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**Subject:** Vote NO to public laneway closures

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To City of Hamilton Councillors:

We strongly oppose the concept of alleyway divestment to private landowners by the City of Hamilton.

The way the current Dundas laneway issue was handled by the City brings to the public eye the fact that these deals are done behind closed doors and, it seems, are done to the benefit of certain privileged individuals.

This kind of "deal-making" disenfranchises the ordinary taxpaying citizen - our response is to throw our hands up and just give up getting engaged in public issues. This individual gets a nice addition to his property for a pittance and then, as I understand it, paves it over!!!! On top of all the aforementioned losses to our social fabric, the rest of us beleaguered taxpayers will have our taxes raised again down the road when increased flood claims come in. I give up!

For the record, I own property in Dundas which has a back, "unassumed," laneway and consequently I understand the issue firsthand. I am incredulous at the City's behaviour. I too would like to own that piece of real estate in my back yard but it would be unfair and greedy to usurp public land.

Please vote no to the proposed lane closure.

Robert Pinder

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