

## **159 CONFEDERATION ST. (The Field) DEVELOPMENT**

### **GWCA JAN. 15/25 ZOOM MEETING WITH RESIDENTS - ACTION ITEMS/KEY OUTPUTS/NEXT STEPS**

1. GWCA to upload Zoom presentation deck with speaker notes as well as recording of Zoom presentation on GWCA website week of Jan 20<sup>th</sup>.
2. Development Committee to continue deeper review of submitted documents and engineering reports.
3. Town currently reviewing filed documents. When town publishes its review of the files, GWCA will post the Town's review on GWCA website.
4. Development Committee to hire Development Lawyer, Professional Planner and expert consultants to begin preparing third party expert reports.
5. Development Committee to prepare alternative design proposal for the site. It was agreed this would be vetted by residents.
6. GWCA will be ready to present our case at the Town's Spring Council meeting.
7. Residents were asked to attend upcoming Spring Town Council meeting to demonstrate opposition.
8. Residents were asked to send pictures of aquatic species and wildlife seen on the property. No mention of evidence of Pileated Woodpeckers. Ideally pictures are needed that can tie to the property.
9. GWCA committed to uploading two templates to their website week of Jan 20<sup>th</sup>: 1. Template residents can send to Town Council, Town staff and Councillors opposing this application as filed. 2. A template residents can send to the Premiere and Minister urging them to give powers back to Municipalities to uphold Secondary Plans.
10. GWCA clarified currently available means of donating e.g. i) Cheques written to "The Hamlet of Glen Williams Resident Association Inc." ii) a donation button on GWCA website using PayPal.
11. GWCA noted our current understanding that we cannot offer tax receipts because GWCA is not a registered charity.
12. Father Aaron Orear, St. Alban has offered a free meeting space as needed.
13. Donations received to date: \$10,600.

#### **SUGGESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS:**

1. Sandy Gillians suggested we need to review Eden Oak reports to identify if it includes protection for floral species on path down to stream on north side. Some are well established and aged; warrant protection.
2. Sandy Gillians, Russell Gray, Claudia Russell and Kimberly Malchovich offered to focus on fundraising stream.
3. Ideas raised in the meeting for fundraising include:
  - a. Advertise a 200 Club – if every household gave \$200 we could raise what we need
  - b. Russell Braun and Carolyn Maule offered to do a concert
  - c. Put out free will donation buckets at all Glen200 and GWCA events

- d. It was suggested that GWCA assess use of setting up a GoFundMe.
- 4. Lois Fraser offered to work on communication campaign (press releases, articles to broaden awareness to wider Halton community) to raise awareness and for fundraising communication (draft creative messaging around protecting Glen Williams, potentially using Joni Mitchell song lyrics as inspiration i.e. “You don’t know what you’ve got till its gone”).
- 5. Lynne Johannsen Concerned Citizens suggestions:
  - a. This fight is about more than 159 Confederation St. Development and that more letters to additional agencies are required.
  - b. A student (e.g. Waterloo or other educational facilities) may want to assist with an environmental review.
  - c. Key messaging points for letters to the Ontario Auditor General's office and Ombuds office required.
  - d. Working with climate expertise contacts could be beneficial. GWCA to follow up with Lynne to see if she has any contacts we could connect with.
  - e. Lynne offered to draft a stakeholder engagement plan. GWCA will follow up with Lynne.
- 6. Justine to email Joan about joining the committee Dev Committee or board.
- 7. Don Robinson suggested GWCA explore if tax receipts can be provided.
- 8. For aquatic life and wildlife evidence:
  - a. Lori indicated she has evidence of Pileated Woodpeckers.
  - b. Matt Kindbom to send pictures/records of salamanders found in the area.
  - c. Ramona and Barb on Confederation to send picture of salamander on their property.
  - d. Kim and Ramona to review old photographs for any relevant wildlife documentation.
- 9. Regarding wells:
  - a. Don Robinson noted that the individual doing well survey for Eden Oak advised Steve Groom that he must decommission his well because of pollution levels. This is in spite of the well only being used for watering. Don believes this is in excess of their authority.
- 10. Resources suggested by residents that we follow up with:
  - a. Forks of the Credit Preservation Group hired an environmental expert. Might be helpful to connect with them: Regional conservation – <https://www.fcpreservation.ca>
  - b. Canadian Environmental Law Association - <https://cela.ca/referrals/> and
    - i. Lawyers: [https://cela.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Lawyer-Referral-List\\_Updated\\_November2024-1.pdf](https://cela.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Lawyer-Referral-List_Updated_November2024-1.pdf)

**QUESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS:**

- 1. Lynne Johannsen Concerned Citizens asked what criteria will be used to hire these experts.
- 2. A question was asked about wells – investigate statement into the question about wells needing decommissioning?
- 3. Residents asked how they can ensure that their wells were included in the baseline survey? (Beaumont Mill uses their well for primary water source. Mr. Swift has not heard back on baseline data despite repeated requests. Brad Linton on Tweedle Lane is also on a private well and has had no feedback.

**NEXT STEPS**

- Fundraising sub-committee to get started on fundraising plan.
- GWCA to connect with Lois Fraser to discuss communication campaign to bring broader attention to this application and to help generate donations.
- GWCA Development Committee to research/execute on key outputs/suggestions listed above.

- GWCA to connect with Lynne Johannsen Concerned Citizens on these suggestions tabled:
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- GWCA response to questions from above:
  - Question #1: What criteria will the GWCA use when hiring the experts?  
 CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF LEGAL AND PLANNER RESOURCES  
 The corporations/individuals being reviewed must
    - have formal certifications in the work required by the GWCA.
    - have proven experience in performing the services to be retained by the GWCA.
    - have proven experience in working with community groups opposing developments.
    - Be willing to submit a proposed scope and estimate of charges prior to any selection.
  - Question #2 and 3 above will be researched and responses posted shortly.
- Residents to send photos/evidence of wildlife on the property to [glenwilliamsca@gmail.com](mailto:glenwilliamsca@gmail.com).
- Donations: cheques made out to Hamlet of Glen Williams Resident Association Inc. (on subject line – The Field), or through PayPal on GWCA website at [glenwilliams.org](http://glenwilliams.org).