

COMMUNITY GARDENS COUNCIL OF WATERLOO REGION

MINUTES

**Tuesday February 15, 2011/PUBLIC HEALTH BUILDING
Room 308 – 3rd Floor, 99 Regina St, 7pm**

CGC members in attendance: Anthony – Chair, Carol – Public Health Nurse, Alisa, Greg, Lorraine, Tammy, Mary

1. Guests, new members, partner introduction and presentations

- Jolayne, Alem, Sydney, Theresa, Fannis, Rhonda

2. Review of January meeting minutes

- No January meeting minutes since the meeting included Anthony and Carol only. Approval of December's meeting minutes was passed.

3. New Garden

- Rhonda informed the council of a planned new community garden in Kitchener. However, budget requests for gardens from the city were denied.

4. Water Tanks

- Mary updated the water tank situation. They are for the gardens with no water source to use. The tanks can collect rainwater or be filled by fire trucks needing to empty their tanks instead of dumping large amounts of water into the sewage system.

5. Multi-cultural Workshop

- Alem toured 3 possible new garden sites for Kitchener. Waterloo base is steered by Fannis. Fannis is exploring opportunities with Urban Harvester (Alisa) and is aiming to start a garden this summer.

6. TOR

- Approval of the Terms of Reference. Motioned by Anthony, seconded by Carol and motion was carried.

7. Accessible Gardens

- DCC (Diggable Communities Collaborative) is an agency sponsorship group. Accessible gardens to be moved forward for 4 gardens. A quote from Helmutt's consulting firm guestimates a cost of \$20-27,000 per garden to install interlocking stone pathways. Property owner and garden co-ordinators were consulted. Needs assessment has been completed. Aim is to have at least 1 accessible garden in each city.

8. Organic Backyard Workshop

- Kathy from COG (Canadian Organic Growers) will be the speaker at these two events. One will be hosted at Mary's garden and church in Cambridge and one in Kitchener. Poster distribution help needed. Tammy to help set-up at Cambridge, Anthony to help set-up at Kitchener location.

9. CGC newsletter

- Not received via email to council members. Alisa will resend. Group agreed to keep the newsletter an electronic copy only to prevent unnecessary usage of paper and to keep the newsletter simple with little regulations compared to paper copies.

10. Doon

- Conestoga College garden potential. Concern over garden care in summer. Alisa to help.

11. Healthy Communities Workshop

- Asking for help in promoting gardening

12. Green Living Fair

- Asking for volunteers to man stand at event

13. Seedy Saturday

- Missed deadline. Maybe next year.

14. Kitchener Garden

- Potential start of forest garden. No site selected as of yet.

15. Financial Report

- Bank has started charging a monthly service fee. Lorraine to inquire. \$502.77 in account.

16. Adjournment

- Anthony adjourned the meeting at 8:27 pm

Next meeting

- Tuesday, March 15, 2011, 7pm