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**COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP
TUESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2023
5:30PM-7:00PM
PNE HASTINGS ROOM**

Present: PNE Staff

Rebecca Savory, Manager, Community Relations & Communications
Sam Ellis, Administrative Assistant
Karen Massicotte, Vice President, Sales, Marketing & Business Development
Vice President, Facilities, Maintenance and Master Plan Projects

CAG in-person

Patricia Barnes
Dino Singh
Ruby Wong
Shelley Dubé
Linda Dallow

Regrets:

Mayura Colling
Jason McGarry
Shauna Wilton, Vice President, Event Operations

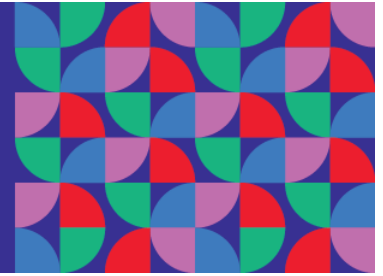
Did not attend:

Courtney Komonasky
Debbie Schachter
Stewart Anderson

AGENDA TOPICS

1. Introducing our new CAG member

- Following an online application period, Shelley Dubé was selected as the 10th member of the CAG for 2023-2024. Members went around and introduced themselves.



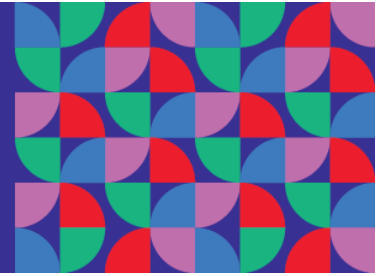
2. Introducing our new VPs of Operations

- The PNE's newly hired Vice President, Facilities, Maintenance and Master Plan Projects, Ming Tian, introduced himself to the group and overviewed the topics he would discuss at future CAG meetings, including any updates on Master Plan projects and park facilities and green spaces.
- Rebecca gave Shauna's apologies. She will be at the next meeting to meet the CAG in November.

3. Fair debrief

- Rebecca gave an overview of the fair footprint and noted changes made in 2023.
 - Dino said he appreciated the tickets - the kids they brought had a blast.
 - Ruby said the Magic Show in the barns was amazing, location of diving show was great, and Dinosaurs in a quieter area was good. She said it would be good if Canoe Cultures and the Indigenous marketplace was more dispersed through the Fair, rather than on their own.
 - Karen noted it was their choice to be a community together but we're working with them to discuss their location going forward.
 - Ruby liked the community stage but noted the adirondack chairs take up a lot of the prime seating area and could be better located.
 - Tricia saw Boney M and thought Duelling Piano's were great.
 - Shelley liked the diving show and noted the same issue with the Adirondacks in front of the community stage.
 - Linda really enjoyed the Persian food.
- Rebecca asked for feedback on neighbourhood impact.
 - Ruby said Charles St seems quite far away as a boundary for the ticket program as she noted no issues with cars on Chales or Napier.
 - Shelley lives in the 'exit zone' / along the walking route from a main exit). She noted a lot of garbage dropped on their street and people toileting in their garden. She suggested garbage bins be added outside the Fair gates, along the exit route. She noted that the littering is worst after Fair, any alcohol events (e.g. VCBW/Rose Disco/Harvest Haus/Punch Bowl/Hopscotch) and certain music events (e.g. Breakout).

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- Karen responded that we will re-engage with Community Policing for certain shows/events and that we can explore options for the garbage cans for the end of the night.
- Karen and Ming added that we do have a cleanup crew and we will check they're doing laneways and the timing.
- Dino noted he'd seen them cleaning up around Adanac & Windemere about 8am
- Shelley noted there aren't enough signs for parking restrictions. The nearby streets need tow-away signs in combination with residents only signs, as a further deterrent.

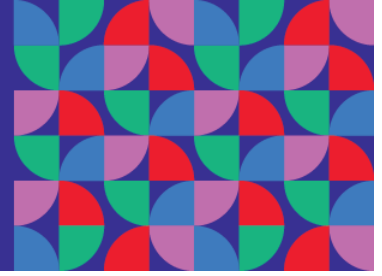
4. Community Open House – Call for topics – November 2, 6pm-7:30pm, Hastings Room

- Rebecca gave an overview of what we're looking at covering, and that we are taking topic submissions and RSVPs on our website. There will be an update about sound on the website, but we will not be discussing sound at the open house as there are no further updates.
- Shelley suggested starting with an opening statement about what is expected of attendee behaviour at the meeting, to ensure it is productive.
- Ruby said the 'not-for-profit' vs 'non-profit' conversation has generated some buzz online and would be helpful to clarify.
- Linda noted it is important to start with a land acknowledgement.

5. Focus Groups

- Karen explained that in the past, we had neighbourhood focus groups that met twice a year. We want to narrow the focus topics and we will be looking into relaunching these groups in the coming year. Karen asked if a more narrowed focus would be appreciated, and whether the community would be engaged in that.
- Tricia asked what the purpose of the groups would be.
 - Karen said they aim to capture the wide range of different perspectives from our community. Through meetings, she had found that many community members want to engage more deeply on particular topics with the PNE, but have no interest in others, so this would be a way of capturing their feedback and input.
- Linda said with so many new residences being built, the PNE will have a whole new group of people to engage with. She also noted that most of the new buildings are higher-rises without gardens, so there will be increased need for a third space.
- Shelley said community engagement and discussion groups with focus topics would be beneficial.

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- Dino said one focus could be on the park and its role in the community beyond the Fair – focusing on the green spaces available to people.
- Tricia noted that parking issues will increase in Hastings Sunrise with the number of new, multi-unit dwellings that are being constructed.
 - Shelley asked if the ONE could have a taxi/uber rotunda for event drop-off and pick-up.
 - Karen loved the idea and said it is something we can explore.

6. Farmers Market

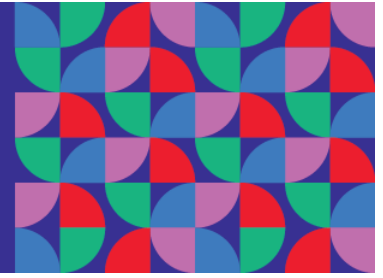
- Rebecca gave an overview about the Farmers Market considering moving from the Centre Grounds to Parking Lot 16 (off East Hastings, opposite Playland, next to the Community Centre) where Urban Roots have their pop-up. She noted they would have to run a generator. She asked for thoughts and feedback.
 - Overall, the group was very supportive, and liked that it was a more visible location for the Market.
 - Linda suggested partnering with EComm for a power source
 - Ruby noted that there is no entertainment for kids in that location (there's swings in Hastings Park), and noted the weekends at Hastings Community Centre are often busy parking-wise.
 - Linda asked if the Hastings/Renfrew lot was an option. She noted it is City-owned and is empty on a Sunday morning.
 - Karen explained that we support the market operationally, so it is easier if we run it on PNE-managed land.
 - Linda thought it would be much more visible in Lot 16 and easy for a lot of the neighbourhood to get to.

7. AOB

- Rebecca explained our new three-year partnership with Hastings Conservancy launching in October, with further information to be added to the website once ready.
- Rebecca shared that the PNE hosted the first Terry Fox Run since 2019, with 5 local schools and that feedback was very positive.

The logo for 'PNE MINUTES' features a stylized 'P' icon on the left, composed of four overlapping semi-circles in red, blue, green, and purple. To the right of the icon, the words 'PNE MINUTES' are written in a bold, white, sans-serif font against a dark blue background.

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- Rebecca noted the Winter Fair ticket program for neighbours would be run the same as in 2022, with 2 tickets per household, due to a reduced footprint (We physically can't give away more tickets as don't want to give away more tickets than we can fit in the park).
 - Rebecca noted the letter will be available in 3 alternative languages, through a link noted on the letter.
 - Linda suggested a QR code in the letter, linking to the online letters would work well.

Meeting ended 19:00pm.

Next meeting – is 14th November 2023.