



## Year of the Garden 2022 Proclamation

- 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*;
- 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, our climate action goals and create safe and healthy places where people can come together in the spirit of inclusivity and reconciliation;
- 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;
- WHEREAS** gardens and gardening have helped us face the challenges of the COVID pandemic;

### NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- THAT** The Town of Essex **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, National Garden Day**, June 18 in 2022, be recognized as **Garden Day** in The Town of Essex as a legacy of Canada's *Year of the Garden 2022*; and
- THAT** The Town of Essex is committed to be a **Garden Friendly City** supporting the development of its garden culture and is proud to have beautiful streetscapes, planters, and garden beds throughout the municipality; 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 Town Hall, the 19 day of April, 2022

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Richard Meloche, Mayor