

Citizen of The Year Dinner

Proud to live here - Karen



"I'm proud to live here," Karen Harrison, the 1979 Georgetown Lions' "Citizen of The Year", told the capacity crowd that gathered to honor her in the Lions Hall Friday. David Barrager, a member of the Lions selection committee, presented Mrs. Harrison with her award. Mrs. Harrison was presented with a variety of commendations, including letters from Premier Bill Davis and Prime Minister Joe Clark.

(Herald photo)

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The accolades poured down in a never-ending stream at the 1979 Georgetown Lions Club's Citizen of The Year Award Dinner.

Karen Harrison, who was awarded the honor last Friday for her outstanding work in the community, told the audience in the Lions Hall that she was "overwhelmed" and "truly proud to be the recipient of this award."

The award was presented to Mrs. Harrison by Lion David Barrager, a member of the selection committee for 1979.

Coun. Mike Armstrong, representing Mayor Pete Pomeroy, presented Mrs. Harrison with a special plaque and a pen and pencil set on behalf of the town of Halton Hills.

"Karen's achievements cannot be compared to anyone I know", Coun. Armstrong said.

He also presented Mrs. Harrison with a letter from Mayor Pomeroy, which congratulated her on a very deserving honor.

Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed said that Mrs. Harrison's achievements "represent the vitality of the community." Mr. Reed presented Mrs. Harrison with a special scroll from Premier Bill Davis, which congratulated her on her "outstanding community service."

John McDermid, PC incumbent MP for Brampton-Georgetown, presented Mrs. Harrison with a letter from Prime Minister Joe Clark congratulating her on winning the award as a "tribute to her record in the community."

Mrs. Harrison thanked her family for their support and said she hopes she can continue to do the work she has done and continue to count on the help of the community.

PROUD HERE:
"I'm proud to live here", she said. "Thank you Georgetown."

The presentations were preceded by a roast beef dinner and followed by a dance.

The committee which made the selection included Dan Boyle, Ray Harlow, Terry

Peer, El Lloyd and Carl Hansen.

Mrs. Harrison is the wife of Fred and the mother of two boys, Blake and Craig.

One of her important functions has been serving as the billing chairman for the annual Bantam hockey tournament, which commemorates Georgetown's heritage as the cradle of the Little NHL.

A number of speakers commented that they were continually amazed at Mrs. Harrison's ability to find places to stay for the thousands of boys who come to the tournament.

Mrs. Harrison, who has been actively teaching for 17 years, presently teaches a special education class at Milton's Robert Baldwin school.

She has been involved in volunteer work since high school. During those years, she canvassed for the retarded children's auxiliary and acted as chairman of a high school bazaar.

MINOR HOCKEY:
Currently, Mrs. Harrison is involved with the minor

hockey support group, of which she is president.

Mrs. Harrison has also been involved with the Kinettes and numerous auxiliary services.

Past winners of the citizen of the year award include: Irwin and Joy Noble, 1976; Walter Grey, 1977; Connie Nicuwhof, 1976; the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service, 1975; Rev. Peter Barrow, 1974; the Georgetown Volunteer

Fire Department, 1973; Peggy Treaby, 1972.

According to the award dinner's program, "The basis of the selection was to be on the record of the recipient's achievements in the recent past, or over a period of years, during which an outstanding contribution was made towards the community by this citizen."



Karen Harrison, 1979 winner of the Georgetown Lions Club's "Citizen of The Year" award, gives Lions president Al Martin a friendly kiss during the award dinner Friday. Mrs. Harrison received many plaques and letters of commendation for her service to the community. More on the award dinner inside. (Herald photo by Richard Petrashek)

Glen Williams Secondary Plan is sanctioned despite last-minute appeals from citizens

By PAUL DORSEY
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Last-minute concerns raised last week regarding the Glen Williams Secondary Plan were resolved between town and provincial officials in time for the plan's approval at Monday night's town council meeting.

Minor aspects of the comprehensive, 20-year planning guide were questioned at last week's planning board meeting by representatives of the steering committee for the "Concerned Citizens of the Glen", prompting councillors to request clarifications that would enable the town to follow through on the board's recommendation for approval.

With the controversial aspects clarified to the satisfaction of most members, council formally closed the books on yet another component of the town's own official plan, ending several years of preparation and public meetings.

Last week, town planning director Mario Venditti sought verbal clarification from the provincial ministry of housing regarding alternative designations for the large Girvan holdings northwest of the hamlet core. Mayor Pete Pomeroy expressed displeasure over the ministry's reluctance to accept the property as part of the Glen plan when its development would "obviously be infilling."

"The planning director noted that its inclusion in the plan would force council to decide which official plan it would amend and to set a precedent for estate development in what would then become a suburban area. Council, he recalled, has gone on record as opposing the concept of semi-serviced suburban development."

PUBLIC MEETINGS
Despite a series of public meetings, held both formally and informally since approval for the revised Glen plan was deferred last July, spokesmen for the hamlet's Concerned Citizens reiterated major complaints about the plan's

population, traffic, servicing and boundary guidelines.

Dave Smallwood and John Minns again challenged the plan's recommended growth rate of five per cent per year, noting that the Glen's population, historically, has grown at a rate of one per cent per year and that Halton region's new official plan, still to be approved, recommends a rate of two to 2.5 per cent.

Reminding the planning board last week that citizens asked the town to limit Glen Williams' population to 1,300, Mr. Smallwood contended that the only "pressure" urging the town to aim for 1,500 is coming from developers with land interests in the area.

"Developers have (already) been accommodated," Mr. Smallwood said, suggesting that council is giving would-be developers priority over Glen residents by refusing to lower growth limitations.

Mr. Venditti had responded to citizens claims by defending the 1,500 limit as "relative and reasonable". He recommended no change.

Mr. Smallwood explained that the Glen's population could reach 1,400 within the next few years through development of the Decol, Chateau Belair, McGowan and Mullen Place holdings and through infilling. The plan's target figure of 1,500 by the end of the century, he said, would mean the hamlet's population will grow another 46 per cent, or 6.5 per cent a year.

In addition, the citizens pointed out, the revisions to the Glen Williams planning boundaries since last November have seen 251 hectares trimmed from the area, suggesting that the target population figure should be adjusted downward accordingly.

Expressing concern over the maintenance of the Glen's hamlet nature and appearance, Mr. Smallwood urged the board to allow no changes to the village's existing road system

"Glen taxpayers must not be asked to pay for upgrading Glen roads," he said.

WELL WATER

Mr. Minns expressed disappointment that Mr. Venditti has neglected to pursue the citizens' request concerning the town's protection of well water supplies. Although Mr. Venditti indicated that well water on neighboring properties can be protected from nearby development through the development agreements, he said, the residents would prefer to see such provisions included in the Glen plan.

At Mayor Pomeroy's request, Mr. Venditti agreed to investigate the legality of including guarantees in the plan for the protection of groundwater quality and quantity.

Asked again about his grounds for recommending a residential zoning for the currently-rural McGowan property, Mr. Venditti explained that the abandoned gravel pit on the land would remain as such "forever", virtually surrounded by existing residences, unless the town makes a move to develop it.

Mr. Minns stressed the citizens' concern over the possibility that development of the McGowan land may jeopardize well water and septic tanks on 38 neighboring properties.

Mr. Minns also urged the board to reduce the Glen boundaries further by limiting their western extension to the old railway line that forms part of the hamlet's southern border. Beyond that point, he said, the boundaries extend into the former Esqueving township lands as far as the International Bible Centre lands, now being developed.

The only other question from Glen residents on hand came from Brent Morris, who asked whether small-scale gardening is allowable on lands designated Open Space in the new plan.

Mr. Venditti explained that Open Space is intended primarily as a conservation area, where gardening is allowable as long as it does not constitute intensive agriculture.

Glen residents questioned in separate meetings last August, Mr. Venditti recommended that council take no action on 11 of these and suggested minor changes to four others.

Major revisions included the addition of a commercial designation for Sheridan

Nurseries' new garden supply centre and the omission of both the Nurseries land and the Georgetown Golf and Country Club property.

The controversial boundary dispute over the inclusion of the Girvan property was addressed as an issue separate from the Glen plan.

In approving the plan, the town excluded the property of Brent Morris, until such time as the designation of his property has been clarified.

Mr. Morris told council Monday that part of his Main Street property is designated as residential in the new plan and part of it as open space.

Mr. Venditti explained that the entire property is actually

hazard land, as is the case with some other properties in the area, but the town is allowing the existing house and some of the surrounding land to be designated as residential.

Mr. Morris said that his neighbor's property, across the road, is situated on the flood plain, yet it is totally designated as residential.

Council recommended that Mr. Morris' problem be looked into by the planning department and be brought back to council prior to his property being included in the secondary plan.

After holding discussions with the ministry of housing, the town has decided to include the Girvan property in the Secondary Plan.

"I don't really think it's part of the hamlet," Mayor Pomeroy said, "but I feel we're virtually compelled to put the Girvan property in, irrespective of how it looks."

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