



## Minutes

### NECA Board Meeting – 21 November 2022

7:30 pm

*Virtual meeting via ZOOM*

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#### **Board members present:**

Cindy Parkanyi, Karen Squires, Christina Leadlay, Chris Straka, Sarah Anson-Cartwright, Ray Boomgaardt, Sean McNulty, Katherine Hall, Ted Bennett, Jason Tavoularis, Gail McEachern, Heather Matthews

**Absent:** Samantha McAleese, Sean Flynn

**Guests:** Chief Wendy Jocko, Dr. Peter Stockdale, Peter Petrie

#### **1. Welcome (Cindy)**

- Welcomed guests.
- Introduced new NECA board member – Sean McNulty.
- **Need to review and approve October minutes post meeting.**
- Agenda reviewed and approved.

#### **2. Discussion about renaming New Edinburgh Park**

- Chief Wendy Jocko and Dr. Peter Stockdale joined for the discussion.
- Provided a review of research on Grand Chief Pinesi and hunting territory within which New Edinburgh is located.
- Suggestion to rename New Edinburgh Park as Grand Chief Pinesi Park.
- Support from CCC for the renaming, and Chris also highlighted the renaming of facilities in accordance with the new name, like the Field House.
- Discussion about whether it would be more appropriate to rename New Edinburgh Park (owned by the City of Ottawa) or Stanley Park (owned by the NCC) – preference seems to be for the renaming of New Edinburgh Park. This is where the mural is, on the Field House, and the City has been very supportive thus far.
- (Chief Wendy Jocko and Dr. Peter Stockdale had to leave the discussion for another meeting.)
- Ongoing discussion about various options/approaches for renaming the park between NECA Board members and New Edinburgh residents in attendance.
- **Cindy and Ray will work on a motion and circulate in advance of the next meeting.**
- Chief Pinesi Day will be an annual event on 1 July – could provided a good opportunity for announcing the new name for the park.

#### **3. Councillor's Report (Peter Petrie)**

- No opportunity for council to intervene on Bill 23, but Councillor King will prepare remarks based on resident concerns.
- Suggestion for a meeting with Councillor King to discuss NECA priorities.

#### 4. Committee and working group updates

**Traffic and Safety** (Jason Tavoularis): Wrote an update on a few items for the December issue of the New Edinburgh News. Will move forward on next steps re: plan for Stanley Avenue and connect specifically with those who shared interest in consulting at the AGM.

**Heritage and Development** (Gail McEachern): Busy reading about [Bill 23](#) and working with other groups across the city around how to respond.

**New Edinburgh News** (Christina Leadlay): Karen and Christina working together on the December edition. New proofreader on board.

**Friends of the Park** (Karen Squires and Katherine Hall): Good and ongoing communication with the City of Ottawa and the Rideau River Conservation Authority about all things park related. Seasonal garbage cans have been removed. Ongoing concerns about cyclists coming through the dog park. Discussion of putting markings on the path to encourage cyclists to slow down. [Karen and Katherine will reach out to NCC for potential options.](#)

**Beechwood Development** (Ari Abonyi): No report. [Cindy will reach out to Ari for updates on the secondary plan.](#)

**Communications** (Cindy Parkanyi): No report.

**Environment and Climate Change** (no chair): No report.

#### 5. Community group updates

**CCC** (Chris): Holiday Lights event on November 26<sup>th</sup>. New Year Brunch on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Community Collective** (Cindy): No recent meeting, trying to set a new date. Ray will be attending FCA meetings moving forward.

#### 6. Other Business

- NECA holiday event in December instead of a meeting. Plans discussed and confirmed.
- [Katherine to follow up with list of people interested in talking about affordable housing in New Edinburgh \(from AGM\).](#)
- Transferring the Friends of the Park charitable status: [Katherine will discuss with Gemma and bring recommendation to January NECA meeting.](#)
- Request from neighbour to repair the New Edinburgh banners– to discuss at next meeting and set plan in motion for repair/replacement.
- Discussion of the hybrid meeting format for AGM – general agreement that this was a good format with room for improvement re: audio/mics.

#### 7. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.
- Next meeting is January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm via Zoom.