

# Minutes

## NECA Board Meeting – 17 January 2023

7:30 pm

Virtual meeting via ZOOM



**Board members present:** Cindy Parkanyi, Karen Squires, Christina Leadlay, Chris Straka, Sarah Anson-Cartwright, Ray Boomgaardt, Katherine Hall, Ted Bennett, Jason Tavoularis, Gail McEachern, Samantha McAleese, Sean Flynn, Heather Matthews

**Absent:** Sean McNulty,

**Guests:** Rawlson King, Peter Stockdale, Sharon Nyangweso, Mona Fortier, Lucille Collard, Kostyantn Rolov, Erin McCracken, Nicolas Temnikov

### 1. Welcome (Cindy)

- Welcomed guests.
- Delivered a land acknowledgement.
- Agenda approval:
  - o Moved by Karen, seconded by Ted – agenda approved.
- Minutes from previous meetings (October and November 2022)
  - o Moved by Ray, seconded by Gail – minutes approved

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

- Doing walkabouts in various neighbourhoods to identify 'problem spots' – especially in relation to traffic. Current challenges related to snow clearing/winter maintenance.
  - o Shared a specific concern about how it has become difficult for OC Transpo route 9 to navigate certain areas because of snow and parked cars.
- It's budget time at City Hall! News coming about budget consultations.
  - o Keeping an eye on investments for recreational facilities across the Ward.
- Councillor King is now sitting on FEDCO, Environment Committee, Community Services, Ottawa Public Library Board, and Ottawa Public Health Board.
- Re-appointment as Council Liaison for Anti-Racism and Ethnocultural Relations Initiatives
- Affordable housing is also a focus.

### 3. Resident initiated amenities in public spaces

- Discussed the role of community associations in weighing in on these issues.
- NECA's role is to support the building of a stronger community – facilitating tough conversations between neighbours is part of that.
- Communicate to the neighbourhood that NECA can be a space where people can bring their concerns/complaints first. Reducing reliance on by-law/enforcement.
- Support in the community for these amenities, but some concerns shared about a 'slippery-slope' around who can do what on public space.
- There is interest in having a conversation about the concerns that some neighbours share about the use of the NCC (not City of Ottawa) property between River Lane and Stanley Avenue, and other public spaces in New Edinburgh.

#### **4. Committee and working group updates**

**New Edinburgh News** (Christina Leadlay): Working on the February edition. Editorial about the use of public spaces in the neighbourhood. Renewed section on Beechwood development. Looking for new help with advertising and might need help with the business briefs. June will be Christina's last edition of the NEN and Karen will continue to work with her and the advisory committee during this transition.

**Heritage and Development** (Gail McEachern): Trying to get more information on 255 MacKay (which is now for sale). There will be an article in the NEN about the new Built Heritage committee at City Hall.

**Friends of the Park** (Karen Squires and Katherine Hall): Katherine will be taking over the trust for Friends of the Park. Erin McCracken is the new contact at the Councillor's office. Article in February NEN about the river and ice-breaking.

**Traffic and Safety** (Jason Tavoularis): Has contacted those from the AGM who were interested in talking about Stanley Avenue and traffic calming – sent a survey. Still experiencing resistance to the idea of a pilot project to close part of Stanley Avenue. There's a need for **good** traffic data in the neighbourhood (Jason asked Erin McCracken to find out more about how this can happen). Specific concerns shared about the area around Mackay and Beechwood.

**Beechwood Development** (Ari Abonyi): No report.

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

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

#### **5. Community group updates**

**CCC** (Chris): Beechwood Market will be back at the Fieldhouse! New Edinburgh apparel available – more info about this will be available in the next week, there will be a form for online orders. Unfortunately not able to take a summer student on this year. Chris had a discussion with Mona Fortier about federal funding for capital improvements to the Fieldhouse. Dave Pyman joined as a new member of the CCC board – still looking for new members. Lots of events coming up at the Fieldhouse! Looking for someone to champion the cheer station for race weekend.

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

**Community Collective** (Cindy): No report.

### **Kichi Sibi Trails (Cindy):**

- Motion:
  - o The NECA Board
    - Recalling that one of the objectives of NECA is to recognize, maintain and celebrate the heritage of New Edinburgh;
    - Acknowledging that New Edinburgh is located on the traditional unceded land of the Algonquin Anishinabe people;
    - Noting that none of the place names in New Edinburgh reflect any connection to these people; and
    - Following a meeting with Chief Wendy Jocko of the Algonquins of Piwakanagan First Nation, in which she confirmed that she would consider it an honour to have a park in New Edinburgh named after Chief Pinesi, the last Grand Chief of the Algonquins;
  - o Directs the Co-Presidents of NECA and the Crichton Community Council to explore with the City and the NCC the possibility of renaming New Edinburgh Park and/or Stanley Park after Grand Chief Pinesi. It is understood that the purpose of these discussions is exploratory; it is the sense of this motion that no renaming should take place until the New Edinburgh community has been consulted on the basis of a specific proposal from the City and/or the NCC.
    - Moved by Ray, seconded by Cindy
  - o Suggested amendment to formally include the CCC in this motion/conversation (changes included in motion above).
    - **Motion passes.**

### **6. Other Business**

- Looking for someone to look into the New Edinburgh banners that are in need of repairs/replacement.
- Cindy working with David to set up the Google workspace.

### **7. Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.
- Next meeting is February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm via Zoom.