



CITY OF VICTORIA

PROCLAMATION

“YEAR OF THE GARDEN 2022”

- 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.*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- THAT** *(The City of Victoria) 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 City of Victoria) as a legacy of Canada’s Year of the Garden 2022; and*
- THAT** *(The City of Victoria) is committed to be a Garden Friendly City supporting the development of its garden culture and is proud to have:*
- *A City run Nursery facility that produces amazing summer and winter plant material and horticultural displays and will support the 85th year of the City’s Hanging Basket Program in 2022.*
 - *The Growing in the City Program comprised of several initiatives that support urban food production on public and private land including community and boulevard gardens, as well as the Get Growing, Victoria! Initiative that provides food seedlings and garden materials to citizens in need; and*
 - *Several new horticultural management and park design initiatives designed to adapt to a changing climate and promote reconciliation with the Songhees and Esquimalt People, whose homelands Victoria residents are proud to live in; 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.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I do hereby proclaim the year 2022 as “YEAR OF THE GARDEN” and the 18th day of June 2022, as “GARDEN DAY” on the HOMELANDS of the Lekwungen speaking SONGHEES AND ESQUIMALT PEOPLE in the CITY OF VICTORIA, CAPITAL CITY of the PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 20th day of January, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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