

## NECA Strategic Priorities – Update for 2020

Strategic Priorities	Goals	Status / Recommendations
Promoting Responsible Development of the Beechwood Corridor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give expression to member opinions regarding aesthetics, diversity and safety.</li> <li>• Promote consistent application of Community Development Plan.</li> <li>• Work with BVA and other community organizations.</li> <li>• Pursue early and more positive interactions with developers and explore innovative ways for the community to influence development along the Beechwood corridor.</li> </ul>	<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>
Improving Traffic and Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with the Community Collective to find solutions to Beechwood and area traffic and safety issues.</li> <li>• Explore ways to improve safety along the multi-use and pedestrian paths.</li> <li>• Develop an emergency plan.</li> <li>• Explore solutions to flooding within the flood plain.</li> </ul>	<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>What we are presently working on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety: Communication on Why, What and How to report to the police, to the City</li> <li>• Reduced 40km/h speed limit on Crichton Street</li> <li>• Beechwood Transportation and Safety collective.</li> </ul> <p>List of potential priorities for next year in no particular order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experimenting with closing the Stanley/Dufferin connection</li> <li>• Transportation Master Plan input</li> <li>• Reducing parking to one side of Crichton in Winter</li> <li>• Potential new interprovincial bridge</li> <li>• Develop an emergency plan.</li> <li>• Explore solutions to flooding within the flood plain.</li> </ul> <p><i>Items on this list can only become a priority if at least one person takes the lead on them.</i></p>

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Protecting Heritage While Promoting Responsible Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee to pursue development consistent with character and heritage.</li> <li>• Strengthen relationships with City, Councillor, and developers.</li> <li>• Explore ways to be informed of and have more influence on developments outside the Heritage Conservation District (HCD).</li> </ul>	<p>H&amp;D Committee endeavours to work closely with City planners, our ward councillor, developers and impacted residents on potential developments in New Edinburgh.</p> <p>NECA’s H&amp;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&amp;D Committee will continue its work regarding development proposals – inside and outside the HCD.</i></p>
Fostering Community Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NECA to be proactive in seeking collaboration/fusion with other community organizations.</li> <li>• Establish a volunteer bureau with other community organizations.</li> <li>• Joint community events.</li> <li>• Further enhance communications with residents.</li> </ul>	<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.</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>
Promoting awareness of climate change and environment sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raise awareness of, and encourage community dialogue on, environmental sustainability and climate change.</li> <li>• Identify opportunities for community engagement (all ages) on environment and climate action.</li> <li>• Encourage more sustainable and eco-friendly behaviour and practices in New Edinburgh.</li> </ul>	<p>The Environment and Climate Change Committee is exploring initiatives to encourage climate action.</p>

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Pursuing a Vision for the Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish principles and goals based on community input.</li> <li>• Develop a vision statement to guide the working group that will explore options for short, medium and long-term goals.</li> <li>• Engage with relevant stakeholders (City staff, NCC, RVCA, etc.) to ensure that proposed solutions are feasible, supported and eventually implemented.</li> <li>• Rekindle the Friends of the Park (or establish new group) to ensure continued local stewardship of the park as a natural resource.</li> </ul>	<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 in addition to hosting several community forums.</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>