

Friday, June 23, 2017

Dear Arlene Vanderbeek,

We have never met before so allow me to introduce myself. My name is Judy Newitt Pedersen. I am proud to say my family has been in Dundas since 1848 and were the town butchers for several generations. For generations my family has used the alley connecting from Victoria St to Alma St. My ancestors lived right on beautiful Victoria St and to this day most of us still live here in beautiful Dundas.

My great, great grandparents, my great grandparents, my grandparents, my parents, all of my seven siblings and now our grandchildren have all used this alley, almost on a daily basis. That is many, many generations of my own family personally using this alley, without any incidents. It has provided us great joy over the years. I am sure my ancestors who are watching down on us from Grove cemetery are rolling over in their graves.

I absolutely could not believe your decision to sell this alleyway...especially after allowing the citizens of Dundas to express their concern at the City Hall meeting, then abruptly afterwards you voted to sell the laneway, regardless of what anyone said. A total waste of everyone's time and a severe blow to my family, my ancestors, and everyone else of Dundas. If you had your mind made up before hand, why did you waste everyone's time and give false hope by allowing people to come speak?

For the first time in my life I feel like I have been thrown under the bus!

A very shameful decision. For the first time in my life I have no words to express the dismay I am feeling now, and I can't even begin to imagine what huge disappointment my beloved ancestors would think of this callous decision. Our beautiful public alley which we all have happily used for 160 years and in a blink of an eye....will be closed off for one person's greed.

Regards,

Judy Newitt Pedersen