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re: the proposed closure of part of Kerr Street, Dundas.

I object to the selling off of a public thoroughfare, used by both pedestrians and vehicles, to a private individual. The proposed sale is like the City selling me the portion of Ogilvie Street that abuts the front of my house, so that I could increase the size of my property and my residence with no regard for the rest of the citizens.

I, personally, use the part of Kerr Street under discussion when I garden in my front yard. My wheelbarrow and any dirty tools cannot be transported through my house, but must be walked around to the garage at the rear of my property. I use Kerr Street to get there as it is the shortest route.

I, and many others, use Kerr Street to exit onto Ogilvie Street when going to Metro, or Ancaster, or Governor's Road or anywhere south and west of the Ogilvie Street Terrace [as the property 31-37 Ogilvie Street was called when it was built in 1860]. For me to have to drive out of Kerr Street onto Hatt Street, turn left onto Ogilvie Street and then proceed south may not seem like much of an inconvenience or expense, but over the years it will waste both my time and my money.

Recently Metro built a set of stairs down the hill from Kerr Street to their parking lot as so many pedestrians were slipping and sliding down the hill from Kerr Street, although the store signs warned them not to make use of the hill for access to their store. Closing Kerr Street, as proposed, will make those stairs inaccessible to any but the residents of the Manor, who have no need for a grocery store anyway.

The Postie parks her minivan in the part of Kerr Street that would be closed. From there she delivers her mail in this section of town. When I told her about the proposed closure, she said that the property was messy enough as it stands and could not see why increasing its size would guarantee any improvement.

City snowploughs, garbage trucks and recycling trucks all use the crescent that is Kerr Street to do their jobs. They enter from Hatt Street and exit onto Ogilvie Street. They are all large vehicles and would find it difficult to turn around in the Kerr Street that would be left after the closure. Their only option

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would be to back up onto Hatt Street to continue their rounds. Hatt Street is a very busy street, with cars sweeping around the curve from the lights at Hatt and Main to the lights at Hatt and Ogilvie. **The City would be liable for the accidents which could easily happen weekly as the oversize vehicles backed onto Hatt Street.**

Ambulances and other emergency vehicles also use the Kerr Street route frequently. They would be forced to use only Ogilvie Street, blocking traffic on a busy street.

I have lived at ■ Ogilvie Street for more than 40 years. Mr. Sciara has tried to close Kerr Street before. The Town of Dundas refused him, and at the time promised me that I would never be stressed by having to deal with such an application again. Please check back in your records to see the results of his earlier appeal.

Twenty-four men already live at 35-37 Ogilvie Street. Any more would be ridiculous for this neighbourhood.

Thank you for your attention.

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