

Minutes

NECA Board Meeting – 18 April 2023

7:30 pm

Virtual meeting via ZOOM



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

Regrets/Absent: Samantha McAleese, Sean McNulty, Ted Bennett

Guests: Councillor Rawlson King, Lucille Collard (MPP), Erin McCracken (Councillor King's office), Kostyantyn Frolov, Jennifer

1. Welcome (Cindy)

- Minutes from the March meeting approved (motion by Jason, seconded by Karen).

2. Councillor's Report (Rawlson King)

- Transit use survey in collaboration with Rideau-Vanier and Somerset Wards: being done in anticipation of route changes from OC Transpo (based on their own consultations). The goal is to highlight the wants/desires of people who live and work in the downtown core.
 - o Also, already planning for improvements to the 9 – including more efficient snow removal along the route.
- No official work plan related to Secondary Plan yet, but completion is expected by 2025-26, which will include Beechwood.

3. Committee and working group updates

Friends of the Park (Karen and Katherine): Report sent by Karen. Met with Rideau Valley Conservation Authority to talk about trees and soil erosion in the park. Discussion about leaving the trees that fall because of the habitat it provides. Park cleanup this weekend (might change depending on the weather).

Request for a more formalized/intentional connection between NECA and CCC when it comes to matters within the park. For example, meeting a couple of times a year to identify priorities.

Ongoing conversations re: butterfly garden in the park with Ecology Ottawa.

Heritage and Development (Gail): No report. 255 MacKay is on the market again.

New Edinburgh News (Christina and Karen): April edition out! Preparing for the June edition. Meeting with a potential new editor. New writer for the Burgh Business Briefs.

New Edinburgh Banners Working Group (Sarah): Will work on a submission for the June edition of NEN.

Beechwood Development (Ari): No report. Ongoing work with respect to the Secondary Plan for the Beechwood-Hemlock corridor. Cindy will reach out to Ari to see if he can provide an update via email.

Traffic and Safety (Jason): No report. There's still interest in collecting traffic data in the neighbourhood to understand whether a pilot project to close part of Stanley is possible.

Concerns shared that the City did not share enough information in advance about the renewal of deep infrastructure work happening on Stanley between Union and Sussex – this was an opportunity to consult with NECA/residents, and it didn't happen. Jason will follow up with Erin on this to see if there is still space for consultation/input on this project.

Updates on resurfacing work on Crichton: scheduled to start at the end of May (from Dufferin to Beechwood).

Update on winter maintenance on the multi-use path in front of the Fieldhouse: conversation needs to continue beyond the article that Jason wrote for the April NEN (hopefully, this can happen before next Winter).

Communications (Cindy): No report. Connect with Cindy about any updates that need to be made on the website.

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

4. Community group updates

CCC (Chris): Garden Day – May 13th. 30th anniversary of CCC on June 9th.

CAFES (Sarah): Sarah sent an update via email. [Climate Resiliency Community Dialogues](#) – Wards 12 & 13 on May 30th.

NECTAR (Sean): No report.

Community Collective (Ray and Cindy): Report sent. The next meeting is on April 26th and will focus on transportation.

Kichi Sibi Trails (Cindy): Chief Pinesi Day on July 1 – planning ongoing. Looking for support from NECA members and neighbours to support various activities the day of.

FCA (Ray): No updates.

5. Other Business

- Ongoing work happening on banner/emblem re-design (Sarah and Samantha will submit a piece for the June NEN).
- Cindy and Sean working on insurance renewal options.
- Motion to elect Kostyantyn Frolov as the newest member of the NECA Board (Moved by Cindy, seconded by Jason): Approved!

6. Adjournment

- The meeting ended at 9:44 pm.
- Next NECA Board meeting on May 16 at 7:30 pm.