

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Dundas alley should not be sold

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To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Ms. Vanderbeek,

As a resident of Dundas, I was very troubled to learn that you voted in favour of selling the public laneway near Sydenham Road. There are a number of reasons that I am concerned about this - and you should be as well.

1. Conflict of interest

According to your own published financial statement, Len Medeiros donated the maximum amount (\$750) to your campaign. As such, your impartiality in this matter is compromised. Indeed, while your participation in the vote may not be an official violation of conflict of interest rules, I believe it seriously calls into question your integrity and political ethos.

2. Artificial safety concerns

Concerns about safety were only raised AFTER Mr. Medeiros expressed interest in purchasing the laneway. Consequently, it is fair to conclude that these concerns were fabricated to support Mr. Medeiros' bid to purchase the land. I am unaware of incidents that have occurred in that alley which would support its closure. In contrast, the alternative route, Sydenham Road, boasts an abundance documented safety concerns.

3. Lack of respect for history and small-town neighbourliness

This laneway has been in the public domain for over a century and a half. More colloquially, it is part of the Dundas "commons". Ceding this land by selling it to a wealthy developer is indicative of a devaluing of the commons.

4. Pocket-lining and Back-scratching

The sale reinforces the perception that Hamilton City Hall is being run by developers.

5. Out of touch with your constituents

The sale is widely opposed by your constituents.

I look forward to hearing your responses to my concerns.

Sincerely,

Tania Kerr