



NECA Virtual Board meeting – Tuesday February 16, 2021, 7:30pm

Attendees:

Cindy Parkanyi
Sarah Anson-Cartwright
Christina Leadlay
Ted Bennett
Alison Fabian
Ray Boomgaard
Ari Abonyi
Gail McEachern
Sean Flynn
Tamara Sorger

Guests: John Holmes, Jim [last name inaudible], Nicholas Galambos (NEN Bookkeeper)

Absent Board Members: Marc d'Orgeville, Heather Matthews, Katherine Hall

1. Welcome

The meeting began at 7:40pm and Cindy welcomed and introduced guests.

Cindy requested any changes or additions to the proposed agenda. Sarah identified that the proposed notice of discontent on Ward Boundary Consultation to the Community Collective had been previously covered. Ray requested any feedback on the proposed notice and Cindy shared that the Community Collective was supportive. Cindy will report back on what action has been taken.

Gail made the motion to approve the agenda as amended, it was seconded by Christina and carried unanimously.

The approval of the January board minutes will be done virtually as not all board members were able to review in advance of the meeting.

Cindy confirmed that the December board minutes were approved virtually.

2. Councillors Report

There was no Councillor's Report since he was not in attendance. Cindy shared that his office requested a couple days notice of the meetings and the March board meeting is on their calendar.

3. Official Plan Discussion

Cindy summarized the current status of official plan work.

- Relevant meetings included the FCA workshop on Official Plan as well as community collective meeting.
- Discussions indicated general dismay about the short consultation period which has now been extended to March 12 (for community inputs on the official plan).
- Major concerns include: intensification targets could change the fabric of established communities, Beechwood's classification as a major corridor (same category as St Laurent, Carling, etc) and impacts on heritage conservation districts.

The NECA Official Plan working group is developing a set of New Edinburgh focussed recommendations to contribute to the community collective submission, as well as independent submission and presentation to the councillor.

Additional comments from the working group included:

- Gail advised to steer away from analysis of the plan in its entirety and instead to focus on new ed residential considerations such as: i) the plan does not isolate our type of community and therefore indicates inappropriate development targets; ii) concerns on loss of green space and canopies, including over development of properties (which destroys tree canopy)
- Sarah indicated desire to get to precise language that amends specific language in the plan as a next step.
- Ray also suggested dealing with specific provisions where language needs to be changed as well as higher level items that do not align with what should be in the official plan.
- Ari added that there was a Beechwood Village Alliance (BVA) meeting about a secondary plan for Beechwood last night, and will be pursued in order for the community to gain leverage that it currently does not have despite support from the councillor. The City must initiate the secondary plan, which the BVA will request.
- General discussion on how heritage districts will be treated in intensification targets and different interpretations by working group members.

Next steps for the working group include a community collective meeting Feb 22. The group will also put together a summary for electronic NECA board approval in advance of the March 12 submission. Cindy asked to include two requests from the ward council meeting: 1. A mapping of where they see 15 min neighbourhoods existing currently 2. information community by community of what current density is to get a better sense of what is being proposed

4. NEN 2021 Budget

Nicholas presented the NEN 2021 budget which was brought to the last NEN advisory meeting as well. A small deficit is anticipated this year as renewing

advertisement is a challenge in covid, however a new printer will result in savings. Cindy clarified this deficit will impact the NECA financials although the magnitude is not viewed to be a concern given the circumstances.

General discussion on potential for greater ad revenue and Christina shared that ideally the ad team would have three people so additional help is being sought. Additionally, a colour promotion is being offered.

There is also a desire to implement interac auto deposit for payment by advertisers which was investigated in the past. Cindy suggested revisiting with BMO to see if it is possible with double signatory requirements.

Ted clarified that overall, the NECA deficit will be greater than what was anticipated due to the NEN deficit.

Ray noted the NEN budget year ends in June 2021. Going forward, NEN intends to present the budget in line with their year end.

5. Governance

Cindy reminded everyone of the MCPA webinar on governance which would be valuable for the board to review. She will resend the email with the link and this agenda item will be pushed to a later board meeting for further discussion.

6. Chalk River Nuclear Waste Facility

Tamara shared that SNC Lavalin is installing a nuclear waste facility 2 hours up river from New Edinburgh in Chalk River. She requested for NECA to support a motion being brought to city council to oppose the facility. Concerns include waste being brought from other sites, not enough public consultation and the inability to date to have an engaged discussion on the facility.

Questions and comments from the board included:

- whether the facility would be low level nuclear waste and questioned how far it would be trucked if not stored on site;
- whether there was a rationale for NECA to take a position on behalf of the New Ed community on the issue;
- a request for further information on specific concerns;
- comment that given the scale of potential impacts it seems like something for NECA to support;
- suggestion that given that it may be a divisive issue, perhaps sharing information with the community and directing members to the petition would be more appropriate as a next step;
- a couple of board members indicated general support for the motion and for the Environmental committee to advise the board on issues of concern.

Cindy asked if the key issue is that consultation was inadequate and that there was not an opportunity for NECA to take an informed decision and consult with the community.

Tamara requested a modified motion for engagement with Councillor King and others on this issue on behalf of the NECA board, as the lead of the Environment and Climate Change subcommittee.

Sean made the motion, it was seconded by Gail and carried unanimously.

Tamara also shared that she is creating a new series of local green heroes for NEN and is requesting input from the board on people to profile.

7. Community/ Working Group Updates

Park Vision (provided by Katherine electronically in advance of the meeting)

- There was an incident at the rink for those who may not have heard (Sylvain can speak to it if he is present). A parent insisted on playing hockey even though the rink attendant reminded them several times that they were not allowed (the parent was not pleasant). Bylaw was called.
- The ice breaking preparation in the park has begun.

Traffic and Safety (provided by Marc electronically in advance of the meeting)

- No questions or comments

Beechwood Development (provided by Ari electronically in advance of the meeting)

- Had meeting through BVA with Rawlson King and city officials about Official Plan, which left a lot of questions unanswered, leading to further analysis of the plan and more meetings.
- Planning a BVA meeting regarding developing a Secondary Plan for Beechwood/Hemlock to complement OP and be able to attain community criteria for developers, as well needs and goals that channel impact of OP.
- Informed Jan 26th that Minto handed in a formal review submission to the UDRP., as well a site plan, landscape plan, and building plans, at the request of City staff.

Communications (shared by Alison electronically in advance of the meeting)

- "Contact Us" page of the website to be updated with a contact form. The contact form will have drop down menu questions so that inquiries will be sent to the appropriate person/committee lead. All personal emails/phone numbers will be removed from the website (unless specific request to include).
- Blog posts now up using select NEN articles. Blog post contributions are welcomed if there are issues that you would like to highlight for the community, or where feedback is needed.
- Website text updates continue as well as scope of work for design upgrades.

Environment and Climate Change

- No further reports in addition to earlier discussions in the meeting

Heritage and Development

- No news on new developments.

8. Community Group Updates

NECTAR will potentially look to move from its current space in the spring and is in discussions with potential locations.

For 3Cs, skating is full steam ahead and opening of the field house is still unclear due to covid restrictions.

9. Adjourn

Tamara volunteered to prepare the agenda and take notes at the March meeting.

Sean motions to adjourn, Sarah seconds and all in favour.