

Westdale Village BIA Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: Monday, February 9, 2026 @ 6:30pm via zoom.

Join Zoom meeting:

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Passcode: westdale

Present: David Simpson (Westdale Law), Anita Shilliday (Alterna Savings), Mohammad (Nannaa's Eatery), Councillor Maureen Wilson/Stephanie Hilson, Paul Milki (Westdale Cupcakes), Bernadette Curtis (Westdale Theatre), Jordan Geertsma (Snooty Fox), Tracy (Executive Director – recording)

Regrets: Quintin (OneZo), Ilona Santa (formerly Casual Gourmet)

Guests:

1. **Call to order.** Welcome. Meeting called to order at 634pm with David as Chair.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** *Motion to approve the agenda. Moved by Anita, seconded by Bernadette. Carried.*
3. **Declarations of Interest.** None.
4. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting.**
 - Minutes of January 12, 2026. Defer.
5. **Delegations** None.
6. **Consent items** None.
7. **Presentations** None.
8. **Discussion Items:**

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

- Development updates from Councillor Wilson:
 - 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
 - Not much ongoing other than what know about
- City working through budget, update, Province Ont downloading more and more to cities - not fair to city and not fair to businesses. Recycling changes an issue at Rural Municipalities conference, unifying issue across many groups.
- City approved budget amendment on Friday for commercial/non-eligible properties to continue recycling pick-up until December 31, 2026. Thank you Councillor Wilson.
City Budget 2026 consultations. January 19th – Westdale BIA delegation + letter for February 6th GIC.
Westdale BIA will continue to reach out to provincial to try to correct this error in leaving out commercial recycling pick-up. Advocating continuing.
Guelph past mayor of large city and social media ongoing on this issue.
- Churchill Park update - Going full steam ahead with Phase 3, have been able previously to work through winter, but difficult this year with weather.
- Some road works coming through in 2026 around BIA.
- Question: transportation, traffic changes, construction relay concerns, issue liability and engineers. Eg. Issue at King/Paisley so installation of light linked to King @ Marion. Idea get people to storefronts, but asking people to walk through parking lot, sidewalk under discussion. Will be presented to BIA. If grave issues then we are here to show, interested in feedback but need to balance regulatory and engineering. Councillor Wilson to follow up with Tracy.
- 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 + King @ Paisley clock – on site met with crews and all being cleared. Appreciate extra snow and boulevard snow removal after huge snowfall. Nice to have the snowbanks cleared. Property owners have 24 hours to clear snow.
Need City to have cooperative communication to help crews and businesses.
- 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

- Rain Water Tax postponed to 2027
- Junos in March – special grant \$2000 for live music. Looking at a couple of locations the weekend before Junos. Will have live music in Westdale Village to help promote the Junos.
- BIA Awards of Excellence – WED 1 APRIL.
Westdale 2026 winners: Westdale Law and King West Books/Mixed Media Hamilton

B: Financial Update (Anita, Tracy):

- Bank Balances as of January 31, 2026. Alterna \$63373.83 CIBC – account now closed
- Funds to come: Fed Dev grant for Winter Wander ~\$4000
- 2024 audit done! Need to approve the financial statements
- Anita and Tracy working on getting 2025 ready for audit deadline in May.
- Request for funding for Executive Director to attend OBIAA Conference ~\$1800
- Request for funding for Executive Director to attend Festival & Events Ontario Conference ~\$1800
- ***Motion above for ED to attend conferences for up to \$3600. Moved by Anita, seconded by Bernadette. Carried.***
- ***Motion to approve 2024 financial statements. Moved by Jordan, seconded by Anita. Carried.***
- ***Motion to receive financial update. Moved by Anita, seconded by Jordan. Carried.***

C: Westdale Theatre (Bernadette):

- February 14, 2026 Gala. About 150 sold – lots of room. Celebrating 91st Anniversary.
- Community Impact Report: <https://www.thewestdale.ca/the-westdale-community-impact-report-january-1-2026/>
- Hamilton Originals – great show Jan 31st, people impressed.
- 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 2nd
- 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
- 3rd age learning Feb 25 and March 25
- March 15 Oscars showing live, always a sell out, fun night with people dressed up
- Penguin movie – family movie get a fair crowd
- Thank you for all BIA help

D: Safety and Security (Anita, Tracy):

- Bean Bar Fire – December 24, 2025. Working through insurance. 5 year lease renewed in 2025.
- Theatre closed for a few days to clean up. Insurance did a good job to clean up. Niki there on site quickly. Nannaa a bit smokey, theatre fans and sponges going. Very lucky block did not burn down.
- Update on ATM issues. No issues, hired guards before doors open, CIBC guards, TD outside ATM.
- Crime update: nothing showing reported. Nothing over 403 residential/commercial Westdale area

E: Real Estate update (Mohammad):

- Real Estate Report from Mohammad N/A
- Residential: some home for sale, low inventory
- Businesses for sale: Burrito Bandidos, Monga,
- Commercial: nothing listed, just the one office

F: HPL update:

- General. Busy with students. Still not full programming back. Very busy, very well used. Concert cancelled for WinterFest last Saturday.

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 Place activity – barber shop moving in.
- Tea With You activity - new business coming
- Gong Cha activity – food place
- Only former Pilates office space available – virtually at 100% occupancy rate in Westdale

H: Community Outreach (Tracy):

- PACCAR – McMaster – next meeting March 5th
- Community member with ideas – working into events. History of area. Printing.

I: Streetscape (Tracy):

- Planters updated for spring in March/April, weather dependent
- Ws change from snowflakes in ~ March, weather dependent

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
- Tourism – Welcome to Westdale, hotels, events, tours, patios, more

- **EVENTS 2026:**

Activation Days:

April 3-5 - Easter Weekend

May 2-3 - Jane's Walk

May 10 - Mother's Day

June 5-14 - Hamilton Arts Week

June 21 - Father's Day

September – October – Ontario Culture Days/Fall Harvest

October 31 - Spooky West

October 31-November 1 - Hamilton Day

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

April 11 & 12 – WESTDALE SPRING FLING

June – October – WESTDALE LIVE!!

Tuesdays 4-7pm + Fridays & Saturdays 5-8pm

June 9 – October 6 – WESTDALE FARMERS' MARKET - Tuesday's 4-7pm with live music

June 26-28 – ArtsFEST

August 7 – 9 – ArtsWEST

September 5, 6, 7 – WESTDALE WELCOME WEEKEND

October 3-4 – OktoberWEST

November 27 – 29 – Winter Wander – live music, holiday shopping, family fun activities with full weekend of programming at The Westdale including

NOV 27 – DEC 31 autism sensory friendly LIGHT UP WESTDALE lights throughout the village

TUESDAYS after market motorcycle and car nights possible.

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 None.

Always open to any ideas.

12. Adjournment.

Next meetings: MON 9 MAR 2026 @ 630pm

Thank you for coming tonight.

Motion to adjourn. Moved by Jordan. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 719pm.