

**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, January 24/24 @ 7:00 PM at 17 Tweedle St.**

**In attendance:** Claudia Russell, Joan Griffin, Derek Remes, Ken Paige, Anthea Hoare

**Regrets:** Jenny Humphries, Larissa Howe

- Welcome
  - Motion to Accept and Approve Agenda. Derek and Anthea. Carried.
  - Motion to Accept and Approve meeting minutes of Nov. 22/23 with edits. Ken and Derek. Carried.
- **Christmas Market in the Glen -update** – Glen Christmas Market Booth fees waived by Glen Town Hall. Draw for Glen Tavern \$250 Gift Certificated raised \$770.
- **Town of Halton Hills 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Grant proposal update** – GWCA proposal to receive Halton Hills 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Legacy Grant of \$2,500 successful. Funds will support rebuild of the Shelagh Law Parkette.
- **Feedback submitted to Town of Halton Hills 2024 Strategic Plan** – GWCA submitted feedback on Town’s 2024 high level 2024, four pillar Strategic Plan. Town has created a Climate Adaptation Plan however no pillar dedicated to climate change. No detailed planned actions provided.
- **Committee Updates**

**Development**

- 102 Confederation St. – Ontario Land Tribunal decision released. Although not all GWCA’s concerns were addressed in the Settlement between developer (GWE) and the Town of Halton Hills, there were a number of important concessions from the Developer (GWE) based on other GWCA inputs. Specifically:
  - A reduction in the number of houses from 34 to 31.
  - Inclusion of a Stormwater Management Block.
  - Developer agrees to contribute \$40,000 for establishment of a connection between the existing trail and Stormwater Management Block.
  - Inclusion of a formal Walkway Block.
  - Agreement to establish a trail linkage between Walkway Block and the existing trail.
  - Inclusion of a formal Hamlet Buffer block dedicated to the Town. Several other dedicated Blocks.
  - Developer will contribute \$200,000 to the establishment of a sidewalk on Confederation St between Main St and Mountain St.

- Enquired with Town about traffic study equipment seen at corner at entrance of Shelagh Law Parkette. Town confirmed they were unaware of who organized installation. Sought support of Ward 2 Councillors to find out. Councillors able to get confirmation that Eden Oak, owner of The Field property (entrance at 159 Confederation organized a traffic study).
- Shared with Town that drilling equipment and other work being done on The Field property (entrance 159 Confederation St.). Enquired if Town aware of any further activity by Eden Oak property owner as to filing application for development. Town confirms nothing formally submitted yet however it appears Eden Oak is doing preliminary prep work.
- Town confirmed that they are reviewing an application from Bishops Court developer and that it could potentially move to the Recommendations Report stage early this year.
- Wrote to town to ask about pedestrian footpath at top of Credit St. Still not open. Last correspondence indicated path would be open fall 2023. Town indicated they are currently working through construction issues with Eden Oak contractor. Anticipate opening spring 2024.

### **Communication**

- Currently updating the website. Sandy Gillians will support moving forward.
- Connected Instagram to our FB page providing an additional social channel for residents to track information, broader reach.

### **Shelagh Law Parkette**

- Town have confirmed we can naturalize strip of grass along the river on other side of path
- Town interested in working collaboratively on any plant /pollinator interpretive signage.

**Action:** Sandy Gillians will draft a planting strategy and proposed costs to plant.

- **2023 AGM – Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - Finalized details.**

- Agenda still to be finalized pending
- Bylaw amendments share with new Community Support Manager at the Town for any feedback.
- Joan Griffin, Derek Remes and Anthea Hoare confirmed desire to stand for a second two-year term.
- Motion to accept new GWCA Member Principles. Carried.
- Year End Annual Report currently being drafted.

**Actions:** Finalize agenda, complete draft of Annual Report and send to board for feedback (to be gathered via email), source donation of cheese trays, Claudia to send separate email for board roles within the AGM.

- **Board Business**

- **New Board Members(s) update** – Motion to accept Shane Titus and Ilde DeBernardinis to fill vacant positions within the Board. Claudia Russell confirmed she will not continue to stand for another 2-year term. Targeted emails sent to members in the Bishops Court and Megan/McMaster neighborhoods seeking any interest to be on Board for upcoming vacancies. Currently no representation on the Board from these areas of the Glen.
- **Membership drive** – A key objective in 2023 Annual Plan. Confirmed approach. Target where there has been resident turnover and non registered households. QR code added to one page information flyer for ease of registering.

**Action:** Board members to cover streets near them.

- **Other / New Business**
  - **Restructuring at town -Met with** three Town staff (Heather Kaufmann, new Community Development Supervisor – Volunteer and Group Support, Catherine McLeod, new Manager of Culture and Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, Angela Mourao, new Landscape Architect Technologist and previously met with Michelle Boudreau, new Director of Climate Change and Jennifer Spence, new Climate Change Coordinator – to hear about new mandates, share about GWCA and discuss opportunities for collaboration moving forward. Heather’s role is to be the point of contact for community groups.
  - **Donations to GWCA** – discussed above.
  - **Requests to guide residents** from Stewarttown and Limehouse on how to set up and run a community association. Met with one individual from Stewarttown and two from Limehouse.
  - **January newsletter** – confirmed content.
- Adjournment – 9:40 – Anthea, Derek. Carried. Next meeting Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>.