



Minutes

NECA Board Meeting – 20 March 2018 New Edinburgh House, 255 MacKay Street

Present: Dave Arnold, Ted Bennett, Roslyn Butler, Natasha Cappon, Joe Chouinard, Ann Davis, Matt DeWolff, Sean Flynn, Christina Leadlay, Cindy Parkanyi

Absent: Gail McEachern, Phil Nowotny

Guests: Councillor Tobi Nussbaum, plus one resident

1. Welcome, approval of minutes and agenda

The Agenda had a couple of errors, which were corrected by those present:

- item numbering typo – item #4 and item #3 were reversed
- Date next CCMC meeting is scheduled should have read April 11 at 5:30 pm

Cindy moved that the proposed Agenda with corrections be approved. Dave Arnold seconded and all agreed.

The Minutes for the 20 February 2018 Board meeting were approved by an electronic vote in early March.

2. The Councillor's Report

Councillor Nussbaum reported that the City is undertaking consultations on R4 zoning, which concerns how many bedrooms a house can be subdivided into. This mainly applies to areas near universities such as Sandy Hill and Overbrook where such modifications are a problem.

The City has been reviewing zoning tools that were created in the past few years to ensure new small-scale development fits into communities. These tools include the Mature Neighbourhoods Overlay (Infill 1) and alternative zoning provisions in residential R1-R4 zones (Infill 2). Staff are considering adding the following neighbourhoods in our ward to the Overlay: Lindenlea, Manor Park and Overbrook (only New Edinburgh was included originally). To share findings from this review there will be a public information meeting on April 3 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in the Colonel By Room at City Hall.

New Edinburgh House (NECTAR) progress. The developer is awaiting approval from the Built Heritage and the City Planning Committees. Then City Council will vote on approval of the rezoning. Once this is in place the sale of the house will be finalized. Everything seems to be on track for this to happen.

A Flooding mitigation information session was hosted by the City and the Councillor at St Bart's Church on Mon 19 Feb. City Emergency Management staff will work to have a clear plan for our area before spring 2019.

The City has announced that in agreement with Orgaworld, the composting company will accept dog waste – even in plastic bags. It will still not accept such things as diapers and

sanitary products. Some questions were asked of the Councillor – Will there be special bins in the dog park? Will pet owners need special compostable bags? The answer was no to the second question.

The Councillor said that he will be running again in the municipal election in the fall. He did not know who might be running against Mayor Jim Watson, who is in the race again this year. He reported that two of his like-minded colleagues on Council are moving on so there will be at least two vacancies in the City's core.

3. CSST: Status Update

Joe Chouinard reports that diesel fumes are still very strong and that there are at least six generators going at any time. The City has not yet done anything to remedy this situation. The question was asked - why there was no hydro service added to the site to provide the needed electricity? Noisy trucks are being heard in the night. Are they removing excavation muck in the wee hours? These are question to ask the officials. It was suggested that we could also ask our MPP Nathalie Des Rosiers.

4. Traffic and Safety

Jeff Smith has retired as chair and member of the committee. Joe will step in to replace Jeff temporarily, but this committee is seeking a new person to chair it.

In light of this Ann Davis proposed a motion that a change to the terms of reference for this position should be that "The Chair of the Traffic and Safety Committee will be a member of the NECA Board of Directors." Joe Chouinard seconded the motion. **The motion carried.**

Reconstruction of the corner of Dufferin Rd. and Crichton St., specifically the south-west corner which is to be paved with a stretch of sidewalk. Maps and description were emailed out by Joe to all Board members. The new sidewalk (concrete) will be on the south side of Dufferin, west of Crichton and will extend to the start of the wooden bollards. From there it becomes a crushed rock path on the park side of the bollards to the paved cycle path and continuing to the gravel pedestrian path along the bank of the Rideau River. Part of the reason for this proposed reconstruction is to prevent runoff and surface water from running down into the back of properties along the west side of Crichton St. Frequent flooding here has been a major headache. There will be some loss of frontage for the two townhouses facing onto Dufferin at this point. (Ann thinks this won't be a problem.)

Dave estimated that the width of Dufferin here will be narrower by one metre than what is indicated on the current plan and this will need to be discussed with the City.

The City is waiting for NECA's formal approval of the proposal before proceeding. The City has budgeted funds for this project that do not come from the CSST budget

Joe Chouinard moved that NECA approve in principle the four recommendations on the proposed plan. Dave Arnold seconded the motion. **All were in favour - the motion passed.** NECA's Traffic and Safety Committee will meet with the City to indicate Board approval and work with them on the final plan. Unless there are substantive changes there is no need to return to the Board for final approval.

5. Questions for Provincial Candidates

Christina Leadlay is seeking suggested questions (5 or 6) to ask of the candidates who will be running in our riding in the upcoming Provincial election on 07 June 2018. Of those

questions, she will choose at least three to ask candidates to answer for the June issue of the *New Edinburgh News*. Due to the short time between the first of June and the election a week later, Christina would like to advance the publication of the paper to late May (around 25 May) to give readers a chance consider the candidates' platforms. She asked members of the Board to come up with some questions. Readers of the April 1st edition will also be asked to propose and submit questions to her.

Here are a few suggestions "off the tops of the heads" of those at this Board meeting:

- Should the Government be able to take actions or pass laws made without proper consultation with the public (such as how the CSST project was sprung full blown on the residents of New Edinburgh)?
- What is your party's platform?
- How does your party plan to pay for these promises?
- How will your party deal with "wait times" for government services?
- How is the latest minimum wage legislation affecting small businesses?

Board members promised to refine their suggested questions and send them to Christina in the near future.

6. Flooding Mitigation

An Information Session was held at St. Bartholomew's Church on 19 March. The City had a large team present with different stations providing information on how to prepare and respond to potential flooding. The meeting was not too well attended, but was interesting.

The City focussed initially on steps residents need to take to protect their properties from flooding. Residents were encouraged to check and secure basement sewer/drain pipe so that flood water does not backup into homes

At the meeting residents brought up the 2015 flood control study, which the City representatives knew existed but had not yet looked into it in detail (as they are new to the job). The Councillor brought up the fact that New Edinburgh's situation is somewhat unique in that the homes are not directly on the water and any real mitigation would need to take place on City or NCC land. The City staff were encouraged to be more proactive in planning ahead where sandbags walls or other measure would need to be deposited as it will require multiple levels of approval.

The Board agreed that it was OK for Cindy to move forward with contacting the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA), the NCC and the City on developing long-term plans to mitigate Rideau River flooding in the New Edinburgh area.

The question of how the City will distribute the budget for rehabilitation of the construction sites once the CSST project is complete was posed. Will the monies be spread equally among all the sites or do we (New Edinburgh) get a bigger share since we had the greater disruption? Will the rehabilitation turn out to just be funds paid to a contracted company to do landscaping?

We need to have our Park Vision completed soon so we can submit our requests to the City Budget and City Planning departments in the next six months. This will give the City planners plenty of time to work with our ideas.

Next Steps: A community consultation on the Park Vision is planned for some time in the spring.

7. Report on NECTAR and the sale of New Edinburgh House

The City is in the process of approving the plans proposed by the developer to expand and restore the existing house. It will be turned into two luxury residences with extension to the building on both sides. Once these approvals are given, NECTAR will sit down with the developer to establish timelines for moving out of the house and closing the sale.

So far the proposal seems OK and the NECA Board is supportive. NECA Heritage and Development are fine with the plans as well.

A report will appear in the April edition of the *New Edinburgh News*.

8. Next NECA Meeting / Adjourn

The next NECA meeting will be 17 April 2018 at 8:00 pm.

At 9:25 pm Ted Bennett moved to adjourn the meeting and Ann Davis seconded the motion, which was carried.