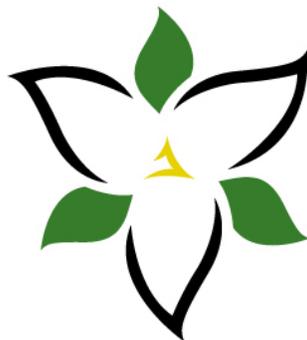




10C Attendance at Presentations, Seminars and
Conference in 2017

May 3, 9-10, September 27, October 23, November 8

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Education – Presentations, Seminars & Conferences

10C staff attended various talks, seminars and conferences related to green infrastructure, pollination, local food and urban greening. Attendance of these events helped 10C examine case studies and network with like-minded professionals. When possible mention of our Ontario Trillium Foundation Seed grant was mentioned with respect to our project.

This summary provides an overview of these events.

Bee Presentation – Ernesto Guzman (University of Guelph)

Location: Guelph Public Library

Date: May 3rd, 2017 @ 7-8 pm

<https://www.uoguelph.ca/ses/users/eguzman>

Presentation by Ernesto Guzman from the School of Environmental Sciences. Ernesto is professor & head of the Honey Bee Research Centre at the University of Guelph. His presentation focused on possible reasons behind bee colony collapse and several research efforts happening at the University. Possible reasons presented included: loss of habitat / development, parasites, pesticide use (neonictinoids), moving bees around, and lack of diversity at farms (monocultures).

Questions asked by Bryan to Ernesto:

- What role does development play?
- Are you familiar with the Oslo rooftop highway for pollination? What are your thoughts on this as a design solution?

Response: Development plays a substantial role and many times habitat is not provided within the urban fabric. He is familiar with the Oslo example & thinks it is an excellent model to mimic for other urban centres. There may be research interest if there is a network of apiary boxes throughout the Guelph downtown core.

Grey to Green Conference

Location: Chestnut Conference Centre, Toronto

Date: May 9th & 10th, 2017

<https://greytogreenconference.org/agenda/>

The Grey to Green conference is organized and facilitated by staff at Green Roofs for Healthy Cities in Toronto. In 2017 *Grey to Green* provided a “line-up of leading-edge and inspirational speakers, interactive workshops, and world-class tours of some of Toronto's best green infrastructure projects.” (from conference program). Bryan McPherson attended with a student / not-for-profit pass. Presentations were made by Steven Peck (founder & president of Green Roofs for Healthy Cities), Jennifer Keesmat (Chief Planner, City of Toronto) and Hon. Glen Murray. Break out seminars included ‘green infrastructure & urban agriculture for resilient cities’, ‘innovation in climate change’, and ‘green infrastructure collaboration, policy & implementation’. On the Wednesday Bryan participated in a full-day design charrette with Green Infrastructure Ontario. The charrette was free. Participants worked on case studies for green infrastructure implementation for sites in Mississauga & Toronto area. Participants included architects, landscape architects, planners and urban designers.

POD Grand Opening Party

Location: 38 Elizabeth St, Guelph

Date: September 27th, 2017

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/pod-grand-opening-party-tickets-37015764147#>

The SEED invited 10C staff to the grand opening of the POD fresh food warehouse – a community space with the aim of increasing access to fresh fruits and vegetables for food-insecure community members in Guelph. There was food, music, ceremony and other activities. Joy Sammy & Bryan McPherson attended the event to network with individuals involved in food security initiatives in Guelph.

Carrot City: A Conversation with the Curators

Location: Idea Exchange, Design at Riverside

Date: October 23rd, 2017

<https://ideaexchange.org/programs/event/carrot-city-panel-discussion>

Carrot City Canada explores the intersection of design and food production in Canadian cities. “By examining the connection between urbanism, design, and food, the exhibit demonstrates how design can be used to bring healthy food systems closer to home, showcasing design work that challenges the urban-rural and form-function dichotomies” (from Idea Exchange website). Bryan McPherson attended with Evan Bell (WaterFarmers). Presentations were made about benefits of urban agriculture design, a 3-acre farm site in the City of Hamilton, and about protecting biodiversity in cities through effective green infrastructure design.

Local Food Symposium & Royal Agricultural Winter Fair

Location: Chestnut Conference Centre, Toronto

Date: November 8th, 2017

http://www.greenbeltfund.ca/local_food_symposium

The Greenbelt Fund Local Food Symposium is “an opportunity for stakeholders across the food value chain to participate in new and novel conversations about how to get more fresh, local food onto Ontarians' plates.” Workshop themes included: marketing local food, finance models to support local food, regional food systems, food hubs, food tech & innovation, food literacy and food safety. Bryan McPherson attended and connected with Tom Armitage from The Seed. Presenters and panelists talked about supporting local food economies from the regional to site level. There were conversations about value added food opportunities which is of interest to the 10C rooftop and community kitchen project.