

Minutes

NECA Board Meeting – 21 November 2023

7:30 pm

Hybrid Meeting (Fieldhouse and Zoom)

Board members present: Ted Bennett, Ray Boomgaardt, Sean McNulty, Cindy Parkanyi, Karen Squires, Jason Tavoularis, Katherine Hall (online), Sarah Anson-Cartwright, Gail McEachern

Absent: Kostyantyn Frolov, Sean Flynn, Sharon Nyangweso

Guests: Gemma Kerr, Peter Lloyd (online), Amanda Jackson (online - from MPP Lucie Couillard)

1. Welcome (Ray)

- Delivered land acknowledgment.
- Agenda approved (moved by Ted, seconded by Sean)
- Approval of October meeting minutes (moved by Ted, seconded by Sean)

2. Councillor's Report

- No report from the Councillor's office
- Amanda read a message from MPP Couillard regarding her work on various issues around mental health, drug addictions, education. She also discussed MPP Couillard's interest and support for community associations and invited them to reconvene as a collective and explore getting funding for it.
- Asked if Mme Couillard has reached out to the FCA - the Federation of Citizens' Associations, the response was no but will raise with MPP Couillard. NECA support was indicated for funding.

3. Financial Review (Ted)

- Ted indicated that he could provide some trending info on fluctuations of NECA revenues and expenses.
- Karen noted that the NEN budget was discussed at the recent Advisory Committee meeting and that information would be available early in the new year.
- Cindy noted that NECA needs to review its incorporation and whether to consider aligning its bylaws to the new provincial requirements or look at potentially incorporating federally with a different set of requirements. The analysis will need to weigh the cost/benefits of the two options. In the case of a shift to federal incorporation, NECA would most likely need to engage someone to assist with the process.

ACTIONS: Discussion to be put on the January agenda; Ted will send financial information to Karen.

4. Committee and working group updates

Beechwood Development (Ari Abonyi): No report. Issue of lack of reporting/updates provided to NECA on Beechwood was noted.

ACTION: Karen will ask John Leefe (who writes about Beechwood development for the NEN), if he would be interested in attending the BVA meetings and providing updates to the NECA Board.

Heritage and Development (Gail McEachern): She did attend a meeting with the heritage planner at the City on 255 MacKay. She will know more in about a week, and then meet with the Heritage & Development Committee of NECA. Not much else happening.

Friends of the Park (Karen/Katherine): Not a lot to report. Restoration of the flood plain work is complete. The memorial garden in monarch meadow is in the works but won't happen till the spring. Bylaw officers were out all summer and not much to report back on Stanley. The Councillor's office sent some preliminary data, with some analysis down the road.

There were some cars that drove right down to the tennis courts during the summer! Karen sent photos to the Councillor's office. Looking at solutions.

There was a discussion about the need for better/more garbage receptacles (proper bins that close) and perhaps seek to do a pilot with separate bins for dog waste.

Traffic and Safety (Jason Tavoularis): There will be a writeup in the NEN. A suggestion was made that draft versions of write-ups from NECA committees be circulated in advance of NECA meetings.

Communications (Cindy Parkanyi): Cindy noted that she is continuing to send out e-newsletters and will be looking at updates to the website. Jason offered to help with the Twitter account.

ACTION: Cindy will connect Jason to the Twitter account.

New Edinburgh News (Karen): All is going well for the December issue. Joana, ad manager, will likely be moving on in the near term. Someone else is training with her and hopefully will take over as of February. Karen Harrison, distribution manager, is moving out of the neighbourhood.

5. Community group updates

Kichi Sibi Trails (Cindy):

- Today was the deadline to submit proposals for funding for next year's events. NECA is the organization applying. Chief Pinesi Day will take place on July 1, but it will grow. Proposing a paddle from Oka (where Pinesi is buried) to Ottawa, starting five days ahead of July 1.
- Proposal is seeking \$99K from Heritage Canada toward this project. If the funding isn't approved or only partial funding is approved, the organizing group (Kichi Sibi Trails) will need to revisit scope of activities and other funding sources.
- There was a suggestion that there be a charge for the food to reduce the total required funding. There was also a suggestion to work with other groups to control noise levels during ceremonies – for respect and audibility.

MOTION to commit to provide \$1,000 from NECA to support Chief Pinesi Day 2024 – moved, seconded and approved.

CCC (Chris): No report.

6. Other Business

- **Streetfest proposal:** Ray noted that this year IODE only raised \$13,000 and is considering not repeating the event next year. He is suggesting that NECA make a donation to encourage IODE to run it again.

DECISION - We will wait until we get the financial report to decide about a possible donation to Streetfest to support their fundraising goal.

- **Minor corridor:** Cindy asked the question of whether NECA should send a note to the Councillor's office on the motion by Councillor Gower to retain the provincially imposed 7-storey height for minor corridors rather than reverting to the original 4-storey maximum in the original Official Plan.

ACTION: Sarah will send an email to Councillor King asking him to reject Councillor Gower's proposal based on the lack of consultation.

7. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.
- No NECA board meeting in December, but Ray will host a holiday event similar to last year on December 14. Invitations will also be extended to the NEN Advisory Committee and major contributors as well as the H&D Committee. Next Board meeting is January 16 at 7 pm on Zoom.