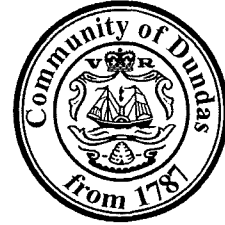


# **Dundas Community Council**

## **60 Main Street, Dundas**



June 23, 2017

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Mayor F. Eisenberger  
and Members of Council  
City of Hamilton,  
71 Main Street West,  
Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of Council:

**Re: June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Public Works Committee - Report PW-17048,  
(Item 6.4) Proposed Permanent Closure and Sale of a Portion  
of an Unassumed Alley between Alma St. and Victoria St., Dundas**

Please be advised that the Dundas Community Council passed the following motion at its meeting on June 21st, 2017:

*“Moved by Larry Button and seconded by Stan Nowak:*

**WHEREAS**, an application for the proposed permanent closure and sale of a public unassumed alleyway between Sydenham and Cross Streets, Victoria Street and Alma Street, in Dundas, was approved by the City’s Public Works Committee at its meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017;

**WHEREAS**, the majority (75%) of the landowners directly abutting the entire alleyway are in favour of the application, one additional owner wishes to remain neutral and is therefore indifferent, and one who does not reside on the alley is opposed;

**WHEREAS**, St. Augustine’s School undertook a School Travel Plan in November of 2016. Facilitated by Public Health Services, it included school stakeholders, City of Hamilton traffic staff and public health professionals, as well as police, parents/guardians, administrators, educators and students;

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**WHEREAS,** the school safety travel plan identified that the alley is not being promoted as a walking path by the school and that there is no pedestrian infrastructure available in the alley. It recognized concerns about sight lines through the alleyway, inconsistent surfaces, no snow plowing during winter, no sidewalks on Alma when entering or exiting the alley, and no mid-block crossing to access the school on the other side of Alma. In addition, it identified that driver behaviour on Alma Street is subject to double parking, parking in the wrong direction, stopping in the bus loading area and drivers doing 3 point turns to reverse direction on Alma Street;

**WHEREAS,** the use of the alleyway by small children has been promoted extensively through social and print media over the past year;

**WHEREAS,** the City of Hamilton employs a School Crossing Guard at the intersection of Sydenham and Alma Streets to provide safe crossings for pedestrians, especially children at certain times of day;

**WHEREAS,** in February 2017 the City erected signage at either end of the alleyway encouraging pedestrians, especially children, to use an alternate route to access the school and recognizes that pedestrians should cross the street at the all-way stop at Sydenham and Alma Street with the crossing guard, or at another appropriate location with proper pedestrian infrastructure;

**WHEREAS,** many improvements have been undertaken to address traffic and sidewalk safety on Sydenham over the past two years;

**WHEREAS,** the City Staff Report PW-17048 recommended that a portion of the north/south public unassumed alleyway be permanently closed and sold to the applicant, subject to conditions.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

Dundas Community Council supports the staff recommendation in Report PW-17048 on the basis of the support from the majority of the abutting landowners; the concerns raised by the school in the School Travel Plan; to reduce the City's overall liability and improve the safety of residents and children while in the alley or entering or exiting the alley on Alma Street, taking into consideration the traffic and conditions on Alma Street at school open and close hours.

*Carried Unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,



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