

Westdale Beat



2005 Graffiti Clean Up Day Volunteers

Business Plan For 2006



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Mission Statement

The West Hamilton beat stakeholders are committed to working together to solve recurring quality of life issues.

Ainslie Wood Westdale Community Association (AWWCA)
Canada Post Corporation
City of Hamilton
Councillor Brian McHattie's Office (Ward 1)
Hamilton Police Service (HPS)
Jewish Community Centre (JCC)
McMaster University
McMaster Students Union (MSU)
McMaster Alternative Commuting & Transport (ACT)
McMaster Security
McMaster Student Community Services Network (SCSN)
McMaster Off-Campus Resource Centre (OCRC)
McMaster Student Affairs
Westdale BIA
Westdale Heritage Housing Action Committee (WHHAC)

Strategic Directions

Property Issues
Crime Reduction
Transportation and Traffic
Disorderly Conduct
Communications

Goal One **Property Issues**

All stakeholders will work together to address the ongoing property issues in the sector.

- 1.1) Councillor McHattie's Office will propose a jointly funded by-law officer for proactive summer enforcement.
- 1.2) Councillor McHattie's Office will assist in creating an educational information package on environmental waste management issues (green cart program).

- 1.3) The O.C.R.C. will continue to maintain the Student Rental Accommodation program.
- 1.4) MSU will promote the Mac Green program to off campus housing.
- 1.5) The AWWCA will continue to report property issues through the Community Enhancement Reports. The City of Hamilton will conduct the follow up on these reports.
- 1.6) McMaster Security, WHAC, and the OCRC will establish a partnership with the Hamilton Fire Department to promote fire safety to off campus student housing.

Goal Two Crime Reduction

All stakeholders will work together to help reduce the number of criminal incidents on the beat through a combination of intelligence led policing and crime prevention.

- 2.1) The HPS West Town sector Crime Manager will continue to monitor the number of criminal offences, proactively identifying trends and suspects. Information will be provided to beat officers for proactive enforcement.
- 2.2) The HPS, AWWCA, McMaster Security and MSU will work to establish a student / resident home security program in the Westdale sector.
- 2.3) Councillor McHattie's Office, Canada Post Corporation, AWWCA, SCSN, HPS, Westdale BIA, and Bay City Paints will continue to support and maintain the new adopt-a-box program.
- 2.4) McMaster Security will attempt to arrange funding to put crime prevention information online.
- 2.5) The executive of the Westdale BIA will encourage members to participate in Crime Prevention through Environmental Design audits.
- 2.6) Members of the AWWCA, OCRC and MSU, will take advantage of Operation Safeguard, using Auxiliary Officers and potential student volunteers to conduct security audits. Members and volunteers of the MSU will also encourage students to use this service and practice good crime prevention techniques.
- 2.7) All partners will continue to share information with HPS, helping to identify possible crime suspects.
- 2.8) Westdale CPC Volunteers will conduct "stolen auto call back" protocol for Westdale Beat. This protocol provides crime prevention information to victims of stolen vehicles.

Goal Three

Transportation and Traffic

All stakeholders will work together to address traffic concerns in the Westdale Beat, by implementing innovative strategies.

- 3.1) The beat officers and divisional safety officers will continue to do enforcement at identified problem locations as well as initiate problem oriented policing traffic projects.
- 3.2) The AWWCA and Councillor McHattie's Office will examine the feasibility of having the speed limits reduced on near campus streets, to mirror campus speeds.
- 3.3) Councillor McHattie's Office will create a pedestrian traffic safety committee to propose long term traffic solutions for the McMaster area.
- 3.4) Members of the AWWCA will continue to identify problem traffic locations through the Community Enhancement Reports.
- 3.5) McMaster Security, HPS, and ACT will work together to do on campus and near campus bicycle education and enforcement.
- 3.6) The City of Hamilton through the Councillor's office will provide resources that may be required to correct traffic problems.

Goal Four

Disorderly Conduct

All the stakeholders will work together to identify and address the problem of disorderly conduct associated with both houses and establishments.

- 4.1) HPS, City of Hamilton, and OCRC Centre will continue to improve the Community Enhancement Report program, leading to a September official launch.
- 4.2) Beat officers and the HPS Crime Manager will continue to work with the police Vice unit to identify and charge establishments that violate the Liquor Licence Act.
- 4.3) Members of the AWWCA and MSU will continue to support the "Community Enhancement Reports", listing problem locations. Members will also provide information on good neighbours for recognition. The SCSN will encourage the use of this program to students and work to solicit feedback.

- 4.4) McMaster University, the MSU and HPS will continue to support the Mac 91/92 Special Duty program.
- 4.5) The City of Hamilton, through the Councillor's office will provide resources such as by-law, fire and health to enforce offences at both bars and private dwellings.
- 4.6) The Westdale BIA will promote responsible business practices, with owners monitoring the behaviour of patrons.
- 4.7) The MSU will address community pajama parade issues.
- 4.8) The MSU and ACT will examine the feasibility of extending HSR service to cover bar closing hours.
- 4.9) The McMaster Judicial Affairs Office, the AWWCA, MSU, BIA, and HPS will work towards the implementation of a "Restorative Justice Program" to address off campus student conduct.
- 4.10) The City of Hamilton, SCSN, MSU and HSP will implement "Operation Hush". The City will post noise advisory signs. The MSU and McMaster will proactively warn potential violators of consequences. The HPS will focus on enforcement.

Goal Five Communication

- 5.1) McMaster University, the MSU and Brian McHattie's Office will create an information package to promote and support the Mac 91 / 92 special duty program.
- 5.2) All stakeholders will meet once during the year to ensure we are achieving our goals.
- 5.3) HPS, AWWCA, WHHAC, SCSN and OCRC will continue with the Welcome Bag. The Welcome Bag along with Good Neighbour flyer will include an evaluation to be filled out and returned. The SCSN will work with the Community Policing Centre to evaluate the survey results.
- 5.4) The MSU will provide space in the Silhouette for communiqués from the community.
- 5.5) The HPS will finalize the Community Enhancement Report.
- 5.6) The HPS will provide monthly stats and crime prevention information to all stakeholders.
- 5.7) The JCC will pass appropriate information onto its members.

Conclusion

The stakeholders are committed to following the direction outlined in this plan with the goal of improving the quality of life for all the members West Hamilton.

Signed:

_____ *AWWCA President*
_____ *Ward One Councillor, City of*
_____ *Hamilton*
_____ *City of Hamilton By-law*
_____ *Vice President, McMaster*
_____ *University*
_____ *MSU President*
_____ *Westdale BIA Chair*
_____ *Westdale CPC Officer*
_____ *JCC Director*
_____ *SCSN Director*
_____ *WHHAC*
_____ *McMaster Judicial Affairs*
_____ *ACT Director*
_____ *McMaster Security*
_____ *OCRC Manager*
_____ *Police Crime Manager*
_____ *Police Sector Coordinator*
_____ *Division One Superintendent*

_____ *Westdale Beat Officers*

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