

Minutes

NECA Board Meeting – 16 November 2021

Virtual meeting via ZOOM



Board members present:

Ted Bennett, Ray Boomgaardt, Samantha McAleese, Christina Leadlay, Heather Matthews, Gail McEachern, Cindy Parkanyi, Katherine Hall, Jason Tavoularis, Ari Abonyi, Karen Squires

Absent: Sarah Anson-Cartwright, Sean Flynn

Guests: David Rostenne, Peter Petrie (from Rawlson's office), Councillor Rawlson King, David Pyman, Marion Sierkieski

1. Welcome, approval of minutes and agenda, introduction of guests and new board members

- Cindy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and began with a land acknowledgment
- A reminder about meeting logistics, including keeping timely and topical conversations. At NECA, we should create space for respectful and meaningful conversations about things that are important to us and our neighbours.
- Introduced new board members: Samantha, Jason, Karen
 - Motion to elect Karen (Gail). Seconded by (Katherine). Carried.
- Agenda:
 - Cindy added two items added to other business.
 - Motion to approve agenda (Ted). Seconded by (Gail). Carried.
- Minutes:
 - September
 - changes from Christina re: NEN (Cindy noted)
 - Motion to approve minutes (Christina). Seconded by (Ari). Carried.
 - October
 - Motion to approve minutes (Samantha). Seconded by (Christina). Carried.

2. Councillor's Report (Rawlson King)

- Rawlson congratulated new board members.
- Announced a public realm plan for Beechwood Ave. Rawlson's office (likely Stephanie) will be in touch for further consultation.
 - Will include: transportation study, street design, short- and long-term vision. Goal of increasing accessibility, use, and safety.
 - Will include discussions with CAs and BIAs - and partnering with Mathieu Fleury in Rideau-Vanier.
 - Councillors are aware of the challenges and concerns but want to formalize in a position paper. Incremental design based upon development has not been sufficient.
 - Would work in conjunction with the secondary plan from the OP process.
 - Holistic, multi-year approach to address as many issues as possible.
 - Would like to see a focus on economic development as well.
- Environment Committee

- [LDD moths](#): funds allocated (\$125k, FTE + resources, education, and support) to address this issue, look into mitigation/addressing infestation.
- Introduced motion looking at banning city-use of gas-powered equipment (like leaf blowers), synchronizing with NCC (Rawlson crafted motion with City staff).
- Reminded residents to participate in the budget process.
 - Survey on budget priorities (until November 30th).
- NCC Consultation
 - Rawlson opposes another crossing.
 - Debate at transportation committee about the implications (to come).
 - General sense from council/committee that there should be a focus on public transit.
 - A lot of projects are being proposed at the same time, and need to have conversations with the City and feds to prevent transportation chaos in the core.

3. NCC long-term integrated interprovincial crossing plan

- Cindy shared the [link to the public consultation](#) several days before the meeting and suggested NECA discuss it. Deadline to participate in the consultation is November 24th.
- No clear way through the survey for an organization to respond, Cindy will look for an email. Encourages folks to complete the survey as individuals.
- Not a lot of space for comments within the survey.
- What should NECA's position be? Discussion:
 - need to be mindful of the impact on communities (e.g. trucks, loss of greenspace)
 - desire to build a submission with the Community Collective
 - updating bridges that are currently unused (e.g. [Chief William Commanda Bridge](#))
 - some thoughts that a new bridge is inevitable - so should we focus on location and impact
 - reach out to NCC for a formal response instead of simply filling out the survey
 - focus on LRT and active transportation on any/all bridges
 - "ring roads"
 - [a tunnel](#) as an alternative
- **ACTION: Cindy to connect with Manor Park Bridge Committee and Community Collective on this issue and will come back to NECA with what is being proposed**

4. Committee and working group updates

- Cindy encouraged folks to submit reports in advance

New Edinburgh News (Christina Leadlay): Working on December edition. Changing up Business Briefs - profiles to encourage people to shop local. Need Breezy bits! Will have budget in December/new year.

Beechwood Development (Ari Abonyi): Happy with Rawlson's movement on the public realm plan. Folks in Lindenlea are concerned about the new Minto building (mostly in regard to shadow). Really need developers to focus on 15-minute neighbourhoods. Discussion around wanting to ensure that public spaces created along Beechwood will be maintained by the City.

Friends of the Park (Katherine Hall): Met with city to chat about the fence: funding is limited and contractors are delayed. No space for pickleball court. Fence between splash pad and path: was supposed to get done this fall, but didn't. Ongoing discussions around (preventing) damage caused by ice-breakers and moths.

Communications (Cindy Parkanyi): Cindy sent report. Work is ongoing to update website. **Please send content that you want added/updated.** Conversations about 'back-end' processes like storage and emails. Suggestion to set up emails that belong to different roles (Chair of Heritage, T&S, etc.) so when new people come into the roles all the information is there. Looking into Google Workspace for nonprofits - access to email, Google Drive, Meet. David provided some more information. **Next steps: Cindy and David will talk to NEN advisory committee and then start looking at putting some things in place.**

Environment and Climate Change (no chair): Marion wanted to speak about a tree canopy project, but had to leave the meeting. **Cindy will check in for the next meeting.** Article in NEN from Marion re: Official Plan and GHG emission reductions.

Heritage and Development (Gail McEachern): 255 MacKay remains a concern. Listed for rent. Sustained and improved relationship with City's heritage department - the pilot project was a success! Discussion about reducing carbon footprint of heritage homes (examples from [Glasgow](#)). Encouraging people to share examples of eco-friendly heating and cooling systems!

Traffic & Safety (Jason Tavoularis): Traffic calming: closing part of Stanley Avenue to cars (River to Keefer). Discussion included: parking, safety, skate park, increased volume on Crichton and MacKay, need for increased traffic calming. No consensus on this from 1997 study. Jason will have an article in upcoming NEN edition. **Suggestion for a public forum to gather feedback from across the neighbourhood.** It's a good time to revisit given changes to transportation patterns in New Edinburgh (and across the city).

5. Community group updates

CCC (Sean Flynn): no report

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Community Collective (Cindy Parkanyi): Reaching out to restart meetings - one discussion point will be NCC report on interprovincial crossings.

6. Other Business:

Holiday event:

- Christina and Heather to brainstorm for virtual event on December 21st
- NECA meet-and-greet at Beechwood FM Holiday Market on December 11th at 4 pm at the Fieldhouse.

Advisory committee for SJEC Parkway plan:

- Need a representative for the park plan advisory committee
- **Heather volunteered. Cindy will send information so Heather can follow-up.**

New Nonprofit Act in Ontario:

- <https://nonprofitlaw.cleo.on.ca/recent-changes/>

- Three years to review governance documents
- **Cindy, Ray, and Sarah to begin the process to review bylaws.**

7. Adjournment

- The next meeting will be on 21 December 2021 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.
- Samantha moved the meeting adjourn, seconded by Heather. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.