



## Minutes

### NECA Board Meeting – 18 January 2022

Virtual meeting via ZOOM

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#### Board members present:

Samantha McAleese, Christina Leadlay, Heather Matthews, Cindy Parkanyi, Katherine Hall, Jason Tavoularis, Ari Abonyi, Karen Squires, Sarah Anson-Cartwright, Ray Boomgaardt, Gail McEachern

**Absent:** Ted Bennett, Sean Flynn, Sylvain Belanger

**Guests:** Peter Stockdale, Peter Petrie, Derek Cushing, Rawlson King, Lorna Bernbaum

#### 1. Welcome

- Land acknowledgement.
- Welcomed guests.
- Cindy added discussion of 'Street Fest' under other business.
- Agenda approved.
- November and December minutes:
  - Make adjustment to December meeting - add Peter's last name
  - Minutes approved (two abstentions, Sarah and Heather were unable to review or were not present)

#### 2. Councillor's Report (Rawlson King)

- [Position paper](#) on Beechwood corridor - to establish a public realm policy (more about this in December 2021 meeting minutes).
- Cannabis shops on Beechwood: the application process is a provincial responsibility. City staff does provide input - concern about concentration of shops in the area (specifically in Rideau-Vanier).
- Question about a reassessment of property taxes - Rawlson mentioned the process is on hold because of the pandemic, not likely to resume before the election in the Fall.

*[Additional updates provided by Peter Petrie from Councillor King's office provided subsequent to the meeting due to time constraints. See ANNEX C.]*

#### 3. Briefing on Chief Pinesi Day (Dr. Peter Stockdale)

- Peter provided a presentation to let us know how the idea came about.
- Kichi Sibi Trails - changing the narrative in Ottawa to foster reconciliation, engage in decolonization, and raise awareness of Indigenous histories.
- Explained why Rockcliffe Portage was chosen (historical references, relatively short and safe, accessible).
- Portage trails and medicine paddles (on July 1st).
- Starting to work on a website.
- Working with Algonquin artists on a ceramic mural and logo/trail marker design.

- Continuing with research, more trail mapping and rehabilitation, and ongoing discussions with the City and the NCC.
- Hoping to have a flotilla on July 1st, with canoe clubs and Algonquin canoeists.
- Shared a draft agenda - still waiting to finalize plans. The program includes Anishinabeg drummers and Highland dancing. Welcoming descendants of Chief Pinesi.
- Looking for volunteers to support with: event organization, communication, mapping and research, trail determination, project development, and partnership development.
- **Cindy will share the presentation with NECA Board Members.** [*Sent following meeting.*]
- Important for NECA to engage with the organization of Chief Pinesi day to carry it forward (memory of seven generations). Interact with other groups like Ottawa River Keepers, Wabano, NWAC, Ottawa Storytellers, other local groups and organizations that are involved.
- Looking for connections to descendants of Thomas MacKay.

#### 4. Committee and working group updates

**New Edinburgh News** (Christina Leadlay): Working on February edition. Looking for Breezy Bits!

**Beechwood Development** (Ari Abonyi): Looking at a 'to-do' list for secondary planning to propose to Rawlson - will be discussed by BVA within the next ten days. Claridge project is moving along, not taking up feedback from the community. Will be providing feedback to Rawlson on the position paper on the Beechwood corridor to highlight retail as an important component.

**Friends of the Park** (Karen Squires and Katherine Hall): Ongoing liaison with the City about park maintenance - getting budget confirmations. Stephanie (from City) looking into the CSST schedule. Ongoing conversations about LDD moths. Article in upcoming NEN about the park. **Karen will reach out to Marion Siekierski to connect on the LDD moth issue - reduce duplication of efforts.**

**Communications** (Cindy Parkanyi): Report received before the meeting. (See ANNEX A.)

**Environment and Climate Change** (no chair): Issues related to environment and climate change currently being considered under 'Friends of the Park' committee.

**Heritage and Development** (Gail McEachern): Drawings for 255 MacKay received, to be reviewed at heritage committee. Unable to discuss in detail before the consultation. Will share updates at the next meeting and in April NEN.

**Traffic & Safety** (Jason Tavoularis): Next steps for Stanley Avenue revamp - sketching options - and will make an online survey. Flood mitigation - in touch with Peter Petrie about next steps. St. Patrick Bridge - working with Chris Straka (see [article from June 2021 NEN](#) with suggestions).

#### 5. Community group updates

**CCC** (Sean Flynn): No report.

**NECTAR** (Sean Flynn): No report.

**Community Collective** (Cindy Parkanyi): Report received before the meeting. (See ANNEX B.)

**6. Other Business:**

- FCA Meeting tomorrow - Cindy and Ray will attend. Three motions for consideration - were circulated prior to NECA meeting.
- 'Street Fest' - **Cindy will invite Janet to the next NECA meeting to give more details on plans/dates.**

**7. Adjournment**

- The next NECA meeting will be on 15 February 2022 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

## ANNEX A

### Report from the NECA Communications Committee January 2022 Update

#### 1. Website Content:

- “Our History” – *have added indigenous element and new version under review*
- New page for Communications Committee drafted and circulated to committee – *Cindy to recirculate for review.*
- Change Park Vision WG to Park Committee (add new page separate from “We love our Park” page?) - TBD
- Need to draft Environment and Climate Change Committee page – ON HOLD

#### 2. Website Design:

- Apply new theme to cloned website, and share for iterative review with communications team - *Will revisit after new year*

#### 3. Social Media:

- Facebook – need to continue to post items that appear in the E-newsletter
- Twitter account – need to continue to tweet and retweet (e.g. when new content is uploaded to the website)
- Will request a volunteer to help with social media in the next NEN – *Dave will also ask his 10<sup>th</sup> grade daughter to ask her friends.*

#### Other:

- Set up virtual phone numbers for NECA/NEN (cost ~\$2/mo) - *Will pursue along with the Google workspace set up.*
- Set up free Google workspace for non-profits for email, data storage, virtual meeting space, etc. *Dave will determine next steps*
- Explore options for A-frame signs – *no action taken yet*
- Ask CCC / NECTAR about key to New Ed display case in front of TSOD – *Christina will contact Sean, Sylvain and Chris (Straka).*
- Explore media toolkit / knowledge that could be leveraged from community collective – *Community Collective is looking into building communications capacity using university students.*

#### Current members:

- Sarah Anson-Cartwright
- Dave Rostenne
- Cindy Parkanyi
- Zoe Fedoruk (ad hoc projects only)

## ANNEX B

### Community Collective meeting Jan 10, 2022

- Lana Burpee from MPCC presented on Ottawa Cares -- In 2020, started delivering food hampers - in 2021 over 20K more boxes were delivered. Reflects a need unmet by existing systems. Over last 6 months, they have been trying to hand off as a turnkey service to the Food Bank. The Food Bank seems to have backed away (in Dec). MP will need to back away by end of March. Lana suggests we go to the next Food Bank Board meeting. Lauren suggests speaking to Yacouba (who is on the FB board). Also suggested to reach out to other groups (e.g. community service centre) who can influence the Food Bank board. **Cindy to send a doodle poll for another meeting within the next week to discuss further.** *[Note – subsequently it was determined that the FB did intend to continue the delivery service, they just were not certain what mechanism they would use.]*
- There are concerns wrt emergency response and the downloading to community groups. The difficulty is that people tend to reach out directly to community organizations for local emergencies -- this will happen no matter what, so we need to engage with the City to establish a workable framework without signing on to be responsible for emergency response. It's a balancing act.
- **Cindy/NECA to reach out to Rockcliffe on planning for elections in Ward 13 - North end.**
- Discussion on leveraging the CC to put in place communications capacity to engage communally -- videos, stories, MOTH-style word of mouth... Would help develop cross community synergy, break down barriers within the community, etc. **Lauren/VCA noted that she could put a notice out for communications students, who she would manage.** Elizabeth/MCP suggested seeking funding from the United Way for projects such as a mini-doc to show what was discovered as volunteer doctors went through community housing in MP to do COVID vaccinations and what they found (elders who were on their own with no support who should be in LTC.)
- MPC has their AGM this month and Elizabeth is stepping down as president.

#### Attendees:

- Tanya Allem, Lindenlea Community Association
- Heather Amys, Overbrook Community Association
- Allan Martell, Cardinal Glen Community Association
- Elizabeth McAllister, Manor Park Community Association
- Cindy Parkanyi, NECA
- Lauren Touchant, Vanier Community Association
- GUEST: Lana Burpee, MPCC and OttawaCares Coordinator
- ABSENT: Russ Gibson, Rockcliffe Park Residents Association

## ANNEX C

**From:** Petrie, Peter <peterdouglas.petrie@ottawa.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 19, 2022, 11:29:07 a.m. EST  
**Subject:** Jan. 18 NECA Board meeting

Good morning.

I hope you will receive this email in the constructive way in which it is intended.

Given his background with Overbrook Community Association, Councillor King understands the efforts made by community associations, and the benefits to the community and the City that those efforts foster. Because he especially values the work of community associations, I for one take seriously both preparing for and following up from these Board meetings.

Last night, Councillor King had other matters in his schedule which required him to leave the meeting after he had made some remarks and fielded a few questions. He filled his appointed time slot, and appropriately so, addressing

1. an issue of prime importance to him, the revisioning of Beechwood
2. what seemed to be the most urgent emerging issue for NECA, cannabis stores proposed for the area.

That did not mean that those were the only matters that the Ward 13 Office was willing or able to discuss last night.

You need to know that I take copious and careful notes of these Board meetings, which I disseminate in a timely fashion (e.g., last night's notes will be distributed later today) to the Councillor and to my colleagues in the Ward 13 Office, with follow-up action points flagged for each of them.

For instance, it is no coincidence that Karen was able to report last night that Stephanie from our Office was actively looking into how NECA could take advantage of LDD (aka gypsy moth) mitigation funds, and that Karen and Stephanie had interacted on the issue of the CSST maintenance schedule. These were flagged by me from among the issues tabled on Dec. 21.

I do not wish to impose during your meetings. I attend mostly to monitor the meeting for the Councillor when he cannot be there, and I was fully aware last night of the time pressures, both that the Councillor had used up his appointed time and that the meeting was going long. However, if I had been called upon, I could have delivered additional speaking notes that I had prepared for the Councillor and that he did not find time for last night.

You may wish to consider an addendum to your Board meeting minutes, to include some of the follow-up to the Dec. 21 Board meeting, that you might find worthy of informing other Board members:

1. the Councillor met (I was not a participant in that meeting) with City staff about what can be done to assist the homeless lady across from Guardian Drugs. **I will try to elicit a debrief from the Councillor, and then I will relay anything noteworthy.**
2. The Councillor had not yet liaised with Councillor Fleury about the revamping of the St. Patrick Bridge (which may, technically, be in Ward 12). However, now that Jason has provided the link to the NEN where Chris Straka itemizes what that revamp should entail, my meeting notes of last night can flag this for the Councillor, to enable him to have a more fulsome discussion about this with Councillor Fleury and with City staff.

**I will follow up directly with Jason, to:**

- a. ask him what I didn't get the opportunity to ask last night, which is, **to learn the nature of the discussion he wishes to have about flood mitigation within the Rideau River floodplain**, so that we can put him in touch with the most relevant/effective person – it may be that this is a federal (NCC) or conservation authority issue and not part of the City's jurisdiction to help, but **we'll figure that out**
- b. **suggest what the City might be looking for in concept sketches for the proposed closing to automobiles of part of Stanley Park** – I had alerted Stephanie in our Office to this issue after the December meeting and to expect to hear from Jason (which she did not), and for the purpose of reporting back to you last night, Stephanie had told me that City staff were aware of this proposal (and that it had

been proposed in the past as well), and that the City “needed” to continue to have road access for park maintenance – this latter point prompts me to suggest to Jason that he may be facing an uphill battle, but at least that his concept plans should somehow accommodate a “City vehicle only” pathway.

I hope that you (and others) will find these additional details helpful.

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