

Beat 691

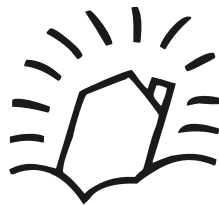


Business Plan For 2005

Final Report



Hamilton



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Westdale B.I.A.



Mission Statement

The Hamilton Police Service, McMaster University, the McMaster Students Union (MSU), the Westdale BIA, the City of Hamilton and Members of the Ainslie Wood Westdale Community Association (AWWCA) are committed to working together to solve recurring quality of life issues.

Strategic Directions

Reduction in Graffiti
Reduction in Property Crimes
Road Safety
Disorderly Persons

Goal One Reduction in Graffiti

All stakeholders will work together to address the ongoing graffiti problem on the beat.

- 1.1) The beat officers will continue to administer the graffiti Problem Oriented Policing Projects, using intelligence led policing to identify offenders.
 - a) The beat officers continued to work on the problem oriented police project in Westdale.*
 - b) The city was advised of all new graffiti on their property assisting in timely removal.*
 - c) Officer Majik provided training to McMaster Security personnel on graffiti issues.*
 - d) Officers participated in the graffiti cleanup day in September and were partners in helping to develop the “adopt a box’ program.*
 - e) Used the Citizen on Patrol program to patrol graffiti areas during night shifts.*

- 1.2) The members of the Westdale BIA will attempt to clean up graffiti as quickly as possible. They will also report all new graffiti to police.
 - a) Members assisted with the graffiti clean-up in September.*
 - b) Set up an all members meeting to discuss developing a system to remove graffiti.*

- 1.3) Members of the AWWCA will organize a community clean-up day, where citizens will help to clean up graffiti. Members will also be given information on the importance of reporting and cleaning up graffiti.
 - a) *Members from the AWWCA organized the first annual community graffiti clean-up day in September. AWWCA members, McMaster students, city officials, police and BIA members removed graffiti from the Westdale village.*
 - b) *An organizational committee secured funding to launch an “adopt a box” program in 2006. Volunteers will be given materials to clean mailboxes and hydro boxes in the neighbourhood that have graffiti; reaching the goal of quick removal of graffiti in the neighbourhood.*

- 1.4) McMaster University Security will assist in helping to identify offenders, by working cooperatively with police.
 - a) *Participated in graffiti clean-up during Welcome Week.*
 - b) *Had security personnel trained by Hamilton Police in April.*
 - c) *Photographed and tracked all graffiti found on the campus and shared information regularly with Hamilton Police.*
 - d) *Continue to work with other community partners to develop new initiatives to combat graffiti. Partner in the new “adopt a box” program.*

- 1.5) The City of Hamilton, through the Councilors Office will clean up graffiti on City property ASAP. They will also provide available resources to help others to reach their goals.
 - a) *Worked with police on problem oriented policing project, cleaning up city property when notified of graffiti.*
 - b) *City councillor and mayor participated in community clean up. Replaced all graffiti damaged signs in Westdale village.*

- 1.6) Westdale CPC will assist Goal 1.3 by working in conjunction with Division One program by organizing Community Paint Over day. Focus of Paint Over will be section of Westdale BIA to parallel paint over in Downtown BIA. HPS, Westdale BIA and AWWCA to monitor section after paint over completed to report future incidents and paint over any graffiti that is tagged on wall. Corporate Sponsor to be approached for donation of paint and supplies.
- a) Assisted the AWWCA on community clean up day, hosting a barbeque for all participants.*
 - b) Assisted the committee in obtaining a corporate sponsor for the clean up day and new adopt a box program.*

Goal Two

Reduction in Property Crimes

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

- 2.1) The beat officers will continue to monitor the number of offences. They will proactively identify trends and suspects.
- a) Current suspect information was sent to community members asking for their assistance in helping to identify and locate suspects.*
 - b) Crime prevention information was provided on a continual basis, helping neighbours to fight the latest type of crime.*
 - c) Beat Tracker reports were sent out monthly, allowing neighbours to know where break and enters were occurring.*
 - d) Officer Hardy initiated a student watch program, to address the high number of break-ins to student houses. This program has home owners watching student houses to help reduce the risk of a break in.*
 - e) When a sudden spike in break-ins developed, the police set up a break and enter squad. This squad worked with the community to identify and incarcerate suspects. Several arrests were made and the number of break-ins reduced.*
 - f) During the year, break-ins decreased from 159 in 2004 to 117 in 2005. This is a decrease of over 25%.*

- 2.2) The executive of the Westdale BIA will encourage members to participate in Crime Prevention through Environmental Design audits. Using crime prevention to help reduce the chance of being victimized.
- a) Members are starting to use the free security audits made available by the police.*
- 2.3) Members of the AWWCA and McMaster Students Union will take advantage of Operation Safeguard, using Auxiliary Officers to conduct security audits. Members and volunteers of the MSU will also encourage students to use this service and practice good crime prevention techniques.
- a) Operation safeguard advertised in September Community Report.*
- b) In the past two years Security Services has offered seminars on Home Security. These seminars areas are now available on line.*
- c) Information has been forwarded to the policing centre for further distribution and more recently an article was written for the SCSN newsletter.*
- 2.4) McMaster Security will continue to information share with police, helping to identify possible suspects.
- a) Information sharing is ongoing, having worked cooperatively on several investigations. Information sharing has occurred at all levels.*
- 2.4) Westdale CPC Volunteers will conduct “Break and Enter Call Back” protocol for 691 Beat. Will track whether incident occurred at Student house or Residence for future statistical purposes.
- a) CPC volunteers were used to call back all break and enter victims to advertise Operation Safeguard and obtain new information.*
- b) A statistical review was done on break and enter reports, determining that 60% of all break and enters, involved student houses.*

Goal Three Road Safety

All stakeholders will work together to address traffic concerns in the 691 beat area., by implementing innovative strategies to decrease aggressive driving.

- 3.1) The beat officers will continue to do enforcement at identified problem locations as well as initiate problem oriented policing traffic projects.
 - a) *McMaster Security and ACT Office worked with Hamilton Police on a cycling safety plan. In the fall, both on and off campus cyclist were educated on laws. This was followed by enforcement by the Hamilton Police.*
 - b) *McMaster created a website to help educate cyclist.
www.mcmaster.ca/security/cyclinglaws.ht.*
 - c) *Several traffic enforcement projects were set up by police during the year, based on Community Enhancement Reports.*

- 3.2) Members of the AWWCA will use the speed board at problem speeding locations, using a preventative approach.
 - a) *Did not use speed board, however identified traffic concerns to the police through the Community Enhancement Reports.*

- 3.3) The City of Hamilton through the Councilors office will provide resources that may be required to correct traffic problems.
 - a) *Assisted police when required by providing both by-law and road department support.*
 - b) *Put Community Enhancement Report on Councilor's web site, helping people to identify traffic issues.*

Goal Four

Disorderly Persons

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

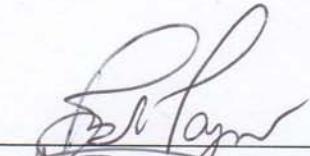
- 4.1) Police will use the volunteers from the Westdale Community Policing Centre to monitor a program where citizens can report problem areas. Officers will set up a plan to address repeat offenders. Officers will continue to work with the police Vice unit to identify and charge establishments that violate the LLA.
- a) During the year, the Community Enhancement Report was developed. AWWCA members participated in a pilot project, identifying issues that needed to be addressed. Part of the program was the identification of rental properties that were good and bad.*
 - b) Members of the CPC coordinated all Community Enhancement Reports.*
 - c) Police worked with other agencies, to identify problem liquor establishments. Reports were submitted to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission. One problem bar had its license suspended for 40 days due to this effort.*
 - d) Had Citizens on Patrol (COP) patrol streets in Westdale during some weekends, calling police if they discovered any problems.*
 - e) Police employed addition patrols to cover both Welcome Week and move out periods.*
- 4.2) Members of the AWWCA and MSU will participate in a pilot program where they complete “Community Enhancement Reports”, listing problem locations. Members will also provide information on good neighbours for recognition. The SCSN (Student Community Support Network) will encourage the use of this program to students and work to solicit feedback.
- a) The enhancement form is posted on the community relations web site. www.mcmaster.ca/us/opr/community/community_enhancement.doc. The office of public relations offers ongoing support to address disorderly conduct issues.*
 - b) The Student Housing office volunteered to mediate housing issues.*

- 4.3) McMaster University will assist the police in patrolling problem locations during busy periods. McMaster University Security will continue to keep a presence at campus bars.
- a) *The University and the MSU paid for extra police patrols during identified problem times. These patrols addressed quality of life issues, including noise complaints and disturbances.*
 - b) *McMaster Security, continued to have high visibility around Quarters Pub, patrolling the parking lot. They assisted the police with several arrests on property boarding the university.*
 - c) *The police and McMaster Security met with Quarters management three times during the year, to ensure all issues were addressed in a timely manner.*
- 4.4) The City of Hamilton, through the Councilors office will provide resources such as by-law, fire and health to enforce offences at both bars and private dwellings.
- a) *City officials helped coordinate several multi-agency task forces. These groups consisting of by-law, fire, health and police and would drop by liquor establishments unannounced. Their assessment reports were beneficial in helping to suspend problem bars liquor licenses.*
- 4.5) The Westdale BIA will promote responsible business practices, with owners monitoring the behaviour of patrons.
- a) *The BIA kept liquor establishments in the village aware of all issues. Any problems dealing with village bars were addressed quickly through the BIA.*

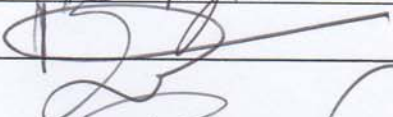
Conclusion

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 of the 691 Beat.


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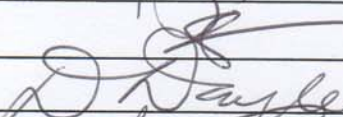
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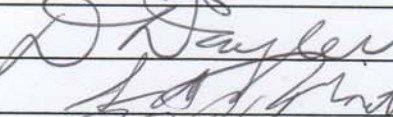
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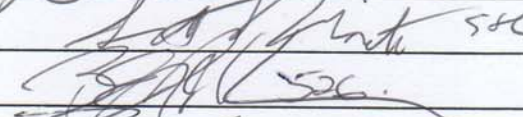
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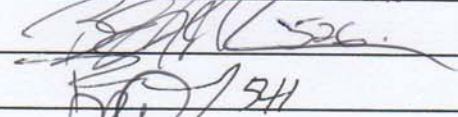
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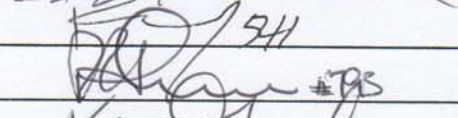
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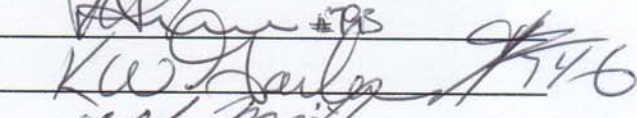
Westdale CPC Officer



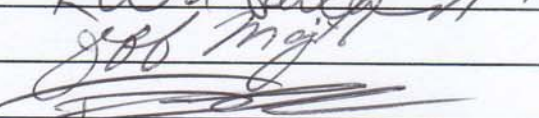
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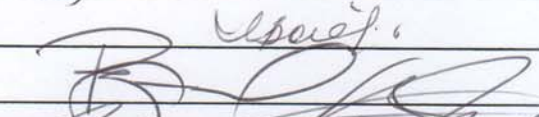
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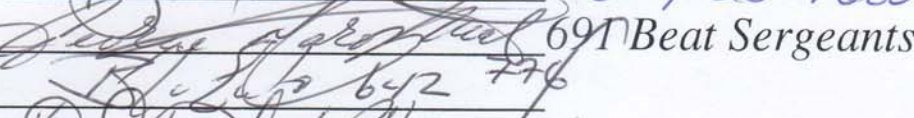
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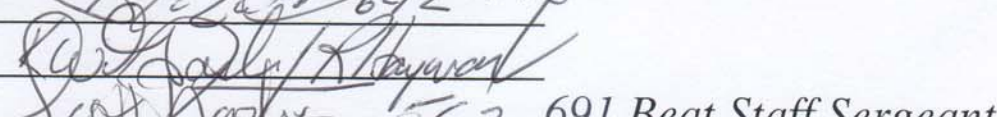
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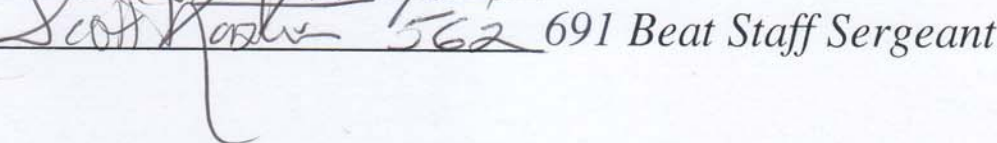
Campus Town Association



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