

GWCA MISSION STATEMENT:

*To maintain the hamlet character of Glen Williams by
engaging and communicating with its residents and other stakeholders.*

**Minutes - Glen Williams Community Association - 2022 Annual General Meeting
February 22, 2023, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Glen Town Hall**

Board Members Present: Claudia Russell, Joan Griffin, Anthea Hoare, Jenny Humphreys, Derek Remes, Larissa Howe. **Joining on ZOOM:** Kate Murray and Aimee Cichocki. **Absent:** Fernanda Amaral

1. Welcome – Claudia Russell (Chair)

Claudia officially welcomed everyone and thanked them for joining especially on a snowy night. She also welcomed Halton Hills Mayor Anne Lawlor, and Ward 2 Councillors Jason Brass and Joseph Racinsky.

She referenced the agenda and formal business that had to be discussed as per the GWCA by-laws, including 2 years of financial statements. Also noting no elections will take place given current board members appointed in November 2021 AGM for a two-year term.

2. Overview of GWCA – Joan Griffin (President)

Joan outlined the GWCA is committed to listening to what matters most to Glen residents, honoring the GWCA mission in all our actions and decisions, representing the hamlet's interests to local government, executing the GWCA Annual Plans including activities focused on building a shared sense of community and enriching the quality of life in the hamlet, transparently communicating with residents and acting as stewards of the Glen Williams Secondary Plan, ensuring that any proposed changes to the hamlet align with the requirements of the Plan; to protect and preserve the natural and cultural heritage features of the Hamlet.

3. Required Motions from the Floor – Claudia Jenkins

Claudia noted a quorum of 20 members needed to be present to vote. There were more than 20 members present, voting could commence.

Motion 1: Approve acceptance of new members to the GWCA .

The list of new members was listed on page 3 of the agenda package. There were 72 new members since our last AGM and 3 new members who registered at the meeting.

Moved by Anthea Hoare, Seconded by Derek Remes. CARRIED.

Motion 2: Approve the Agenda as distributed.

Moved by Glenn LaFond, Seconded by Donna Wenzel. CARRIED.

Motion 3: Approve the minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting.
Moved by Anthea Hoare, Seconded by Glen LaFond. CARRIED.

Motion 4: Approve appointment of Larissa Howe to the Board.
Moved by Derek, Seconded Paul Griffin. CARRIED.

Motion 5: Approve two amendments to the GWCA by-laws, Section 9 Members' Meetings, 9.01 Annual Meeting.

1. *Beginning 2023, the AGM will be held on the last Wednesday of February' to be changed to 'beginning 2024, the AGM will be held annually in the month of February'.*

Moved by: Ken Paige, seconded by Paul Griffin. CARRIED.

2. *Add back into the By-laws what was removed in November 2021:*

No other item of business shall be included on the agenda for an annual meeting unless a Member's proposal has been given to the secretary prior to the giving of notice of the annual meeting in accordance with the Act, so that such item of new business can be included in the notice of annual meeting.

Moved by: Ken Paige, Seconded by Lizanne Gray. CARRIED.

Motion 6: Accept Financial Statements provided by Patti Kirby CPA:

- All financial statements and records of the corporation for both 2021 and 2022 have been recorded and all required documents have been submitted to Canada Revenue Agency.
- Assets of the organization on December 31, 2021 was \$895.00.
- Assets of the organization on December 31, 2022 was \$2,543.00.

Moved by: Anthea Hoare, Seconded by Paul Griffin. CARRIED

Motion 7: Re-appoint Patti Kirby to conduct the CRA required engagement Review for 2023.
Moved by: Dona Wenzel, Seconded by Lynn Johansson. CARRIED.

4. Annual Report Highlights – Joan Griffin

Joan noted the GWCA's 2022 activities spanned across five key areas including communications, development, community engagement, parks and trails and beautification. Key areas of focus dictated by residents as most important.

Joan provided highlights of all 2022 activities outlined in the [Annual General Report](#):

Communication: Additional communication channels were created for reaching new audiences, keeping residents up to date, sharing news and events and increasing transparency, which included the newsletter, Facebook and revamped website.

Development: Development activity in the Glen is busier than ever with unprecedented potential negative impact. There are currently 4 active applications for development with several Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) appeals filed by developers. These have included 102 Confederation St. (GWE) in July 2022 and within a few days the Glen Williams Secondary Plan appeal. The Megan/McMaster (Eden Oak) appeal hearings have also been underway.

GWC submitted applications for status in each OLT proceeding, was granted status as requested and has been actively involved in each hearing to date. Ongoing efforts have also included actively working with Council, Town staff, Credit Valley Conservation staff, Regional staff and the community on aligning with and attempting to resolve issues as submitted to developers by the GWCA and Town/Region/CVC. The focus has been to ensure alignment with all requirements of the Glen Williams Secondary Plan, protecting the natural/cultural features of the hamlet and quality of life for residents.

Joan noted the Tribunal is backlogged, and hearings are costly to everyone. Town Council direction to their Legal Counsel has been to work toward agreement of issues to reduce the number of hearing sessions.

Community Engagement: GWC held a spring open community meeting to seek final feedback on the 2022 Annual Plan. A booth at Canada Day focused on raising GWCA awareness and fundraising for Annual Plan initiatives. Two Municipal Elections Candidate sessions were hosted. One for Ward 2 Candidates and one for Mayoral candidates. Both sessions saw a full house turn out. Over 300 residents accessed Ward 2 live stream and 500 accessed Mayoral livestreams.

Traffic: A draft Traffic Report was completed using 2021 Resident Survey data with the 4 most important issues identified as: speeding, noise, congestion, and lack of enforcement on traffic violations. A draft of the report was made available at the AGM and final copy will be posted on the website prior to the report being presented to the Town.

Parks and Trails: GWCA continues to be at the table and encouraging effective integration for the Glen into the Credit Valley Trail's initiative for a trail from Orangeville to Lake Ontario. The GWCA submitted a proposal for a Town Partnership Program Grant to refurbish the Glen information/trail map and pavilion in the Shelagh Law Parkette and for the implementation of a Glen historical, interpretive storyboard sign by the river.

Town/ Councillor Engagement: The GWCA conducted orientation session with new Ward 2 Councillors, and continued to have ongoing communications and a steady Glen community presence with Town staff, Councillors and Town of Halton Hills Council.

Joan concluded mentioning that there is now a donate button on the GWCA website. The GWCA relies on donations and fundraising to pay for fixed costs to operate and to fund all projects and initiatives for the hamlet as outlined in GWCA Annual Plans.

5. 2023 What's Important To You Survey?

The GWCA's 2023 Annual Plan will be based on what members feels is most important to focus on. Attendees were asked to complete the 2023 What's Important To You Survey. Online access to the survey will be available on the GWCA website for an additional 2 weeks.

Using survey data, a draft annual plan will be presented for further member feedback at a Spring Open Meeting.

6. What's next – Annual Spring Meeting

GWCA will host a Spring Open House including the opportunity for members to interact with our newly elected officials, discuss hamlet issues, provide final feedback on the GWCA's 2023 Annual

Plan and enjoy some fun activities. A silent auction and other fund-raising events will also take place with all proceeds funding hamlet projects as per the GWCA 2023 Annual Plan.

Attendees were encouraged to share the channels used to communicate GWCA news and events with other residents. As a reminder there is a registration tab for residents who are currently not members where they can join the GWCA.

7. Closing Remarks

Joan gave a huge thank you to Patti Kirby for volunteering her time on the financials and to Don Robinson for his volunteer work on the development activities. She acknowledged his extreme passion to protect the Glen and the quality of life in the Hamlet. A lot has been thrown at residents and the hamlet development-wise, it has been relentless.

Joan encouraged everyone to find their own special way to become a Hamlet Keeper. There is strength in numbers, and we are stronger together.

Councillor Joseph Racinsky took the floor sharing he was pleased and impressed with the GWCA, the professionalism and the work we are doing.

8. Motion to close the Business Portion of the meeting.

Moved by: Ken Paige, seconded by Paul Griffin. CARRIED.

Wine and Cheese Mingle proceeded official business portion of the meeting.