

Adopt an Island

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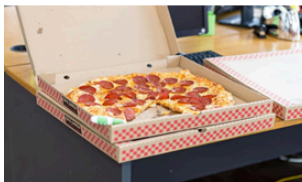
Do you live near one of the islands in GlenEagles East? Are you tired of looking out of your windows onto dried brown grass and dandelions? After 3 or more years with no irrigation, increasingly warm, dry summers and water shortages, it is time to transition the islands in GlenEagles East to more drought resistant, sustainable landscaping options. In order to do so, the GlenEagles Community Association has put together an "Adopt an Island" program to expedite these changes.

What you need to do:

- ❖ meet with your neighbours to discuss the changes that you would like to see (GECA will provide you with money for snacks and drinks)
- ❖ complete the form to ask for a horticulturist if you want their advice as you develop your plan
- ❖ design what your island will look like using the pre-approved shrubs, perennials, grasses, and ground covers included in this application
- ❖ submit a drawing showing the plan for the island
- ❖ commit to watering the new plants and ground covers for the first two to three years.
- ❖ just download the online application form, select your plants including the number and cost per item
- ❖ Email the completed form to president@geca.ca

Start an "Adopt an Island" Group with your neighbours:

Use this opportunity as a chance to meet with your neighbours and enjoy each other's company. GlenEagles will reimburse you \$20 per participant to a maximum of \$240. Enough for some pizza and beverages!



For more information go to:
<https://geca.ca> and click on the Landscaping Tab or scan the QR code for updates:



What the GlenEagles Community Association will do:

- ❖ review all applications with our horticulturist and work with the ToC to approve applications using the pre-approved options within 10 business days
- ❖ provide "island groups" with \$20 per person to a maximum of \$240.00 to cover the cost of snacks and beverages while you meet to develop your plan
- ❖ arrange for a horticulturist to work with you on the design if you request help
- ❖ pay for the materials e.g. plants and groundcovers up to:- \$3,500 for small to midsize islands (#6,9,10, and 14 on the landscaping map) to \$5,500 for large islands (#13, 15, and 18 on the landscaping maps). Amounts in excess of this may be approved on an exception basis.
- ❖ assign and pay one of our landscaping contractors to work with you to prepare/enlarge shrub/perennial beds and plant as per your design
- ❖ provide residents with a water metre to measure how much water they use on the islands and reimburse them on a monthly basis
- ❖ be available to discuss problems/resolve issues by contacting us at info@geca.ca

Commit to Watering:

The Town will not allow us to irrigate the islands. Rather, they want our horticulturalist to work with the adopt an island neighbourhood groups to determine how much water their plants will need and the best time of day to water them. **This is a long term commitment that will last for the first 2 to 3 years before the plants become established.** The GlenEagles Community Association will reimburse you for the water costs. Bills must be submitted monthly.

Be a part of the change!

