

**Westdale Village BIA
Meeting Minutes**

Date & Time: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 @ 6:30pm

Location: via ZOOM

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Present: David (Westdale Law), Anita (Pace Credit Union), Lora (formerly Lora's Walk-in Closet), Ron (HPL), Robert (Westdale Theatre), Councillor Maureen Wilson
Tracy (Executive Director – recording)

Guests:

Regrets: Ilona Santa (Casual Gourmet), Donna (Pure Realty Brokerage)

1. **Call to order.** Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm with David as Chair.
2. **Approval of Agenda. Motion to approve the agenda. Moved by Robert, seconded by Ron. Carried.**
3. **Declarations of Interest.** None.
4. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting.**
 - May 11, 2022. **Motion to approve the minutes of May 11, 2022. Moved by Anita, seconded by Lora. Carried.**
5. **Delegations** None.
6. **Consent items** None.
7. **Presentations** None.
8. **Discussion Items:**

A: City of Hamilton: Councillor Maureen Wilson

- Permanent patios open! All working well thank you Councillor for making it an ongoing item.
- Development updates:
 - 90 Carling St (backs on King property near Food Basics)
Construction has started, hole dug, work moving forward.
 - McMaster residence. Demolition approved and will happen soon. Expected to be completed for September 2025.
 - 804-816 King St W (@ Paradise) 6 story. Approved by the City and ready to proceed.
- Snow sidewalk clearing - starts DEC 2022
 - confirmation on all Westdale Village King St W sidewalks?
 - Roads/Parking obligations – waiting confirmation to make sure all Westdale being cleared of snow on King St West.
- Westdale construction 2022:
UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION:
 - Marion Ave S – resurfacing
 - Marion Ave N – full reconstruction
 - Resurfacing - Cline Ave S – King to Sterling, Whitton Rd, Oakwood Pl
 - Sterling - Sewer chamber work – between Oakwood Pl and Forsyth
 - Sterling – resurfacing King to Forsyth
- Churchill Hill Park Phase 2 – north plateau to be completed soon
- Laneway behind ScotiaBank and Shoppers – job still needs to be completed from 3-4 years ago by the City. Leaving as agenda item until complete.
- LRT – some buildings torn down. Reminder request King 1 bus to remain through Westdale Village and request for another LRT stop needed between Longwood and Cootes.

B: Financial Update (Anita, Tracy):

- Bank Balance as of May 31, 2022 \$92050.41 (MAY statement - emailed to Board)
- More expenses to come out in June with many activities
- \$4000 grant received from Canadian Heritage. Market tea and cupcakes for Jubilee.
- Agreement at December meeting to streamline expenses and find efficiencies in 2022 – Anita and Tracy working with new accounting system and figuring things out.
- Working to finalize things for audit 2021 and bring things up to date.
- Funds to come: Contribution ~\$11000. City agreed ~ \$18000. Flowers, watering, streetscape
- ***Motion to receive financial update. Moved by Anita, seconded by Ron. Carried.***

C: Westdale Theatre (Bob):

- Nominated for an award. Awarded for programming and survival instincts – great news!
- Strategic planning session over next few meetings – everything thought 5 years ago all changed. Independent theatres not attracting attendance – streaming services a factor. Th
- Lower attendance numbers, working on other programming to generate income
- Hamilton Originals continue and being requested to share programming
- Outside events like film festivals, ArtsFest help with revenues
- Blue Brothers show coming – generating interest

D: Safety and Security (Anita, Tracy):

- Update on ATM issues. No issues at all. Theatre having some issues in front outside area
- Crime update: 1 commercial B/E on King West near Newton. May 19th.
- School shooting threat at Westdale High. Cancelled Friday school, 19 year old arrested. Other schools throughout Hamilton having similar experiences.

E: Real Estate update (Donna - regrets):

- Commercial – not much available
- Residential – market cooling a bit, inventory up in Westdale

F: HPL update (Ron):

- Closed for now. People awaiting reopening as library is missed.
- Construction started and expected done in July.
- Brand new roof and replacing a 1957 HVAC.

G: Business updates (Tracy):

- Smoke's Poutinerie coming to UPS building – open, great use of space
- Colio Wines expecting to have an official opening and is connecting with the Theatre
- More renovations at UPS building – a couple more food places expected
- Charlie's Chopsticks building – Cinnaholic coming soon (not cannabis shop).
- Shoe Repair building now a Bubble Tea – Presotea now open (Taiwan chain).
- Westdale Barber beside Pita Pit and is open. Two new young barbers in former location of barbershop – the longest running barbershop in Hamilton.
- Pizzaiolo open. IN. went to all banks to give pizza to try.
- Some activity at building where fire was beside Dragon Court, renos moving along
- Pure Realty – soon to be OMG Frozen Treats (2 locations in Brantford), renos started, social media, active and engaged
- Bubble Tea spot to open in Lora's old place
- Retail artists shop to open sometime at 948 King – under renovations
- Patios – all up and running. More mini ones expected for OMG, Smoke's, Prestotea.

H: Community Outreach (Tracy):

- Filomena Tassi MP – visit to Westdale now in June 10 - business visits
- McMaster PACCR meeting last evening – housing, McMaster builds, students actions/theft/vandalism, other. McMaster Campus Plan underway housing, LRT,. Tracy to circulate minutes of PACCR when they come out.
- Westdale High students cause damage too Suggestions to connect with Westdale High - Junior Ambassador Club, community awareness, BIA talk to Civics classes.

I: Streetscape (Tracy):

- Grasses and perennials – most coming up ok, added a few
- City did tree pits weeds and mulch. Thanks to the City
- Planters coming this week or next
- Ferns in patio planters to “soften and clean”. Barrels different and inviting.
- Snowflakes switchover to Ws done. Looking to solve electrical resets
- Some electrical work needed, some damage to garden outlets from snowplows, some ice damage getting addressed
- Bus shelter damage sides replaced
- Westdale gateway signs - painting platinum where burgundy (flaking now) with light strips in spring with students in June

J: Strategy (Tracy):

- Theme: Westdale Village is alive and open for business, activity, live arts and PATIOS!
- Fresh, green, outdoor, safe – shop local, eat local, support local
- Tourism: Outdoor fresh – skating, trails, hiking, canoe, kayak, etc. (local, gas prices)
- Farmers and Artisans Market – Tuesdays 4-7pm June – October. Pace Credit Union
- Westdale Live weekends June 17 – October 2: hopefully no restrictions, but we are ready
- Outdoor dining patios (large permanent plus parkettes for activities)
- Portable tables and other tents will again be used for events like ArtsFest, ArtsWest, etc.
- ArtsFest, ArtsWest, OktoberWest – outside funding for events
- Billboards for all 2022 – Main @ Haddon, Hwy 403 (ArtFest, ArtsWest, OktoberWest buys)
- 2022 schedule:
 - June – ArtsFest JUN24-26, Westdale LIVE!, Market.
 - July – Canada, Westdale Live, Market
 - August – ArtsWest AUG12-14, Westdale Live, Market
 - September – Truth and Reconciliation, Harvest, Westdale Live, Market
 - October – Oktober West SEP30-OCT2, Harvest, Westdale Live Halloween, Market
 - Sat OCT 1st FOCO – OktoberWest weekend
 - November – Hamilton Day NOV5, Winter Wander NOV25-27, free parking, Christmas
 - December – Christmas, free parking

Motion to approve and receive discussion items. Moved by Lora, seconded by Anita. Carried.

9. Notice of Motions. None.

10. Motions. None.

11. General Information/Other Business

12. Adjournment. ***Motion to adjourn. Moved by Ron. Carried.*** Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.

- Next Meeting July 6th, 2022 at 6:30pm. No August meeting.
- Change meeting date to July 6th because of scheduling conflicts. Will note date change.