Westdale Village BIA
Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: Monday, December 8, 2025 @ 6:30pm
In person at Dragon Court Restaurant

Present: David Simpson (Westdale Law), Anita Shilliday (Alterna Savings), Mohammad (Nannaa's Eatery), Councillor Maureen Wilson/Stephanie Hilson, Jordan Geertsma (Snooty Fox), Quentin Wang (OneZo), Ilona Santa (formerly Casual Gourmet), Paul Milki (Westdale Cupcakes) Burnadette Curtis (Westdale Theatre), Tracy (Executive Director – recording)
Regrets:
Guests:

1. **Call to order.** Meeting called to order at 6:49pm with David as Chair.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** ***Motion to approve. Moved by Anita, seconded by Mohammad. Carried.***
3. **Declarations of Interest. None.**
4. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**.
    - ***Motion to approve minutes of October 20, 2025. Moved by Anita, seconded by Bernadette. Carried.***
5. **Delegations** None.
6. **Consent items** None.
7. **Presentations** None.
8. **Discussion Items:**

A: City of Hamilton: Councillor Maureen Wilson - Stephanie Hilson for Councillor

- Development updates:
    - 90 Carling St (backs on King property near Food Basics) appears complete, people moved in and 20 units below market
    - McMaster residence building moving along – expected to be ready for July 1, 2026
    - Main @ Longwood – increased heights from 18 to 25 stories
    - King at Paradise – some construction activity
    - 925 Main – site plan 2 x 18 + 6 storey podium – have permission, sitting for year
- Green Venture garden for King @ Paisley NW – waiting for mock up.
- Dec 27 & 28 free skating at Coronation provided by Ward 1 Councillor Wilson
- Paisley and King – on the east side crosswalk, dial back and will come back with mock-ups and details once worked out with design of block, then add garden at Saigon, hoping for 2026
- Holiday parking – City ended the years long Holiday free parking, Councillor office looking at numbers and if how people pay included - looking at coin vs app funds. Noted: many in Westdale use coin.
- City of Hamilton Parking - discontinued their free Holiday Parking Program - unfortunately issued press release causing much confusion and incorrect information.
  Reports of parking tickets are aggressively being issued last year even with free parking
- City Parking changes - pilot for 7 days a week enforcement
  updates from Hamilton Parking have not come back to BIAAC - City BIA Committee
- Permit able to purchase a permit? Maybe BIAs can ask about paying for a parking permit. Residential can currently and that would require Council City Bylaw change for business area.
- Columbia College closed one building with lower international enrollment.
- Sidewalk snow clearing worked well for first snow - thank you Councillor Wilson
- Recycling pick-up in BIAs confirmed for 2026. Special day collection on Thursdays. Commercial carboard recycling at City recycling depots not accepted – must go to

garbage and be charged a fee like garbage drop off there.
Will start in January - will share more info with businesses, different items will be accepted black bag garbage and green bin garbage stays the same on Mondays, extra garbage on Wednesdays

- 2 way Main Street – BIAs just added as a stakeholder in planning talks, LRT connection
- **City of Hamilton BIA AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE - March 2026.**
  • Board selects 2 winners from 3 categories:
  •Façade Improvement - This would recognize the property/business owner for improvements (many times undertaken with funding from the Commercial Property Improvement Grant, CPIG program) to their property.
  •Sparkle Award - This would recognize the property/business owner for the ongoing maintenance of their property. Creating a clean, aesthetically pleasing environment is a vital part of a healthy business district.
  •Business/Community Partnership - This would recognize property/business owners for their involvement in the community. On an on-going basis, they are supportive of community initiatives. This may be demonstrated through their involvement with the BIA by participating in programs or events sponsored by the BIA or actively assisting with BIA/community initiatives. This nominee is recognized for their invaluable volunteer hours and commitment that is a vital and intricate component of the health and vitality of the business area.
- Awards of Excellence - Westdale Village BIA in agreement to nominate:
  Business/Community partnership – Westdale Law
  Business/Community partnership – King W Books/Mixed Media
- Thank you Stephanie for coming to the meeting tonight for Councillor (at another meeting)

B: Financial Update (Anita, Tracy):

- Bank Balances as of November 30, 2025 are: CIBC is $200.00 and Alterna is ~$130000.00
- Funds to come: Fed Dev grant for Winter Wander $4000
- ***Motion to approve $5000 sponsorship of family movies at the Westdale Theatre. Moved by Anita, seconded by Ilona. Carried.***
  Tracy and Bernadette to meet next week to discuss and organize details.
- ***Motion to receive financial update. Moved by Anita, seconded by Jordan. Carried.***

C: Westdale Theatre (Bernadette):

- Lots of holiday concerts and family movies
- Lots of activity in December and bookings for 2026
- Candlelight Concerts booked most weekends JAN & FEB 2026 – great for Westdale
- Annual Gala on February 14th – 91st year. Tickets on sale now.
- Theatre bringing lots of people to Westdale.

D: Safety and Security (Anita, Tracy):

- Update on ATM issues – Sometimes there is someone overnight at Alterna ATM locked in
- Crime update: no crime reported within or around BIA.
- Sleeping bag at shoppers bus stop - unusal

E: Real Estate update (Mohammad):

- 16 listings residential, 3 new listings, not much,
- Not too much commercial side, just one office and donut place for lease

F: HPL update:

- Generally busy with students of all ages – well used. Still not full programming back.

G: Business updates (Tracy):

- Former Pete and Kay location – renovations seem to be moving along
- 948 King St W – renovations continuing in commercial and residential units
- Former Cinnaholic Westdale – Insomnia Cookies now open
- OMG –Donut Shop opened then closed. now for lease (ex issues)
- Real Fruity ice cream shop NOW OPEN! great opening! active on socials
- OneZo – new owner to take over, Mikel and Hot & Juicy owner to open new food shop
- White lotus doing well, great reviews

H: Community Outreach (Tracy):

- PACCAR – McMaster Homecoming went well. Group possibly adding other groups to Committee. Suggestions mentioned at meeting: Churchill Park Clubhouse group, , ward 2 office may add someone, Acorn, a student renter, maybe Canadian Martyrs Church or not. Homecoming had 12000 people on Dalewood, and 4000 on campus – McMaster may rethink how to have more on campus and less on streets
- Westdale United Church participation in events – Winter Wander 2025, more in 2026

I: Streetscape (Tracy):

- Snowflakes up with lights replaced.
- Request from businesses to put greens in planters as old ferns do look great. Looked at a few years ago, but Board declined. Tracy could do the planters for ~$3000, to hire a company would be about $10-12000 for the 60 planters. Agreement for BIA to do greens in planters. ***Motion to approve at a cost of ~$3000. Moved by Mohammad, seconded by Anita. Carried.***
- Warm white lights - classy and calming lighting, seniors buses tour through, featured on CHCH last season multiple times in the morning.
- Pumpkins/most harvest taken by farmers - very appreciative, delayed, rest to compost

J: Strategy (Tracy):

- Outdoor winter fun with food, warms drinks and shopping.
- Tourism: connection to hotels and visitors
- Outdoor fresh, safe – shop local, eat local, support local, live music, great patios (in summer) and hopefully hiking and skating in winter, tourism
- Experiences in Westdale: dining, experiences, hiking, coffee shops, art, lighting
- Supporting food/drink/restaurants: social media, music, patios spring/summer/fall
- Social media – focus on food, businesses, theatre, activities, shots with Santa at businesses with staff and owners or Santa doing something
- 2025 Commercial Market Assessment – expected in 2025

EVENTS 2025 since last meeting:

- October 25 - Spooky West - good participation and attendees, not overwhelmed
- November 1 - Hamilton Day - good shopping and dining, giveaways, great support to shop local Winter Wander - NOV 28-30 - great shopping and dining, Stories with Santa presented by ALterna, Santa photos for socials, shopping giveaways, Skydiggers almost sold out and want to return next year, lots of activity with the theatre, mini outdoor market, carriage rides FRI & SAT well received
- Special needs guys helps us with garbage
- Mural beside Cold North Ink. Think of mural spots in Westdale.

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

9. **Notice of Motions** None.

10. **Motions** None.

11. **General Information/Other Business**
    Vehicle parking behind Bean Bar by Bean Bar. City ByLaws can be called. No parking signs in alleyway would be good. Fire lane issue.

12. **Adjournment.**
    Next meeting MONDAY 9 JAN (2nd Monday of the month) at 630pm
    Motion to adjourn. Moved by Anita. Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm