

Minutes

NECA Board Meeting – 19 November 2024 - 7:00 pm

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

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

Absent: Ray Boomgaardt, Sean Flynn, Sharon Nyangweso

Guests: Councillor King, Erin McCracken and Athena Oriet (Councillor King's office), Ruthie, Leo, Alexis Diamond, Margaret Jenkins, Andrew Lim,

1. Welcome (Jason)

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

2. Councillor's Report

- **Oct 16 on 47 beechwood meeting**– Great attendance and good feedback. Good news is that the developer has been making some adjustments. Councillor King will also make some comments to staff based on input received.
- **Parking** – Taking more time to look at more options based on feedback received before going to the Transportation Committee on a way forward for possible parking restriction changes within New Ed.
- **Winter maintenance planning**– They are continuing to prioritize clearing of sidewalk, roadways and cycling pathways. Areas of conc
- **Fieldhouse flooring** – Jan 3 - 10th, then the painting can take place. Generator test to be arranged with the CCC.
- **Stanley shoulder remediation** - Boulders will be installed on the curved area at Stanley and Dufferin where there have been incursions.
- **Traffic & safety** - Speed pavement markings on Stanley and bulb outs. Ivy and Bertrand review has been completed, with the result that no further action is called for. Will be included in the enhanced compliance enforcement initiative where they will continue to monitor and evaluate the efficacy of the intersection.
- **Budget consultations** - there were two - one virtual and one hybrid. Budget was tabled last week, so they are taking inputs on the proposed budget. Many around the council table were not pleased with what the staff has recommended. Councillor King's focus is on transportation but welcomes inputs before mid December.
- **Beechwood streetscape renewal** - Met with staff on deficiencies. The road needs a complete renewal. First step is to complete a design study (\$400K was requested in the draft budget) to review feasibility of sidewalk renewal, cycling tracks, and cost estimates.
- Questions/Comments -

- **MacKay at Beechwood** - This is a particularly challenging area given that trucks and other vehicles tend to park and block a good part of the roadway. The Councillor is very aware and his staff are looking at possible types of interventions. There may be similar issues with the corner once the 47 Beechwood is developed.
- **Beechwood streetscape** - There are urgent fixes required now – even though we also want to plan for a holistic fix. Councillor indicated he will also look to do some urgent fixes as planning for the longer holistic approach is laid out. Greenspace was also noted as something that should be part of the holistic plan. Councillor’s goal is to have a streetscape with a large amount of greenery and tree cover that also reflects the uniqueness of the surrounding neighbourhoods.

3. Soil quality in New Edinburgh Park (Ruthie Diamond)

Ruthie Diamond Lisgar Gr 11 and Leo at MCA provided a presentation on soil quality in New ed. Tested for lead in four places, one near the playground, one near the CSST site both had low levels of lead. Tests in the Rideau river near the pathway - 6 in was ok but 12 exceeded provincial levels for public parks. Test results from near the backs of properties exceeded provincial limits for agriculture. They will send specific location information and have said they can meet with the NCC.

4. Post AGM actions (Cindy)

- B.R.I.C.K. award process, categories and criteria – Getting the announcement earlier is important. There was agreement that notices go out in April and June NEN. As for categories the idea would be to have a community builder category and a bricks and mortar category (which includes renos, infill, gardens, art structures, etc.). The notion of including business was raised for possible inclusion in the community builder. Cindy will add a BRICK page onto the website to highlight past winners.
- Approval of the draft AGM minutes

5. Committee and working group updates

Emblem (Kostyantyn): Had a great meeting on the emblem. Notes from the meeting were sent to the artist to incorporate into some concepts. The artist will come back with more options – including beyond the circle concept.

New Edinburgh News (Karen): The December edition is looking very good and will be substantive. It will be out a bit earlier than normal. The mailbox had been damaged beyond repair and after contacting the Councillor’s office a new mailbox has been installed. RESOLUTION was made to obtain a post office box at the Guardian Pharmacy for approx. \$250/yr for NECA/NEN. Resolution passed.

Communications (Cindy): Noted that she will be working on a work plan for updating the website, in particular the History of New Ed section to incorporate.

Traffic and Safety (Jason): No report. There was an observation that there seems to be more people going through stop signs.

Beechwood Development (Kostyantyn): Attended Councillor’s meeting on the new development on Beechwood. Architect (who lives in Lindenlea) was in attendance. There will be an article in the December NEN (written by John Leefe).

Heritage and Development (Gail): Gail and Sarah have been going through the draft new zoning by-law. Comments were sent out to the board to review. In reviewing the draft against the existing zoning within

Ned Ed, there were inconsistencies and missing information (such as the boundaries of HCD). The comments will be sent in to City staff for consideration.

Friends of the Park (Karen): Ecology Ottawa was hoping to start work on the monarch meadow area with removal of invasive species. However, there were delays due to land owners (NCC and provincial). Now scheduled for spring of 2025. There will be a full article on all their activities in the Dec NEN.

6. Community group updates

CCC (Chris): Key for the new mailbox will be dropped off at Karen's. Open mic was well attended but not as many as previous due to competition with the MacKay Night Market. Holiday lights gathering will take place Nov 30. They got confirmation from the City that the rubber flooring will be installed in early Jan. Fieldhouse improvements letter (based on an article in the NEN from April) to indicate interest to the City in looking into feasibility of a covered roof for outside events near the fieldhouse. Chris was looking for a signature from a NECA board member so Jason signed.

It was agreed that between 4:30 and 6 pm on Nov 30 at the Holiday Lights gathering the two BRICK awards would be presented by Gail.

Kichi Sibi Trails (Cindy): No report.

7. Other Business:

- Holiday gathering - The Nov 30 event will be the holiday gathering for the NECA board and there will be no regular board meeting in December.

8. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.
- Next regular Board meeting is January 21, 2025 at 7 pm on Zoom.