



New Edinburgh Community Alliance
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Dear New Edinburgh Neighbour,

Here is the 15-page “information package,” in advance of NECA’s annual general meeting (AGM). The AGM will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 16th, at 7 pm, in the hall of St. Bartholomew’s Church, 125 MacKay Street.

This package contains the following:

- the AGM agenda
- draft minutes from NECA’s 2012 AGM
- written reports from NECA’s current committees: Finance, *New Edinburgh News*, Heritage and Development, Friends of the Park, and Membership
- a brief memo outlining proposed changes to the wording of NECA’s official “Mandate,” for a vote at the AGM

We on NECA’s Board sincerely hope you could find time to attend the AGM. This will be an opportunity for community residents to ask questions on topics of concern, elect some new NECA board members, hear from our ward Councillor, enjoy refreshments and good company, and generally celebrate and support our beautiful Burgh.

Hoping to see you on Oct. 16th evening. Sincere best wishes meanwhile.

On behalf of the NECA Board,

David Sacks
Acting President

Agenda
NECA Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2013: 7–9 pm
St. Bartholomew’s Church Hall, 125 MacKay Street

- 1) President’s welcome: David Sacks
 - 2) Approval of the AGM agenda
 - 3) Approval of the 2012 AGM draft minutes
 - 4) Councillor Peter Clark: remarks
 - 5) NECA committee reports: audience question period
 - (a) Finance: Jim Watson
 - (b) *New Edinburgh News*: Cindy Parkanyi
 - (c) Heritage and Development: Gail McEachern
 - (d) Friends of the Park: Marci Surkes
 - (e) Membership: Carlo Zambri and David Sacks
 - (f) Special report from NECA’s subcommittee for the 19 Beechwood Avenue fire site:
Catherine Lindquist
 - 6) Vote by the membership: proposed changes-in-wording to NECA’s official “Mandate”:
David Sacks
 - 7) Vote by the membership: election of new Board members
 - Standing for re-election: Jim Watson
 - New candidates previously announced: Patricia Begin, Gail McEachern, Leslie McKay
 - Other candidates?
 - 8) Update on NECA strategy-planning and governance issues
 - (a) Paula Thompson: work to date on NECA’s strategic priorities
 - (b) Tim Plumptre: (i) work to date on revisions to NECA’s 2012 By-law
(ii) proposal: a 2014 public forum on the future of New Edinburgh
 - 9) Appointment of a NECA member to review NECA’s financial books and accounts for the 2013–14 fiscal year (per By-law 4.5): David Sacks
 - 10) Other business, announcements
 - Jane Thompson
- Adjournment of the official public meeting: 9 pm
- Refreshments served
- 11) Election of board officers by the newly reconstituted NECA board

New Edinburgh Community Alliance (NECA)
Annual General Meeting (AGM) draft Minutes
Wednesday, 17 October, 2012
St. Bartholomew's Church Hall
125 MacKay Street

Attendance at the Annual General Meeting was estimated at between 50 and 60.

The meeting was chaired by Joan Mason, President of NECA. The other NECA Board members present were Sarah Anson-Cartwright, Roslyn Butler (Secretary), Simon Ford (Acting Vice President), Michael Histed (Chair of the Heritage and Development Committee), David Sacks (Past President), Ernie Smith, Jim Watson (Treasurer), Carlo Zambri (Membership Chair), and Cindy Parkanyi (Ex-Officio Board member, editor of the *New Edinburgh News*, and NECA website manager).

The meeting was called to order by Joan Mason at 7:08 p.m. She then addressed the gathering by asking in a speech, "Where is the power?"

Approval of the 2011 AGM Minutes

After some discussion as to whether to remove all of Paragraph 3 of the "Heritage and Development" report in the 2011 Minutes, Gemma Kerr proposed a motion that the paragraph be retained but that the name of the person mentioned be removed. Ray Bailey seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a majority present.

Also there were noted some small name and spelling corrections, which will be made by the Secretary. David Sacks moved that the minutes with corrections be accepted, and the motion was seconded by Gemma. The motion was approved by those present.

Approval of Agenda for this meeting

Tony Roth moved that the Agenda be accepted as presented. Jim Watson seconded the motion, and all present approved.

Councillor's address

The ward Councillor, Peter Clark, addressed the meeting, giving a general update on issues concerning our neighbourhood. He said that he was now a member of the Built Heritage Subcommittee of City Council and invited Joan Mason to join, too. Mr. Clark recommended that New Edinburgh nominate someone to sit as our representative on this Subcommittee.

He announced that the Beechwood fire site issues have finally been settled and that sale of the properties is to be made soon. There will be public announcements shortly.

There will be new, vintage-style street signs for the New Edinburgh Heritage District: A sample one was on display at the meeting. The Councillor said his discretionary fund will pay for them.

The City's *money-in-lieu-of-land-for-parks* program will pay for new playground equipment. Two "Poets' Pathway" plaques for New Edinburgh Park have been approved: Look for one by the St. Patrick Street Bridge and the other between Stanley Avenue and the Rideau River near Sussex Drive.

There will be a new stoplight at the intersection of Birch Avenue and Hemlock Road at the entrance to Manor Park.

The Councillor added that the East End bridge over the Ottawa River has still not been decided on and currently is not going forward.

Retirement of Board member Ernie Smith

David paid tribute to Ernie, who is retiring from the NECA Board after six years of service. Ernie was praised for his devotion to NECA and his good cheer and companionship. He received a gift certificate to the New Edinburgh Pub, where his pleasures include watching sports on the TV and drinking milk.

The proposed Ontario legislation concerning non-profit corporations

Tim Plumptre briefly addressed the meeting on this topic, saying that—

- NECA must strengthen its governance system and procedures. NECA's By-law needs to be examined to ensure that its items comply with Ontario's upcoming Not for Profit Corporations Act (ONCA).
- NECA must give its general members more chance to be heard.

Mr. Plumptre had the following recommendations for the NECA Board:

- Review our governance procedures.
- Examine, as per the expected ONCA legislation, the election of Board members and the appointment of Officers.
- Have liability insurance for Board members.

He said that all such changes should ideally be done "holistically," through comprehensive and interlocking review.

Vote on By-law changes

These requested changes had been published in the October 2012 *New Edinburgh News* so that NECA members could review them prior to the AGM.

Item 1.1, current: "The New Edinburgh Community Alliance, henceforth referred to as NECA, is an association of people resident in the community of New Edinburgh in the City of Ottawa."

Proposed change: Add at the end: "...in the City of Ottawa, and owners of property in the said community."

Jim Watson moved that the proposed change to By-law Item 1.1 be accepted. The motion was seconded by Tim Plumptre. The motion carried.

Item 3.1, current: "The affairs of NECA shall be managed by a Board with a maximum of twelve and a minimum of seven Directors, who shall include a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Only members of NECA in good standing are eligible for election as Directors."

Proposed change: Reword as follows: "...a minimum of seven Directors, who shall include the following officers: a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The officers shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. Only members of NECA in good standing are eligible for election as Directors."

Gemma Kerr moved that the proposed change to Item 3.1 be accepted. Michael Histed seconded the motion, which then carried.

Item 3.2, current: "The Directors shall be elected for two-year terms at the Annual Meeting of NECA with approximately half of them being elected every year. A Nominations Committee containing up to four NECA members and one Board member shall oversee selection of potential Directors. The officers of NECA shall be appointed by the Board of Directors."

Proposed change: Delete all sentences but the following: "The Directors shall be elected for two-year terms at the Annual Meeting of NECA, with approximately half of them being elected every year."

Item 3.3, current: "NECA shall publish a call for volunteers for the Nominations Committee in the February edition of the *New Edinburgh News*, giving the name of the Board member appointed to the Nominations Committee as contact. If fewer than four people volunteer for the Nominations Committee by March 1st, the Board member/contact is empowered to approach NECA members to fill remaining vacancies on the Committee."

Proposed change: Delete the existing wording, and reword as follows: "Through publishing in the *New Edinburgh News* and through informal contact, the Board will seek to identify potential candidates for election to the Board."

Rosemary Tovell moved that the proposed changes to Items 3.2 and 3.3 be accepted. Dara Lithwick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Tim Plumptre proposed an amendment to the changes for By-law Item 3.3: that there be a Nominations Committee composed of NECA Board members. This was felt to be a valid suggestion, but since it had not been published or discussed before the general voting at the AGM, NECA would need to wait until the 2013 AGM to have the relevant vote.

Elections to the Board

Standing for re-election were Sarah Anson-Cartwright, Roslyn Butler, and Carlo Zambri. Simon Ford, who joined the Board partway through the 2011–2012 year, was seeking to have his position confirmed by the membership.

There were three nominations from the floor for election to the Board: Tim Plumptre and then Catherine Lindquist and Paula Thompson.

The above seven people constituted the slate standing for election to the Board.

Dick Palmer proposed that this slate of nominees be elected. Gemma Kerr seconded the motion, and those present voted in favour of the slate. NECA now has a Board of eleven.

The B.R.I.C.K. Awards

Michael Histed, chair of the Heritage and Development Committee, announced the awards:

The first Brick was awarded to Vivien Frenkel and David Mohar of 148 Ivy Crescent for improvements to a single family home.

The second Brick was awarded to Marie Gervais Vidricaire and Marc Vidricaire for a porch restoration on their home on Ivy Crescent.

The third went to Beth and David Arnold for the complete renovation of their 187 MacKay Street home.

Committee Reports

Finance

See the supporting pages in the 2012 "AGM Information Package" as posted in the "NECA Minutes" section of the New Edinburgh website: www.newedinburgh.ca.

NECA Treasurer Jim Watson stated that total revenues were down last year, due mainly to the Beechwood Avenue fire, which destroyed several local businesses that were regular purchasers of *New Edinburgh News* advertising. Also, during the year, the newspaper had had no dedicated advertising manager, to seek new clients.

Friends of the Park

See the supporting pages in the 2012 "AGM Information Package".

Committee chair Marci Surkes took questions and comments from the floor. There was a request that something be done about the large growth of burs. There was comment on the park's overflowing garbage bins: A fresh-garbage-bag supply was requested, as were more bins. There was a request for more-frequent bin emptying.

Dog owners were reminded to pick up after their pets.

Environment

Sarah Anson-Cartwright, chair, announced that the committee is not active at the moment and will exist in a "virtual" form on the internet. Sarah is willing to help out when issues arise.

Traffic Calming

See the supporting pages in the information package.

Michael Larrass, chair of this committee, was not present, so Joan Mason stepped in to answer questions. People asked about the installation of the speed humps on Crichton Street, the possibility of closing Stanley Avenue to traffic at Crichton Street, and the congested parking in front of the School of Dance.

Membership

Carlo Zambri, chair, answered a few questions. He said that there are between 320 and 330 members, as several had signed up that evening at the AGM.

In response to a question, Carlo clarified that you cease to be a NECA member when you no longer reside or own property in New Edinburgh. There was a brief discussion about whether to charge a membership fee, which would help NECA to raise funds.

Heritage and Development

See the supporting pages in the information package.

Michael Histed, chair, answered several questions. People wanted to know what was destined to happen on the properties along Sussex that are owned by the National Capital Commission (NCC), but we have no answers from the NCC as yet.

New Edinburgh News

See the supporting pages in the information package.

There were no questions from the floor for editor Cindy Parkanyi.

Draft version of the criteria for holding a public consultation

See the supporting pages at the end of the 2012 AGM information package.

This memo had been prepared by request of the assembly at the 2011 NECA AGM.

David Sacks, author of the memo, answered some questions regarding the purpose of this draft and whether it was to become policy. David explained that the intention was to create guidelines for the possibility of NECA calling a public meeting specifically over a property-or-development issue in New Edinburgh. The tentative plan for the memo is to hold a vote at the 2013 AGM to confirm the policy, after the public has been informed by the newspaper and on the NECA website prior to that AGM.

The meeting adjourned just before 9:30 p.m., after a motion by Gyde Shepherd and a unanimous vote.

Finance Report 2013
Consolidated Income Statement
for NECA / New Edinburgh News for Fiscal Year 2012–2013

	2012/2013	2011/2012
INCOME		
NEN Net Income	\$ 1,014.70	\$ 5,072.77
Interest	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.37
New Edinburgh Book Donations	\$ 200.00	\$ -
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 1,215.05	\$ 5,073.14
EXPENSES		
NECA Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 1,626.90	\$ 3,847.64
Heritage & Development Committee	\$ 520.77	\$ 682.50
Donations	\$ 300.00	\$ -
Heritage Brochure production	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,447.67	\$ 4,530.14
NET INCOME	-\$ 1,232.62	\$ 543.00

Consolidated Statement of Net Assets
for NECA / New Edinburgh News for Fiscal Year 2012/2013

	2012/2013	2011/2012
NET ASSETS, Beginning of year	\$ 8,154.24	\$ 7,611.24
Cash in Bank - NECA	\$ 3,261.79	\$ 4,312.24
Cash in Bank - NEN	\$ 3,350.39	\$ 4,750.20
Undeposited funds - NEN	\$ 899.48	\$ -
GIC Held at BMO - NEN	\$ 2,217.35 (1)	\$ 2,217.35
Petty Cash - NEN	\$ 118.68	\$ 33.68
Accounts Receivable - NEN	\$ 2,434.67	\$ 3,463.91
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts - NEN	\$ 929.08 (2)	\$ 929.08
Fixed Assets - NEN	\$ -	\$ 99.88
Total Assets at Year End	\$ 13,211.44	\$ 15,806.34
LIABILITIES, at Year End		
Accounts Payable & Provisions - NECA	\$ -	\$ 1,301.52
HST Balance	\$ -	\$ 192.35
Total Liabilities - NEN	\$ 6,289.82	\$ 6,158.23
TOTAL LIABILITIES at Year End	\$ 6,289.82	\$ 7,652.10
NET ASSETS at Year End	\$ 6,921.62	\$ 8,154.24
Change in Net Assets:	-\$ 1,232.62	\$ 543.00

Notes: (1) GIC matures June 24, 2014.

(2) To be reviewed for write-off in 2012–2013.

Major expenses:

Pole banners & insurance	\$ 1,714.80
AGM Refreshments	\$ 359.46
B.R.I.C.K. Awards	\$ 459.77
Theatre night canapes	\$ 219.45

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

The *NEN* team this year included: Cindy Parkanyi (*Managing Editor*), Jane Heintzman (*Associate Editor and Senior Writer*), David Rostenne (*Production Manager*), Brian Gallant (*Advertising Manager*), Louise Imbeault (*Photographer*), Jonathan Blake (*Residential Distribution Manager*), Tanya Guay (*Breezy Bits Editor*), Kathryn Sabetta (*Bookkeeper*) and Sandra Fraser (*Proofreader*).

The New Edinburgh News Advisory Board is a panel that assists in making editorial, administrative and financial decisions for the paper. Board members this year included Barbara Benoit, Joyce Dubuc, Jane Heintzman, David Horley, Gemma Kerr, Cathy McConkey, Cindy Parkanyi, David Rostenne, David Sacks, Janet Uren and Jim Watson. Thank you all for your support and contributions. **Anyone wishing to participate on the NEN Advisory Board should contact the Editor.**

Through the diligent efforts of the delivery team, each issue of the paper is delivered to approximately 1,650 households. The team includes William Beddoe, Liba Bender, Isobel Bisby, Susan Boyd, Roxanne Clark, Jim deFaye, Ian Fraser, Lise Gagnon, Philip MacAdam, Cathy McConkey, Margo Silver, Tori Stewart and Veronika von Nostitz-Tait. A special thank-you goes to David Horley, who provides valuable support and resources to the team.

We are currently on the hunt for new delivery team members. Please contact the Residential Distribution Manager, Jonathan Blake, at 613-842-9792, if you can spare about an hour of your time every two months.

SPECIAL PROJECTS IN THE WORKS

We are continuing to work on the development of a *New Edinburgh News Style Guide* that contributors will be able to use as a reference. In addition, work continues on the electronic archiving of past issues of the paper. If you are interested in giving a hand with either of these projects, please contact the Managing Editor at 613-745-8734.

Stats for 2012/2013

Readership: Approx. 3,200 (1,650 households plus retail distribution)
Total number of pages published: 196 Average number of pages per issue: 39
Average number of advertisers per issue: 63 Average \$ value per ad: \$92

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We are always happy to welcome new volunteers – for writing assignments, photography, copy editing, proofreading, graphic design, and the list goes on!

New Edinburgh Community Alliance

Heritage and Development Committee: Annual Report 2012–2013

Introduction

In 2013 the H&D Committee comprised six volunteer members from the New Edinburgh community: Geoff Heintzman, Joan Mason, Gail McEachern, Alexandra Reid, Paula Thompson, and chair Michael Histed. On behalf of NECA, the committee reviewed and commented on a number of proposals within the neighbourhood of New Edinburgh.

Challenges

New Edinburgh comprises two principal areas.

1. The area bordered by Stanley, MacKay, Sussex and Dufferin is zoned a Heritage Conservation District (HCD), a designation imbedded into the City's planning process to protect the heritage building stock of New Edinburgh.
2. The area south of Dufferin has a number of different zones that permit single-family homes to multi-unit dwellings.

The City of Ottawa has By-laws, guidelines and rules that govern the zoning parameters for renovations, additions or new construction within the HCD and other zones. The challenge faced by communities in Ottawa is that the City of Ottawa Planning Department often fails to follow its own rules, and in some cases modifies its rules to suit the needs of developers (for example where the City changed the designation of part of River Lane to a "street" to accommodate a developer's plans).

Development within New Edinburgh, 2012–2013

The following table is a summary of development proposals reviewed by the H&D Committee

Address	Description	H&D Response	Status
61 Queen Victoria Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Split lot into two- Renovate yellow house on Queen Victoria- Construct new home on River Lane	Objected to splitting of lot, construction of new home, and "spot zoning" contrary to heritage district	Lot split into two. River Lane rezoned as a street. City approved construction of new home contrary to H&D rules.
205 Crichton Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Request to add one storey onto existing property	Objections concerns that addition exceeded allowable 30% increase in total square footage	Development on hold
280-282 Crichton Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Amendments requested to raise proposed apartment building due to geological survey (minimal change to design)	No objections raised	Development on hold
192 Stanley Avenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Proposal for an addition to add two apartments, increasing the property to four	Objections raised due to increase in mass, impacts on the lane (traffic loading, services, etc.), setbacks.	Proposal accepted by the city. No development as of the time of this report.

Address	Description	H&D Response	Status
132 Stanley Avenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - apartments - Split lot into four lots - Convert bungalow into two storey side-by-side 	Concerns raised due to size and massing of proposed property, and setbacks. Uncertain as to why proposal includes four kitchens.	In process
124 Springfield Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creation of separate lot to allow addition of parking lot 	Concerns raised regarding future development of property next to apartment building	In process
30 Ivy Crescent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Permission to extend deck projections beyond permissible limits 	No considerable objections raised	In process
308 MacKay Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Three storey addition to existing property - Variances from side yard setbacks 	Objections raised regarding size and mass of project	Project postponed indefinitely by developer
19 Beechwood Avenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minto proposal to construct condo complex on site of fire 	Committee raised concerns regarding height, setbacks and parking	Minto made some adjustments to the design approved by the city

The Future

Despite the challenges, there are some positive developments. The City and H&D have been working for nearly three years to bring an overlay to mature neighbourhoods that will help maintain the character of the older sections of the City. The first phase covering front yard setbacks, parking, and driveways is about to go back to the Ontario Municipal Board for finalization. Phase 2 will consider height and mass. H&D is impressed by City Planners Selma Hassan, Alain Miguelez, and Elizabeth Demarais' sincere work to help assure appropriate infill.

We are delighted by the very positive response, by residents of the NE HCD and beyond, to the new heritage street signs. Five intersections have been completed, with another five in the works. Many thanks to our Councillor Peter Clark for taking to heart this long overdue addition to the HCD, and for funding it.

Michael Histed has now stepped down after his two-year mandate as committee chair. Gail McEachern has assumed the role of chair, and will review the role of the committee with the NECA Board.

FRIENDS OF THE PARK REPORT: AGM 2013

Committee membership:

Marci Surkes (Chair), Mary Fowler, Linda Krishna, Barb Mendel, Eileen Olexiuk, Rosemarie Tovell, Pauline Whelan

The Committee liaises regularly on-line, and meets on an ad-hoc basis several times each year. The Chair attempts to attend as many NECA Board meetings as possible. When that is not possible, the Chair provides a written submission to be read into minutes during that Board meeting.

Issues of concern in 2012–2013:

Garbage collection

The Committee was seized with the issue of infrequent garbage collection in Stanley Park, particularly in the winter months. This situation was largely the result of a transfer of maintenance responsibilities from the National Capital Commission (NCC) to the City; City contractors were collecting garbage in the winter months only every other week. While the situation persisted for much of the winter, it did improve toward the end of the season. The Committee intends to proactively engage City officials this autumn to ensure that the situation (and the unsightly mess that it produced) does not repeat itself.

In spring and summer 2013, the City increased the number of garbage receptacles in the park and maintained those receptacles on a weekly basis.

Walking paths in the winter months

Residents appeared pleased at the maintenance of plowed walking paths in the winter months, particularly surrounding the off-leash area. The Committee has underscored the request to again plow those paths this coming winter.

Soil remediation

An NCC-managed soil remediation project has commenced between Union Street and Sussex Drive in the “northern” section of the park. This is meant to reduce any potential harm to animals or humans from contact with lead contaminated soil. The impact – environmental and noise – of this project on surrounding residents is minimal, though the project will not be complete until spring 2015 due to weather-related constraints. As part of this work, the NCC will prune the trees in this section of the park and add a new “lookout crescent” at the water’s edge at the base of the staircase to Sussex Drive.

Bur removal

A number of enterprising residents have taken it upon themselves to help eradicate the growing bur problem primarily in the meadow surrounding the off-leash area. This “burrilla warfare” gained some popularity in the late summer, and those involved hope that the efforts contributed to the weakening of the despised plants. Certainly more needs to be done to curb the spread of this seed, and the Committee is liaising with City and NCC officials on this matter.

Tennis court resurfacing

Residents will likely have noticed that the tennis courts were resurfaced in early fall. While this maintenance resulted in a shorter season for players this year, it ensures far better play in the years ahead. Many thanks to those New Edinburgh residents who advocated for the repair repeatedly in the past few years.

Tree removal

Last spring several large ash trees were removed from the area of the park between the baseball diamond and the Fieldhouse as they had been infected with ash borer. The Committee is advocating to have that area re-planted.

Berm and flood planning

At present the NCC (in consultation with the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority) has no plans to construct a new berm or take any additional measures relating to flood planning in the park. An NCC landscape architect recently confirmed this information to the Committee Chair and explained the NCC position that such a berm would have a disruptive effect on park drainage while arguably not providing much added security to homes in the flood plain. However, the NCC staffer also suggested that any new information to indicate that such a project would indeed prevent harm (and with minimal impact on the park) would be considered.

As always, the Committee welcomes suggestions and concerns from residents about our park!

NECA Membership Report

AGM 2013

NECA's membership now stands at 337, an increase of about 30 from the last recorded total, for 2011.

NECA membership is free to all who live in or own property in New Edinburgh as defined by the following boundaries: the Ottawa River, Princess Avenue, Lisgar Road, Rideau Terrace, Springfield Road, Beechwood Avenue and the Rideau River. Membership is permanent: that is, once you have signed up, you remain a member unless you leave the Burgh or ask to be removed from the membership list.

You may register for membership at the door of the AGM or anytime by filling in an online form on the New Edinburgh website: www.newedinburgh.ca.

As a NECA member, you can choose to receive emails concerning community meetings and issues of concern, and stay up-to-date and informed about matters in the neighbourhood. Membership also entitles you to vote at the NECA AGM.

Best wishes,

Carlo Zambri
Membership Chair

Proposed Changes to NECA Mandate

The NECA Board has voted to make the following small changes in wording to NECA's "Mandate" (or statement of purpose) as written originally in NECA's 1989 Letters Patent. The revision intends to show a shift in priorities, and with slightly more flexible language.

These proposed changes will need to be ratified by the NECA membership, and will be offered for a vote by the assembly at NECA's Annual General Meeting on October 16.

The original text of the Letters Patent will remain, but the mandate as a separate statement would henceforth be considered as slightly altered from the Letters Patent wording.

Original mandate wording, from NECA's July 1989 Letters Patent, Item 6

- a. Developing and fostering a sense of community among the residents of New Edinburgh;
- b. Promoting organized events and other community endeavours;
- c. Researching, developing positions and making representations to various levels of government on matters affecting the community and its residents;
- d. Co-ordinating activities of the Corporation with those of organizations, associations and individuals with similar interests or activities whether in the community or outside it;

and other complementary purposes not inconsistent with these objectives.

Proposed revised wording

1. Developing and fostering a sense of community among the residents of New Edinburgh;
2. Researching, developing positions and making representations on matters affecting the community;
3. Co-ordinating activities of the Corporation with those of organizations, associations and individuals with similar interest or activities whether in the community or outside it;
4. Promoting organized events and other community endeavours, particularly those that uphold one or more of the first three NECA objectives listed above;

and other complementary purposes not inconsistent with these objectives.

The exact changes to Version 1

- At (b), add the words "particularly that uphold one or more of the first three NECA objectives listed above".
- Move (b) to last place in the mandate objectives.
- At (c), remove the words "to various levels of government" and "and its residents".