

PARKed on Prince

The purpose of this installation is to bring attention to urban space along Prince Street in Truro, Nova Scotia. Dubbed a “kitchen party” the temporary use of a parking space on Prince, east of Revere Street, aims to enliven a car-centred part of the street and educate the public about recreation, leisure, and edible landscapes. The project brings together students from the B. Tech in Landscape Architecture Program and past-participants of the Urban Agriculture course at Dalhousie University along with students in Community Recreation at the Nova Scotia Community College and those taking courses in health and recreation at the Cobequid Educational Centre. The project will give the B. Tech LA program presence in Truro and provide an opportunity to engage local youth in the practice and profession of landscape architecture.



Figure 1: PRIDE Fence, 2015, photo: Heather Braiden

The installation will be built using recycled pallets (see sample images from a 2015 PRIDE installation, at the residence of the main applicant). The vertical pallets are affixed to 4x4 posts with metal brackets and supported upright by four-way concrete deck blocks. Small shelves are added to the top and one side of each pallet, to hold the plants. All vertical pallet surfaces will be spray painted. Additional pallets, laid flat, will even the ground plane between the sidewalk and road. The space will be furnished with pre-existing pallet benches, constructed by the LARC 4001 – *Construction Detailing* class in 2017. Subject to change: a group of 4th year B. Tech students will build the project.

Students in the NSCC *Professional Communications I* course will prepare a press release and work to promote the installation on Social Media. Students from the CEC will occupy the space intermittently during their recreation classes. This may entail stopping for water or stretch while running, practicing yoga, or learning about healthy cooking. The garden will be installed outside or next to the Red Knot Bakery (for access to water for the plants) and the baker promised to include fresh herbs from the installation in her weekly specials. Other local cafes and restaurants will be invited to do the same. Plants will likely be purchased from two vendors at the Truro Farmer’s Market, and further communications are imagined in the market news letter. The town planner is also in support of enlivening the west end of Prince and will help in applying for the necessary permits. The installation will take place when students return to school and the grand opening will take place on “PARKing Day” (the third Friday in September). Depending on

weather and its success, the installation will remain until the end of patio season when the town requires all temporary decks be removed from Prince Street. Should the installation be in place at the time of the APALA AGM, participants will be invited to view the space. Equally, members of the B. Tech LA pre-accreditation committee will be encouraged to stop by. A short description of the project completed installation will be submitted to APALA and Landscape / Paysages.

Budget Justification: PARKed on Prince

Materials	Funds Requested
Fencing	
Quantities based on a standard parking space and adjusted to 1 pallet deep and 6 long. Prices based on online search, ie, Rona, Home Depot, and HubCraft and does not include delivery.	
Four-way concrete deck blocks, 9 @ \$9.99 + HST =	103.40
Posts, PT 4x4, 8-foot lengths cut in half, 5 @ \$13.99 + HST =	96.53
Strong Ties, 2" x 1.5", box of 200 @ \$145 + HST =	166.75
Shelves, PT 8" x 2" fence board, 10-foot length, 6 @ 18.99 + HST =	131.03
Screws, box #8-2" deck screws, 79.99 + HST =	91.11
Paint, 8 @ \$9.99 + HST =	91.91
Disposable valve respirator, box of 10 @ \$29.99 + HST =	34.49
Box, vinyl gloves @ \$10.99 + HST =	12.64
Sub-total	740.5
Plants	
Estimate only, roughly 12 x 6" pots per pallet = 96 x \$6.99	674.01
Sub-Total	\$1414.51
Other Expenses	
Honorarium:	
Water for plants	50.00
Signage and promotions	150
Pizza lunch for construction volunteers: 5 large @ 21.99 + HST =	126.44
Sub-Total	\$326.44
TOTAL OVERALL COST	\$1740.95

Applicant:

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Figure 2: PRIDE Fence, 2015, photo: Heather Braiden