

**Westdale Village BIA
Meeting Minutes**

Date & Time: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 @ 6:30pm

Join Zoom meeting:

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Present: David Simpson (Westdale Law), Anita Shilliday (Alterna Savings), Paul Milki (Westdale Cupcakes), Ron Gabor (HPL), Robert Crockford (Westdale Theatre), Ilona Santa (formerly Casual Gourmet), Councillor Maureen Wilson/Stephanie Hilson, Jordan Geertsma (Snooty Fox), Tracy (Executive Director – recording)

Regrets:

Guests: Mohammad (Nannaa's Eatery), Quentin Wang

1. Call to order.

- Mohammad and Quentin to be added soon by the City – behind with cyber attack.

2. Approval of Agenda. *Motion to approve the agenda. Moved by Paul, seconded by Anita. Carried.*

3. Declarations of Interest

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting.

- *Motion to approve the minutes of May 8, 2024. Moved by Paul, seconded by Anita. Carried.*

5. Delegations None.

6. Consent items None.

7. Presentations None.

8. Discussion Items:

A: City of Hamilton: Councillor Maureen Wilson/Stephanie Hilson

- City cyber attack update. Permits behind, resubmissions needed.
- Development updates:
 - 90 Carling St (backs on King property near Food Basics) almost complete, move in
 - McMaster residence. Demolition complete. Residence expected to be completed for September 2025. Project started. Lots of construction activity
 - 804-816 King St W (@ Paradise) 6-storey. Approved but nothing submitted to start
- Westdale construction 2024:
 - LRT – some buildings torn down. Westdale BIA requests King 1 bus to remain through Westdale Village and request for another LRT stop needed between Longwood and Cootes.
- EV charging station spots – signs up, working and busy
- Support for streetscape a possibility for 2024
- 2 way Main Street and King Street update – changes coming in 2025/2026 with long overdue upgrades to be incorporated, 2025 or 2026
- Patio program applications open and permit fees waived – Thank you Councillor Wilson
- Tree canopy approved at Council for Westdale. Thank you Councillor Wilson. Now when trees are replaced they will be replaced with large canopy trees. Huge improvement and a return to the large trees Westdale Village once had.
- Crosswalk at King @ Paisley. The corner of King and in front of Saigon Asian. Looking at a Green Venture shared project. Volunteers, plantings, rocks, grasses. Will send us a plan in fall to look at for next year.
- Extending the centre tree gardens into the King being investigated – came from public comments about safety. Just in early discussions.

- GARBAGE – twice daily x 7 days per week, Council focus on clean City and BIAs – thank you Councillor Wilson, meeting with City Waste Management and Councillor next week.

B: Financial Update (Anita, Tracy):

- Bank Balances as of May 31, 2024 are: CIBC is \$5844.00 and Alterna is \$49917.65
- Keeping CIBC account open until finished with cheques and all loose ends then will close and transfer funds over to Alterna in 2024. Need to wait until City cyber issues resolved before City EFTs deposit account can be updated and account closed.
- Funds to come: \$4520 reimbursement from City for consultant action plan. Grant confirmed for 4 summer students ~\$23000.00
- Funds received: \$1000 from movie shoot
- KPMG will start soon on 2022 once complete then 2023 can start.
- Students clean up, gardens alleyway, watering,
- ***Motion to receive financial update. Moved by Anita, seconded by Jordan. Carried.***

C: Westdale Theatre (Bob):

- Special programming continues – comedy, concerts, movies, private rentals
- Increase in number of people coming to Westdale for the Theatre
- Family Movies – Westdale BIA sponsor – weekends all year long
- New ticketing system to be trailed with dinner and a movie has started, slow start with testing, but option to grow with other events and ideas.
- Theatre and Westdale BIA doing some cross promotions
- Theatre a huge draw for Westdale Village
- Good location for special events
- June 16th – Bob Morrow documentary
- June 21 – National Indigenous Peoples Day celebrations
- ArtsFEST will take place next weekends JUNE 21-23 with free “old” movies and free comedy night on Saturday. Weekended activities in the theatre for ArtsFEST
Sat @ 1pm An American in Paris, SUN @ 5pm Singing in the Rain SUN @ 8pm Grease

D: Safety and Security (Anita, Tracy):

- Update on ATM issues
- Crime update: none reported in BIA

E: Real Estate update (Mohammad):

- Real Estate Report from Mohammad
- Businesses for sale: Pizza Nova, Bean Bar, Pizzaiolo
- Commercial: Grass Hut 1023 leased. \$35 listed leased at \$33. Williams sold for \$325000.
For sale: Pizza Nova, Pizzaiolo, Bean Bar, Big Bear
Nothing listed for lease on MLS
Matamak unknown.
- Residential: typical of what is happening in the market, 11 current, record inventory in GTA – highest been since 2013, Westdale higher inventory, days on market selling quicker down from 30 days to a lot less. Average two about \$1.4-\$1.5. \$944000 average.

F: HPL update (Ron):

- General
- Artsweek workshop
- Other

G: Business updates (Tracy):

- Next Door Café and Bean Bar closed temporarily to renovate
- Hot and Juicy - burger business opened
- Retail artists shop to open sometime after renos at 948 King St
- Former Pete and Kay location - not yet listed for lease (BIA sent inquiries)
- Only Grass Hut space now leased! Shared space, smoothie and something else
- No spaces for lease, only BIA in City that can say that

H: Community Outreach (Tracy):

- ArtsFEST children's art on display from local schools
- Front windows,

I: Streetscape (Tracy):

- Baskets in planters and hanging baskets are up
- Ferns on patios, grasses and perennials and pollinators in gardens
- Watering contract starts this weekend
- Planters and barrels moved around with patios
- Garden grasses perennials coming up well.
- Summer students helping with gardens and patios – trying to keep it clean and green
- Some electrical need to be fixed – electrician coming next week
- Green Venture garden in front of Saigon for 2025
- Pole Wraps, parkettes lights in the plan
- GARBAGE: requested some extra containers for busy spots, City picking up twice daily 7 days per week, garbage issues, under review, education, will assist City with education
Laneway very messy behind 1006-1020 block. Major cleanup of all alleys with summer students, planting donated perennials. Need to keep clean

J: Strategy (Tracy):

- Tourism: hiking, canoeing, kayaking, connection to hotels and visitors. Excellent FAM Tour at Westdale Theatre. Great exposure and interest in Westdale Village, patios, Room Key program, promotions, arts, events, farmers market
- Outdoor fresh, safe – shop local, eat local, support local, live music, great patios, tourism
- Social media – focus on arts for ArtsFEST, businesses with any arts aspect, food/culinary arts
- Business Digital – session on Monday, students following up to review and assist businesses
- Experiences in Westdale: dining, experiences, hiking, coffee shops, art, lighting
- Supporting food/drink/restaurants: social media, music, patios
- EVENTS 2024:
 - Westdale Live!** Live music June 18 – October 8 (TUE 4-7, FRI & SAT 5-8)
 - Westdale Arts Week** – June 5- 14 anything art as part of Hamilton Arts Week
 - Westdale Farmers Market** JUNE 18 – OCT 8 TUESDAYS 4-7pm
 - ArtsFEST** - June 21-23
 - ArtsWEST** - August 9-11
 - Welcome back students vintage night market** - September 15 (SUN)
 - OktoberWEST** – October 4-6
 - Spooky WEST** – October 27
 - Winter Wander** - Nov 29 - Dec1
- PATIOS return for 2024 – well used, umbrellas (Anita) and extra tables are good.

Motion to approve and receive discussion items. Moved by Paul, seconded by Jordan. Carried.

9. Notice of Motions None.

10. Motions None.

11. General Information/Other Business

12. Adjournment.

Next meeting JULY 10 @ 630pm NO AUGUST MEETING

(2nd Wednesday of the month)

2024 schedule: all meetings at 630pm

JUL 10, SEP 11, OCT 9, NOV 13, DEC 11

NO AUGUST MEETING, NOV 13 is AGM

Motion to adjourn. Moved by Jordan. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:14pm.