

**Westdale Village BIA
Meeting Minutes**

Date & Time: Monday, July 13, 2026 @ 6:30pm via zoom.

Join Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86841864505?pwd=KfFVH5aFN8TdZdJTV8b82KOeVSDykU.1>

Passcode: westdale

Present: David Simpson (Westdale Law), Anita Shilliday (Alterna Savings), Bernadette Curtis (Westdale Theatre), Paul Milki (Westdale Cupcakes), Councillor Maureen Wilson/Stephanie Hilson, Jordan Geertsma (Snooty Fox), Ilona Santa (formerly Casual Gourmet), Tracy (Executive Director – recording)

Regrets: Mohammad (Nannaa's Eatery)

Guests:

1. Call to order.

- Confirming resignation of Quintin from OneZo. TBC. He has moved to Vancouver, shop turned over
- Need something in writing. verbal

2. Approval of Agenda. *Motion to approve the agenda. Moved by Jordan, seconded by Paul. Carried.*

3. Declarations of Interest. None.

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of June 8, 2026. Moved by Jordan, seconded by Paul. 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 start of school 2026.
 - 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. Status unknown.
- Recycling pick-up in commercial for 2026 – working well. Pick up until 2029/2030.
- 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 June 30, 2026. Alterna \$192 843.90
Second half of levy received and Contribution to Operating Grant.
- 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
- Holiday Parking program – City ended their funding of this program, now a cost for BIA.
NOV 24-DEC 24 was the dates for previous program. City Parking without discussion or consultation changed to Dec 1-31. Preference by majority BIAs for NOV 24-DEC 24. Many businesses close Boxing Week and 1/2days or less for DEC 24 & 31. Waiting for meeting with Hamilton Parking to discuss and have proper public communication and signage.
Looking at Santa Hats or something more visible on the meters.
Motion to cover Holiday Parking NOV 24-DEC 24 at a cost of \$13548.57. Moved by Jordan, seconded by Bernadette. Carried.
(covered by shared parking revenue)
- ***Motion to receive financial update. Moved by Anita, seconded by Bernadette. Carried.***

C: Westdale Theatre (Bernadette):

- Very busy days during summer. Fringe Festival July 15-26 start s WED for 11 days. Hopes it supports food & drink in Westdale
- Cable 14 filming 2 performances. July 27 & 28. 6-10pm. Wiil share with socials. Announced today. Free of charge.
- Summer 86 series – films from 1986 in July & August
- Family friendly movies, Frui & Sat matinees and Sunday early evening. Will be promoted on socials, will see on posters and flyers, The Spec paper copy
- Fall brochure in September – almost all is booked up
- 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
- Busy place ongoing

D: Safety and Security (Anita, Tracy):

- Update on ATM issues. No issues reported.
- Crime update: nothing showing reported.
- TikTok video – banks for vaults.
- ScotiaBank closing later in July

E: Real Estate update (Mohammad):

- Real Estate Report – regrets from Mohammad
- Residential:
- Businesses for sale:
- Commercial:

F: HPL update:

- General
- Very well used
- Medical issue at the library recently
- Patrick manager inter

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 open Fridays and Saturdays 12noon-12midnight. Family run business Just opened. A food collective, Asian style food. Have a food distribution business in TO.
- 944 - Yummy Point business soon to open
- 1061 – sign for lease still up, reviewing interest, Colio
- 1012 – going through process to select new tenant
- OneZo closed now with new place to open by owner of Northmark Coffee
- Monga Chicken – The Mule opening new take-out concept
- West Side Hair – Joe and Nancy Gravina retiring and looking to rent space

H: Community Outreach (Tracy):

- PACCAR – McMaster – meeting June 11 – new residence opening for SEP 2026, Homecoming SEP 19th
- Alleyway plantings and perennials and keeping it clean. Less garbage being dumped with cleaning and plants in alleyways

I: Streetscape (Tracy):

- Summer planters and baskets in place and doing well
- Fern and willows on patios giving good coverage
- Gardens upkeep
- Tree pits upkeep
- Looking clean and green

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, start of live music weekends , art exhibits, artisans, no vintage markets - desire for DJ music all weekend did not work

August 7 – 9 – ArtsWEST

September 6, 7 – WESTDALE WELCOME WEEKEND

September 19 – Mc Master Homecoming

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 nights – Westdale Rumble nights. Cars did not show up linked top DropSpot

Expecting MotoSocial returning – 3rd WED, not sure which month

FIFA games promoted, some soccer activities

Hamilton City Mag doing a feature on Westdale in fall

Market need more farmers, have a couple new vendors starting, a couple of farmers – honey & dill – to start in August (bad spring season),

If see anything at other things going on let us know. Someone saw Distillery District very busy, movie nights and inflatable couches. Please share what you may see in other areas.

Motion to approve and receive discussion items.

9. Notice of Motions None.

10. Motions None.

11. General Information/Other Business Need garbage can back at Snooty Fox. Tracy to check with City
Some issues with garbage and some spots. Dental items, CIBC garbage are issues.

Tracy to follow up with City and notice to businesses

Note election this year, think about staying, anybody interested in joining invite to SEP meeting, need to look at budget in fall, need notice out early October, some election guidelines to follow.

12. Adjournment.

Next meetings: MON 14 SEPTEMBER 2026 @ 630pm

NO AUGUST MEETING

Motion to adjourn. Moved by Jordan. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 720pm