

## Minutes

### NECA Board Meeting – 20 February 2024 - 7:00 pm

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

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**Board members present:** Sarah Anson-Cartwright, Ted Bennett, Ray Boomgaardt, Sean Flynn, Kostyantyn Frolov, Katherine Hall, Gail McEachern, Cindy Parkanyi, Chris Straka, Karen Squires, Jason Tavoularis

**Absent:** Sharon Nyangweso, Sean McNulty

**Guests:** Lucille Collard, Lorna Bermbaum, Simon Brascoupé, John Rodney, Peter Stockdale, Athena Oriet (City of Ottawa), Councillor King, Erin McCracken (Councillor King's office), Danielle (no last name) and two others (no names)

#### 1. Welcome (Ray)

- Delivered land acknowledgment.
- Agenda approved
- January 2024 meeting minutes were approved

#### 2. Councillor's Report

- **Snow removal** - Again witnessed first hand the issues around snow removal and removing vehicles. Looking to pass a motion at the Transportation Committee for a 4-way stop at the problematic corner at the bottom of Crichton where the buses turn.
- **Beechwood secondary plan** - no specific timeline for that and the transportation master plan. Question from Ray - Chris from Vanier indicated that they would do the secondary plans only after they have completed the transit-oriented zones – Rawlson said they don't have a schedule yet, so everything is conjecture. Estimate is 2026.
- **Public Realm Plan** includes some cycling infrastructure.
- **Follow Up on AirBnB** - Rawlson King has requested that more attention be given to by-law compliance. Katherine - the emphasis should be on making changes to the by-law.

**MPP Collard** - Provided some remarks - looking for opportunities to collaborate with community associations. Also would like to understand what our provincial concerns are.

#### 3. Banner/Emblem project (Kostyantyn)

- Kostyantyn introduced Simon Brascoupé. presented samples of some of his work. His understanding is that we would like to update our current symbols adding an indigenous element.
- Discussion around the current emblem and what it represents. Discussion around whether the two RH pillars were too prominent. The emphasis on built form missed the key element that binds the community – its people.
- **ACTION ITEM:** board will study the contract with a view to finalizing within the next week.

#### 4. Committee and working group updates

**Heritage and Development (Gail):** No new development proposals. Spent the day at the City of Ottawa's Heritage Day. With respect to MPP Collard's call for collaboration - the big issue is the legislation coming out of Queen's Park regarding heritage and the respect of heritage. It's still unclear what the impacts of these will be. Once there is better clarity Gail will reach out to the MPP's office.

**Question to MPP Collard re AirBnB** - There has been some discussion, but the current provincial government isn't taking it up.

**Friends of the Park (Karen):**

- Working with Ottawa Riverkeeper - they will work with us on the spring clean up in April (one day earlier than normal).
- Also reaching out to Rideau Valley Conservation Authority with respect to more yellow iris that needs to be removed, along with the dog strangling vine.
- Ecology Ottawa - monarch meadow - have not heard back, so are in a holding pattern.
- Question re spongy moth - no word yet on whether there will be a comeback this year. They are keeping an eye on it.
- Working on the "Dog Day" event in May.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Need to remind people about the dangers near the ice/river (dogs and people)

**Traffic and Safety (Jason):** Nothing to report.

**New Edinburgh News (Karen):** Things are moving along. Starting to collect some content.

**Communications (Cindy):** Nothing specific to report. Asked that people send any things they would like included in the e-newsletter.

## **5. Community group updates**

**CCC (Chris):** Ceded his time to Sean. It was noted that many of their events are selling out quickly.

**Community Programming (Sean):** Review of NECTAR programming. Discussion moved to use of the \$250K for capital improvements to the Fieldhouse. Electrical work for generator, rubberized floor (incl 40% contingency), partition would use up approx. \$150K. These should be done over the next 6 months or so.

**NEXT STEPS:** Revisit after the upgrades are done - perhaps look into a covered outdoor space.

**Kichi Sibi Trails (Cindy):** Nothing to report.

## **6. Other Business:**

- By-law review - asked for volunteers to be part of a working group. Sarah said she would keep an eye out for any updates from the City.
- Encampments / Neighbourhood Watch (Lorna) - DEFERRED TO NEXT MEETING.

## **7. Adjournment**

- The meeting adjourned at 9:33 pm.
- Next Board meeting is March 19 at 7 pm on Zoom. [Cindy will be away so Jason will record.]