

**Westdale Village BIA
Meeting Minutes**

Date & Time: Monday, May 11, 2026 @ 6:30pm via zoom.

Join Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89276728790?pwd=OeqaJsKjywp3fHdD4n61vQxW6J2cQ.1>

Passcode: Westdale

Present: David Simpson (Westdale Law), Anita Shilliday (Alternas Savings), Mohammad (Nannaa's Eatery), Councillor Maureen Wilson/Stephanie Hilson, Ilona Santa (formerly Casual Gourmet), Bernadette Curtis (Westdale Theatre), Quintin (OneZo), Jordan Geertsma (Snooty Fox), Paul Milki (Westdale Cupcakes)

Tracy (Executive Director – recording)

Regrets:

Guests:

1. **Call to order.** Meeting called to order at 635pm with David as Chair.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** *Motion to approve the agenda. Moved by Jordan, seconded by Ilona. Carried.*
3. **Declarations of Interest.** None.
4. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting.**
Motion to approve the minutes of April 13, 2026. 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 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
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- Churchill Park update - Going full steam ahead with Phase 3. Well underway. Such a well-used park, multi-use park
- Some road works coming through in 2026 around BIA.
 - Streets surrounding Westdale Village BIA on south side
 - Full road reconstruction on most streets with some shave & pave
 - Timeline expected in 2026
 - Fed & Municipal partnership
 - First phase now coming in 2027
- Crosswalk at Paisley Ave – initial look at suggested plans include: lights at Paisley Ave in tandem with Marion Ave lights, other major changes. Comments taken back and looking at changes. Waiting for updated plans. Hope is to have it done in 2026, but now coming in 2027.
- Green Venture garden for King @ Paisley NW – waiting for more info to be brought back to BIA. Hope is to have it completed with crosswalk. Will be 2027. Will put “coverage plants” in 2026 copntainers
- Recycling pick-up in commercial for 2026 – working well.

B: Financial Update (Anita, Tracy):

- Bank Balances as of April 30, 2026. Alternas \$108 540.07
First half of levy received.
- Funds to come: \$2000 Tourism Hamilton grant.
- Anita and Tracy working on getting 2025 ready for audit deadline this week.
- Experience Ontario Grant notification of \$20000 for Winter Wander 2026
- Summer students, CSJ cut so found another student grant to start in June, awaiting confirmation of outside funding.
- Some programming funding for Celebrate Canada, FIFA, CSJ outside of BIA

- ***Motion to receive financial update. Moved by Anita, seconded by Bernadette. Carried.***

C: Westdale Theatre (Bernadette):

- Very busy days during spring. Spring brochure booklet. Updated edition has come in today. Bernadette will be getting some tomorrow and will drop off.
- Past Saturday Iroquois Conservation group – used patios, good participation inside and out.
- Liked the flowers on the patios for Mother's Day
- May is membership month. Name change on cinephile membership – now called the golden ticket membership, now a draw for cinephile will get a ticket membership for the year. For more info chat with Alysha and Daniella.
- Lots of busy events at the theatre - Lighthouse May 2nd, May 4th Star Wars, Candlelight Concerts, etc.
- 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
- Increase in number of people coming to Westdale for the Theatre - a huge draw for Westdale
- Donations being matched again this year by generous Family Foundation
- Thank you Westdale BIA for continued support.

D: Safety and Security (Anita, Tracy):

- Update on ATM issues. No issues reported.
- Crime update: nothing showing reported. Nothing over 403 residential/commercial Westdale area
- Dumpsters behind Snooty Fox are private, lid broken, some “adults” dropping off

E: Real Estate update (Mohammad):

- Real Estate Report – comments from Ilona – thank you – as Mohammad had a family medical emergency.
- A lot of movement in the market, sales getting better, people are buying, movement.
- Residential:
- Businesses for sale:
- Commercial:

F: HPL update:

- General
- Very well used

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
- 1047 – Jay's Barbershop now open (second location, other in Ancaster BIA)
- 925 – new food business soon ready to open
- 944 - Yummy Point business soon to open
- 1061 – sign for lease, seeing interest, already have interest
- 1012 – Bean Bar not reopening, list of potential food/restaurants, Insurance rebuild to suit
- Children's music opened: Music Together Giggles and Groove - 1036 King St W
- OneZo update – with the lawyers, hope to have finalized soon.
- Monga Chicken closed ~ May 1st
- Bean Bar – looking at multiple options, lots of interest
- June 1st patio deadline with City

H: Community Outreach (Tracy):

- PACCAR – McMaster – next meeting in summer
- Jane's Walk walking tours – good attendance, locals and visitors
- Alleyway plantings and perennials and keeping it clean. Less garbage being dumped with cleaning and plants in alleyways

I: Streetscape (Tracy):

- Planters updated for spring with pansies and curly willow holding ok – some vandalism and items taken/damaged. Ferns to go in tomorrow after frost threat and will watch for other frost
- Gardens clean up and plantings this week – some annuals ok for frost and some perennials
- Clean up around village gardens over coming weeks
- Ws new lighting looks much better, some poles need to be fixed

J: Strategy (Tracy):

- Outdoor fresh, safe – shop local, eat local, support local, live music, tourism
- Social media – focus on food, businesses, theatre, activities, events
- 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, meeting with Team Hamilton

• **EVENTS 2026:**

Activation Days:

April 3-5 - Easter Weekend. People love the flowers!

May 2-3 - Jane's Walk and Doors Open

May 10 - Mother's Day. Flowers!

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:

April 11 & 12 – WESTDALE SPRING MARKET.

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. JUNE 12 cars come every second week. Motorcycles on opposite weeks

Jordan getting busy for two nights a week with trivia nights, might move to one night for karaoke nights

If anybody sees anything in other areas and BIAs please share with us. Called market research at other spots.

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

9. Notice of Motions None.

10. Motions None.

11. General Information/Other Business None.

12. Adjournment.

Next meetings: MON 8 JUNE 2026 @ 630pm

Motion to adjourn. Moved by Jordan. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm