

# GLENS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Newsletter – Spring/Summer 2010

## THE GLENS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

“ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS”

Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 7 P.M.

The MET,  
(Metropolitan Bible Church)  
2176 Prince of Wales Drive

- ▶ Meet politicians, city staff and community police  
Have your concerns were addressed?
- ▶ Discuss the final results of the water study, well  
testing and safeguarding our wells
- ▶ Learn about municipal servicing study
- ▶ Find out what's happening in the community
- ▶ Pick-up your water testing bottle
- ▶ Enjoy a good discussion with your community  
representatives and neighbours

### **VOLUNTEERS MAKE THIS COMMUNITY STRONG.**

Glens constitution dictates that the president and vice president rotate at least every three terms to ensure new dynamics and fresh new perspective on the community's future. Many board members will retire this Spring. On behalf of all residents and board members we would like to thank them for years of dedicated service. Glens community is changing: there are more children playing in the park and more houses being built or renovated, as residents are looking for ways to improve their quality of living in our area. This the time for a new leader and perhaps a new vision. You decide!!! Join us at the AGM, elect the new board and volunteer!!!

### **WORKING TOGETHER FOR A SAFER COMMUNITY.**

Are you worried about your home safety? Does the vandalism and graffiti bother you? Are the teenage pranks keeping you awake? **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MAY**

### **BE YOUR ANSWER AND IT NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!**

Neighbourhood Watch is a program designed to help neighbours watch out for their neighbours and our community to keep it safe. It aims to get residents involved in preventing crime at the local level. Community safety depends largely on a commitment to cooperate between area residents and the police – and more importantly, between residents themselves.

The Glens Community Association (GCA) is urgently looking for volunteers who are interested in becoming liaison between the community and police. Their duties include: welcoming new neighbours, making them aware about the program, delivering occasional flyers, and maintaining an information network. Some residents have moved away or resigned their duties and a few streets remain outside the network. We would like to be able to reach all residents and keep them safe and informed. More info will be provided at the AGM. If you are interested in keeping your neighbourhood safe please call: Watch Coordinator, Nardin Ghahary at 613-224-8014 (nardin.ghahary@sympatico.ca) or Betty-Anne Wilks at 613-226-5021 (betty-anne@sympatico.ca)

**PRINCE OF WALES ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT.** The study was broadened to include specific issues related to existing congestion along the Prince of Wales Drive (POW), particularly at the Hunt Club Road intersection. It proposes dedicated right turning lane onto Hunt Club to be extended up to Deakin and extension of other turning lanes to accommodate more traffic. As Deakin cannot be realigned with Waterbend, a new service road is being proposed to accommodate residents and the future commercial site.

The widening will require expropriating some of the land along Prince of Wales. The consultants have recognized well and septic systems constraints and suggested mitigation measures in the form of municipal servicing. However, at this point, the impact on groundwater, increase in run-off and impact from new sewer construction on the Glens Community was not considered. Additional consultation with affected property owners, the community and on-site visit will be conducted in the design stage. Glens Community vividly remembers the sewer construction along Merivale Road and hopes that mitigation measures will be in place this time. There are no plans to include dedicated transit lanes as there are no plans to increase public transit along POW which is not seen as a major transit corridor.

Noise impact has been identified on several sites along the way including residents at O'Donnell Crescent. The study concluded

that a sound barrier is not technically feasible. It is expected that future development of the adjacent commercial land would provide adequate shielding for residences.

Some residents are also disappointed to see that the bike path may be less than what currently exists, but the plan includes 3 metre-wide paved mixed-use paths along the entire length of the POW. There are also concerns from households whose driveways are currently facing the street. The plan calls for turning lanes to accommodate merging with traffic and turning. There are no plans to install more traffic lights with the exception of the NCC path crossing. The construction of the first stretch begins this year and will include preparation for the Armstrong Strandherd Bridge. Our segment is scheduled to be widened between 2020-2023.

### *City News*

**WATER RATE REVIEW.** The city proposal to charge residents in the un-serviced areas for drainage and storm water sewers has stirred a great deal of controversy. Rural and privately serviced neighbourhoods joined together to criticize the proposal, point out its shortcomings and lobby for an additional option that would see drainage and storm water costs moved from the water bill to the tax bill. It seems that staff will recommend that all such costs be moved to the tax bill (just like it was in good old Nepean).

The city also withdrew the flat fee concept for municipally serviced properties. Water and the sanitary sewer surcharge will continue to be billed based solely on the amount of water the household consumes.

The GCA has received assurances that Glens residents do not contribute directly to any water/sewer related projects. However, indirectly up to 35% of the capital tax levy paid by all residents is applied to reconstruction projects such as sewer/water works which involve new sidewalks, curbs, cycling lanes and street scaping elements. It is worth noting that un-serviced areas receive less maintenance and have lower servicing levels due to lack of sidewalks and curbs, stop lights, traffic mitigation infrastructure, street lights and traffic management and monitoring. These un-serviced areas also have different snow clearing and grass mowing standards.

**ARMSTRONG STRANDHERD BRIDGE.** The bridge to be completed by 2012 and span 125 metres across the Rideau River will accommodate traffic, transit, cyclists and pedestrians. The eight-lane bridge, with a traditional

above-deck arch design will link Riverside South (River Road) with Barrhaven (Prince of Wales Drive).

**ELECTION 2010. PLEASE VOTE!!! IT'S WORTH THE EFFORT!!!** Monday, October 25, 2010, we get our democratic chance to elect new mayor, city councilors and school board trustees. There appears to be nine mayoral candidates listed and registered. Six councilor-hopefuls are registered in our ward 9. You may see some of them as they will be observing our AGM to learn about community concerns and issues.

**FRONTAGE BY-LAW.** On December 15, 1988, the Corporation of the City of Nepean passed By-Law 130-88, regulating the use of land and buildings (in particular lot frontages). There were no amendments or repeals to By-Law 130-88, and it therefore remained in force. The by-law applies to all R1E zoned properties in the Glens interior with exception of lots fronting MacFarlane Road. The by-law states that the minimum lot frontage in the community must be 30 m.

**BY-LAW REFRESHER.** To avoid conflicts with your neighbours or a visit from a by-law officer please remember these few rules:

Outdoor Fireplaces - they look fancy and are widely sold but outdoor fireplaces are not permitted in urban areas - wood or wood products may not be burned in a chiminea.

Noise - Not everyone is a "morning person" and some need their "beauty sleep" and go to bed early. Power equipment (chainsaws, lawn mowers, leaf blowers, tools, musical instruments, radios, TVs, stereos) are not permitted between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. (9 a.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays).

Fences - Good fences make good neighbors! The height of hedges, bushes and trees that serve as natural screening are not regulated but make sure they are regularly trimmed and do not obscure street signs. Maximum height of a regular fence should not exceed 213 cm or 7 feet with the exception of the front yard for which the maximum fence height is 1 meter (3.28 feet). Make sure that your pool fence is secured and locked at all times to deter children.

RVs and Boats - Not everyone enjoys looking at your RV or a boat unless properly parked in the rear yard, interior side yard 0.6 m from the property line or in a storage facility. Heavy vehicles over 6 metres (RVs, trailers, boats) are not permitted to park in residential zones.

Dogs - At Pineglen Park dogs have to be leashed at all times. Dogs are not allowed in Grenfell Park. To ensure children's health and safety dogs are not allowed within five metres of a play structure.

Junk Mail - Tired of ads pouring into your mailbox? You may participate in the 'no junk mail' program by purchasing a sticker, which indicates your desire not to receive unaddressed advertising material ('No junk mail' stickers can be purchased at any Client Service Centre for \$2 each). There is no program to stop or deter unwanted soliciting at the doors.

## *NCC News*

**GREENBELT MASTER PLAN REVIEW** 2009 consultations and visioning exercises established that residents and experts agree that greenbelt will benefit from improved ecological connectivity within and outside of the Greenbelt (a regional "green web" that would integrate the Greenbelt into its physical surroundings and fully limit development within the Greenbelt's boundaries). Sustainable agriculture and local food production was highlighted as a key function for the future of the Greenbelt. Greenbelt should also serve as a showcase for environmental best practices thus ecological and agricultural functions of the Greenbelt should be protected. Wildlife conservation strategy is also being developed to successfully address recent issues with deer, coyotes, wild turkey, Canada geese and other migrating birds.

**WILDLIFE STRATEGY** The NCC and the City of Ottawa are looking into proposing a comprehensive wildlife strategy. The strategy would alleviate noise complaints, address coyotes, deer and other animal sightings and better protect migrating birds. These issues are complex as culling one group of mammals may lead to proliferation of other animals. Residents, farmers and environmentalists are looking forward to finding a satisfactory solution and a common ground to address these problems. The association is taking an active part in policy meetings.

Overall there appear to be fewer sightings of Canada geese so perhaps the existing measures have discouraged them from choosing farm fields to nest. It seems that once geese have nested successfully, they typically return to the same nesting site year after year, as do their offspring

## *Provincial News*

**ONTARIO ALLIANCE FOR QUALITY CARE.** The new alliance is being formed to take the health care campaign to a new level and discuss the increase in demand for homecare in Ontario. Having an effective home care system would decrease hospital stays, defer the move into a facility, and increase the dignity and independence of seniors. Proper home care is the solution for our health care choice - saving tax payers', patients' and clients' money, hurt and pain. Community associations are invited to join the coalition.

**HST COMING EARLY.** If you have not yet purchased your ticket or membership by the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline you are out of luck and will be charged new Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) of 13%. Domestic flights, theatre tickets, landscaping and other services purchased in advance — to be consumed after the HST takes effect — are subject to the HST.

## *Community Businesses for Hire*

GCA board have decided to dedicate space in the newsletter and possibly at the website for Glens Residents (only) to provide an opportunity to advertise their local business. This year there is no charge.



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## Community Contacts

**Tennis Club** can be contacted by calling: Richard Lovatt (President) 613 225-3636 or Amie Lee (Membership) 613 224-3096 [www.glenstennisclub.ca](http://www.glenstennisclub.ca).

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### Neighbourhood Watch Reminder

To report:	Call
•..a life-threatening emergency or crime in progress .....	911
•..an ongoing incident (no violence or threat of violence).....	230-6211
•..an incident .....	236-1222, ext.7300