

NECA Strategic Priorities – Update for 2019

Strategic Priorities	Goals	Status / Recommendations
1. Promoting Responsible Development of the Beechwood Corridor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give expression to member opinions regarding aesthetics, diversity and safety. • Promote consistent application of Community Development Plan. • Work with BVA and other community organizations. • Pursue early and more positive interactions with developers and explore innovative ways for the community to influence development along the Beechwood corridor. 	<p>NECA continues to join forces with nearby community associations by way of the “Community Collective”, which a new BVA-style sub-group to explore ways to engage with the City and developers earlier and more positively, and to seek innovative ways to encourage community-friendly development along Beechwood. One idea the group is actively looking at is Social Impact Investing. The rep from New Edinburgh is Ari Abonyi.</p> <p><i>This work will continue and the community representatives will report back to and check in with the community regularly.</i></p>
2. Improving Traffic and Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess results of the summer traffic study and investigate options for reduced residential speed limit for New Edinburgh. • Develop emergency plan. • Explore solutions to flooding within the flood plain. 	<p>The Traffic and Safety Committee has provided a separate report on activities undertaken over the past year. <i>The committee will continue to pursue priority traffic and safety issues with the City.</i></p> <p>Once again, very little progress has been made on the neighbourhood-level emergency plan due to competing priorities and lack of volunteers. Some work was undertaken by nearby community groups, through the Community Collective that could be leveraged. <i>Volunteers who are interested in driving this forward are needed.</i></p> <p>The Park Vision Working Group explored with the City to possibility of incorporating berms into the CSST reinstatement. Unfortunately, due to the technical complexity and the number of stakeholders (City, NCC, RVCA) this initiative will take more time and will not be able to be part of the reinstatement. <i>NECA will continue to work with interested residents and stakeholders within the flood plain to pursue a long-term solution to this issue.</i></p>
3. Protecting Heritage While Promoting Responsible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee to pursue development consistent with character and heritage. 	<p>H&D Committee endeavours to work closely with City planners, our ward councillor, developers and impacted</p>

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Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen relationships with City, Councillor, and developers. • <i>NEW</i>: Explore ways to be informed of and have more influence on developments outside the Heritage Conservation District (HCD). 	<p>residents on potential developments in New Edinburgh. Two key motions were approved in the spring regarding the work of the committee – one establishing that “NECA does not support any rezoning change within New Edinburgh without support obtained through consultation with nearby residents and with the larger community.” The other states that “Only the NECA Board and not the Heritage & Development Committee, can make decisions to support or not support issues regarding zoning and variances.”</p> <p>NECA’s H&D Committee was recently invited to participate in a pilot project that will allow for earlier input from the community for development proposals. (See separate report.)</p> <p><i>The H&D Committee will continue its work regarding development proposals – inside and outside the HCD -- and will update its Mandate and Terms of Reference to reflect recent changes.</i></p>
4. Fostering Community Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NECA to be proactive in seeking collaboration/fusion with other community organizations. • Establish a volunteer bureau with other community organizations. • Joint community events. • Further enhance communications with residents. 	<p>NECA continues to participate in the Community Collective, a group that explores ways in which we can work collaboratively with other community groups in our area on issues of common interest or possible synergy. The Collective has allowed for shared communications and is working on tools to aid in the development of a community emergency plan. The group is also exploring the possibility of a volunteer bureau.</p> <p>NECA has held its 3rd annual Thomas MacKay Day event in collaboration with the 3Cs.</p> <p><i>NECA will continue to maintain the community website and send out regular e-updates to residents and will collaborate with the 3Cs to leverage these channels and explore other possibilities for getting information to residents.</i></p>

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<p>5. Greening New Edinburgh <i>PROPOSED CHANGE:</i> Promoting awareness of climate change and environment sustainability</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize environment-specific all candidates debates and other forums. • Increase awareness of the impacts of climate change and the importance of environmental sustainability. • Develop environmental programs for children and adults 	<p>NECA established the Environment and Climate Change Committee, under the leadership of George Sorger.</p> <p>This group helped to organize an Environmental debate during the federal elections and is looking at other initiatives to encourage climate action.</p> <p><i>Volunteers who are interested in driving this forward are needed.</i></p>
<p>6. Pursuing a Vision for the Park</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish principles and goals based on community input. • Develop a vision statement to guide the working group that will explore options for short, medium and long-term goals. • Engage with relevant stakeholders (City staff, NCC, RVCA, etc.) to ensure that proposed solutions are feasible, supported and eventually implemented. • <i>NEW:</i> Rekindle the Friends of the Park to ensure continued local stewardship of the park as a natural resource. 	<p>A public consultation forum was held in October 2017 and formed the basis for a Park Vision Statement that included principles, goals and ideas for the park.</p> <p>A working group was formed and has met with various City and NCC stakeholders. The working group also held two public forums, one in June focussed on regreening post-CSST, and a “Walk in the Park” event in September.</p> <p><i>The Park Vision WG will continue to explore ideas for enhancing the natural environment of the park and the experience of all park users and will regularly check in with the community on future direction.</i></p>