

GWCA MISSION STATEMENT:

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

**GWCA Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday Nov 22/23 @ 7:00 PM at 17 Tweedle St.**

In attendance: Claudia Russell, Joan Griffin, Derek Remes, Ken Paige, Anthea Hoare (on-line)

Regrets: Jenny Humphries

- Welcome
 - Motion to Accept and Approve Agenda. Derek and Ken moved. Carried.
 - Motion to Accept and Approve meeting minutes of Oct 18/23 (attached). Anthea moved. Carried.
- 2023 Fall Open House (Oct 25th) – Debrief and feedback

General feedback:

 - Consensus was approx. 100 people attended
 - Attendees were engaged and free flowing through the room and felt that they had learned something
 - It was an excellent format for the community
 - Police were complimentary about the effort to engage the community

Venue discussion:

 - Venue (Town Hall) tight for format of event
 - Is GW public School a possibility for a future similar event?
 - By-law require two open houses plus AGM
 - Spring event to talk about the annual plan
 - Fall open house could be a similar open house format
- Pumpkin Walk (Nov 1st) – Debrief
 - There were approximately 250 pumpkins
 - There was a good turnout
 - Need to plan for more volunteers next year
 - Next year locate table closer to the school or bring light source for the table
 - Served hot chocolate and cookies
 - Donations amounted to \$54
 - School Parent council was thankful that we organized it again this year

- Christmas Market in the Glen – Sunday December 3 – finalize details
 - Organizer Krystin Micalizzi provided a booth for GWCA
 - Discussion of what is needed day of in booth
 - Board member participation schedule confirmed
 - Discussion to confirm format for fundraiser: agreement to hold a draw for a gift certificate for Glen Tavern
 - Could also highlight projects including profiling the design for the Shelagh Law Parkette including pictures; need to keep any print costs to a minimum
 - Decision to hold a draw for a gift certificate - Ken will reach out to ask Glen Tavern to donate gift certificate. If required to proceed to purchase gift certificate

Motion: Ken Paige authorized to spend up to \$250 on gift certificate if required. All in favour. Carried.

- Committee Updates

Parks & Trails - Shelagh Law Parkette update

- Resident donations of \$175 covered purchase of supplies required to protect all new plants, shrubs, trees.
- A group of residents worked to install wire cages and tree wraps
- Town of Halton Hills offering a THH 50th Anniversary Legacy Grant. Could help with the Parkette costs. Projects related to Park improvements and acknowledging Town legacy will qualify. Our plans for the new kiosk including a plaque about Shelagh Law, when the park was named and mentioning Halton Hills anniversary appear to meet the criteria. Grant is for \$2500. Applications are due on December 10th

Action: Joan to write proposal and submit.

Traffic

- Prince St. reconstruction project:
 - Town of Halton Hills hosted Prince St. PIC Nov. 22 at Glen Town Hall. Given Town was only providing information of the PIC by mail to residents who lived on Prince St, GWCA created Facebook post to advise residents as well as sent out targeted emails to any GWCA members on Prince St and Meadows of the Glen area.
 - PIC well attended with the majority of attendees being from Prince St.
 - Given proximity of houses to the road, the Town is taking extra precautions with vibration monitoring.
 - Prince St. will not be blocked however residents can expect a full working season with delays. Project will likely start in 2025

Wildwood Rd. reconstruction is also coming up again as part of the Megan McMaster development project

Development

- 102 Confederation St. Developer (GWE) and Town of HH have reached a settlement. As a result, full OLT Hearing will likely not take place in December as planned.
- We have asked to meet with the Town to find out if any of issues identified by GWCA were satisfied in the settlement

- GWCA submitted comments to the Committee of Adjustment (COA) related to the Panchuk property (100 Confederation St). severance. COA subsequently has approved all requests by resident.

- February 2024 AGM – discussion

Timing and venue

- Glen Town Hall available February 28th – allows for 2 board meetings before AGM
- This is an election year, need to allow for in timing

By-law updates

- ONCA (Ontario Non-Profit) regulations come in effect as of Oct. 2024
- ONCA alignment work done 2021.
- A final review conducted to ensure we are fully compliant resulted in some suggested additional amendments might be required.
- Discussion about how far ahead of AGM do any By-law amendments need to be sent out

Action: circulate suggested By-law amendments to board for feedback. Have any amendments ready for Board review for Jan. 24th meeting.

- Board Business

- New Board member – still actively working to fill vacant board position

- Other / New Business

- Joan provided an update on meeting with Jennifer Spence, Town’s new Climate Change Outreach Coordinator
 - A new team at the town with an increased focus on a climate change/adaptation
 - Reciprocal desire to collaborate with a common goal.
 - Potentially coming out with a grant that we might qualify for should we want to undertake projects that will support mitigation of climate
 - Discussed a number of ways to potentially collaborate in 2024. Will connect again once as we draft annual plan
 - Town can conduct educate sessions for residents – specific and relevant to the Glen

- Town of Halton Hills 2024 Strategic Plan

- Town has drafted a multi year strategic plan and invited the public to provide feedback
- Discussion surrounding GWCA submitting feedback
- Agreement to submit focusing on reinforcing what is needed for the Glen and highlighting where the Glen is not represented in the plan.
- Submissions due December 7th

Action: Agreed board members will review Town’s draft plan and provide joan with any observations/feedback by Dec. 4th. Joan will write submission.

- November newsletter topics discussed.
 - Open house follow up
 - Pumpkin walk
 - Best house
 - Parkette work
 - Fundraising for Christmas Market
 - Towns strategic plan and link
 - Men with spatula breakfast
 - Town's climate adaptation plan – resources tabs
 - Church bazaar
 - Christmas Market

- Next meetings
 - Board Christmas Get Together – Thursday December 7th @ 7:00p.m
 - Next Board meetings: January 24th and February 21st

- Adjournment – 9:01 p.m.