



DRAFT Minutes

NECA Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2022, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

New Edinburgh Fieldhouse and via Zoom

- 1) **Welcome:** NECA President
 - The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm – Cindy welcomed everyone (both in person and on Zoom).
 - Land acknowledgement.
- 2) **Approval of the agenda**
 - Motion by Gemma, seconded by Dick Palmer
 - Agenda approved.
- 3) **Welcome and congratulations to Councillor Rawlson King!**
 - Construction on Crichton will be deferred to the next construction season.
- 4) **Approval of the 2021-22 AGM draft minutes**
 - Motion by Joe, seconded by Karen Squires
 - Minutes approved.
- 5) **Approval of the 2021-22 financial statements**
 - Prepared by Ted Bennett
 - Motion by Heather, seconded by Paul McConnell
 - Financial statements approved
- 6) **President's remarks:** Strategic Priorities for 2022-2023
 - One focus for NECA this past year has been connecting to Indigenous history in New Edinburgh – highlighted Chief Pinesi day, the portage trail, and the mural on the Field House. Consultation is ongoing regarding the possible re-naming of the City portion of the park.
 - Concern about the potential impact of the City's new Official Plan and Ontario's new housing plan on Heritage Districts like New Edinburgh.
 - Traffic and Safety – more to come later in the meeting regarding a potential pilot project for Stanley Avenue.
 - Friends of the Park – it's been a busy year with lots going on to care for the park.
 - NEN – another successful year for the paper. After nine years, Christina will step away but support and mentor the next volunteer editor.
 - Communications – something we need to focus more on in the next year, looking for support.
 - Strategic priorities – Cindy provided an overview of existing priorities.

- Suggestion to give a bit more attention this year to the Heritage file considering the issues posed by the new official plan and the province's housing plan.
- A note that every community needs to have affordable housing. We need to be more welcoming in that regard through consultation with the city and local non-profits. OCH building on Crichton highlighted as an example – what process made that happen, and how can we replicate it?
- Proposal for a working group to focus on affordable housing.

7) **B.R.I.C.K. Awards**

- Community builder – Janet Uren
- BRICK/FLOWER award to Chip's Gardens!

8) **Committee/Working Group Reports** (link to all reports online)

- Traffic and Safety (Jason)
 - Proposal to provide the basis for discussion for a potential pilot to close part of Stanley Avenue to traffic and to study the impacts
 - Concerns about the conflict with construction on Crichton that is now being pushed to next year
 - Need for baseline traffic data
 - a. Traffic counts between Dufferin and Keefer
 - People want to know what the practical benefits of this might be
 - Also practical considerations (emergency vehicles, garbage collection, etc.)
 - Concerns about the impacts on the lanes
 - Thoughts that we can still have everything proposed in the motion without closing the street
 - Concerns about impact on ALL streets, not just Crichton and MacKay
 - Should we focus on other traffic calming measures instead?
 - Woonerf (living street concept)
 - Make use of the space that we already have in different ways
 - Concerns about impacts on the Saturday Farmer's Market
 - Concern that the closed road will just be used for parking
 - Want to think about the plans for the Field House alongside these proposed changes for Stanley Avenue
 - Jason clarifying the purpose of the motion
 - Priority should be making the area around the park safer, and less on introducing more activities to the park
 - Conversation about speed limits
 - Motion by Jason, Seconded by Sean
 - Further discussion, suggestion to pull the motion
 - Suggestion for a special traffic and safety committee meeting that gets more people to the table
 - Motion did not pass

- New motion from Lynn Markle: That the traffic and safety committee of NECA, in conjunction with new volunteers, hold a special community meeting to discuss possibly plans to discuss improving the safety of Stanley Avenue in front of the Field House
 - Seconded by Jason
 - Approved
- Heritage and Development (Gail)
 - Reiterated concerns about the impact of the province's new housing plan
- Friends of the Park (Karen and Kathryn)
 - Question about lighting – something to explore further if people are interested in having that conversation
 - Working with the Rideau Wildlife Conservation... to talk about cleaning up the river
- Beechwood Development (Ari)
 - Was unable to come to the meeting, but people encouraged to reach out if there are concerns/questions
- Communications (Cindy)
 - In need of support in this area
- New Edinburgh News (Christina)
 - Looking for a new managing editor

9) NECA Board of Directors nominations:

- Sarah, Ray, Sean, Kathryn, Karen, Cindy, Sean McNulty
- All were acclaimed.

10) Adjournment

- Motion by Sean, seconded by Sarah
- Approved
- Meeting adjourned at 9:08pm