

**GWCA MISSION STATEMENT:**

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

**GWCA Board Meeting Agenda**

**Wednesday, Feb. 21/24 @ 7:00 PM at 17 Tweedle St.**

**Present:** Claudia Russell, Joan Griffin, Ken Paige, Derek Remes, Anthea Hoare, Larissa Howe

**Regrets:** Jenny Humphries

**Welcome**

- Motion to Accept and Approve Agenda - Moved by: Anthea, Derek; Carried
  - Motion to Accept and Approve meeting minutes of Jan. 24/24 (attached) - Moved by: Ken, Derek; Carried

**2023 AGM – finalize details.**

- Agenda is on the website as per bylaws.
- Cutoff for printing is February 26, 2024.
- Joan/Claudia met with several residents who expressed interest in learning more about the board. With Claudia/Jenny stepping down, two board positions will become available. Public notice will be posted for residents to self nominate.
- Some proxies have been requested and provided for those who cannot attend or are watching on ZOOM.
- Confirmed attendance of board members and roles during meeting.
- Ilde and Eddie DeBardinis will be providing the snacks from Coast Catering at no cost.
- The LCBO licence has been obtained by Ken for the wine for wine and cheese.
- Confirmed what other supplies we need to source or buy.
- Announcement will be made in closing that everyone can stay at the end, we will need help to move chairs to make room to mingle.

**What's Important To You resident Survey - Board feedback**

- Does anyone know of a survey tool that is free (Joan donated the \$99 cost last year)
- An online survey tool is needed for those that cannot make the meeting and we keep it open on the website for at least a week.
- Anthea suggested that it was worth the \$99 in order to ensure its open to the community.
- In reviewing Survey Monkey costs during meeting, it was found that the \$99 for one month too costly and that a free tool is best.

**Action:**

- Board members to investigate a free option to use for this year's survey.
- Joan to follow up with Sandy on a portal that lists apps for community groups – may even be able to get some tools we are already using for free such as web page hosting which was previously Amy covered these as a donation for the 2024 year.

**Committee Updates*****Development***

- Joan asked the Town what the equipment was that was put in Sheilagh Law Parkette. Town did not know. Joan went to our Councillors; Councillor Racinsky let us know that Eden Oak hired a consultant to do a traffic study for the future "field" development. Seems Eden Oak are getting ready to submit development application.
- Bishop's Court Phase 2:
  - Town confirmed Bishop's Court Phase 2 Subdivision is going to recommendation shortly. Learned that new materials were submitted by Charleston Homes in June 2023.
  - New Planner on the file, Ruth Conrad has sent the documents to Joan.
  - GWCA need to begin review of these new materials.
- Three new developments off of Confederation St.:
  - Bishop's Court has an entrance on Confederation; 102 Confederation has an entrance on Confederation St. and the Field (159 Confederation St.) will also have an entrance; discussion with the Town is needed about safety of residents.
  - A safety strategy is needed – currently no sidewalk on Confederation St.
- The next few years will see unprecedented construction in all gateways for the Glen. Megan/McMaster digging up Wildwood for new sewer pipes, Prince St. reconstruction, Main St. bridge reconstruction and 3 developments at the north end of Confederation St. How does Town plan to make all this work? Need to stay on Town's radar regularly.

***Traffic***

- Town needs to look at all the road construction holistically. GWCA may invite Town staff to an open house – set up stations to discuss this.
- Resident Glenn Lowe reached out again to Councillors about resident safety in the Beaver St. & Erin St. & Alexander St. area, regarding increased traffic, speed and cut throughs that are becoming norm due to new speed hump on Confederation St.

***Parks and Trails – Shelagh Law Parkette***

- Met with Town regarding grant. Confirmed details of our action plan.
- Town explained what their involvement needs to be i.e. approving signage, Kiosk design specs.
- Town confirmed there are no plans at this point for the Town to use any parkette land for future construction along Confederation St.
- \$2500 grant will not cover cost for Kiosk rebuild, map and historical Plaque. We will need to fundraise to pay for remaining costs.
- Signage will consist of: Map with river/trails and historical elements on one side and the historical plaque for the unveiling celebration June 2024. Blank the other side for now. Goal is to have plant/bird interpretive sign once all the planting is done, incorporating indigenous translations. This is a secondary project we will need to align on with the Town.
- Unveiling celebration will need to take place in June (must have Kiosk built and signage up). Celebration could include inviting elected officials, those that helped with creation of Parkette

gardens, Rep from Birds for Halton who provided a grant, news reporter for Halton Hills Today and a large slab cake – Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Halton Hills.

- Will need to source donations for cake and refreshments.

**Action:** Board to think about and finalize details on what to do for unveiling celebration, who to contact for donations to help cover Kiosk costs and celebration costs.

#### **Community Partnerships** – meeting with rep from Town Hall Board – update

- Isabel from Town Hall Board, who is the lead for all town hall events offered to help the GWCA to raise funds. Suggesting we can use the Hall at no cost for an event. Isobel offering to help organize, prepare food, get donations, prizes, etc. GWCA board would need to help and advertise.
- The Town Hall already gives us the hall for free for our 2 open meetings and a free booth at Canada Day and the Xmas Market.

**Action:** Board discussed the offer from Isobel and asked that we confirm and clarify with Town Hall board executive before proceeding to finalize any event plans.

#### **Board Business**

- New Board member updates – discussed in AGM section above.
- Membership Drive – updates – confirmed progress.

**Action:** Board members to continue to try and target households not registered as members.

#### **February Newsletter** – proposed content discussed.

#### **Other Business:**

- Stewarttown residents want to incorporate a community association due to a new subdivision being proposed behind Thompson Road cul de sac and to support their efforts in completing a Secondary Plan with the Town. Reached out to GWCA seeking our guidance on how to organize and operate a non-profit community association. Joan met with a resident who is taking the lead and will continue to provide any support they request.
- Joan also met with two residents from Limehouse including one who was a rep at our community event. They are pushing forward to create an organized community organization as well. They have recently delivered 300 fliers to get residents out to a meeting and had a good turnout. GWCA will continue to provide any support they need.
- Joan suggested we could work with other hamlet associations where it makes sense to unite on important issues affecting hamlets.
- Claudia suggested for the Spring Open House – having Mark Rowe speak as a guest on history of the Glen. Mark spoke at an event for the Halton Hills 50th year anniversary, his message was to not forget the Hamlets as the town evolves and grows.

**Adjourn:** 9:13pm