

**Minutes**  
**NECA Annual General Meeting**  
**Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023, 7:00 – 9:00 pm**  
New Edinburgh Fieldhouse and via Zoom

**1) Welcome: NECA Co-presidents**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm – Co-president Cindy Parkanyi welcomed everyone (both in person and on Zoom).

Land acknowledgement.

Co-president Ray Boomgaardt said members would hear first from the Councillor and the representative from the MPP's office before starting the official agenda of the meeting.

**2) Remarks by Councillor Rawlson King**

The councillor thanked the community association and its members for their work to ensure the community is a vibrant place, including the stewardship of the park. He invited members to participate in the City's budget consultations and to get involved and be vocal on major matters before City Council.

**3) Message on behalf of Lucille Collard, MPP**

Amanda Jackson, on behalf of Lucille Collard, read her message inviting collaboration between community associations and expressing the MPP's willingness to meet with other community associations.

**4) Approval of the agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda - voted by virtual poll and by raised hands in-person.

Agenda approved.

**5) Approval of the 2022-23 AGM draft minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes - voted by virtual poll and by raised hands in-person.

Minutes approved.

**6) Approval of the 2022-23 financial statements**

Prepared by Ted Bennett and Sean Flynn.

Motion to approve the financial statements - voted by virtual poll and by raised hands in-person.

Financial statements approved.

**7) Co-president's Remarks – Strategic Priorities**

Cindy Parkanyi briefly described each of the priorities and then opened the floor to any discussion. She noted that adding anything new would need volunteers. There was discussion regarding the planned paddle on Chief Pinesi Day from Oka, Quebec. Cindy invited members to get in contact if there are any other topics to be considered by NECA.

**8) BRICK awards**

Gail McEachern noted the two categories of BRICK awards: bricks and mortar; and the community builder. In the first category, this year the award goes to the in-fill development at 189 Stanley Avenue by Alcove Holdings. The lot previously featured a single-family home, but the new development houses eight apartments across two buildings. It is proof that densification and compatibility are achievable goals.

In the second category, the BRICK community builder award-winner is Christine Garand, the founder and owner of Union Street Cafe.

There was also brief discussion of the proposed plans for 253 MacKay Avenue and regarding the province's shortened timeline for buildings to receive heritage designation and to be on the municipal heritage register.

## **9) Committee and Working Group reports (reports are available online)**

### **Friends of the Park**

Karen Squires and Katherine Hall provided an update on Friends' projects and activities over the past year. Highlights included the spring clean up on Earth Day and projects with Ecology Ottawa and the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority. Signs regarding bylaws are necessary to stay in place in order for bylaws to be enforced in the park. A member raised a safety issue when there are cyclists along the path near the tennis courts.

### **New Edinburgh News**

Sharon Nyangweso has joined as the new editor, along with co-editor Karen Squires. Sharon said she is keen to have a lot of stories and voices from the community and to broaden what they include in the paper.

### **Traffic and Safety**

Jason Tavoularis provided a report. He noted the power of petitions if people want to see changes and can achieve two-thirds support by those impacted by any change. Members raised concerns about emergency vehicles' access given the number of parked cars by employees of Global Affairs Canada and about snow plowing in certain areas.

### **Communications**

Cindy Parkanyi said she welcomes anyone interested in volunteering on communications, to help with updating the website and other activities, to feel free to reach out to the [Newedinburgh@outlook.com](mailto:Newedinburgh@outlook.com).

## **10) NECA Board of Directors nominations:**

The following current directors were seeking a two-year term: Ted Bennett; Kostyantyn Frolov (who joined in April 2023); Gail McEachern; and Jason Tavoularis.

The slate was approved by a vote.

## **11) Adjournment**

Karen Squired moved the motion to adjourn the meeting. Approved by all. Adjourned at approximately 9 pm.