

Friday, June 23, 2017

Dear Arlene Vanderbeek,

I've just read in the Spec the decision to allow Mr. Medeiros to close off the alleyway running parallel to Sydenham Street in Dundas for his own personal benefit.

I have friends who have lived in the area for over 40 years, my wife was raised in a house on Sydenham, attended St. Augustine school & used that lane way in her youth. These friends, who have written to council on this matter, and many other 'long term residents' pleaded to council to leave this alleyway open. These people who have lived there for many years, some of whom have used that alleyway since childhood, have been denied their request in favour of whom? A relative newcomer to the neighbourhood, who has the money and connections at city hall to get his wishes put ahead of the rest of his neighbours.

I almost laughed at the excuse given regarding safety of students! Can anyone tell me how many kids have been injured crossing Alma Street at that location in the past 40 years? That's how long I've lived in Dundas, and can't remember a single incident. I admit I haven't read nor heard every news report over that period but still don't remember one.

Hamilton council talks a pretty good story about conserving our heritage, which is what these people are talking about, but when it comes down to it, the squeaky wheel still gets the grease, especially when the wagon owner is a friend to council. It's unfathomable, just how many simple decisions seem to baffle this council.

Deciding to grant the 'wants' of one over the 'wishes' of many, for no valid reason, makes no sense to this voter!

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