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**Subject:** proposed sale of Dundas Laneway

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**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca  
**Subject:** [\*\*\*\*POSSIBLE SPAM]proposed sale of Dundas Laneway

Please accept the following letter for Wednesdays meeting  
 Dear Councillor

My name is Peter Shambrook and I live at 82 Sydenham St. in Dundas Ontario. I urge you to vote no to the proposed sale of the south end of the lane way, between Victoria St. and Alma St.to Mr. Medeiros.

The laneway has been in public use for over 160 years, It is older then Canada.

My wife and I have lived in the neighbourood for almost 38 years. We moved to this area of Dundas, due to its character, the laneways being part of that character We have raised 3 kids and have 3 grand children, all of whom have used the laneway throughout their lives. We often use the laneway when we are out walking with our kids, grand kids and our dogs. The laneway acts as an integral part of the laneway system in Dundas. It adds to the safe walkability of the area. If the laneway is sold it would be closed off for not only my children, grandchildren but future generations of Dundasians.

The comment about vandalism being a reason for selling the laneway is a red herring. The only vandalism mentioned by supporters of the sale occurred after Mr. Medeiros paved the portion of the laneway abutting his house and erecting the fence. It was his first act of vandalism to the public laneway that sparked what ever future vandalism occurred

Mr. Medeiros purchased his property knowing it abutted a public laneway. He made many alterations to his home including converting it from s duplex to a single family home, changing the front two doors to a single door. This property had been a duplex for as long as I have lived in Dundas. It was owned by the McMaster family How much work done to the house was done with the approval of the heritage committee. With the speed at which the work was done on the house, I would think none.

If the property is sold to Mr. Medeiros, are you not setting a bad precedent. You are rewarding someone for breaking the laws and taking what does not belong to them. What example does this set for our kids and people who follow the law.? It is showing them that they can do things illegally and get away with it.

There has not been a safety issue with this laneway in 160 years. It has only been raised as a concern since Mr. Medeiros decided he wanted to buy the laneway for his own personal use. Sydenham St. is not a safe place to walk. I avoid walking on Sydenham St, as much as possible. The closure of this laneway removes one more safer route for walking in this area.

I don't see why 1 person should benefit, after having done something illegal, over that of at least 650 other people who show that they are against the sale of the laneway, and have not done anything illegal.

If you don't want to vote no, than please push the pause button and support a motion to have the decision put off until the Heritage Committee has a chance to look at the situation and see what the heritage impact on the full area is.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely  
 Peter D. Shambrook