

**Glen Williams Community Association**  
**2024 Annual General Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 5, 2025, 7:00-8:30 PM, Glen Town Hall**

## **THE GLEN WILLIAMS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

### **2024 ANNUAL REPORT**

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#### **GWCA MISSION STATEMENT**

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

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The GWCA is committed to helping maintain the hamlet character of the Glen including our sense of shared community, quality of life and cultural and natural environment. Board members continued their work primarily in the areas of community engagement, parks & trails, communication, development, traffic and safety in alignment with the 2024 Annual Plan. The following are key accomplishments since the last AGM - February 2024.

#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Community engagement efforts focused on a variety of initiatives and open public events that provided residents with the opportunity to learn more about their community, the work of the GWCA and meet fellow residents.

##### **Glen200 – March/24 - ongoing**

- Launched Residents Working Group (Joan Griffin, Mike Brown, Mark Rowe, Lizanne Gray, Cindy Slade, Lisa Quesnelle, Dona Wenzel, Ed DeBerradinis) to begin planning the Glen's 200<sup>th</sup> bicentennial year – 2025. Working Group met monthly, organizing, planning, applying for Heritage Canada Grant. Early activities included resident's logo contest, organization of branded merchandise for sale, a New Year's Eve ringing of the bells at St. Albans, a kids historical walking tour of the Glen and a Winters in the Glen historical slide show and Sykes & Ainley blanket auction.

##### **Spring Open Meeting – April/24**

- Updated residents on GWCA activities and initiatives carried over from 2023, presented a draft 2024 Annual Plan based on member input and sought resident feedback with a goal to

finalize the plan. In addition, a successful Silent Auction was held with proceeds directly supporting the Shelagh Law Parkette Transformation Project.

#### **Earth Day – Glen Community Clean Up – April /24**

- Organized the 2024 community clean up event which was very well attended.

#### **World Bird Migratory Day Event – May /24**

- Hosted a World Bird Migratory Day Event in partnership with Birds For Halton at the Shelagh Law Parkette. Residents explored the fascinating relationships between native plants and insects while also learning how to make their yards more bird friendly. Credit Valley Conservation was also on hand to conduct guided insect walks.

#### **New Community Kiosk & Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Halton Event – Sept./24**

- Hosted a community celebration for Halton's 50<sup>th</sup> at the Shelagh Law Parkette. Joined by our elected officials, the new community kiosk and historical map of the Glen were unveiled (Kiosk team – Nathan Provost, Kyle Barr, Glenn Lowe, Tom Wenzel, Paul Griffin, Mark Rowe, Joan Griffin). Amongst the new pollinator gardens and alongside the beautiful Credit River, residents enjoyed refreshments, snacks, a Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Halton cake, face painting and guided tours through the parkette by Credit Valley Conservation while learning about the fascinating relationships between native plants, insects and birds. Thank you to the Town of Halton Hills and United Lumber Home Hardware Georgetown for their sponsorship.

#### **Fall Open House – Oct. /24**

- Hosted a Fall Open House providing residents with the opportunity to learn about important projects and initiatives impacting the Glen. Residents visited subject-matter tables and had the opportunity to speak with community representatives (staff from the Town of Halton Hills, Transportation and Public Works, Halton Climate Action Group, Bruce Trail and the Halton Hills Library) on issues including traffic, resident safety, new subdivision developments in the Glen, climate change and parks and trails. Ward 2 Councillor Joseph Racinsky and Regional Councillor Clark Somerville also attended.

#### **Community Events**

With a goal to create a shared sense of community, the GWCA hosted or participated in several community events:

- **Canada Day:** Hosted a booth in the park, sharing information on current GWCA activities and initiatives, signing up new members. In addition, a successful silent auction was held.
- **Hydrangea Memorial Garden Party:** Participated in hosting a garden party fundraiser with Coast Catering, featuring sale of 100 Hydrangeas which were planted across the Glen
- **Glen Pumpkin Walk:** Organized event which saw residents bring their carved pumpkin creations to the Glen Williams Public School where they were relit providing the community with the opportunity to explore a pathway of over 200 lit pumpkins while mingling with neighbors over some hot chocolate and treats.

- **Christmas Market In The Glen:** Joined in the magic of the Glen Christmas Market with a booth, sharing information about GWCA activities and initiatives. In addition, a successful fundraiser was held to support additional plantings in the Shelagh Law Parkette Transformation Project.

## **PARKS & TRAILS**

Focus continued to be on the protection and enhancement of green spaces in the Glen and to educate residents about parks and trails issues.

### **Transformation of Shelagh Law Parkette**

- The Parks & Trails volunteers (Sandy Gillians, Lois Bastell, Claudia Russell, Lizanne Gray, Nathan Provost, Paul Griffin, Joan Griffin) worked throughout the seasons to maintain all the newly created gardens in addition to all of the new plantings in 2024 that moved us one step closer to applying for native garden certification and joining the David Suzuki Butterfly Way Project: Over 117 milkweed seedlings planted, 24 new native shrubs and trees added to the hill including Smooth Rose, Pagoda Dogwood, Flowering Raspberry and New Jersey Tea. Also, many new varieties of Herbaceous Plants (Forbs) were added throughout the gardens including Heart-leaf Aster, Blue-stemmed Goldenrod, Spotted Geranium, Golden Alexander (a host plant for Black Swallowtail Butterflies), False Solomon Seal, Canada Mayflower, Heart-leaf Aster, ZigZag Goldenrod, Grey-headed Coneflower and Helenium Autumnal.
- Installed a new park bench at the parkette by the river. Primary sponsor Keller Williams Real Estate Associates Halton Hills, secondary sponsor GWCA.

### **Parks**

- Organized the planting of 95 native trees in the Glen Williams Park along the Credit River. In partnership and guided by Credit Valley Conservation residents pitched in to help plant these trees that will create future habitat for local wildlife and add beauty to our community.
- Submitted request to Town of Halton Hills for the implementation of a frost-free water outlet by the baseball diamond to make flooding of ice rink easier.

### **Trails**

- Advocated with Town of Halton Hills staff and Council on behalf of owner of 107 Joseph St who owns 21 acres abutting Main St. and both sides of the Credit River. While looking to add a primary residence to the property, the owners are also proposing to gift 8.4 acres to the public in perpetuity. The GWCA reviewed detailed plans for the site and toured the property on multiple occasions. We believe that this project has great public merit and as such submitted a letter of support. If approved, it would continue to protect the geographical features and waterway and importantly expand opportunities for the public to legally access more of the natural beauty of our local community.

## **COMMUNICATION**

Using our 5 communication channels (e-newsletter, email, Facebook page, Instagram and website) our focus continued to be on keeping members and residents informed about key issues impacting the hamlet, sharing community news and events and profiling the ongoing activities of the GWCA. Supporting our website and advertising graphics – Sandy Gillians and Chelsea Griffin.

- **GWCA e-Newsletter:** Continued to be a popular platform keeping residents informed about key issues that impact the hamlet including community news, events, and the activities of the GWCA. Since the last AGM, 23 newsletters were sent to over 800 subscribers.
- **GWCA Email** (glenwilliamsca@gmail.com): Targeted emails were used to inform members about important initiatives impacting specific areas of the Glen and to provide notice of key meetings and initiatives.
- **GWCA Facebook Page** (@glenwilliamsontario): Used to complement the information shared in newsletters/emails and for more time sensitive information. The page has grown again in followers to more than 950.
- **GWCA Instagram Page** (@glenwilliamscommunityassoc): Helps reach broader audiences and to provide more options for members to receive information.
- **GWCA Website** (www.glenwilliams.org): Continued to make improvements to the website ensuring ease of navigation for this hub of important information and news for residents including GWCA news and key documents, history of the Glen, a directory of all local businesses and other useful resource links.

### **Other Communication**

- All channels included a purposeful increased focus on content related to the environment including Climate Change information/events, Greenbelt lifting and Highway 413.
- The GWCA continued to be quoted and featured in several Halton Hills Today articles related to GWCA events and initiatives important to the Glen.

## **DEVELOPMENT**

The Development Committee (Stephen Groom, Mike Brown, Joan Griffin, Don Robinson, Doug McLachlin, and Adnrew Shields) continued to focus on development in the Glen, active and planned including the continuation of 3 active Ontario Land Tribunal proceedings. The development committee has actively continued to serve as stewards of the Glen Williams Secondary Plan (GWSP) in all proceedings with a focus on advocating that any proposed changes to the hamlet align with the requirements of the Plan. Our goal in reviews is to help protect and preserve the natural and cultural heritage features of the Hamlet; and, to guide change that maintains the unique character and natural environment of the Hamlet as well as the quality of life for residents.

Note: All key development related documents and full GWCA submissions can be found on our website.

### **Glen Williams Secondary Plan (GWSP) Appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT)**

Background: In July/22 owners of McMaster-Meagan, 102 Confederation and Bishop Ct.- Phase 2 developments submitted an appeal to the OLT to challenge details in the updated GWSP.

As an approved Party in the OLT proceedings the GWCA:

- Continued to engage with Town staff and Town Legal Counsel discussing progress of ongoing settlement discussions with remaining developers in the proceedings.
- Participated in the OLT proceedings throughout 2024 as scheduled.
- Closed file Dec. /24 when remaining developer Charlston Homes withdrew from proceedings due to settlement of their own application with the Town for Bishop Ct. Phase 2.

### **102 Confederation St. Development – (Developer: GWE – Glen Williams Estate)**

Background: Early Oct. /22, developer filed an appeal with the OLT. Settled and withdrawn from OLT in Dec. /23.

As an approved Participant in these OLT proceedings the GWCA:

- Continued to monitor progress of 131 Conditions of Draft Approval including concessions made by the Developer (GWE):
  - 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.
- Followed with Town about truck and safety practices moving in and out of development property.

### **Megan/McMaster Development – (Developer: Eden Oak)**

- Continued to engage with Town staff and follow extensive list of conditions of approval. Site work began April /24.
- Advocated with Town and Councillors for residents from Wildwood Rd. and 8<sup>th</sup> Line who reached out with concerns about the Stull farm property getting contract to take soil from 102 Confederation St and Megan McMaster developments. Concerns of resident safety and environmental concerns.

### **Bishops Court Development – Phase 2 - (Developer: Charleston Developments)**

- Conducted deep dive review of developer documentation submitted to the Town spring 2024.
- Created issues list of concerns and questions requiring further investigation.
- Met with Town staff Nov.24 to review and seek further clarification on numerous issues.
- Presented key concerns from issues list to Town Council Nov/24.

- Reached out to developer's planner to arrange meeting to continue discussions in March given passing of Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Approval for Plan of Subdivision in Dec. /24.

### **159 Confederation St. – (The Field)**

- Continued to monitor for any activity surrounding this property.
- Began taking action Dec. /24 as per application for development submitted to the Town of Halton Hills in Dec./24 by the owner of 159 Confederation St. (The Field) requesting Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision to allow for 81 townhouse dwelling units and 1 single detached dwelling on a new private road.
- Hosted an open zoom meeting and an in-person information sessions for the community.
- Interviewed and retained professional experts to support us in presenting best possible evidence-based concerns and to prepare for an Ontario Land Tribunal proceeding if required.
- Raised \$29,000 from resident donations. Currently have \$24,000. Fundraising group formed and planning future fundraising events.
- Created resource section on GWCA website for community access.
- Created template email resident can use to express concern/opposition to application as filed.
- Conducted deep dive review of all documentation in preparation for meeting with Town Staff March 4/25.
- Preparing to present issues list at Town Council meeting March 24.

### **The Chase Development – (Developer: Eden Oak)**

- Continued to follow up with Town to better understand delay in opening of pedestrian path from Credit St. through new development to the rail trail. Path still not open.

### **Other**

- Advocated for residents on Park St. E. related to an infill project by Eden Oak (The Chase). Urged Town to ensure that current residents' homes/properties not at further risk due to this project. Large home on narrow long lot.
- Continued to support Stewarttown residents as they worked toward incorporation, the finalization of a Secondary Plan and their first Ontario Land Tribunal proceedings.
- Attended Town of Halton Hills Additional Residential Units Drop-in Official Plan and Zoning By-Law amendments, Public Open House, Oct./24.

## **TRAFFIC & SAFETY**

The Traffic & Safety Committee (Joan Griffin, Glenn Lowe, Kate Murray, Roger Stopford and Ocean Ronald) continued to work with residents and Town staff to address on-going traffic and safety issues from a holistic perspective and their repercussions for residents.

- Met with Town staff and Ward 2 Councillors July 2024 and January 2025. Continued throughout the year to actively engage with Town of Halton Hills staff and Ward 2

Councillors advocating for solutions to address Glen specific concerns including: speeding, pedestrian safety, parking, truck issues, speed humps vs bumps, increased traffic on Erin, Beaver and Alexander Streets due to new speed hump on Confederation St.

- Obtained and implemented 12 “slow down” signs for Erin, Beaver and Alexander Streets.
- Advocated for Glen residents who have no driveways after new “Maximum 6 Hour Parking-Anytime on Any Street” signs erected.
- Created and submitted advocacy letter to Ted Arnott regarding community concerns about trucks on restricted roads, illegal truck yards and shipping depots. Request to facilitate empowerment of regional and municipal governments and commissions to directly address these issues within their own communities.
- Continued to proactively communicate with residents about all traffic related activities through targeted emails, e-newsletter and Facebook posts.

### **ENGAGEMENT WITH TOWN COUNCIL AND TOWN STAFF**

Continued our focus to create a greater awareness of the Glen and the GWCA and strengthen relationships with elected officials and Town Staff.

#### **➤ Elected Officials:**

- Continued ongoing communication with Ward 2 Councillors. Providing ongoing information of GWCA initiatives, issues impacting the Glen/residents and requesting Councillor support at Council meetings where agendas specifically impact the Glen/residents.
- Invited elected officials (Mayor Ann Lawlor, Regional Councillor Clark Somerville, Joseph Racinsky and Jason Brass) to attend all GWCA scheduled events this year.
- Invited elected officials to contribute quarterly updates to the GWCA e-newsletter of information relevant to Glen residents.

#### **➤ Town of Halton Hills/Staff:**

- Continued ongoing communication and meetings with staff across key departments (Planning & Development, Traffic, Parks & Recreation, Climate Change, Culture & Equity, Diversity and Inclusion and Community Development) on a broad spectrum of issues impacting the Glen/residents. Discussed mandates, shared information about the GWCA and explored possible opportunities for support and collaboration moving forward.
- Participated in the Town of Halton Hills Cultural Days Committee.
- Attended Ward 2, Halton Hills 2025 Budget Open House, Oct./24.
- Submitted feedback to Town of Halton Hills on Town’s proposed 2025 Budget, Nov./24.
- Submitted feedback to Town of Halton Hills on the Storm Water Management Pond Master Plan draft, Oct./24.

## **BOARD GOVERNANCE/MEMBERSHIP**

Focused on continued governance improvement.

- Ensured Board of Directors met monthly, minutes produced and uploaded to website.

**Thank you to all of the Committee members who have volunteered their efforts this past year on behalf of the membership and the community. Thank you as well to all the residents and local businesses who donated services, funding or items for the many events held. We can only share this list of achievements given your support.**





# GLEN200 CALENDAR OF PROPOSED EVENTS

Check out the Glen200 website for more details - <https://glenwilliams200.godaddysites.com/>

<b>DECEMBER 2024</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start selling Glen200 Branded Merchandise at JV Clothing</li> <li>Photo Contest</li> <li>New Years Eve –Bell Ringing &amp; entering in 2025 reception, St. Alban</li> </ul>	<b>JANUARY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Photo Contest</li> <li>Bell Ringing &amp; Kids Historical Walking Tour, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>, St. Alban</li> </ul>	<b>FEBRUARY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Photo Contest</li> <li>Winter in the Glen Historical Presentation &amp; Sykes Main St. Blanket Auction, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, Glen Town Hall</li> <li>Euchre Night, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, partnership with St. Alban</li> <li>Valentines Dance, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, partnership with St. Alban &amp; Coast</li> <li>Start selling 200 Native Trees online, Feb 17<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>
<b>MARCH</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Photo Contest</li> <li>Launch Hobby Horse Online Quilt Auction, Mach 1<sup>st</sup></li> <li>Bell Ringing &amp; St. Patrick's Day Dinner &amp; Dance, March 15<sup>th</sup>, partnership with St. Alban</li> </ul>	<b>APRIL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Photo Contest</li> <li>Family Easter Egg Hunt, Apr 20<sup>th</sup>, partnership with St. Alban</li> <li>200 Native Trees Pick Up/Earth Day Event, April 26<sup>th</sup>, Glen Park</li> </ul>	<b>MAY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Photo Contest</li> <li>Launch Kids Glen200 Colouring Contest – May 1<sup>st</sup></li> <li>Family Bruce Trail Hike – May 4</li> <li>Close Hobby Horse Online Quilt Auction, May 31<sup>st</sup></li> </ul>
<b>JUNE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Photo Contest</li> <li>Bicentennial Tree Planting Event, Glen School</li> <li>En Plein Art Event in the Glen, June 7<sup>th</sup>, hamlet core</li> <li>Bell Ringing Event &amp; Glen200 Reunion, June 15<sup>th</sup>, partnership with St. Alban</li> <li>Mississauga of the Credit First Nations Flag Raising Event, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Shelagh Law Parkette</li> </ul>	<b>JULY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Photo Contest</li> <li>Historical Walking Tour Event, July 1<sup>st</sup></li> </ul>	<b>AUGUST</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Photo Contest</li> </ul>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Photo Contest</li> <li>Corn Roast &amp; Dance, Sept. 6, partnership with St. Alban</li> <li>Bell Ringing &amp; Historical Worship Event, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm, St. Alban</li> <li>Glen200 Day Event, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> – all day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opening Ceremonies</li> <li>Glen Public School Reunion</li> <li>Agricultural Competition</li> <li>Kids Heritage Crafts</li> <li>Heritage Craft Demonstrations</li> <li>Glen Historical &amp; Military Displays</li> <li>Live Entertainment</li> <li>Picnic in the Park</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>OCTOBER</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indigenous Water Ceremony Event, Oct. 26, Shelagh Law Parkette</li> </ul>	<b>NOVEMBER</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Historical Walking Tour Event, Nov. 9th</li> <li>Glen200 Gallery Exhibit Event and Glen Art Show, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, partnership with St. Alban</li> </ul>
<b>DECEMBER</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year End Celebration Event – Dec.1<sup>st</sup>, Shelagh Law Parkette</li> </ul>		

