

GWCA OPEN MEETING MAY 25/22 NOTES & ANNUAL PLANS

OUR MISSION

The Glen Williams Community Association's mission is to maintain the hamlet character of Glen Williams by engaging and communicating with its residents and other stakeholders.

GWCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Elected by GWCA members at the annual general meeting for a two-year period, there are eight Board of Director positions. Board members meet monthly, volunteering their time and efforts to keep Glen Williams a great place to live.

The Board supports a variety of initiatives the community has over the years identified as important. We also represent the community on Town committees or meetings and often liaise with Town staff and representatives of municipal government.

Current Board Members

- Claudia Russell, Chair
- Joan Griffin, President
- Kate Murray, Treasurer
- Anthea Hoare, Secretary
- Fernanda Amaral
- Aimee Cichocki
- Jenny Humphreys
- Derek Remes

MEMBERSHIP IN THE GWCA

- Any adult resident living or running a business in Glen Williams
- Must support the values of the GWCA by registering as member
- There is no fee to register, and all members may vote at the AGM to elect the eight-member Board
- Members are invited to join Committees where they feel they can offer support

SHARING INFORMATION & KEEPING IN TOUCH

- The GWCA produces the Glen Williams Newsletter an email newsletter with almost 1,000 subscribers. (Subscribe at glenwilliamsca@gmail.com)
- GWCA Facebook Page: [@glenwilliamsontario](https://www.facebook.com/glenwilliamsontario)
- GWCA Website: Community information, GWCA key documents including board meeting minutes, by-laws, and key reports of interest - <http://www.glenwilliams.org/>

SINCE OUR 2021 AGM (NOVEMBER 10), WE HAVE WORKED ON:

- Revised mission statement
- Developed committee structure
- Instituted monthly Executive meetings
- Created Annual Action Plan
- Focused on greater transparency with community
- Reached out to other Glen groups to foster collaboration
- Enhanced newsletter and website structures and reactivated our Facebook page
- Developed GWCA issues list for:
 - McMaster Megan development and coordinated with Town of Halton Hills staff and legal team
 - GWE/102 Confederation and shared with developer and Town
Also posted on GWCA website
- Represented GWCA at January 2022 Case Management Conference for the McMaster-Megan development attempting to reduce number of outstanding issues
- Prince Street improvement project:
 - Participated resident sponsored meeting as well as PIC#1 Town sponsored meeting.
 - Shared survey and information on Public Information Centre (PIC) sessions #1 and 2
 - Participated in PIC #1 and 2 Town sponsored meetings
 - Submitting official GWCA response to Town

GWCA 2022 Committee Action Plans The Highlights

Community Engagement Committee

Purpose of the Committee

- To involve the community in the activities and events of the GWCA and in so doing, helping people understand the purpose and of the GWCA
- To work with other community partners
- To help keep the ‘hamlet’ character of the Glen by helping people know their neighbours and feel good about their community

Objectives

- Focus on initiatives that will engage the residents and other community partners and create a greater community presence for GWCA
- Ensure at least two initiatives are fund raising projects
- Create opportunities for new membership through at least two initiatives
- To encourage membership in the GWCA
- To raise funds so the GWCA can meet its goals and legal requirements

2022 Q3	2022 Q4	2023 Q1
Reach out to other community groups	Reach out to other community groups	Reach out to other community groups
Canada Day Booth	Host Ontario Municipal Election Candidates Panel	Fund Raiser TBD
Canada Day Fund Raiser	Pumpkin Walk	Annual General Meeting
Door to Door campaign to solicit new members		

Parks & Trails Committee

Purpose of the Committee

- To protect and enhance green spaces in Glen Williams by identifying areas where trails and gathering spaces can be protected or secured
- Educate members about trail and park issues and promote trail activities through the newsletter and other formats

Objectives

- Work with Town of Halton Hills staff to ensure park areas and trails are a recognized and important part of any developments in Glen Williams
- Consult with Town of Halton Hills Parks and Recreation Department staff specifically to determine vision of parks and trails in Glen Williams and progress to date
- Consult with Credit Valley Conversation about trail initiatives, access to the Credit River and other groups working on these issues

2022 Q3	2022 Q4	2023 Q1
Engage with the Development Committee re: 102 Confederation to promote opportunities for trail development	Continue promotion of Credit Valley Trail Walk Determine the status of the Glen Williams Gathering Places, Parks, Trails and Open Space plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up on status of this plan 	Develop 2023 Plan for continued advocacy for trail development in Glen Williams

Traffic Committee

Purpose of the Committee

- To address on-going traffic issues and their repercussions for residents in Glen Williams from a holistic perspective, incorporating all areas of the Glen each with unique issues

Objectives

- Gather a thorough understanding of traffic issues and best practices to address common traffic issues in Glen Williams
- Create a ‘whole of concept’ report that outlines recommendations for residents and the Town of Halton Hills on how to best address traffic concerns for all residents of Glen Williams: this would include all roads in Glen Williams, not just the main roads that link Glen Williams to other areas

2022 Q3	2022 Q4	2023 Q1
<p>Conduct best practices research in reducing speed of traffic, volume of traffic, addressing parking concerns and to increase safety for pedestrians</p> <p>Conduct a survey with more than a 50% response rate of all GW households to identify traffic concerns and possible resolutions</p> <p>Continue work on promoting resident views on Prince Street development</p>	<p>Continue to meet with Town and other groups, as appropriate, to ensure traffic concerns and resolutions are shared</p> <p>Create an evidence-based report that outlines recommendations for residents and the Town of Halton Hills on how to best address traffic concerns for all of Glen Williams</p> <p>Continue work on promoting resident views on Prince Street development</p>	<p>Deliver report to the residents of Glen Williams, and to the Town of Halton Hills</p> <p>Begin populating ideas and creating an advocacy plan</p> <p>Continue work on promoting resident views on Prince Street development</p>

Development Committee

Purpose of the Committee

- To ensure Glen Williams Secondary Plan is adhered to for all new subdivision development plans in Glen Williams
- To represent the GWCA in all aspects of these planning projects

Objectives

- To liaise with residents and the Town of Halton Hills about proposed or on-going development projects
- To help residents of Glen Williams understand the Glen Williams Secondary Plan and the issues facing residents and the landscape and character of Glen Williams by new development plans

2022 Q3	2022 Q4	2023 Q1
102 Confederation St. Dev <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed proposal reports and prepared issues list • Meeting with Town to review issues list The Chase Dev <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respond to any issues arising from construction phase Bishops Court Phase 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create draft list of issues Continue to monitor Town/Developer actions related to each of the active developments and respond as required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 102 Confederation - Bishop Ct. Phase 2 - McMaster-Megan - The Chase 	McMaster Megan Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in Ontario Land Tribunal hearing representing GWCA's outstanding issues Continue to monitor Town /Developer actions related to each of the active developments and respond as required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 102 Confederation St - Bishop Court Phase 2 - McMaster-Megan - The Chase 	McMaster Megan Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to participate in Ontario Land Tribunal hearing representing GWCA's outstanding issues Continue to monitor Town /Developer actions related to each of the active developments and respond as required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 102 Confederation St - Bishop Court Phase 2 - McMaster-Megan - The Chase

Communications Committee

Purpose of the Committee

- To communicate news, events, and other items of interest with members of the local community
- To engage the community on GWCA initiatives such as surveys and events
- To educate community members on the work of the GWCA

Objectives

- Maintain an active website: A repository for all GWCA key documents; a hub that shares the history of the Glen; a channel for the community to contact the GWCA
- Publish email newsletter with regular cadence: promote GWCA initiatives, share hamlet news, stories and events and engage community
- Update social media platform to reach a broader audience: promote GWCA initiatives, share hamlet news and events and engage community

2022 Q3	2022 Q4	2023 Q1
Newsletter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue use of new layout • Continue reaching out to other community groups to include information in the newsletter Revitalize social media presence (Face Book page)	Website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review, correct and update Homepage, Business Directory and 'About GWCA' pages • Add donation option via PayPal for on-line and off-site donations 	Evaluate use of newsletter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership increase • Subscribers dropped • Click rates etc. Explore possibility to expand social media presence, e.g., Twitter, Instagram

Beautification Committee

Purpose of the Committee

- To enhance and showcase the unique hamlet qualities, historic elements and great natural beauty of Glen Williams

Objectives

- Reach out to other partners and the community members to determine how best to showcase the Glen
- Work collaboratively with community groups, residents, the Town of Halton Hills and business owners on how best to implement appropriate and affordable projects

2022 Q3	2022 Q4	2023 Q1
<p>Connect with Town Hall, determine how/when the two organizations can work collaboratively on enhancing the beauty of the Glen including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring possibility of painting and hanging baskets for Main St. Bridge project • Raising concerns of grading/stone in Glen parkette along riverbank; significantly eroded due to ice, potential safety concern • Requesting sign installation – “pickup your garbage and cigarettes” and more “pick up after your dog” signs incl. bag attachments <p>Research grant possibilities and funding sources for beautification projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business and resident contributions/donations in kind • Community grants • Provincial grants • Local print company sponsorship • Fundraiser, if so, what? 	<p>Develop concrete plan for beautification of the Glen including plantings, information signs, promotions of the history of the Glen</p> <p>Hold fundraiser - Movie Night In the Park</p>	<p>Assuming funds raised from Movie Night in The Park, and/or grant funding- produce and install historical and information signs in the parkette pavilion</p> <p>Continue with activities to be ready for other plan items such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plantings • Other beautification • History of Glen

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