

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF WARFIELD

POLICY TITLE: Half-masting Flag for Mourning

POLICY #0175

POLICY STATEMENT:

It is the policy of Council to ensure that flags on municipal property are flown at half-mast as a sign of mourning.

POLICY BACKGROUND:

The National Flag of Canada and the flags of the provinces and territories are symbols of honour and pride for all Canadians. The manner in which flags may be displayed in Canada is not governed by any legislation but by established practice. Etiquette in flying the flag is an adaptation of international usage and of customs that government has been observing for many years. The rules applied by the federal government are in no way mandatory for individuals or organizations; they may serve as guidelines for all persons who wish to display the Canadian Flag and other flags in Canada.

POLICY GOAL:

It is the goal of this policy that as a sign honouring selected persons at their death, flags on municipal property are to be flown at half-mast. 'Death' is taken to include the day of death and up to and including the day of the funeral.

POLICY OBJECTIVES:

1. To fly flags on municipal property at half-mast on the death of the Sovereign or a member of the Royal Family related to the Sovereign (spouse, son or daughter), the Governor General, the Prime Minister, or a former prime minister.
2. To fly flags on municipal property at half-mast on the death of the Lieutenant Governor or the Premier of the Province of British Columbia.
3. To fly flags on municipal property at half-mast on the death of the present Mayor, or present City Councillor.
4. To fly flags on municipal property at half-mast on the death of an individual granted 'Freeman of the Village'.
5. On the authority of Council, to fly flags on municipal property at half-mast on the death of a person whom Council wishes to honour in such a manner.

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