

## Community Garden Council Meeting

Minutes Nov 18, 2014 7pm

- No quorum, attending: Anthony, Jason, Lauren, Shane
- Accessible Garden Update from Anthony
  - Krista sent out photos via email to the council, build is done!
  - Home Depot build is scheduled for the spring
  - The Trillium deadline was met and a report is being produced
- New website update from Anthony
  - There was a meeting with some gardeners and interested council members
  - The group looked at garden websites from various gardens like Toronto and Hamilton
  - Good points and what to avoid were collected in an informal specification
  - Stephanie sent out requests for quotes and is gathering input on choosing a vendor
  - Funding for the website has been generously provided by Public Health
- Newsletter; Eva sent out a newsletter last week, the “movie” feature was a good idea to promote garden friendly movies at the Princess
- MOHLTC funded school garden scan; Shane described this as a project to evaluate community gardens in school properties
- Discussion on future council structure
  - Discussed payments to join the network; council would have to provide value for this to work
  - Discussion on finding a charitable partner for funding proposals
- Shane reported on composting discussions with a city councillor; Shane suggested that community gardens could be a way for the city to centralize a neighbourhood compost collection so that it is cheaper for the region to collect
- Jason introduced a discussion on temporary farmer’s markets
- Jason also read two of his community garden council “elevator pitches”; a short synopsis of our purpose for introductions; he has agreed to type them up and email them to council