

**Westdale Village Business Improvement Association
Annual General Meeting, 7pm, Westdale Library
November 18th, 2015**

Present: David Simpson, Ilona Santa, Suzanne Repei, Anne Campagna, Ben Greco, David Carrothers, Aidan Johnson, Trevor Cameron, Craig Waters (BIA Office), Peter Anderson (Global Village), Sgt. Gino Ciarmoli (Hamilton Police), Emily Butterworth (Pita Pit), Daniella Fraser (Westdale Optical Boutique), Jenna Rivard (Scotiabank), Chris Huzulak (The Snooty Fox), Jordan Geerstma (The Snooty Fox), Joe Gravina (Westside Hair), Jaclyn Major (Westside Hair), April Windus (Westdale Library), Paul Donahoe (CPA), Sylvia Renshaw (City of Hamilton Economic Dept.), Jennifer Daniel (Judy Marsales)

Board Members Absent: Trisha Aitchison (regrets)

Welcome from the Chair (David Simpson) David Simpson thanked Pita Pit, Montfort's and Global Village for providing food and drink to the AGM.

1) Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Suzanne Repei to approve the agenda. David Simpson seconded, carried.

2) Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Trevor Cameron to accept the minutes from the November 20th, 2014 AGM. David Simpson seconded, carried.

3) Police Report: Sgt. Gino Ciarmoli

-Sgt. Ciarmoli was pleased to report that there were no incidents reported from West Fest, when over 4000 students came in to the village

-The AWWCA started a bike light initiative this year giving out free bike lights on Sterling to bike riders.

-The police has worked closely with banks this year to stop individuals from sleeping in their entrance ways. Business owners are encouraged to contact the police when dealing with these issues.

-Craig will pass along Sgt. Ciarmoli's contact to the board.

4) Financial Report (Anne Campagna, Treasurer)

-Paul Donahoe, CPA assisted Anne with the numbers from the 2014 audit provided by KPMG. These financials are available at any time in the BIA office. Anne Campagna motioned to accept the financial report, Ilona Santa seconded, carried.

5) Approval of Budget

Staffing \$33 000

Special Events \$30 000

Advertising \$28 000

Office Expenses \$10 000

Beautification \$18 000

Casual Labour \$2000

Contingency \$4000

Total \$125 000

Ben Greco motioned to accept proposed budget, David Simpson seconded, carried.

6) Councillor Aidan Johnson

Councillor Aidan Johnson spoke about the proposed LRT and how it will impact West Hamilton (specifically Westdale).

The Snooty Fox ownership asked the Councillor to investigate by laws pertaining to parking after 2am in the parkettes.

Jenna Rivard (Scotiabank) would like the councillor to investigate street parking permits for employees who work in the area.

There is a general consensus among the merchants that many of the sewers are emitting a foul smell.

7) Year in Review Presentation (Craig Waters and Suzanne Repei)

Craig and Suzanne spoke about 2015 Marketing/Advertising, Beautification and Events. Future goals were discussed and a thank you was given to the board members for their professional conduct.

8) New Business:

Jordan Geerstma (Snooty Fox) would like the councillor to investigate line painting in the parkettes.

9) Adjournment