

THE GLEN WILLIAMS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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 traffic safety in alignment with the 2025 Annual Plan. The following are key the accomplishments of 2025.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community engagement efforts focused on Glen200 Bicentennial celebrations (with the Glen200 Residents Working Group – Joan Griffin, Mike Brown, Mark Rowe, Lizanne Gray, Cindy Slade, Dona Wenzel, Lisa Quesnelle, Ed DeBerardinis) and open public events that provided residents with the opportunity to meet fellow residents, learn more about their community and the work of the GWCA.

2025 COMPLETED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES
➤ Glen200 – Hosted New Year’s Eve Bell Ringing in the Bicentennial Event and Reception in partnership with St. Albans - January
➤ Glen200 – launched sales of Glen200 apparel / merchandise, in partnership with JV Clothing - January
➤ Glen200 – Launched Year long Amateur Photo Contest
➤ Glen200 – Hosted Winter in the Glen Historical Presentation & Sykes Main St. Blanket Auction - February
➤ Glen200 – Launched online sale of 200 native trees - February
➤ Glen200 – Hosted Valentine’s Dance in partnership with St. Albans & Coast Catering - February
➤ Glen200 – Hosted Bell Ringing Event & St. Patrick’s Day Dinner & Dance in partnership with St. Albans - March
➤ Glen200 - Launched The Hobby Horse “Canadian Maple” Quilt Raffle - April
➤ Glen200 – Purchased and raised across the hamlet for Bicentennial year - 32 Glen 200 branded flags (Congratulations to resident Rachel Marshall for designing the winning logo) - May
➤ Glen200 – Hosted Bicentennial Tree Planting Event in partnership with Glen Williams Public School – June
➤ Glen200 – Hosted En Plein Art Event in the Glen in partnership with Halton Hills Library - June
➤ Glen200 – Hosted Bell Ringing Event & Glen200 Reunion in partnership with St. Albans - June

➤ Glen200 – Hosted Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Flag Raising Event, Shelagh Law Parkette - June
➤ GWCA Canada Day Booth & Fundraiser, Canada Day In The Glen – July 1
➤ Glen200 – Hosted Square Dance & Corn Roast in partnership with St. Albans - September
➤ Glen200 – Hosted Bicentennial Fair – all day event – September 27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Opening Ceremonies, Heritage War Plane Flypast, Indigenous Performers, Glen Williams Public School Reunion, Agricultural Competition, Heritage Craft Demonstrations, Kids Heritage Crafts, Historical & Military Displays, Kids Coloring Contest, Heritage Games, Food vendors, Picnic in the Park, Live Music all day
➤ Glen200 – Designed and installed Glen200 Legacy Historical Storyboard Sign on Main St. (Funding support provided by Town of Halton Hills and input provided from Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation) - September
➤ Glen200 – Hosted Indigenous Water Ceremony Event, Shelagh Law Parkette - October
➤ Hosted Glen Pumpkin Walk – November
➤ Glen200 – Hosted Bicentennial “Year In Review” Event, Glen Art Show Event & Historical Walking Tour Event in partnership with St. Albans - November
➤ Hosted Christmas In The Glen Booth & Fundraiser – December
➤ Glen200 – Hosted Bicentennial Year End Celebration Event, Shelagh Law Parkette - December
➤ Conducted door to door new GWCA member registration campaign – ongoing
➤ Continued to engage with Town staff and elected officials, strengthening relationships, creating awareness of priorities of residents and creating a greater community presence for the GWCA

PARKS & TRAILS

A primary focus was our continued stewardship of the Shelagh Law Parkette (Garden gang: Sandy Gillians Lead, Paul Griffin, Claudia Russell, Gary Russell, Stephen Groom, Mike & Dennie Brown, Lizanne Gray, Nathan Provost, Chelsea Griffin, Joan Griffin, Glenn Lowe, Lois Bastell). Focus also continued on the protection and enhancement of green spaces in the Glen, and educating residents about parks and trails issues.

2025 COMPLETED PARKS & TRAILS INITIATIVES
➤ Glen200 – Hosted Family Bruce Trail Hike in partnership with CVC - May
➤ Continued as Stewards of the Shelagh Law Parkette & progressed Native Pollinator Habitat Transformation Project <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organized spring clean up of gardens event and replaced winter loss• Organized tree planting event – 10 new native trees planted• Continued to maintain gardens in Parkette – ongoing• Installed two bird houses on kiosk• Worked with Town to have new gravel put down on all paths in Parkette• Worked with Town to complete wooden fencing along road side of Parkette
➤ Organized Town to pick up large pile of tree debris that was at base of staircase in Park to Meadows of Glen
➤ Continued to work with Councillors and Town staff to get frost free pipe in Glen Park to make it easier for volunteers to create the outdoor rink
➤ Glen200 – Purchased Christmas lights for the Parkette and put them up in partnership with Light Up The Hills team

BEAUTIFICATION

Beautification efforts in 2025 were primarily focused on the Shelagh Law Parkette as covered under Parks & Trails and the annual Earth Day Event.

2025 COMPLETED BEAUTIFICATION INITIATIVES

- Continued work in the Shelagh Law Parkette creating native pollinator habitat gardens - ongoing
- Hosted Earth Day Glen Community Clean Up Event – April

COMMUNICATION

Using our 5 primary 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 the Bicentennial advertising, a website was created and branded along with a Facebook and Instagram Page.

Supporting our GWCA website – Sandy Gillians and supporting our Glen200 website and advertising graphics – Chelsea Griffin.

2025 COMPLETED COMMUNICATION INITIATIVES
GWCA e-Newsletter: Since the last AGM, 22 newsletters were sent to over 900 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): The page has grown again in followers to more than 1,000 Glen200 Facebook Page (@glenwilliams200)
GWCA Instagram Page (@glenwilliamscommunityassoc) and Glen200 Instagram Page (@glenwilliams200) each helped 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 Glen200 Website (https://glenwilliams200.godaddysites.com/)
Other Communication <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ All channels included a purposeful increased focus on content related to the environment including Climate Change information/events, Greenbelt lifting and Highway 413➤ Coffee Time News and the Georgetown Vault were used for the first time in 2025 to advertise key events➤ 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 Andrew Shields) continued to focus on planning and development in the Glen, serving 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 to Ontario Land Tribunal can be found on our website.

2025 COMPLETED DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES
<p>102 Confederation St. Development (Developer GWE)</p> <p>Background: Early Oct. /22, developer filed an appeal with the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT). Settled and withdrawn from OLT in Dec. /23.</p> <p>As an approved Participant in these OLT proceedings the GWCA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Continued to monitor progress of 131 Conditions of Draft Approval➤ Followed with Town, Councillors and Developer about<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ truck and safety practices moving in and out of development property○ dust and overall proactiveness of developer and Town to mitigate risks as construction management plan unfolds
<p>Megan/McMaster Development (Developer Eden Oak)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Continued to engage with Town staff and follow list of Conditions of Approval. Site work began April /24➤ Communicated with Town and Councillors on numerous occasions advocating for Meagan/McMaster area residents facing challenges from site work in new development. Issues including trucks creating pedestrian safety risk, state of work site, dust, noise & working hours on site➤ Worked with Developer and Town to arrange open meeting for residents on Wildwood and select side streets interested in connecting to new sewer line
<p>Bishop Court Phase 2 planned development activities (Developer Charleston Homes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Site work started in 2025, with the cutting down of trees for entrance roadway. No additional site work was initiated in 2025 with exception of surveying for rejuvenation and extension of stormwater management ponds. GWCA Development Committee plans to meet Charleston Homes to affirm next steps, as part of oversight on the site works
<p>159 Confederation St., The Field Development – (Developer Eden Oak)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Organized public zoom meeting to update community about application to build 81 townhomes & 1 single detached home on Field property➤ Sourced Legal Counsel and Snr. Planner given mandate from community in public meeting to register as Party with technical experts➤ Organized public meeting for community to meet Lawyer and Snr. Planner and provide more updates on application➤ Presented at Town Council the GWCA’s position and key concerns with this application

- Met regularly with Town staff and Councillors to reconfirm the community's position on this application
- Prepared for and began Mediation Assessment phase of Ontario Land Tribunal process
- Continued fundraising to cover legal and technical experts (Fundraising Committee – Claudia Russell Lead, Carolyn Maule, Sandy Gillians, Russell Gray, Michelle Jarvie)

The Chase Development - (Developer Eden Oak)

- Continued to follow up monthly 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

- Requested meetings with Town staff to explore how individual monster homes being approved in hamlet
- Continued to support Stewarttown Community Association as they worked toward their first Ontario Land Tribunal proceedings
- Attended series of Town of Halton Hills Official Plan – Community Meetings

TRAFFIC & TRAFFIC SAFETY

The Traffic & Traffic Safety Committee (Roger Stopford, Joan Griffin, Glenn Lowe, Kate Murray) continued to work with residents, Councillors and Town staff to address on-going traffic and traffic safety issues while protecting and preserving, maintaining and enhancing the nature of the hamlet.

2025 COMPLETED TRAFFIC & TRAFFIC SAFETY INITIATIVES

- Initiated ongoing communication and meetings with Councillors and Town staff to address each of the priority issues currently impacting the Glen and Glen residents:
 - Initiated dialog towards establishing a plan to accommodate anticipated future visitor/tourist parking needs given increasing visitor/tourist traffic in hamlet core
 - Reviewed with Town staff the existing strategy to route truck traffic around the hamlet rather than transiting through the hamlet, given continued heavy truck traffic. Follow on discussion will focus on optimizing the implementation of this strategy
 - Discussed concrete next steps to address resident reports of traffic diverting onto side streets to avoid new speed bumps and driving at high speeds. Traffic measurement on affected side streets planned for 2026
 - Discussed impact of the planned 413 on traffic volumes transiting through the hamlet core, including continuing to measure traffic volumes in the hamlet
 - Collected hamlet signage data and discussed with Town staff given concerns about effectiveness of increasing signage pollution in hamlet
 - Initiated dialog to ensure the upcoming reconstruction of Main St. and Prince St. delivers roadways that are entirely consistent with the historic and heritage nature of the hamlet
 - Opened communication with Halton Police to get their attention on reported heavy traffic associated with the housing developments ignoring Stop signs

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.

2025 COMPLETED ENGAGEMENT WITH TOWN COUNCIL & TOWN STAFF INITIATIVES

Elected Officials:

- Continued ongoing communication with Mayor and Ward 2 Councillors. Providing information of GWCA initiatives, issues impacting the Glen/residents and requesting support at Council meetings where agendas specifically impacted the Glen/residents
- Invited all elected officials to attend all GWCA scheduled events
- Met with new MPP Joseph Racinsky to reconfirm priority issues of Glen residents, seeking his continued support in his new role
- 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, Culture & Equity, Diversity and Inclusion and Community Development) on a broad spectrum of issues impacting the Glen/residents and Glen200 Bicentennial celebrations
- Participated in the Town of Halton Hills Cultural Days Committee and Vision 2030 Advisory Group
- Provided feedback on the Town's proposed 2026 Budget Plan
- Presented at Council meeting encouraging Council to support increase in Community Grant Program

BOARD GOVERNANCE/MEMBERSHIP

Focused on meeting all governance requirements.

2025 COMPLETED BOARD GOVERNANCE/MEMBERSHIP INITIATIVE

- Ensured Board of Directors met monthly, minutes produced and uploaded to website
- Ensured fundraising events conducted to cover all operating expenses

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 for the community given your support.

APPENDIX – GLEN200 SPONSORS

Thank you to all of the Glen200 Bicentennial Event Sponsors

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