

**Westdale Village BIA  
Meeting Agenda**

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 @ 6:30pm

**Location:** via ZOOM

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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**Meeting ID:** 834 0494 9282

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**Present:** David (Westdale Law), Donna (Pure Realty Brokerage), Anita (Pace Credit Union), Ilona Santa (Casual Gourmet), Lora (Lora's Walk-in Closet), Robert (Westdale Theatre), Stephanie Wilson for Councillor Maureen Wilson, Tracy (Executive Director – recording)

**Guests:**

**Regrets:** Ron (HPL)

**Declared Conflicts of Interest:**

1. **Call to order.** Request from City to now record meetings.
2. **Approval of Agenda.**
3. **Approval of minutes.** December 8, 2021
4. **City of Hamilton: Councillor Maureen Wilson**
  - COVID-19 update.
  - Development updates:
    - 90 Carling St (backs on King property near Food Basics) To construct a 7-storey multiple dwelling containing 100 units. A total of 57 parking spaces are being provided for the site, with 45 below grade, 12 contained on a surface parking area.
    - McMaster residence? The LPAT decision?
    - 804-816 King St W (@ Paradise) 6 storey, commercial main floor, 30 units with 20 parking spaces. Approved by the City.
  - Snow sidewalk clearing - starts DEC 2022 - "approved for major bus routes", but not for Westdale Village apparently
  - paving of local streets - Marion N&S, Sterling, Whitton 2022?
  - Cootes clean-up completed in 2022?
  - Churchill Park upgrades – completion expected SPRING 2022?
  - laneway behind ScotiaBank and Shoppers – update
  - permanent outdoor patios coming to Council soon
  - Thank you Councillor Wilson - some sweeping was done thankfully and thank you in the parkette areas and along King St W - just in time for snow arrival
  - Economic Development support for events in BIAs (details to come)
  - Parking: Issues when City decided to not put inserts for free parking, app flash, tickets
5. **Safety and Security:**
  - Update on ATM issues - Anita
  - Crime update: NO RESIDENTIAL, B&E COMMERCIAL – King St W no details Dec 12<sup>th</sup>

## 6. Westdale Theatre – Bob Crockford:

- Closed January 5<sup>th</sup> as moved back into Step 2 for at least 3 weeks
- Virtual programs continue
- Hamilton Originals
- Message on marquee fundraising
- Other items?

## 7. Financial Update:

- Bank Balance as of December 31, 2021 \$29 625.96 (emailed to Board)
- Deposits coming in: still to add to total + student grant ~ \$8000 + ~\$1300 Christmas grant + \$2000 Hamilton Day grant + \$200 free parking grant + my main street funds
- More year end expenses to come
- First half of 2022 to be deposited in January
- Agreement at December meeting to streamline expenses and find efficiencies in 2022.
- **Motion to accept update.**

## 8. Business updates:

- Real Estate update – Donna
- HPL update – Ron
  - *Reduced hours Tue-Thurs 10-6 and Fri- Sat 10-5. Hours for the foreseeable future.*
  - *Open with limited capacity*
  - *Construction expected sometime in spring*
- January 5<sup>th</sup> moved back into Step 2. Theatre creative, Allure and Westdale Pilates online
- Colio Wines and Thornbury Cider shop open beside UPS
- Smoke's Poutinerie coming to UPS building – under renos
- Shoe Repair building more interior demolition – expected Bubble Tea
- Renovations at UPS building and Charlie's Chopsticks building – 2 cannabis stores to open
- Westdale Barber expected to move beside Pita Pit soon
- Renovations going on at former Langley Cleaners (building permit posted)
- Little action at building where fire was beside Dragon Court (reached out to owner, nothing)
- Rapid testing for small businesses out of stock but more expected back through Hamilton Chamber of Commerce
- Patios – steps to make them permanent, hopefully for spring 2022. We are ready!
- Cannabis shops – two more to open, with two side by side.
  - 150m from schools and another (province) guideline
  - City request 300m from schools, libraries, clinics, etc. Provincial decisions.
  - City info office to end April 2022 (provincial funds) and may approve continuing office (information only)
  - Letter from BIA to comment? To add guidelines? (still a provincial decision)

## 9. Streetscape:

- Street planters cleared out – minimal garbage with pylons, some theft, positive and negative comments.
- Planters ordered for 2022. Similar to 2021 our own unique designs Palms, greens, flowers, potato vine – might be hard to get plants. Watering and planters, hanging baskets organized with Mallord for 2022.
- Ferns in patio planters to “soften and clean”
- Light displays can change colour. Red for Valentines, Green St. Patrick's Day, etc.

**10. Strategy:**

- Theme: Westdale Village is alive and open for business.
- Fresh, green, outdoor, safe
- Outdoor fresh – skating, trails, hiking, canoe, kayak, etc.
- LIGHTS colours
- Farmers Market – Tuesdays 4-7pm June – October
- Outdoor dining patios (large permanent plus parkettes for activities)
- Live Music, art and artisans – looking at ways to enhance
- ArtsFest, ArtsWest, OktoberWest – outside funding for events
- Billboards – Main @ Haddon, Hwy 403 (ArtFest, ArtsWest, OktoberWest buys)
- Grants looked at to see what is possible to enhance

**11. New business.**

**12. Next Meeting February 9, 2022 via ZOOM**

**13. Adjournment.**