

Village of Port Clements

Flag Protocol

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POLICY PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance on the appropriate protocol for the flags flown on Village of Port Clements properties.

HALF-MASTING OF FLAGS

The Half-masting of flags is a well-established procedure to bestow an honour and express a collective sense of sorrow. Given that flags are recognized as paramount symbols of their nations, the act of Half-masting is a dramatic visual statement that speaks to the sense of loss that is shared by all their citizens.

SPECIFICS

Flags will be flown at Half-mast to mark the death of:

1. The Sovereign
2. An immediate relative of the Sovereign
3. The Governor General of Canada
4. The Prime Minister of Canada
5. The Lieutenant-Governor of BC
6. The Premier of BC
7. Our local MLA
8. Our local MP
9. Mayor or former Mayor of Masset, Port Clements or Queen Charlotte
10. Chief Councilors from Old Massett or Skidegate
11. Councilors from Masset, Old Massett, Port Clements, Queen Charlotte, Skidegate or the Skeena Queen Charlotte Regional District
12. President or Vice President of the Council of Haida Nations
13. Regional Representatives for the Council of Haida Nations
14. A veteran, BC firefighter, police officer or paramedic killed in the line of duty.

Flags will be flown at Half-mast to mark special days including:

1. November 11th - Remembrance Day
2. April 28 – Day of Mourning for persons killed or injured in the Workplace (Worker's Mourning Day)
3. September 30 - National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Flags may be flown at Half-mast for exceptional circumstances:

In exceptional circumstances, the Mayor or Deputy Mayor may approve the Half-masting of the flag for an event that is not stipulated in this policy. This would include a circumstance when School District 50 made a request for the Village of Port Clements to Half-mast the flag.

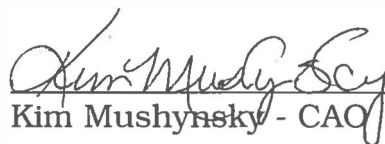
In the event that the Mayor or Deputy Mayor is not available to consider the recommendation, pursuant to an exceptional circumstance on an urgent basis, the Chief Administrative Officer shall have the delegated authority to approve Half-masting.

REMOVAL OF FLAGS

Flags will be maintained in good condition and replaced when showing signs of wear, tear or discoloration. Flags removed from service will be replaced immediately.



Mayor Ian Gould



Kim Mushynsky - CAO