

Ward Two Meeting Summary

Overview

On June 5 an estimated 35 people attended the Ward Two Meeting held in the Glen Williams Town Hall. Mayor Rick Bonnette, Regional and local Councillor Clark Somerville and Councillors Bryan Lewis and Ted Brown were in attendance. The format was informal, with residents speaking one-on-one with their elected officials.

During a question and answer period representatives spoke to the following: traffic and Norval, cemetery work, area developments and the Province's Regional Review.

A total of 23 comments were submitted with the majority focused on area speeding and traffic concerns. Councillors will be in touch with residents who provided contact information on their comment cards.

The following information has been provided to address key issues raised by residents.

Speeding, Traffic & Transportation Work Plan

Speeding is a concern throughout the municipality and the Town has enhanced its protocols to more fully engage with affected neighbourhoods. The new 'Traffic Calming Implementation Protocol' adopted by Council in April, specifies that staff will work with residents and engage them on the process, options and impacts. Once a problem area has been identified, the next step is education where a Radar Message board will be used along with participation in the community Road Watch Program. Should the initial review indicate a possible speeding issue, the Town then undergoes a screening process: review of past complaints and application of speeding process criterion which considers the road classification, volume and percentage of speeds over the posted limit. If the criterion is met, staff will work with residents to develop a Traffic Calming Plan appropriate to the area which may include any or all of signage, speed humps, raised crosswalks, curb extensions, chicanes, traffic circles, roundabouts, centre islands, media barriers or full/half road closures. The proposed TCP (based on input from the public) then goes to Town Council for approval.

In March, Town Council approved the Traffic Engineering Work Plan which sets out the proposed work to be completed by staff. This year, Ward Two speed limit assessments will be completed for Confederation, Fifth Line and Sixth Line.

Read the staff report on traffic calming [here](#).

Read the staff report on the 2019 work plan [here](#).

Road Construction

- Prince Street – an RFP will be issued this year to hire a consultant for potential road improvements. The public will be consulted at various stages to provide input on the design options.
- 5 Sideroad – resurfacing of 5 Sideroad from Trafalgar Road to Winston Churchill Blvd to be completed this summer.
- 22 Sideroad – Phase 2 reconstruction (Limehouse to Trafalgar Road) is currently in design and is slated for construction in 2020.

Ditches & drainage

The Town maintains ditches alongside municipal roadways performing work based on staff observations and notifications from concerned residents. The Town reviews all concerns and schedules maintenance as appropriate. To report any drainage residents may call 905-873-2601 ext. 2603. Typically calls are handled within 48 hours.

Park access, parking and permanent toilets

Good use of the ball diamond in the Glen has also brought challenges with parking and access to the park. The Town's agreement with the developer when the Meadows in the Glen Subdivision was built was that the gate would not be open to the general public. The Town had to make this agreement when it purchased the land from the developer who worked with the homeowners to purchase Princess Lane (used to be a private lane) in order to provide emergency access. An alternative route exists via a trail down to the park from the end of the subdivision via a metal staircase (but this is not a barrier free route). Council direction would be required to reopen this issue.

It was noted that illegal parking around the ball park has been an issue for area residents. The Town does remind people to use the lot but notes that 5 hour on-street parking is permitted by the parking by-law. The Town's enforcement does not apply to cars that may be illegally parked on private property.

The Town has a limited number of permanent washrooms but most are served by portable toilets. Staff can confirm the adequacy of the existing maintenance schedule (Fridays and Mondays and the feasibility of including a unit with hand wash station. The current "concession" which is being replaced, does not have a municipal water supply (it is a shared connection with the well from the adjacent property owner - Williams Mill) and never had a sanitary connection for wastewater. This does not meet current standards and a fully serviced

washroom was not budgeted for as part of the replacement. Council could direct that staff investigate the viability and cost of changing the plans.

Staff is reviewing the results of the public consultation on the proposed pavilion design and the construction has not been scheduled. The use of the pavilion would be suitable for Canada Day and other events (potable water and hydro) and to date no volunteer organization has expressed interest in operating a concession like the original.

Comment Card Remarks

1. Concern about the poor condition of Main Street East of St. Alban; it's an apron road with high traffic and high speed. Water and salt flow is continuous on our property – poor drainage pitch.
2. What about putting speed bump on Prince Street like the ones on Georgetown South (the ones to remove before the winter).
3. Ice management and flood prevention.
4. Is there a decibel noise level for cars going up Prince Street that wakes you up in the morning and also at 11 pm?
5. Traffic N & S on Main Street, speeding, aggressive driving
6. My main concern is the volume of noise and traffic on Main Street.
7. Thanks to the contractors for being responsive. We would appreciate keeping an eye on Eden Oak 'the Chase'
8. Concerns regarding speeding on the Ninth Line, north of the Glen. Enforcement doesn't appear to be consistent Suggest 'special radar signs'; very effective in slowing traffic down. What is the proposal for the problem?
9. Concern over intersection at Confederation Street and Wildwood Road. What are traffic counts at the intersection? What are the accident counts? Last 3 years? What could be done to improve intersection safety?
10. Mayor R Bonnet & Town Council

Re: Recommendations for the Hamlet

Having lived on Confederation Street for over 40 years and raising a family, it has been a wonder nobody has been seriously hurt or killed. I have had two pets hit by speeding cars and one killed around Bishop Court area while being walked.

I do appreciate the police doing their radar, but that is intermittent and usually in the Preston store area. I believe that 3-way stop sign at Glen Crescent and at Bishop Court would help traffic calming measures in this area. The last 15-20 years have been getting worse for speeding and aggressive driving. Just last week I watched a grey Mercedes almost run a kid off the road.

The speeding is all day and night and not only personal cars and trucks; but dump trucks coming down the hill are at excessive speed weekdays and weekends. I have followed them and reported license plate numbers before 6:00 am.

- I would thank you for considering two 3-way stops to calm this area down and protect local families.
11. We're concerned about the speeding on Confederation Street. And the hydrant on the lawn of 98 Confederation Street above the new, much deeper ditch maybe a problem for anyone from the street to access it in case of a nearby fire.
 12. 1. Speed – enforcement isn't enough (as a former cop), speed bumps stop sirens – non selective 2. Ditches – removing vegetation not the answer. Water is blocked by clogged currents.
 13. I am concerned about the speeding on Confederation Street North of Prestons. It is a racetrack between 4 pm and 5 pm. Someone is going to get killed.
 14. Applaud and encourage Town Council to keep on top of the Provincial Government and stop them from transforming through their agenda.
 15. Request to be contacted.
 16. I need to know the people to contact in police, Council and Town to develop a plan to address speeding and truck restrictions in the Glen including regular monitoring, I would like to see the gate on Princess Lane opened so kids can get to the Glen Park and not walk down Prince Street "Why can't it be opened?"
 17. No need for comments beyond at every level; Halton Hills staff are often considered to be unhelpful to residents. They need to remove the pickles from their lower posteriors. Adding more material (tar and chip) to roads over time is a disaster as roads physically become too high.
 18. Please put clean permanent toilets and water in the Glen Park – attach to pumping station.
 19. Looking for speed bumps at least in front of GW schools.
 20. I am most concerned about the impact of the current provincial government's policies on our community. I am proud that the Town of Halton Hills has more resolutions against Bill 108 and Bill 66. Increased growth and development of a sprawling nature are creating immense challenges and causing irreparable damage to the fabric of the hamlet of Glen Williams. I appreciate the opportunity to meet my municipal representatives and to engage in conversation about matters of concern to residents of the hamlet. I would encourage the Town to continue listening to citizens of the areas. Communication is key!

21. Please redirect traffic on Wildewood Road back to Hwy #7.
22. Excellent meeting however – 1. Start panel discussion halfway through 2. But don't do a presentation first.
23. Enviro site assessment for 404-402 draper Street Norval? ESA – Norval Bypass – update on tendered ESA start date and endings; parking from school / ball diamond on Williams Mill property.