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ATTN: Mayor and Council

2022 is the centennial of Canada's ornamental horticulture sector marked by the Canadian Nursery Landscape Association (CNLA) 100th Anniversary. The Year of the Garden 2022 : • celebrates Canada's rich horticulture and garden heritage • celebrates today's vibrant garden culture • creates legacies for a sustainable future.

The mission is to celebrate and generate development and growth of Canada's garden culture. As the country faces the challenges of COVID, the Year of the Garden 2022 provides Canadians of all ages with opportunities to learn more about growing, enjoying and experiencing gardens, and all the vital quality of life benefits they provide. On March 22, 2021, with the support of Canada's Garden-Family, 2022 was proclaimed the Year of the Garden. On June 21, the federal government recognized 2022 as Canada's Year of the Garden via a House of Commons declaration.

Passion for gardening has never been more evident than during the pandemic as families sheltered at home and turned their yards into practical and beautiful garden sanctuaries. Year of the Garden 2022 is meant to: • celebrate and enhance all the good work being done by members of Canada's Garden-Family • make it easy for Canadians to participate and 'Live the Garden Life'.

North Thompson Valley Garden Club, based primarily in District of Barriere, is hopeful that our District will support our local gardening community by proclaiming its support of 2022 Year of the Garden. A proclamation template is attached as well as introductory information from the Year of the Garden 2022 website.

Our Garden Club is hoping to offer some outdoor sessions for the public in conjunction with this effort to encourage gardeners and gardening locally.

Please contact our President, Lorraine Thiesen at 250-886-5447 or loandben@hotmail.com if you have further questions or would like us to make any further presentation at a Council meeting.

Sincerely,



Lorraine Thiesen
President



Laurie Buis
Vice President



Laurie Hawley
Secretary/Treasurer

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 District Of Barriere 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 District of Barriere as a legacy of Canada’s Year of the Garden 2022; and

THAT District of Barriere is committed to be a Garden Friendly Community supporting the development of its garden culture and is proud to have: a Community Garden, and have supported Communities in Bloom.

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.



Invitation to Municipalities

What is The Year of the Garden 2022?

The **Year of the Garden 2022** is the **Centennial Celebration of Canada's horticulture sector** marked with the 100th Anniversary of the Canadian Nursery Landscape Association. From January 1 to December 31, 2022, we will commemorate and celebrate Canada's rich garden heritage, celebrate today's vibrant garden culture, and create legacies for a sustainable future.

Planning is underway for a year of exciting activities, celebrations, special events and promotions that will take place in communities, schools, businesses, public gardens, and backyard gardens in all parts of Canada.

Join the Celebration and Proclaim 2022 as the Year of the Garden in Your Municipality

Join **Canada's Garden-Family** – thousands of plant growers, product manufacturers, retailers, landscape service providers, public gardens and garden experience providers, garden clubs and societies, and affiliated businesses – which will be sharing their knowledge and offering events to help Canadians **Live the Garden Life**.

The **Year of the Garden 2022** is a unique opportunity for your municipality to highlight and have a positive impact on priorities, such as:

- Post COVID Recovery
- Quality of Life
- Healthy Citizens
- Environmental Climate Action
- Economic Growth
- Enhance Cultural Vibrancy
- Reconciliation and Inclusivity
- Garden Tourism Destination positioning

The **Year of the Garden 2022 campaign** will reach and inspire the public to learn about the connections gardens and gardening have with many important community quality of life benefits including:

Environmental Benefits

- Integration of more plants into city life: tree canopy, community gardens, public parks, green roofs, green infrastructure
- More plants and more gardens produce more oxygen, sequester more carbon, mitigate heat island effect in urban areas
- Engaging Canadians in the Federal government's commitment to plant 2 billion trees, and commitment to fight Climate Change
- Contribute to attaining sustainable development goals

Economic Benefits

- Gardens and gardening generate economic activity for the garden family sector of your municipality
- Impact of public garden visitation, a demonstrated major tourism draw
- Generate economic development, attracting residents, businesses, and visitors in communities across the country
- Enhancing quality of life favours economic stability for your municipality and its residents

Health and Wellness Benefits

- The relation between improved health and gardening is well documented
- Active living for all ages
- Contribute to healthier citizens and reduced health costs
- Engage your with Canada's healthy eating strategy

Cultural Benefits

- Better understanding of the role gardens and gardening play in the development of communities and our country
- contribute to the reconciliation with the First Nations who live in harmony with nature and plants
- Contribute to Canada's inclusivity agenda since "in the garden there are no differences", just plants, and people of all ages and cultures who love them and care for them
- support the integration of a garden culture in schools and community gardens