

## Community & School Gardening Capacity Building Meeting - RESOURCES

Monday, November 30, 2009

### **Objectives:**

1. Hear from the Nova Scotia Agricultural College about gardening training opportunities
2. Hear from others about the needs for community & school gardening capacity building and what can be brought to the table to advance community and school gardening initiatives in NS
3. Identify next steps and action items for capacity building
4. If required, set a next meeting
5. Share resources and contacts

### **Agenda:**

12:05 pm Start - Welcome from Tamara & Garity

12:05-12:15 - Introductions

12:15-12:20 - Why are we here? Background - Building capacity for community & school gardens (Tamara & Garity)

12:25-12:35 - NSAC overview of community gardening site, master gardening course, future possibilities (NSAC)

12:35-12:45 - What can the province and the municipalities offer? What can others offer?

12:45-1:30 - Facilitated dialogue on collaborating for next steps to build capacity in NS for community & school gardens.

### **Key areas of discussion for action items and next steps:**

1. NSAC and Urban Agriculture/Community Gardening
2. School Gardens
3. Municipal Government and food production in HRM
4. Capital Health and community food projects Hello Community & School Gardening Enthusiasts!

**Conference Call Info** Premiere Global: Phone: 1-866-231-6479 / Participant Passcode: 588750

## **RESOURCES**

### **THE EDIBLE SCHOOLYARD: FILM**

Get this film! Inspiring film by Slow Food Nova Scotia. Learn about the story of the Summerville community working with students, staff and friends of Dr. Arthur Hines Elementary School on their school garden. Kathy Aldous explains how they started the school garden at the school. Available from Slow Food Nova Scotia and at every public library in NS.

### **ECOLOGY ACTION CENTRE HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE – DEC. 1 FROM 4-7PM**

*Special Invitation from Garity Chapman, Urban Garden Project Coordinator*

Holiday Open House on Dec. 1st at the Ecology Action Centre, 2705 Fern Lane, Halifax. There will be sweet and delightful treats. Feel free to bring your colleagues, family and clients.

More information:

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## **HRM COMMUNITY GARDENING REPORT JUST RELEASED**

Halifax Regional Municipality's community gardens:

<http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/documents/091020cai10.pdf>

## **SENSE: SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION IN NOVA SCOTIA FOR EVERYONE**

<http://nsen.ca/education.php>

\*Province-wide symposium in the spring of 2011 on community & school gardens

## **COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM**

Halifax Regional Municipality - Where Friendship Blooms!

The National Symposium on Parks & Grounds and Awards Ceremonies will be hosted next year by Halifax Regional Municipality, NS. October 27 to 30, 2010

<http://www.communitiesinbloom.ca/Default.aspx?ID=57>

## **COMMUNITY & SCHOOL GARDENING EMAIL GROUP**

We have set up a yahoo email group dedicated to our work on Community Gardens. For more information about our email group, please go to the following link:

Group name: NSEN Community Gardens

Group home page: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NSENCommunityGardens>

Post message: [NSENCommunityGardens@yahoogroups.com](mailto:NSENCommunityGardens@yahoogroups.com)

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## **WEB PAGE RESOURCES**

If you have suggestions for documents, links, or other resources to add to our web page, please send them to me. Our Community Gardens Issue page is here: [http://nsen.ca/i\\_communitygardens.php](http://nsen.ca/i_communitygardens.php)

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Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Tamara

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