

**Westdale Village BIA  
Meeting Minutes**

**Date & Time:** Monday, January 12, 2026 @ 6:30pm via zoom.

**Join Zoom meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84329971476?pwd=ZRoOub3adlJlgnRKjXQ4PYDMVPMKe8.1>

**Passcode:** BIA

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

**Regrets:** Quentin Wang (OneZo)

**Guests:**

1. **Call to order.** Welcome. Meeting called to order at 632pm with David as Chair.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** *Motion to approve the agenda. Moved by Jordan, seconded by Mohammad. Carried.*
3. **Declarations of Interest.** None.
4. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting.**  
*Motion to approve the minutes of December 8, 2025. Moved by Jordan, 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**

- Development updates:
  - 90 Carling St (backs on King property near Food Basics) appears mostly complete, people moved in and 20 units below market
  - McMaster residence building moving along – on target for July 2026
  - Main @ Longwood – increased heights from 18 to 25 stories
  - King @ Paradise – building construction to final height, moving along
- Green Venture garden for King @ Paisley NW – GV behind so hope to have in 2026 – linked to crosswalk at King @ Paisley east side, looking at centre gardens. More info to be brought back to BIA.
- Sidewalk snow clearing working well except for King @ Paisley clock. Will watch for next snow.
- City Parking changes - pilot for 7 days a week enforcement – just looking at data enforcement now. 6 month trial to review Sunday enforcement in non-paid parking areas.
- Recycling pick-up in commercial for 2026. Special day collection on THURSDAYS. Commercial black bag garbage and green bin stays the same on MONDAYS, extra garbage on Wednesdays
- City does not have ownership of that. Difficult with customer service issue – City does not have authority. Mix of residential & commercial. Province determines what is recycled and who gets recycling and customer service, now issues.  
BIA delegated at Provincial budget meeting, and will continue to reach out to provincial to try to correct this error in leaving out commercial recycling pick-up.
- City Budget 2026 consultations. January 19<sup>th</sup> – virtually or in person. Anyone welcome to delegate.
- Rain Water Tax postponed to 2027
- Junos in March – special grant \$2000 for live music
- Ward 1 construction generally – budget dependent – a number of roads will be done around BIA, phase 3 Churchill Park being done

**B: Financial Update (Anita, Tracy):**

- Bank Balances as of December 31, 2025. AlternA \$87921.74 CIBC ~\$146.03
- CIBC will be closed soon.
- Funds to come: Fed Dev grant for Winter Wander ~\$4000
- 2024 audit under partner review – final stage, almost complete.
- *Motion to receive financial update. Moved by Anita, seconded by Paul. Carried.*

**C: Westdale Theatre (Bernadette):**

- February 14, 2026 Gala. Busy planning the annual Gala event. Would like to sell more tickets. Small flyers available at businesses. Will have back in stock this week. Some like it hot movie shown. May have vintage clothing connection to event.
- Hamilton Originals January 31<sup>st</sup> – almost sold out. Dire Straights and Sting music with Jacob Moon.
- Booth almost every weekend for Candlelight Concerts in January and February
- Oscar season – theatre will try to book movies nominated.
- Great Jan, Feb, March – great to get out for concerts and movies
- Lighthouse is coming – selling quickly – May 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Thank you for support from the Westdale BIA.
- Special programming continues – comedy, concerts, movies, private rentals
- Lots of live concert bookings – Candlelight Concerts, Hamilton Originals, film festivals, other cultural events, live concerts, lots of activity, Fringe Festival for 2026
- Lots of happenings and bookings at The Westdale
- Increase in number of people coming to Westdale for the Theatre - a huge draw for Westdale
- Celebrated 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary concluded. Now into 91<sup>st</sup> year.

**D: Safety and Security (Anita, Tracy):**

- Bean Bar Fire – December 24, 2025. Looked like Insurance Co. was there today. Little activity next door. Every time walk in at Nannaa still smokey smell. Theatre more in basement. HVAC brings in smell.
- Update on ATM issues. Alterna visitor stayed for a week. Now Alterna has security sweep before locked up for night. Receiving “gifts” left in lobby by visitors.
- Crime update: nothing showing reported

**E: Real Estate update (Mohammad):**

- Real Estate Report from Mohammad
- Residential: quite low. One sold in last 30 days. 2 listing news. December usually slow.
- Businesses for sale: Burrito Bandidos listed today
- Commercial: 5 for sale. (Tea With You) 925 King St W - \$2.555M (bought in 2018 for \$850K), (Gong Cha) 944 King St W - \$1.29M,
- For lease: Gong Cha \$3000 per month + Hair Salon.
- Donut Place leased out. New tenant on January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Some activity/renovations at Tea With You place

**F: HPL update:**

- General. Busy with students. Still not full programming back.

**G: Business updates (Tracy):**

- Former Pete and Kay location – renovations seem to be moving along. Unknown
- 948 King St W – renovations continuing in commercial and residential units
- OMG –Donut Shop pending leased. January 15<sup>th</sup>
- Gong Cha might be leased
- Only former Pilates office space available – virtually at 100% occupancy rate in Westdale

**H: Community Outreach (Tracy):**

- PACCAR – McMaster – no updates
- Westdale United Church participation in 2026 events

**I: Streetscape (Tracy):**

- Greenery in the planters well received. Lighting well received.
- November Holiday lights and décor Christmas trees taken down and put in City composting for mulch
- Planters and flowers and watering booked for 2026
- Snowflakes lighting looks much better
- Ws are in need of getting upgrade. Does not appear ever done since purchased ~15+ years ago. Cost about \$6000. Could be done for March.

***Motion to approve ~\$6000 to upgrade lights on Ws. Moved by Anita, seconded by Ilona. Carried.***

## **J: Strategy (Tracy):**

- Outdoor fresh, safe – shop local, eat local, support local, live music, tourism
- Social media – focus on food, businesses, theatre, activities, women owned
- Experiences in Westdale: dining, experiences, hiking, coffee shops, art, lighting
- Supporting food/drink/restaurants: social media, music, patios spring/summer/fall
- 2025 Commercial Market Assessment – expected in 2025, being worked on with City.
- Room Key program starting with free coffee coupon from Paisley. Direct access to concierge

### **• EVENTS 2026:**

**Activation Days: Same as 2025? Yes, agreement to keep similar for 2026**

April 18-20<sup>th</sup> - Easter Weekend

May 3 & 4 - Jane's Walk

May 11 - Mother's Day

June 3-12 - Hamilton Arts Week

June 15 - Father's Day

September 20 – October 13 – Ontario Culture Days

October 26 - Spooky West

November 1 - Hamilton Day

**FESTIVALS & EVENTS: Same as 2025? Yes, agreement to keep similar for 2026**

**NEW! Westdale Timeless Spring Market** – APR 5 from 1-8pm & APR 6 from 2-9pm.

**Westdale Live!** Live music JUN 17 – October 7 (TUE 4-7, FRI & SAT 5-8)

**Westdale Farmers Market** JUN 17 – OCT 7 TUESDAYS 4-7pm (need farmers)

**ArtsFEST** - JUN 20-22

**ArtsWEST** - AUG 8-10

**Westdale Welcome Weekend** – LABOUR DAY

**OktoberWEST** - OCT 3-5

**Winter Wander** - NOV 28-30

**Vintage Markets confirmed for APR, JUN, AUG, SEP, OCT**

**TUESDAYS after market motorcycle and car nights possible.**

Size down vintage space, more artists, outdoor tent change room set up so not using restaurant washrooms.

Roses for Valentine's Day, like we get tulips for Easter and Mother's Day. Would contribute some for The Westdale

***Motion to purchase up to \$2500 flowers for all 3 events. Moved by Anita, seconded by Paul. Carried***

Noted abstention: Bernadette.

### **Other items - ideas and suggestions always welcome:**

- 15 minute Hallmark Tourism Ottawa. Christmas romance.  
90 minutes at the Westdale Halmark movie filmed before.  
Filming in Hamilton: One shown at Ancaster, Multiple locations for Heated Rivalry  
Westdale Tourism: Have at least two high schools in area + Westdale High School put on productions. Always a cohort of graduating students, favourite thing in Westdale this year, maybe add What role did Westdale play in your 4 years? Love letter thank you to Westdale (Like American president leave a letter to the next president) Snooty Fox has lots of parents now coming with parents  
Ottawa Tourism. Actress comes to city to film hallmark movie and need her Christmas Mojo back.  
McMaster Film – Hamilton Film Festival hosted Ancaster film. 90s movie
- Anyone been down to Westdale Cupcakes for new hot chocolate
- Have outdated billboard at Haddon. Had issue, getting resolved, will be changed.

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

**9. Notice of Motions** None.

**10. Motions** None.

**11. General Information/Other Business**

**12. Adjournment.**

Next meetings: MON 9 FEB 2026 @ 630pm

Thank you all for attending. ***Motion to adjourn. Moved by Bernadette. Carried.***

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.