

**Westdale Village BIA
Meeting Minutes**

Date & Time: Monday, June 8, 2026 @ 6:30pm via zoom.

Join Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84027290876?pwd=1k0r9xZeCdjP3V4kWmccvtfzL1gDpE.1>

Passcode: Westdale

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

Regrets: Jordan Geertsma (Snooty Fox), Quintin (OneZo), Ilona Santa (formerly Casual Gourmet)

Guests:

1. **Call to order.** Meeting called to order at 6:40pm with David as Chair.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** *Motion to approve the agenda. Moved by Paul, seconded by Bernadette. Carried.*
3. **Declarations of Interest.** None.
4. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting.**
Motion to approve the minutes of May 11, 2026. Moved by Paul, 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
 - Development updates from Councillor Wilson:
 - 925 Main St W & 150 Longwood Rd S - site plan lapsed.
 - McMaster residence building moving along – on target for July 2026. Lincoln Alexander Hall moving along. PACCR meeting this week
 - Main & Longwood. Site plan lapsed, another needed for development, condos on hold
 - Churchill Park update - Going full steam ahead with Phase 3.
 - North Stairs - Complete
 - AODA ramps to field house - In progress
 - Teaching area -
 - Marion Ave - path
 - Cootes Paradise school path - post end of school year
 - Great feedback from residents
 - Streets surrounding Westdale Village BIA on south side
 - Resurfacing only, South Oval, Barclay St, Arkell St, Paisley Ave S, Newton Ave, Cline Ave S, Devon Pl, Kipling Rd, Parkview Dr (Norwood to Franklin), Paradise Rd N (Norwood to north end),
 - Timeline expected in 2027
 - Crosswalk at Paisley Ave – initial look at suggested plans included lights at Paisley Ave in tandem with Marion Ave lights, other major changes. Comments taken back and looking at changes. Waiting for updated plans.
Design 2026
 - Second draft, Paisley and Marion light to sync
 - Sidewalk added at street side between Marion and Paisley, both sides
 - speed cushion in each parking area
 - 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. TBC -
 - If the City creates the garden area (removes the concrete and creates a perimeter), then Green Venture will not have a role here. It will be left to the BIA to plant and maintain.
 - Recycling pick-up in commercial for 2026 – working well.
 - Reminder to businesses to refrain from placing garbage before 7 PM the night before pick-up the following day.

B: Financial Update (Anita, Tracy):

- Bank Balances as of May 31, 2026. Alterna \$99 478.99
First half of levy received. Second half of levy to come/not reflected.
- Funds to come: \$2000 Tourism Hamilton grant.
- Undergoing audit with KPMG.
- Experience Ontario Grant notification of \$20000 for Winter Wander 2026
- Summer students, CSJ cut so found another student grant will not be available until the fall.
One summer student will be assisting with administration work until fall.
- 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.
- Community Impact Report, please click [here](#) for a summary
- 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
- Thursday reception at The Theatre – wonderful to see donors. Still aiming to deal with the renovation debt. Donor match continues until end of year.
- Tweaking the donor encouragement with visible things like Tiptap. Thermometers
- Indy films, latest releases, what allowed.
- Thank you for sponsorship from BIA
- Judy Marsales playing at Snooty Fox
- Festival and Friends celebrating 50 years on June 25th, June 26th Suzie MacNeil album release, June 24 Valentinos fundraiser movie. Lead up the ArtsFEST.
- Patio tables good for visitors, popcorn is good for theatre
- Farming and equestrian show coming, lots of exciting programming
- Third Age learning. Steve Paikin filled theatre

D: Safety and Security (Anita, Tracy):

- Update on ATM issues. No issues reported.
- Crime update: nothing showing reported.
- Incident in front of library last week – no official report
- Naxloxolian kits available at Shoppers. Some businesses have them. People want to help to keep people safe and alive.
- Councillor Wilson will share with Tracy when hear they are available.

E: Real Estate update (Mohammad):

- Real Estate Report
- Residential: 23 listings, 9 sold in last 30 days. Avg 21 days. Avg 3 homes over 1.5M. avg
- Businesses for sale: Hungry Donkey, Monga sold.
- Commercial: some main street for sale. 858 King St. sold today conditional. Trying to sell for 3 years. Down to \$2.2M – running room & chiropractor building.

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

- 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
- OneZo update – with lawyers and should be ready to turn over soon. Quintin returning to family in Vancouver, graduated from McMaster.
- Mikel – ended Mikel agreement now Northmark Coffee
- Monga Chicken – The Mule opening new take-out concept
- West Side Hair – for lease, owners looking to retire after decades in Westdale
- Tracy to get something from Quintin for resignation from Board.

H: Community Outreach (Tracy):

- PACCAR – McMaster – next meeting June 11
- Alleyway plantings and perennials and keeping it clean. Less garbage being dumped with cleaning and plants in alleyways

I: Streetscape (Tracy):

- Planters updated within the next week – planters and hanging baskets.
- Ferns to move to patios
- Gardens clean up and plantings done
- Mulch around the Village
- Cleaned up tree pits and alleyways
- 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 16 – October 6 – WESTDALE FARMERS' MARKET - Tuesday's 4-7pm with live music

NEXT WEEK

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

MotoSocial returning – 3rd WED, not sure which month

Share any items with us to copy and reuse
FIFA games promoted
New Hamilton Live - The Spec
Natalie Sexton did a Westdale column – promo like this helps very much
Hamilton City Mag doing a feature on Westdale food shops

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

9. Notice of Motions None.

10. Motions None.

11. General Information/Other Business

Paul let us know that his business will go up for sale. He has worked the food/hospitality for many years and looking for a career change.

12. Adjournment.

Next meetings: MON 13 JULY 2026 @ 630pm

NO AUGUST MEETING

Thank you for coming

Motion to adjourn. Moved by Bernadette. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 734pm.