; clerk@hamilton.ca  
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Dear Mr. Mayor:

I would encourage council to stand with the people in the issue over the laneway in picturesque Dundas. The privatization of the lane will bring no benefit to the town but will erode a small and historic piece of the public common.

Given there is no positive for the city – no job creation, etc., you know, the usual benefits in private acquisition - what can possibly be the justification for voting with the interests of a wealthy and influential homeowner when hundreds of citizens oppose the sell-off.

If council votes with the individual over the public's wishes, it will mark yet again what is becoming an increasingly disturbing trend at city hall - money talks, despite the consequences.

This flies in the face of the city's attempt to define itself as a friendly, neighbourly and community-minded place to live. Hamilton should not be a place where money and political influence is all it takes to swing votes. In a democracy, the voice of the public should be of the highest concern.

I trust you and your council will see the light. There is no upside in this individual's desire to privatize what has for years been public.

Mr. Mayor, I can assure you people are watching this decision closely. Notwithstanding broader issues such as the LRT, for many of us this vote, in its capacity to spotlight a fundamental politic - public over private interests - is seen as determinative of the tenor and priorities of this council.

I encourage you to do the right thing and stand with the hundreds of citizens who oppose this greedy land grab.

With respect,

Peter Muroch  
Dundas Resident

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