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1. POLICY

The Town of Gibsons recognizes that the raising, displaying and half-masting of flags enhance public awareness of activities, bestow honour and express a collective sense of sorrow and respect.

Council wishes to ensure that the display of flags is exercised in a consistent and appropriate manner. In recognition of the prominence of the Canadian Flag, Council has established the Municipal Offices as the location for the permanent sole display of the Canadian flag. Flags of less prominence or those that are of temporary nature shall be flown at other locations on municipal lands.

2. PROCEDURE

- a) Requests for display of flags shall be submitted in writing to the Director of Parks and Cultural Services not less than one month prior to the date of request for display. Requests will be confirmed on a first come first served basis.
- b) The Director of Parks and Cultural Services will refer to Council for recommendation on any new request.
- c) All flags temporarily displayed must:
 - 1) Be in good condition and free of rents, tears or tattered edges.
 - 2) Be supplied by and be the responsibility of the applicant.
 - 3) Be on display for 1 week or less, unless established by practise or approved by Council

3. SCOPE

This policy applies to flags displayed at all municipal properties and facilities.

4. PROTOCOL

- The National Flag takes precedence over all other flags, and should be displayed in a superior position.



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- Flags of nations or organizations which may be considered controversial, contentious or divisive within the community shall not be flown on municipal lands.
- In the event of death, or to commemorate a solemn occasion, the flying of flags at half-mast will be at the direction of the Mayor. The official period of mourning is defined as the day of passing until sunset on the day of the funeral. For national or provincial days of mourning, the flying of flags at half-mast shall be for the designated day.