



# GLENS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Newsletter – Fall/Winter 2022

## Message from the President

Dear Neighbours,

As Winter approaches, the change of season is an opportunity to reflect on all that has occurred over the past few months. Certainly, the face of our neighbourhood changed as a result of the derecho. But one thing that has remained and strengthened is the kindness and sense of community neighbours showed each other. I want to take this opportunity to thank those individuals and organizations who rushed to our assistance, the Sequoia Church, the Metropolitan Bible Church, Samaritan's Purse, Alavida Life-styles, the Ottawa Mission, the hydro and utility crews from near and far, and all those who gave their time and energy when needed. I also want to take this opportunity to thank our city councillor, Keith Egli, for his advocacy and assistance after the storm and following the Eastway Tank explosion this past winter. Keith has been our tireless elected municipal councillor over three terms of council and 12 years. Thank you, Keith, for your service and we wish you all the best as you embark on a new chapter.

Since the last newsletter, we were able to hold an in-person Annual General Meeting on June 13, 2022. After two plus years of COVID restrictions it was nice to see neighbours in person again. There have been some changes to the composition of the board of directors and I want to thank Tracey Larkin who served as Treasurer and Marie Maurice-Primeau, who stepped down as Secretary but remains on the board, for their dedication and support. I want to welcome new board members Jacky Tweedie, who stepped into the role of Secretary, Randy Legault who has taken on the role of Treasurer in addition to his role as Grenfell Liaison. Caraida Dumouchel, Charlie Cheng and Heather Scott join the board as Directors at Large. Welcome, each of you.

After two years of being unable to gather, we were able to celebrate our pride in our community with our Glens Community picnic on September 10. It was wonderful to see smiles on faces young and young at heart. The weather cooperated, making for a great day in the September sunshine.

The Glens Gardens & Giving Project, launched in the Spring, with a number of Zoom webinars, saw residents receive a gift certificate from Green Thumb Garden Centre which could be used for food plants grown in their gardens and shared with neighbours. The success of this initiative lead us to organize a Fall edition for residents who would like to plant garlic. We are looking forward to running this program again in the Spring of 2023.

I wish you all a very safe and happy Winter,

Brian Kelly

## City of Ottawa Derecho Clean-up Efforts

**Tree Replacement.** The city is committed to re-planting lost City trees, however removed trees will not automatically be replanted. Residents who would like a tree replacement on the City's right of way are encouraged to request it through the [Trees in Trust program](#) or by calling 311. Limit of one tree per single fronting household or two trees per corner lot. Any requests received now will be added to the 2023 planting program. Staff are looking into other options to expand tree plantings, including partnership opportunities and supports for planting on private property. Replanting plans are being developed.

**Uprooted Stump Removal.** Public Works will prioritize remaining stump removal in early Spring. The work may include excavation and grinding of intact stumps including backfilling holes and seeding.

**Intact stumps.** Public Works will address intact stumps removals in 2023, from Spring to Fall. Residents are encouraged to call 311 if they have questions about the status of their stump removal.

## The Glens and the Official Plan

The city's Official Plan was approved by Ontario's Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on November 4, 2022, with 30 modifications to address provincial highways and wetland protection, monitoring of affordable housing and increasing housing supply. Added modifications expand the city's urban boundary by 550 hectares. It will permit taller structures on minor corridors up to six storeys in urban areas and seven storeys in suburban areas. The province's changes can't be appealed by the City of Ottawa.

The parts referring to the Glens were approved unchanged. Section 4.7.2 policy 8 says *where new lots are proposed for residential purposes that rely upon private sewage systems, including areas of partial servicing, the minimum lot size shall be 0.4 hectares in private service areas identified on Annex 9*. Undeveloped area of 800 sq m must be set aside for the sewage system, where the proposed development relies on septic including partially serviced areas.

## Tax on Vacant Residential Dwellings (VUT)

Beginning in 2023, property owners in the residential tax class will be required to declare annually if their property was vacant for over 184 days in the prior year (2022) to determine if the tax is payable. The extra tax would be assessed at **one per cent of the property's MPAC assessment value**. If no declaration is received, the Vacant Unit Tax will be charged. Net revenues from the VUT will be reinvested into affordable housing initiatives in the City of Ottawa. In December 2022, residents will be instructed how to make their declaration for the 2022 calendar year, which is due March 16, 2023. To submit property status declaration: Log in to your [MyService Ottawa](#) account, view property tax details and submit your declaration. More information available at [ottawa.ca/vut](https://ottawa.ca/vut)

## MacFarlane Road Resurfacing and Traffic Calming Study

MacFarlane Road was resurfaced over the summer, this work is now substantially complete. As noted in the last newsletter, The City of Ottawa has undertaken a local traffic calming study for MacFarlane Road between Merivale Road and Deakin Street to address traffic safety concerns and to recommend solutions to reduce the negative impacts of motorized traffic on this road. The focus of the study is to explore solutions to address speeding, pedestrian, and cyclist safety concerns. The second public consultation was conducted online from August 7 to 28 and, the feedback gathered is being reviewed. We will provide additional information on this initiative as it becomes available from the city. For additional info, see <https://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/public-engagement/projects/macfarlane-road-traffic-calming-study>

## Amending the GCA Constitution

From time to time, as part of good governance, the Board of Directors of the Glens Community Association (GCA), undertakes a review of the GCA constitution. The last review was conducted, and changes implemented in 2013. As part of the application for a lottery license made in 2022, the board proposes to put forward for approval at our next AGM several changes pertaining to the use of the GCA's funds, the volunteer nature of the board of directors and the distribution of assets on the wind-up of the GCA. The specific text of these amendments, and review of any others deemed appropriate, are being prepared over the winter for presentation to the membership in 2023. Any member who is interested in participating in the review and preparation of these changes is encouraged to email [executive@glenscommunity.ca](mailto:executive@glenscommunity.ca) or to contact their area liaison to express their interest.

## Zoning Concerns

Ontario introduced the **More Homes Built Faster Act** aimed at addressing the housing crisis. The Province plans to shift growth costs from developers to taxpayers. The current principle is that growth should pay for growth, and that current homeowners and renters should not be required to subsidize new development. There are no mechanisms to ensure that developers will pass on cost savings to consumers in need of more affordable housing options. Ontario plans to impose standards related to zoning, density, and urban design and amend the *Planning Act* to create a new provincial threshold and adding as of right zoning. Property owners will be able to add up to three residential units as of right for land zoned for one home in residential areas without requiring a zoning by-law amendment. The units could be within the existing structure (duplexes, triplexes) keeping the existing square footage or take the form of basement suite, laneway, or coach houses compliant with the building code and bylaws. Certain bureaucratic and administrative approvals will be streamlined. The time spent consulting the public will be limited with quasi-automatic approvals for some projects that conform to existing official plans and zoning. Public meetings for plans of subdivision are to be eliminated and the appeals process will be restricted. The *Ontario Land Tribunal Act* will allow for the awarding of costs upon unsuccessful litigants. The province will not permit housing development on the Greenbelt and will add some measures to offer woodland protections. It puts strong emphasis on vacant lands allowing "underutilized or redundant commercial properties" to be converted to residential units without municipal approvals. Finally, it calls for efficient urban boundary's expansion. The new housing plan, pending approval, will be in place for the summer of 2023. The plan does not contain guidelines for privately serviced areas like The Glens.

## Small Plane Noise

In August 2021, the Ottawa Flying Club (OFC) and the Ottawa Airport Authority suggested a new voluntary route for small aircraft flying out of the Ottawa Flying Club. The intent was to have their aircraft fly a wider circuit, resulting in less noise over the Glens. However, in early October 2022, an internal meeting between the Ottawa International Airport Authority, NAV Canada and OFC was held to discuss the recent flight patterns. The Glens were not invited. Prior to this meeting, some aircraft safety related issues were apparently reported to Transport Canada by NAV Canada. Due to this apparent safety risk, the OFC will discontinue the use of the voluntary noise abatement procedures. The OFC has reverted to the route as published in the Canadian Flight Supplement, which puts their small aircraft directly over the Glens community for part of the circuit. The OFC is working with their instructors to have them complete more of the practice circuits on other airfields to help reduce the noise as much as possible. Instructors have been briefed on the change and all OFC pilots will be at or above 1,300ft prior to turning towards the east. The GCA will be monitoring these changes and will keep you informed of any future developments. If you have concerns or complaints, you may call the Ottawa Airport Noise Complaint Line at 613-737-2933. The Ottawa Flying Club can be reached at 613-523-2142, ext. 101 or 102. Please contact Pat McLachlan if you are interested in participating in a working group.



### Change your clocks, change your batteries

Ottawa Fire Services recommends installing smoke alarms in every bedroom, on every level and outside every sleeping area. Ottawa Fire Services also recommends that if you sleep with your bedroom door closed, install a smoke alarm in your bedroom. Remember to replace batteries once a year. Alarms should be replaced every 7-

10 years. A portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property by putting out a small fire or containing it until the fire department arrives. .

## Tai Chi in The Glens

To support Glens Community residents' wellbeing, a free weekly **Tai Chi Exercise Program** will be starting on Dec 6<sup>th</sup> and continue every Tuesday 2-3pm at the MET (2176 Prince of Wales Dr.). Rick Lymer, a seasoned practitioner will lead this weekly program teaching modified 108-move Tai Chi, focusing on weight balancing and lower body strength development. Beginners welcome. Instructions provided. Do wear comfortable clothing and bring a pair of exercise shoes. Sign up on the events page of the website [Tai-Chi Registration](#). Contact Charlie 613-224-5393 if you need additional information.

## Glens Gardening and Giving Project

Despite the challenges early in the growing season, the Glens Gardening and Giving project program ran successfully through the spring and summer, culminating with a veggie exchange at the picnic in September. On the heels of this success we launched the 'Fall Garlic Edition' providing seed garlic for planting during the fall. Many residents took advantage of the program which is now concluded for the season. Following on the success of the Spring and Fall programs in 2022, we look forward to bringing you the 2023 edition of Glens Gardens and Giving in the Spring. Interested residents should watch their email for an announcement to enroll late this winter. Residents without email, should contact their area liaison this Fall to express their interest so that we can be sure to include you in the Spring.

## Glens 2022 Picnic

After a COVID induced hiatus, the Glens Community Picnic was returned on September 10, 2022 in Grenfell Park. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked tirelessly through the day and to our partners, Alavida Lifestyles and local Edward Jones advisors Christopher Thompson, John Malcolm, Marco Cesario and Brian Kelly. Special thanks to Surian, Savani, & Sahana who made balloon animals, cotton candy and painted faces through the day. Thanks also to our prize sponsors, [Escape Manor](#) and [The Museum of Nature](#).

Once again, the weather was just what the organizing committee ordered, with glorious sunshine and not a cloud in the sky.

The day kicked off with the return of the children's decorated bicycle parade, led by a 1929 McLaughlin-Buick. The parade began at the corner of Pratt and Burnbank, travelled along Burnbank to Grenfell, then along Grenfell back to Pratt, finishing in front of the park. There was face painting and balloon animals for the children along with the ever-popular bouncy castle. The visiting fire truck provided the children with an opportunity to cool off when they provided a demonstration of the capabilities of the pumper truck. For the adults, the fortune teller revealed what the future holds to the residents who lined up for a reading and the 50/50 draw provided excitement, with the winner taking home a prize of \$218. Hamburgers, Hot dogs, & Veggie Burgers with all the fixings were provided along with chips and drinks for all. While the committee planned for a large turnout, we were pleased to have distributed all the food and drink by mid-afternoon. We are looking forward to hosting another picnic with even more events and fun next year.

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## Merivale Transformer Station Modernization

As the population of Ottawa grows, so does the need to ensure safe and reliable power is available to power homes and businesses across the region. That's why Hydro One is planning to modernize critical equipment at its Merivale Transformer Station (TS), located in the City of Ottawa, to ensure power is available for customers now and in the future. Merivale TS is one of two major transformer stations that supply approximately 60% of power to customers across Ottawa, including to Hydro Ottawa. The need for this investment was identified through a collective planning process which included the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), Hydro One and Hydro Ottawa. Minimizing the effects of our projects and operations on the environment is important to us. The planning of this project will follow the "Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities (2016)" (Class EA for MTF), established in accordance with the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. This planning process applies to transmission infrastructure projects that are carried out routinely and have predictable environmental effects that can be readily managed. This project involves expanding the current transmission station on the property in order to house two new 230kV transformers, a new protections and controls building along with associated equipment. The project also includes refurbishing an existing transformer, installing 8 new transmission structures inside and outside the new station footprint and decommissioning the existing aging protections and controls building. In order to avoid outages during construction, a temporary bypass line, approximately 1.7 km long, will be built along Cedarview Road. Contingent on the outcome of the Class EA screening process, construction could begin as early as 2023 and is expected to be completed by the end of 2028. Hydro One hosted a Community Open House to share additional project details on November 15, at the Sandman Signature Ottawa Airport Hotel. For more information, to sign up for the project contact list, or to ask questions, please contact see [www.HydroOne.com/MerivaleTS](http://www.HydroOne.com/MerivaleTS) or contact Hydro One Community Relations: 1.877.345.6799 [Community.Relations@HydroOne.com](mailto:Community.Relations@HydroOne.com)

## Eastway Tank Fire - Update

The Fire Marshal is close to determining what caused January's deadly blast at Eastway Tank, but it's unclear when its findings will be shared. New details have emerged on past safety issues and "non-compliances." Transport Canada found several administrative, procedural, and design-related issues in the construction and certifying of tanks. Fire records confirm a history of safety incidents (improper storage of flammable chemicals, tanker trucks still containing fuel or flammable residue) and prior fires. Fire Services responded to calls for service six times in the last 18 years. In June, samples collected from a well on-site, showed the water below the property remained suitable for drinking. The memorial plaque dedicated to the six workers who died in the explosion has been placed in nearby Merivale Gardens Park.



### Winter Fun Day

Winter weather will soon be here! And the GCA is planning to host a Winter Fun Day in Grenfell Park toward the end of February. Though many of the details

are still being arranged, there will be lots of fun winter activities and hot chocolate. Watch your email for details coming in the New Year. Anyone who would like to help organize or volunteer on the day can email [executive@glenscommunity.ca](mailto:executive@glenscommunity.ca)

## Woodroffe Avenue LRT Realignment

On November 25th, 2020, Ottawa City Council approved a Recommended Plan for the Barrhaven LRT extension from Baseline Station to Barrhaven Town Centre that incorporated an elevated LRT guideway located immediately west of the Woodroffe Avenue right-of-way between Algonquin College and the Nepean Sportsplex. One of the impacts of this plan was the removal of 100 low-cost residential housing units situated within a required 20 metre wide strip of land between north of Knoxdale and the Nepean Sportsplex Station.

Along with their approval of the plan, Council approved a series of motions aimed at mitigating the impact of the loss of these residential units which included establishing a Working Group to examine options on how to assist residents who are facing future relocation because of the LRT alignment. One of the proposed mitigation measures explored was to change the LRT alignment to eliminate the loss of the housing units. Accordingly, the Environmental Assessment Team developed a proposed refinement to the approved Functional Design plan placing the elevated LRT alignment within the median of Woodroffe Avenue between Knoxdale and West Hunt Club Roads. The revised plan was presented to Transportation Committee and approved by Council on June 8th, 2022. As part of their approval, City Council directed staff to further review and refine the median LRT functional design in this area to mitigate any potential impacts (including noise and sightlines), consult the public on this design change and report back to Transportation Committee on the results of this consultation. Please note that changes to the Recommended Plan are isolated to the portion of Woodroffe Avenue between north of Knoxdale and the Nepean Sportsplex Station. The Functional Design for the remainder of the corridor remains unchanged.



### The Glens Website and Membership

Our website offers many venues to express your thoughts or opinions. The Forum allows you to ask questions and get direct answers from the community or be a part of ongoing or topical discussions. <https://www.glenscommunity.ca/forum> You can pay your membership fee of \$10 online using (PayPal & Credit Card) [www.glenscommunity.ca/membership-2](https://www.glenscommunity.ca/membership-2). The Glens CA website also supports businesses to pay or renew their advertising fees of \$100 at: <https://www.glenscommunity.ca/business>. For those having difficulty paying membership or logging in, please use 'contact us' [www.glenscommunity.ca/contactus](https://www.glenscommunity.ca/contactus) for assistance.

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