

NECA Strategic Priorities – Update for 2022-23

Strategic Priorities	Goals	Status / Recommendations
Promoting responsible development of the Beechwood Corridor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Give expression to member opinions regarding aesthetics, diversity and safety. ● Work with BVA and other community organizations and the City to promote development that aligns with the Community Design Plan and a subsequent Secondary Plan. ● 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”, through the BVA 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. 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"> ● Explore ways to improve safety throughout the neighbourhood. ● Work with the Community Collective to find solutions to Beechwood and area traffic and safety issues. 	<p><i>The Traffic and Safety committee will continue to pursue priority traffic and safety issues with the City.</i></p> <p>What we will continue to push forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pilot a seasonal closure of a small segment of Stanley Avenue near the New Edinburgh Park Fieldhouse to activate the space with additional public amenities ● Continuous incremental improvements to street safety in New Edinburgh ● Beechwood Transportation and Safety in conjunction with neighbouring community associations ● Mitigating the risk of spring flooding from the Rideau river ● Halting the expansion of the gravel road shoulder of Stanley Avenue into the public greenspace across the street from New Edinburgh Park

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<p>Protecting heritage while promoting responsible development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to work to ensure that development is consistent with character and heritage. • Strengthen relationships with City, Councillor, developers, residents and representatives from other HCDs in Ottawa. • Explore ways to be informed of and have more influence on developments outside the Heritage Conservation District (HCD). 	<p>H&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&D Committee will continue as part of a project that allows 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.</i></p>
<p>Fostering community engagement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek collaboration/fusion with other community organizations. • Pursue joint community events. • Further enhance engagement with residents. • Support community engagement through the <i>New Edinburgh News</i>, E-newsletters and social media. 	<p>The committee works to ensure clear and effective communication with residents and is also working on renewing the newedinburgh.ca website.</p> <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.</p> <p>NECA also attends meetings of the Federation of Citizens’ Associations (FCA) to support the work of the FCA and to benefit from the analysis and resources provided.</p> <p>NECA continues to work with Kichi Sibi Trails to acknowledge and celebrate the area’s indigenous heritage (Chief Pinesi Day, Rockcliffe/Rideau Portage Trail, “Miskwi” Algonquin mural at the Fieldhouse, possible re-naming of New Edinburgh Park).</p> <p><i>NECA’s Communications Committee is in need of a chair and the New Edinburgh News is in need of a new Managing Editor.</i></p>

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Promoting awareness of climate change and environment sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise awareness of, and encourage community dialogue on, environmental sustainability and climate change. • Identify opportunities for community engagement (all ages) on environment and climate action. • Encourage more sustainable and eco-friendly behaviour and practices in New Edinburgh. 	The Environment and Climate Change Committee has been dormant due to a lack of chair.
Pursuing enhancements for the Park, with focus on protection of green spaces, natural habitat and safety for all to enjoy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Park Committee works to ensure continued local stewardship of the park as a natural resource. • Engage and collaborate with relevant stakeholders (residents, Crichton Community Council, City staff, NCC, RVCA, etc.) to maintain and enhance the park for all users. • Determine how stronger collaboration with RVCA might further support park priorities along Rideau River. • Support the efforts of the Crichton Community Council and other community partners toward making improvements to public space facilities that support both current and future needs of park users. 	<i>The Park Committee will continue working with the City and other stakeholders to enhance safety, reduce friction between different users and enhance/maintain the greenspaces.</i>