



Minutes

NECA Virtual Board meeting – Tuesday May 18, 2021, 7:30pm

1	<p>Welcome - Cindy Introduction of guest attendees: Samantha and Justin</p> <p>Meeting starting at 7:34pm with quorum: Cindy, Heather, Ari, Alison, Christina, Katherine, Sarah, Ray, Ted, Marc, Gail</p> <p>Approval of proposed agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- With the addition by Heather of Minto bridges discussion in other business- And moving Friends of the park at the beginning of the committee updates <p>Motion to approve the modified agenda carried.</p> <p>Approval of Minutes of April's meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- One clarification: Samantha's last name is McAleese, to be corrected- Alison has modification to her Communication report about the cost of the website- And Cindy will send Marc some editorial modifications <p>Decision to approve those minutes virtually once changes have been made.</p>
2	<p>Councillor's Report –</p> <p>Neither the councillor, nor someone from his team could come tonight as they are at the MPCA meeting where MPCA is dealing with the large development.</p> <p>Reminder that they would like a heads up on when our meeting is (Cindy) and what update-issues we want to receive (everyone).</p> <p>Cindy will collect questions (if any) for the councillor.</p>
3	<p>Discussion around NECA joining the Alexandra Bridge coalition – Sarah, Gail, Tamara https://heritageottawa.org/alexandra-bridge</p> <p>Sarah had a question about the potential link between keeping Alexandra bridge and the potential need for an extra bridge. Cindy said that Heritage Ottawa thinks it is not linked.</p> <p>Alison wonders if joining the coalition is a time sensitive decision to make. Sarah explained that a huge number of organizations have already joined and that there are a host of aspects (heritage, community, transportation) which would make joining a natural choice for NECA.</p> <p>Marc asked whether the safety and engineering potential issues have been sorted. Sarah says that it is in fact part of the coalition request to the federal government is to study how it could be saved, before deciding to tear it down.</p> <p>Heather suggests to get info from Tobi from the NCC.</p>

	<p>Motion to join the coalition is moved by Gail, seconded by heather, carried unanimously.</p> <p>Cindy will include the motion into the NECA report for the NEN.</p>
4	<p>Committee/work group updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Friends of the Park - Katherine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ She met with Stephanie from the councillor's office who has done two walk-throughs in the park recently ○ To get a fence at the playground would require pressure on the councillors ○ People who have the contract for the planting are obligated for two years, and under warranty, so they will replant, reseed...maybe wild flowers. Katherine suggests to have a fence when reseeding to keep people off those areas. Ted pointed out also either to reseed now or will need to water if in June. ○ Bushes and damages (from snow plow equipment) will be also addressed ○ Talking about signage (NCC, city): we should receive a map (soon?) of where they will be adding signage indicating no bicycles ○ About the long wild grass that was mowed – it is not the first time and there will be a note to the file so that contractors do not mow it again (until a new contractor at least) ○ Asking for better garbage receptacles – ones that close and are not so close to park benches ○ There will be a call out for friends of the park (no community garden because of soil pollution issue), that Cindy or Katherine will write for the NEN June edition. ● Communications – Alison <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NECA board email list : reminder to always cc Katherine in every email, so that she can make sure emails go through (those who stay pending are probably due to a combination of new email + attachment) ○ Updates continue to the website text in preparation to transfer to the new design. Upcoming changes to note - "About Us", "Our History" and "The Park" ○ Efforts to broaden our social media engagement are also underway with the support of a student volunteer ○ A reminder to all to share any information that you would like to share with the community with Alison ● Environment and Climate Change – Tamara (absent - no report sent) ● Heritage and Development – Gail (nothing to report) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ray mentioned that there is still no sign at the Stanley "hole" (torn down bungalow) about upcoming construction ○ Cindy read an article today about how to leverage the planning act to fight off inappropriate development (e.g. short term rentals). We should investigate how to use this kind of argument (e.g. inappropriate impact of large building shadows). ○ Ray mentioned the recent decision by the LPAT about the Toronto Railway land: the developer wanted to put a high rise, the city wanted a park, and the LPAT said that the city has to amend its own Official Plan to accommodate the developer!. ● Traffic and Safety Committee – Marc <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Transportation Master Plan (TMP) consultation: Justin who works for the city on the TMP said they hope to have the phase 3 of consultation this Spring (June?) before the large OD survey in the Fall. Marc reached out to other CA T&S committees to share common inputs.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dufferin road speed humps: the number of responses to the city survey is short of 7. However, the deadline was only to have the work done this year. If the councillor receive the missing responses, the work could be done next year. ● New Edinburgh News – Christina <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Working away on the June edition – notably on the park as discussed in the last meeting. ○ Heather mentioned that Nathalie Carrier is preparing a June 12 event where people will be able to pick up food samples at different locations. ● Beechwood Development – Ari <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ari sent comments (e.g. on the secondary plans) to the councillor but no meeting has been planned. The Vision Manor Park large development is sucking out all the oxygen from Beechwood development. ○ The BVA received the last version of the Minto project, in which there does not seem to be much change, but the BVA has not reviewed it yet. ○ Ray and Ari will work together for a potential message from NECA to the councillor (shared with the group before).
5	<p>Community group updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NECTAR – Sean (absent) ● CCC – Sylvain/Sean (absent) ● Community Collective – Cindy (report was sent)
6	<p>Other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New Edinburgh Lane Winter Walk Proposal – Justin Swan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Last December, with a few of his neighbours, they lit up their part of the lane and they would like to go bigger next time. ○ They want to generate interest for volunteering, funding,.. might want to reach out to governor’s walk and Saint Bart’s church. ○ Now, NECA will spread the word, and there will be a call out in the October NEN edition ● Heather - Minto bridge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ She prepared pictures of the overhead structure in front of the Minto Bridges with different colours for winter, summer, with or without vines... ○ Result is that the current colour is less noticeable in both seasons, but vines would be good to cover in Summer. ○ Cindy will ask the city to revisit a) the need for the structures and b) the use of vines to mitigate.
7	<p>Adjourn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Agenda prep and note-taker June 15 NECA meeting (7:30pm) : Heather Mathews ● Motion to adjourn – heather and gail