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Subject: Dundas alley

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To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Cc: Eisenberger, Fred; Johnson, Aidan; VanderBeek, Arlene

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I am writing to voice my opposition to the sale of the downtown alleyway to a private citizen. For 160 years this land has been part of the commons of Dundas and provided a safe and leisurely route for children, cyclists and dog-walkers. I have been a resident of Dundas and area since 1972 and raised my children in close proximity to this alley. To suddenly suggest, on absolutely no evidence, that it constitutes a danger is self-serving and downright dishonest.

The would-be purchaser has already demonstrated his willingness to ride roughshod over the wishes of his neighbours and to reward him for doing so is to guarantee that such behaviour will continue. For members of council to callously disregard the wishes of the citizens of the downtown in order to grant the request of an individual with extensive ties to the city is terrible optics and bad politics. Sometimes the city's relationships with its once independent suburbs has been bumpy at best. If you are trying to make sure that tension increases, supporting this sale is sure to do it. Please let wiser heads overturn this travesty.

Sent from my iPhone