

Ward 2 Councillors – January 2024 Update for Glen Residents

Jason Brass

I can hardly believe it has been over a year since I was elected as one of the Councillors representing Ward 2. To date, it has been a wonderful experience. It has allowed me to take my passion for our community and put that passion into action, with respect to protecting our cherished town and, specifically, our way of life.

For this newsletter, I would like to touch on some of the things that have been accomplished for the Glen and highlight some of the things currently being worked on.

Traffic Calming:

This past Fall, staff undertook to install several speed humps in Glen Williams to slow down traffic in our neighborhood. The list of speed humps that were installed are the following:

- Confederation Street north of Wildwood Road - 4 Speed Humps
- Confederation Street south of Wildwood Road - 2 Speed Humps
- Main Street in front of Glen Williams School - 1 Speed Hump
- Main Street north of Mountain Street - 3 Speed Humps
- Wildwood Road between Eighth Line and Main Street- 3 Speed Humps
- Eighth Line north Wildwood Road - 2 Speed Humps

A total of 15 Speed Humps were installed as part of the Confederation Street Neighbourhood Traffic Calming project.

Garbage Pick Up:

For those on the outskirts of Glen Williams and throughout our countryside, garbage pickup is set to begin this Spring for the first time in our Town's history. Unfortunately, our countryside ditches are often a dumping ground for household waste. We are hopeful that this new service will mitigate this issue. This service will also eliminate upwards of 400 individual cars per day, making trips to the dump with one or two bags of garbage, thus saving a ton of greenhouse gas emissions by collecting with one truck and eliminating countless, needless trips.

Speed Limit Reduction:

Currently, the lowest speed limit that our town can impose on a given roadway is 40km/h. At the request of Ward 2 Councillors, I am pleased to report that Transportation and Public Works will review the possibility of adding lower speed limit options to our town as part of their 2024 work plan. If it is desired (and I am pushing for it) a lower speed limit option will need to be approved by Council. For specific areas in the Glen and several different areas in Halton Hills, we would like to see an option for 30 km/h. Specifically for the Glen, I would like the speed limit in front of Glen Williams Public School changed to 30km/h. More to come on this towards the end of this year.

I would also like to add that I am always reachable should you need any assistance with a town issue, if you have a question, a concern, etc. My email is jbrass@haltonhills.ca, and I can be reached by phone at 416-605-2978.

Joseph Racinsky

I echo the comments of Councillor Brass. To serve as your councillor is an exceptional honour and privilege. I believe we are all committed to working hard and delivering results for the people of Ward 2 and Glen Williams. Councillor Brass has effectively laid out some of the results we have already been able to accomplish. I will keep my comments brief and touch on two key areas that residents should be aware of going into 2024.

Halton Hills Turns 50

I'm sure many of you have already heard but this year is an exciting one for our entire Town. Due to administrative issues, the Province of Ontario forced amalgamation on many municipalities in 1974. This was not a necessarily popular idea at the time as many smaller communities feared that they would be swallowed up by the larger ones. Thankfully, this has not been the case in Halton Hills. The communities of Acton, Limehouse, Stewarttown, Norval, Hornby, and of course Glen Williams continue to have a strong and independent sense of identity, even as they are well served by the Town of Halton Hills. In keeping with this idea of diverse communities the theme of the year is "Celebrating the Communities of Halton Hills". The Town has created a grant to help community groups such as the GWCA build legacy projects that will help commemorate this event. The Town will also be hosting a doors open event during culture days in the fall. This will provide a great opportunity for both our residents and people from across Ontario to come and experience some of the buildings that make our Town so special. I want to thank Mayor Lawlor and Town staff for helping make this idea of mine a reality. I also want encourage residents and community groups to participate in this celebratory year. My hope is that no matter who we are we can come together to appreciate this wonderful community that we call home.

2024 Budget and Tax Increase

This was another tough budget year for the Town and for municipalities across Ontario. Inflation, rising insurance costs, and downloaded responsibilities are just a few of the pressures on the Town's finances. While all members of council don't always agree, I want residents to know that their Ward 2 councillors continue to have a strong and effective working relationship. We are a great team and have the greatest respect for each other no matter where we fall on extremely tough decisions.

If you would like any additional information or are in need of any assistance, please reach out to me.

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Clark Somerville

Thanks to the Glen William Community Association for the hard work they do advocating on behalf of Glen residents. They are a great group to work with and the open house last fall was an example. It brought town staff, police, and other agencies together for a night of people bringing their concerns forward or getting information on programs. The hours they spend enhance the jewel that we all know the Glen is.

The downtown Glen Christmas Market sponsored by the Town Hall Board was another great event in the Glen that can grow each year.

Communications is key and is always a two-way street. Please feel free to reach out to us, either as a group at Ward2@haltonhills.ca or our individual emails. I can be reached at clarks@haltonhills.ca or by 905 703 6388.

Here is to collaboration and working together in 2024!