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**Subject:** Hamilton City Councillors re: Dundas Laneway

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Dear Mayor and City Councillors,

We are residents of Dundas and live one block away from the Laneway which is the subject of your vote Wednesday night.

We use this Laneway and enjoy the safety and quaintness of it. Walking along Sydenham St., which runs parallel to the Laneway, is much more dangerous with trucks and cars driving at all times of day and night. Sydenham street is a main connector road from Hwy 5 to the town and is busy and fast. The Laneway provides children, seniors and the general public with protection for one block at least from this danger.

As you have learned this Laneway has been in existence for over 160 years. Think of that! One hundred and sixty years of continuous use by the people of Dundas from farmers and their children, to people from every walk of life. How can it suddenly be owned, OWNED by one individual when so many of the towns citizens are opposed to such ownership? We will be barred from using this Laneway because one person seems to feel he and only he should have all rights to it for his singular use.

What is a town but a community where people coexist and enjoy the delights, the parks and the paths travelled through time?

Haven't we regretted erasing the signs and the structures of the past that link us to those that lived before us? Every time when we eliminate what we treasure, especially for the benefit and private use of one citizen, we are changing the history of our land!

We ask you, as the stewards of our town, as the elected representatives who must act as the majority's voice.....we ask you, City Councillors, to hear your constituents, ALL of your constituents not just a privileged one, and to vote "NO" on the proposed alley closure.

Sincerely yours,  
MaryAnn and Paul Thompson