

March 22, 2022

Moved by Councillor E. Beauregard Seconded by Councillor A. Desmarais

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 and create safe and healthy places where people can come together; 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 the experience garden of our municipality; and

WHEREAS gardens and gardening have helped us face the challenges of the COVID pandemic; and

WHEREAS Communities in Bloom in collaboration with the Canadian Garden Council, invites all municipalities to celebrate the Year of the Garden; and

NOW THEREFORE I, Mayor William C. Steele, do hereby proclaim 2022 as the **Year of the Garden**, in the City of Port Colborne. 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, June 18 in 2022, be recognized as Garden Day in the City of Port Colborne as a legacy of Canada's Year of the Garden 2022; and

THAT the City of Port Colborne is committed to be a Garden Friendly City supporting the development of its garden culture; 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 all municipalities of Ontario, for that purpose.

William C. Steele

Mayor