



Clerks and Bylaw

February 18, 2022

SENT VIA E-MAIL TO:

Joanne Vanderheyden
President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities
info@fcm.ca

Dear President Vanderheyden,

Re: Year of the Garden Proclamation

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of Norfolk County, please be advised that upon the recommendation of the Tourism and Economic Development Advisory Board, Council passed the following resolution at the February 15, 2021 Council meeting:

Resolution No. 13

Moved By: Councillor Martin

Seconded By: Councillor Huffman

WHEREAS Norfolk County is known as Ontario's Garden and has a rich agricultural and horticulture industry;

AND WHEREAS Communities in Bloom and "Fleurons du Québec" in collaboration with the Canadian Garden Council, invite all municipalities to celebrate the Year of the Garden 2022;

AND WHEREAS the Year of the Garden 2022 celebrates the Centennial of Canada's horticulture sector;

AND WHEREAS gardens and gardening contribute to the quality of life of our municipality, our climate action goals and create safe and healthy places where people can come together in the spirit of inclusivity and reconciliation:

AND WHEREAS the Year of the Garden 2022 will highlight and celebrate the important contribution of gardeners, our local gardening organizations, horticultural professionals and local horticultural businesses which contribute to garden culture and experience of our municipality;

AND WHEREAS gardens and gardening have helped us face the challenges of the COVID pandemic;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

THAT Norfolk County hereby proclaim 2022 as the Year of the Garden in celebration of the contribution of gardens and gardening to the development of our country, our municipality and the lives of our citizens in terms of health, quality of life and environmental challenges;

AND THAT the Saturday before Father's Day, National Garden Day, June 18 in 2022, be recognize as Garden Day in Norfolk County as a legacy of Canada's Year of the Garden 2022;

AND THAT Norfolk County is committed to be a Garden Friendly County supporting the development of its garden culture and is proud to have history, heritage and diversity of gardens;

AND FURTHER THAT all municipalities across Canada be invited proclaim 2022 to be the Year of the Garden in their respective municipalities, and that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and for that purpose.

Further information regarding the Year of the Garden Proclamation can be found on the [Year of the Garden Website](#). If any municipality would like to partner with Norfolk County in proclaiming 2022 as the Year of the Garden a draft resolution is attached below.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter or should you require additional information, please contact Kevin Klingenberg, Deputy Clerk at 519-426-5870 x. 1261, or email: Clerks@norfolkcounty.ca

Sincerely,

Kevin Klingenberg
Deputy Clerk
Norfolk County

CC:

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities
- All Ontario municipalities
- Tourism and Economic Development Advisory Board

Presented on Municipal letterhead

Year of the Garden 2022 PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS** the *Year of the Garden 2022* celebrates the Centennial of Canada's horticulture sector;
- WHEREAS** gardens and gardening contribute to the quality of life of our municipality and create safe and healthy places where people can come together;
- WHEREAS** the *Year of the Garden 2022* will highlight and celebrate the important contribution of gardeners, our local gardening organizations, horticultural professionals and local horticultural businesses which contribute to garden culture and the experience garden of our municipality;
- WHEREAS** gardens and gardening have helped us face the challenges of the COVID pandemic;
- WHEREAS** Communities in Bloom in collaboration with the Canadian Garden Council, invites all municipalities to celebrate the Year of the Garden;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- THAT** (add name of municipality) **HEREBY PROCLAIMS 2022 as the *Year of the Garden*** in celebration of the contribution of gardens and gardening to the development of our country, our municipality and the lives of our citizens in terms of health, quality of life and environmental challenges; and
- THAT** **the Saturday before Father's Day**, June 18 in 2022, be recognize as Garden Day in (add name of municipality) as a legacy of Canada's Year of the Garden 2022; and
- THAT** (insert name of Municipality) is committed to be a **Garden Friendly City** supporting the development of its garden culture and is proud to have:

(name at least two city initiatives that support the garden culture of your city and the spirit of the Year of the Garden); and

- THAT** all municipalities across Canada BE INVITED to proclaim 2022 to be the ***Year of the Garden*** in their respective municipalities, and that a copy of this resolution be provided to the FCM, and for that purpose.

DATED AT CITY HALL, (the xx day of (add month), 2021 or 2022

(insert Mayor's name), Mayor