

The Resort Village of Birds Point
**POLICY RESPECTING GARDENS AND FLOWER BEDS ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE
VILLAGE OF
BIRDS POINT**

Policy Name: Garden and Flower Bed Policy – Policy 05

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Gardens and Flower Beds provide neighborhood residents with the opportunity to become engaged in a healthy recreation activity while growing nutritious food, meeting neighbors, building community, learning about the growing cycle, and beautifying open space.

It is the responsibility of the ratepayers to complete the attached “Form A” and submit to the office to inform the administrator that you currently have a garden or Flower Bed area or are planning to have one this growing season. If your chosen spot for a garden plot is not behind your own property, the village will require consent from that Property Owner.

Please note that although you maintain the garden or flower bed area, you do not own the area.

PURPOSE

Guidelines for ratepayers who have or want to build and maintain a garden or flower bed on municipal lands within the Village of Birds Point.

I. DEFINITIONS

In this bylaw:

- (a) **“Administrator”** shall mean the administrator of Resort Village of Bird’s Point;
- (b) **“ratepayer”** shall mean an individual who pays tax to the Village of Birds Point;
- (c) **“Council”** shall mean the council of the Resort Village of Bird’s Point;
- (e) **“Municipality”** shall mean the Resort Village of Bird’s Point

2. Guidelines

a) Site Maintenance

When designing the layout of your Garden or Flower bed, please keep enough space for a lawn mower to move between your garden beds. You will be responsible for maintaining the entire area behind your property equal to the size of your lot around your garden or flower bed. Our maintenance personnel who cut the grass are not required to cut between your garden or flower beds.

Fences or raised garden beds made from any material are not allowed.

Portable greenhouses and garden sheds are not allowed.

A Compost Bin must be a closed bin design to keep animals and pests out and must be removed at the end of each growing season (prior to November 1).

See Bylaw 08:20 for regulations regarding any cutting down of trees or pruning branches that are on municipal land.

Pesticide use is discouraged. Fertilizers must be used as per manufacturer's instructions and shall not be left on-site unattended at any time. Organic fertilizers are recommended.

Be considerate of neighbors when planting garden plots or flower beds.

If you plant a tree or shrub it is your responsibility to care for it.

b) Disposal of Organic Waste / Onsite Garbage

As a gardener, you are a steward of the garden or flower bed; you should compost what you grow, and dispose of your garden wastes/weed in a safe and responsible way (example: using a Compost Bin). Please do not throw waste or weeds on the pathways, in the fields close by, or just beyond your plots. No waste receptacles for non-organic waste (garbage) shall be permitted on the garden site.

c) External Structures:

Cannot have running water, electricity on a permanent basis.

Cannot be larger than the size of your lot (example 50 ft).

Cannabis is not permitted to be grown in any community garden on Municipally owned property.

The vegetables, fruits and flowers you grow are for your own enjoyment, selling of vegetables, fruits and flowers will not be tolerated. Sharing, donating is encouraged.

3. Maintenance

Start of Season "PLANT BY" RULES;

Have something planted in your garden by June 1 and keep it planted and weeded all summer long. You are responsible for your garden for the entire season. Keep it free of weeds and harvested through to September/October.

At the end of the season you must remove dead plants and temporary supports.

If Council is notified of or sees a garden that is not being maintained, the administrator will send a notice by email to the last person responsible for the garden to rectify the problem. If council has to deal with it, there may be a charge to the ratepayer to clean up the area.

If you decide not to garden the area next season, you are responsible to turn the area back into its natural state.

4. Responsibility of the Village of Birds Point

The Village of Birds Point is not responsible for loss, damage, injury or any other type of incident or claim arising from the creation, operation, products or site of the garden in this open space.

Council has the authority to stop any activities they see which are unsafe.

SEAL

MAYOR

ADMINISTRATOR

Form A

Gardener's Name and Civic Address (Rate Payer's Name Responsible for the Garden):

Approximate Garden Address: _____

Is the Garden area located directly behind your property?

Yes: _____ **No:** _____

If No:

Do you have the consent of the Property owners directly in front of the proposed garden

area? Yes: _____ **No:** _____

****** IF No, you will need to select an alternate Garden location. ******

******I agree that I may be invoiced for Clean-up charges by The Resort Village of Bird's Point if I do Not remove all dead plants and temporary supports prior to November 1 of each garden year**

******I agree to assume all responsibility for loss, damage, injury or any other type of incident or claim arising from the creation, operation, products or site of the garden in this open space.**

All Property Owners who apply to have a Garden area on Municipal Property agree to the terms outlined in Policy 05 above.

Signature of Applicant:

Approved BY:

(To be signed by the Administrator or person appointed by Council)

