

# Minutes

## NECA Board Meeting – 17 September 2024 - 7:00 pm

*In-person at New Edinburgh Fieldhouse with option to join virtually by Zoom*

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

**Absent:** Sean Flynn

**Guests:** Councillor King, Erin McCracken (Councillor King's office), Victoria Walker, Alexis Diamond

### 1. Welcome (Ray)

- Delivered land acknowledgment
- Agenda was approved
- June 2024 meeting minutes were approved

### 2. Councillor's Report

- **Stanley Ave tree planting** – Plan to be shared.
- **Commemorative Naming** – Online application process to open on 1 October 2024 and end six weeks thereafter. [Side note - The proposal for the renaming should be included on the AGM agenda.]
- **Fieldhouse** – Received quotes (\$10K-12K) for request to bury wiring, will relay any further info; painting will be covered under City funding; rubber flooring will be ordered once colour has been chosen (most likely gray); parts for the generator connection are in and they will be scheduling the work soon; room dividers and sound attenuation panels costs came in on the high side and further quotes are being explored.
- **Traffic calming** – Flexi-stakes are coming to Vaughn and Ivy Crescent. They are getting reports that they are effective.
- **Speed cameras** – On Crichton is being installed. Activation estimated in late October. The City will be monitoring for knock-on effects to other streets.
- **Cycle corral** – Will remain in place (on Union next to the Union Street Cafe) from April through November. Good example of working with impacted residents to find an appropriate solution.
- **Forestry tour in New Ed and park** – Plans for future tree plantings will be shared looking at biodiversity of trees; lawn maintenance - city crews will only cut parts of the park requested by Friend and will not cut the monarch meadow; also will not mow right up to the base of the tree due to damage caused. It was noted that each time they mow, they make the "path" wider to the point that the paths end up being very wide.
- **Parking survey** – Completed a parking survey in Spring of 2024; based on inputs a proposal is being developed to bring to Transportation Committee for 1 hour parking 7am - 6pm M-F; residents can purchase a family/friends permit (Councillor will let us know what the cost is); 90-minute limit rather than 60 minute was suggested.

- **Anti-idling** – Councillor was asked about ways to increase compliance with anti-idling. He noted that there will be consultations on changes to the anti-idling by-law, but in general it is awareness that is needed. He encouraged the inclusion of this information in the community news.
- **Budget consultations** – A ward-level budget consultation (online) is planned for 24 October.
- **Zoning by-law consultation** – A ward-specific meeting on the proposed new zoning by-law is being planned.
- **Parking signage change on Stanley** (on the river side) - Chris noted that new signs restricting parking on the river side of Stanley seems to be redundant to the installation of the flexi-posts. Either the flexi-posts should be removed along that stretch or the parking restrictions. There was a suggestion that drawing a white line to indicate how far over cars should be parked.

### **3. NECA By-law update**

There was general acceptance of the proposed updates to the by-laws. One change requested was to change reference to Rideau Terrace to Maple Lane in the description of the area of New Edinburgh.

We will have an “agreement to serve” form for all newly elected directors to sign at the AGM or thereafter (a requirement of the Act).

Due to the requirement for written request for membership, an online form has been developed by Jason using Google Forms. It was agreed that the language regarding the use of the data only for NECA purposes would be broadened to “for community purposes”.

ACTION ITEM - Cindy will provide a short write-up of substantive changes to the by-law for the October NEN.

### **4. Proposal for NECA’s Strategic Priorities**

Victoria Walker provided inputs for NECA’s Strategic Priorities, which will be discussed at the upcoming AGM. Suggests drilling down further into the ‘why’ and how we determine the priority choices and views that we take. There was general support for her suggestions. Sarah will collect any feedback.

### **5. NECA AGM planning**

MOTION: To avoid conflict with Councillor King’s budget consultation on 24 October, a motion to set this year’s Annual General Meeting date for Tuesday, 22 October beginning at 7 pm at the Fieldhouse (in person only) passed unanimously.

BRICK AWARD - Suggestion was to present an award to the unfinished renovation at the corner of Crichton and Union was discussed. The renovations have been thoughtful and complementary to the neighbourhood. There was general consensus that the award should go to that renovation.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Sarah volunteered to do postering (with assistance from Kathrine)
- Gail will send Cindy the relevant information for this year’s BRICK recipient so the plaque can be ordered

- Cindy will bring membership sign-up sheets
- Committee reports, proposed revised by-law and financial statements will need to be posted on the website by 8 October (send to Cindy)
- Publicity will be via NEN, website, e-newsletter, listserv, twitter and poster
- Sarah will bring drinks; Sean McNulty will bring food
  - MOTION: Budget of \$200 to cover cost of refreshments was approved.

## 6. Committee and working group updates

**Heritage and Development** (Gail): Nothing to report.

**Emblem** (Kostyantyn): Initial renderings were circulated to the board members before the meeting and some provided inputs by email. There was further discussion of feedback to provide to the artist. Sarah and Kostyantyn will meet with the artist to discuss inputs.

**Friends of the Park** (Katherin/Karen): The group met with the CCC and Ecology Ottawa to talk about revitalizing monarch meadow in memory of Elizabeth Salm.

**New Edinburgh News** (Karen): The NEN has some new regular contributors. Things are working well with the new ad manager. They will need the item on proposed changes to NECA's by-laws in the next week.

**Communications** (Cindy): Report in email.

**Traffic and Safety** (Jason): Report in email. Regarding a stop sign on Bertrand, the rules have changed since last year so the Councillor cannot simply install one. The City is looking at options.

**Beechwood Development** (Sarah): There has just been an application put in for 47 Beechwood for redevelopment (Springfield to Douglas). This will no doubt be raised at BVA. Kostyantyn indicated that he is interested in being involved in BVA and also communications. There was also a meeting hosted by the Councillor with Beechwood communities on issues with the street – will need to check in with the Councillor on when the next one will be.

## 6. Community group updates

**CCC** (Chris): After five years, the rubber flooring may finally come to fruition – colour will be a mottled blue. The New Edinburgh Neighbourhood Sale is no longer a CCC sponsored event. There will be an open mic series starting in November. There will be choirs participating at this year's holiday lights gathering.

**Kichi Sibi Trails** (Cindy): Report in email. There was also some follow-on discussion regarding the renaming of the park. It was suggested that the park not be named after a person and that support from other indigenous groups be sought (beyond the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation).

ACTION ITEM - Cindy will check in with the City on the overall consultation process and what level of precision is required for the renaming request.

## 7. Other Business:

### 8. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.
- Next Board meeting is October 15 at 7 pm at the Fieldhouse.