



## Minutes

### NECA Board Meeting – 15 June 2021

Virtual meeting via ZOOM

**Board members present:** Cindy Parkanyi, Allison Fabian, Tamara Sorger, Ari Abonyi, Katherine Hall, Sarah Anson-Cartwright, Ray Boomgaardt, Gail MacEachern, Ted Bennett, Heather Matthews, Sean Flynn

**Absent:** Sylvain Bélanger, Marc Dorgeville

**Guests:** Rawlson King, Samantha MacAleese, Vicki Henry, Isobel Bisby and Stephanie Johnson

#### 1. Welcome, approval of minutes and agenda

Approval of May 2021 minutes followed as well as of the proposed agenda.

#### 2. Councillor's Report (Rawlson King)

Councillor King noted receipt of NECA's letter regarding the Official Plan and email summarizing issues brought up at the May NECA meeting (see below). Included much discussion of the draft official plan and its impact on inner city neighbourhoods as well as affordable housing. We discussed the proposed development in Manor Park. Councillor King will post updates on his website.

Caterpillar infestation was discussed.

Everyone weighed in on the unsightly Minto Bridge overhead structures and the excessive amount of signage at the bridge and the roundabout beyond.

#### 3. Insurance

We will have to make a decision about group insurance for community associations as liability insurance rates are out of line with reality. The councillor noted that we do not have to use the city's plan. We had until the next day to decide. Sean and Sarah will work on it. No decision was taken at meeting.

#### 4. Committee/work group updates

##### Environment Report

Discussion centred on talk about gypsy moths and caterpillars. Tamara and Heather will possibly make a flyer.

##### Heritage Report

Gail briefly told us about the award-winning carport rebuild on Rideau Terrace and reported that the relationship with the Heritage Committee has greatly improved with the changeover in leadership.

### Beechwood Development Report

Ari reported that the new Minto development has been approved by City planning and that the Beechwood Vanier Assoc. has submitted a protest.

Ray Boomgaardt has read section 37 of the official plan and feels that community groups should be locking community benefits into the plan.

### Park Report

Katherine's report on the park highlighted priority on bike racks, pickle ball and the fencing around the splash pad plus more talk of caterpillars.

## **5. Community Group Updates:**

### NECTAR

Sean Flynn reported that MacKay house has been sold, again, and the buyer is Golden Dragon properties. Nectar has an uncertain future.

## **6. Other Business**

Heather and Tamara will see if there is an initiative we could support at the Wabano Centre or elsewhere in light of the tragic discovery of the residential school graves.

## **7. Adjourn**

Ray Boomgaardt will be note-taker for our meeting on September 21st.

## Summary of issues brought up at the May NECA meeting

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Sat 2021-05-29 2:17 PM

To: King, Rawlson <Rawlson.King@ottawa.ca>

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1 attachments (887 KB)

NECA\_Letter to Councillor King on Secondary Plans in draft OP - 29 May 2021.pdf;

Dear Councillor King,

First of all, I would like to thank you for your well thought out position paper on the draft Official Plan. We will be very interested to see how much of the community concerns, as well as your own, are addressed in the new version.

Secondly, my apologies for the late notification of the May NECA meeting. We understand that you had a conflict with another community association's meeting where the Manor Park development was to be discussed. We note that this development will also have an impact on our residents given the proposed scale and intensity.

I would also like to take this opportunity to pass along a number of issues that were raised at the May NECA meeting:

- We have a particular concern with respect to the wording in the draft OP regarding secondary plans. You addressed certain aspects of the secondary plans in your position paper, but you will note from the attached letter that we have concerns with respect to the caveat that landowners must agree to the secondary plan process for it to even be considered.
- We also discussed the overhead structures constructed in the approaches to the Minto Bridges. We continue to assert that they are not necessary -- or effective (as evidenced by the persistent state of disarray of the yellow pontoons). We would very much like to see them dismantled. In the meantime, and in order to try to mitigate their unsightliness in the approaches the beautiful Minto Bridges, we have explored the means proposed by the City to improve the appearance of the structures. Using photoshop, one of our board members depicted how the structures would look if painted white or black -- both during the growing season and during the winter months. She also depicted what the structures might look like if left unpainted but with the addition of growing vines. Of the three options, the last one (with vines) appeared to have something of a mitigating effect. We would like to work with your office to continue efforts to have the structures removed while in the meantime moving ahead with the planting of vines as an interim mitigation measure.
- We also discussed the issue of too much signage in and around the Minto Bridges. We will follow up with your office with visuals and a proposal soon.
- A resident of the neighbourhood has proposed the creation of a "New Edinburgh Lane Winter Walk" during the dark days of winter. They had done a small-scale pilot of the concept last winter with a beautiful display of lights along River Lane. We would like to work with your office to understand what rules and regulations might apply and what supports might be available for an endeavor of this kind.

Lastly, I would like to take this early opportunity to invite you to our last NECA meeting before the summer hiatus. The meeting will take place on Zoom on **June 15 at 7:30 pm**. (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8368788786>) We will forward the agenda as soon as it is available.

Best regards,  
Cindy Parkanyi  
President, NECA



**New Edinburgh Community Alliance**  
**Alliance communautaire de New Edinburgh**  
(NECA)

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May 29, 2021

Dear Councillor King

Re: The provisions concerning Secondary Development Plans in the draft Official Plan

In recent discussions with the New Edinburgh Community Alliance, you undertook to support our request for the preparation of a Secondary Development Plan for the Hemlock/Beechwood corridor.

However under the draft Official Plan such a secondary plan would not be possible. The draft Official Plan introduces the following prerequisite for secondary plans: *"...the City shall require a landowners' agreement. This Agreement shall be provided to the City prior to the commencement of the Secondary Plan. The ... agreement shall include ... how development and density are to be distributed, as well as how the costs of studies and plans will be divided."*

In short, landowners who do not agree with a proposed secondary plan process can veto the process by simply not signing a landowner's agreement. This requirement may be suitable for lands outside the urban boundary, or redevelopment of a shopping mall, but it is not suitable for the Beechwood/Hemlock Corridor.

We would ask that you work with your colleagues to remove this restriction of the use of secondary development plans from the draft Official Plan.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cindy Parkanyi".

Cindy Parkanyi  
President  
New Edinburgh Community Alliance