



Town of Prescott 2021 Adopt-A-Garden Program

Program Overview and Goal

The Town of Prescott's Adopt-A-Garden Program is a volunteer program designed for interested individuals, groups, and businesses to be able to adopt a street side or public garden. The goal of the project is to provide adopters with an active role in the community by maintaining and improving the Town's street gardens, as well as providing a way to grow pride in the community.

Adoption

Anyone 18 years or older is eligible to adopt a garden; residents, non-residents, individuals, groups and clubs, organizations, businesses, etc. If you are under the age or 18, please have a parent or guardian sign-up so that you can participate together.

People who are interested in adopting a garden must fill out the application form provided. The Town will adopt gardens out on a first come basis and will hold names on a waiting list should gardens become available. Each year adopters from previous years will be invited to continue their adoption with the same garden before making it available to adopt in following years. The goal of the program is to have one garden per adopter, but multiple sites may require multiple adopters due to size.

An annual pre-season meeting will be held in April/May of each year to:

- Review the program for anyone who may be a new adopter
- Review the list of any gardens that may be adoptable for the coming year
- Review any program changes or goals that are new to the coming year
- Review and approve any proposed alterations to gardens by adopters
- Review and update desired donation list
- Continue to develop and expand the new garden list
- Set a date for pre-season garden cleanup

The Town hopes to have all of the sites mulched by mid-May of each year, which will be completed by municipal staff. Once mulching is complete adopters' duties take over for the remainder of that season. Any alterations to planters must be approved by the Town prior to being completed and alterations are hoped to be completed by Victoria Day of each year.

Adopters will be responsible for their garden for the entire season and will be required to water, weed, pick-up litter, and generally maintain their adopted garden on a routine basis. If needed, adopters will be notified when more attention is required at their garden, with forfeiture of the adoption and re-assignment of the garden being a last alternative.

The absence of irrigation or a hose bib at garden sites means adopters will need to find a way to water their garden to withstand dry periods. **Providing water will be adopter's greatest challenge.** In the summer heat, adopters may have to water as often as every 3-4 days for plants to survive the season. The Town will aid in watering during extremely dry periods, but adopters should not rely solely on this for maintaining their garden.

The use of chemical fertilizers, and herbicides and pesticides of any sort is strictly prohibited.

If it is necessary for adopters to terminate the adoption of their garden, contact should be made to the Town as soon as possible so that re-assignment of the garden can be done as quickly as possible.

Alteration of Gardens

The Town has put significant resources into the creation of gardens throughout Prescott. Adopters who wish to make additions or alter their garden must get approval by the Town before doing so. The Town does not want to discourage adopters from being creative or from improving their garden, only to make sure that alterations are appropriate for a specific garden. If adopters are interested in making alterations to gardens they need to submit a simple drawing of their existing garden, what alterations they wish to do and the associated cost. The Town will review the information and provide feedback so that we can get to an approval. Your alteration will be subject to several constraints: existing plants, shrubs and/or trees should be retained or re-purposed in other Town gardens, invasive plants or shrubs will not be permitted to be planted and any costs must have funds available within the Town's overall budget. Once alterations are approved and completed, any new items will remain with the Town's Adopt-A-Garden Program.

New Gardens

The goal of the program is to have all of the *existing* gardens adopted prior to the creation of any new garden areas. If there is an opportunity to create a new garden area, it is hoped that the creator would also be or have available an adopter for the new garden. Anyone who is interested in creating a new garden must submit a drawing of the proposed garden outlining the location, size, plantings, materials, and the costs for all of the above. The Town will review the information and determine whether the proposed new garden is a suitable addition to the program and if so, grant approval.

Volunteer Hours

The Town is committed to helping young people develop new skills while encouraging an awareness of civic responsibility within their community. The Town would be willing to fulfill any volunteer involvement reports in order for students to earn their hours to acquire their Ontario Secondary School Diploma. The Town would also consider any other individuals or organizations with a need to fulfill volunteer hours upon request. Requests can be made to info@prescott.ca.



Donations & Sponsorships

While we work to grow the program, opportunities for donations of plants, materials and/or monetary amounts may be available. Plants and materials that are desired by the program will be specified and available for the program's pre-season meeting and during the remaining growing season for review. Sponsorships of new gardens may be available to parties who are interested in financially aiding the program during new development or major alterations. Sponsorship money will be put toward the creation of the new garden or alteration of a designated area and will be available at different levels of participation dependent on the garden project.



The Town of Prescott Adopt-A-Garden Program Application

Name of Individual/Group/Business: _____

Representative of Group: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Requesting to Adopt-A-Garden location:

First Choice: _____

Second Choice: _____

Third Choice: _____

Age: _____ Name of Guardian (if under 18): _____

I have read through the Town of Prescott's Adopt-A-Garden Program and understand what is expected of me by volunteering to adopt a garden as outlined in the program. All volunteers shall be named under the Town's volunteer insurance and liability policy.

Print Name

Signature (of Guardian, if under 18)

Date

Entrance Garden

This garden is the focal point for those entering the Town from the North, either via the 401 or Edward Street. The goal for this garden is to include statement plants that will stand out and leave a lasting impression on visitors and residents. The garden currently features ornamental grasses such as echinacea, catmint and ajuga. The goal for this garden would be to include plants with vibrant colours. The visibility of the sign should be maintained with the continued growth of the plantings. Adopters would provide special attention to weeding, edging, and watering.

Fader's Park Garden

Fader's Park Garden is located in a small park equipped with a playground and swings in the North end of Prescott. The park is home to many trees and shrubs. The gardens contain ornamental grasses and low maintenance plants. The soil conditions create a bit of a challenge since it is very sandy in this area. The long-term goal of this garden would be to plant pockets of flowering perennials that could be hand-watered by adopters.

Sandy Hill Garden

The Sandy Hill garden lines the entrance of the Sandy Hill Cemetery and is quite a formal site. The garden contains plants such as boxwoods, burning bush, catmint, and ajuga. This garden would benefit from adopters with attention to detail, to keep the beds very neat and tidy with pruning and shaping straight and clean lines.

Wellington House Garden

This garden is located in front of the Wellington House long-term care home along Edward Street North and is an annual garden that once planted, the municipality maintains. The goal for this garden would be for adopters to tend to more diligent watering and weeding and to have someone involved in early design stages.

Tim Hortons Garden

This large garden is located along Edward Street North out front of a Canadian staple - Tim Hortons. It contains ornamental grasses, lilies, echinacea, tickseed, and irises. Adopters would provide special attention to watering and planting more colourful plants.

Giant Tiger Garden

This garden is located along Edward Street North, framing our local Giant Tiger store. This area has historically been a challenge with very dry/poor soil conditions for planting. Adopters would work with the municipality to create a new design plan for this garden and provide water.

Tropical Pools Garden

This garden is located along Edward Street near the Tropical Pools local business. This garden has historically been a challenge with very dry/poor soil conditions for planting. Adopters would work with the municipality to create a new design plan for this garden and provide water.

Sarah Spencer Park Gardens



This garden was named after Sarah Spencer, a young girl who passed suddenly in 2004. The garden was planted and maintained by Sarah's grandmother, Rosemary Spencer, following the passing of her grand-daughter. The gardens contain roses, decorative grasses, and heuchera. Like most gardens, it struggles to find watering sources. Adopters would provide special attention to watering, weeding, edging, and possibly some new plants.

Wellington Woods Gardens

This annual garden is framed by beautifully constructed wooden signs entering the Kingston Crescent subdivision. This garden is currently planted and maintained by a local family with young children. The municipality also adds two hanging baskets to spruce up the signs.

Boundary Street Garden

This garden is located on the east side of Fairway's Park across from the Prescott Golf Club's 10th hole. The area is well shaded and a cool place to work as it is covered with large trees. The goal for this garden is to incorporate additional shade plants such as hostas or lillies. Adopters would provide special attention to watering, weeding, edging.

Fairway's Garden

The Fairway's Garden is located in a lovely long stretch of park called Fairway's Park and has historically been looked after by a local resident. Park go-ers can admire the garden from swings nearby. It is a circular garden with a featured birch tree in the centre. The goal for this garden would be to re-design with annuals or perennials.

Leo Boivin Community Centre Gardens

This area features two gardens which are located on the west side of the iconic building entrance. The once bustling arena is named after Leo Boivin, an NHL hall-of-famer from the Prescott area! These gardens contain a large wild rose bush and could use pruning. It also contains lilies and echinacea. Adopters would provide special attention to watering, weeding, edging.

Cenotaph Garden



This garden is located on the premises of our National Historic Site, Fort Wellington, and contains beautiful poppies. The goal for this garden would be to clean up after the poppies bloom and incorporate a plant to bloom later in the summer months. The challenge for this garden will be watering.

Town Hall Gardens

The Municipal Building is home to four gardens and contains mostly annuals. The front two plots are referred to as the knot garden with its swirling boxwood hedges. The goal for this garden would be for adopters to focus on trimming. A challenge this garden faces is the keeping of grass between the garden and the sidewalk. The west side is home to a spruce tree and contains very dry/tough soil, as well as more boxwood. The stair garden was planted by a local branch of Girl Guides. Adopters would provide added attention to this garden – giving it some TLC.

Walker House Gardens

The Walker House Adult Recreation Centre is home to flower gardens as well as a vegetable garden, all maintained by their membership and watered by the municipal employees. Although these gardens do not require adopters, the Walker House is always looking for mature members. If you are interested in joining, please contact Susan at 613-925-5300 or walkerhouse@prescott.ca

Centennial Park Garden

The beautiful large waterfront park features our local outdoor swimming pool, public beach, splash pad and is home to a custom circular shaped memorial bench and garden dedicated to Hannah Walker, a young girl who lost her battle with cancer in 2008. This garden is home to immature hostas and irises. The goal for this garden would be to incorporate colourful plants honouring the joyful memory of Hannah.

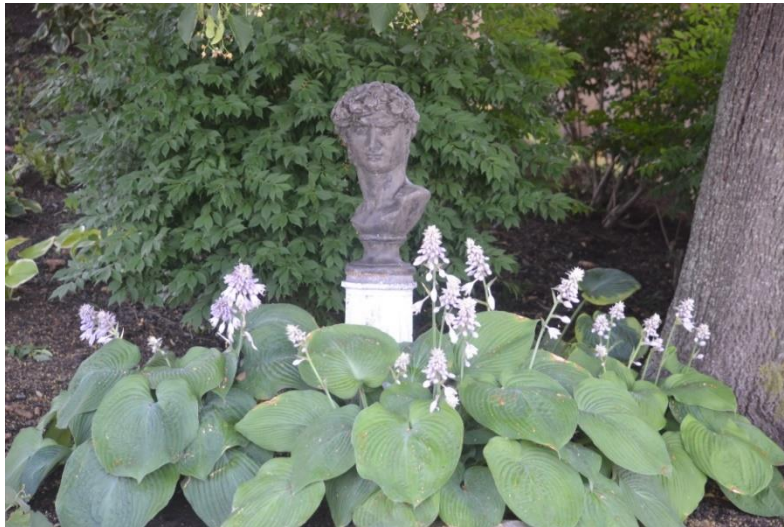
Downtown Gardens (King Street & George Street)

This busy downtown location is home to three large planters which contain annuals. The vision for these gardens is to have adopters help to plant and weed them throughout the season to match the rest of the beautiful downtown.

Riverwalk Park Gardens

One of our newest parks boasts plenty of new gardens. These waterfront park gardens are being re-planted in 2021 by the municipality after a dreadful season. The vision for these gardens would be to have adopters help in all stages of the planting process. Adopters would also provide special attention to watering, weeding, edging.

Shakespeare's Gardens



This garden compliments the Town's Sandra S. Lawn Harbour and Marina and contains a massive irrigation system. Living next to the Kinsmen Amphitheatre, known

most for its St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival performances, this garden could use special attention to pruning, planting, edging, and mulching. The goal for this garden would be to apply signage to the various plants, naming species and their corresponding Shakespearean quotes. Adopters who possess Shakespearean knowledge would be considered an asset for the implementation of this project.

Sandra S. Lawn Harbour & Marina Gardens



These gardens also line the Sandra S. Lawn Harbour and Marina but do not have the luxury of irrigation. The goal for these gardens would be to increase watering frequency and provide attention to the removal of weeds. The long-term goal for this area would be to plant a new shade garden.

Rotary Pavilion Garden

This garden can be found further to the east of the Sandra S. Lawn Harbour and Marina and is in a conveniently shaded area. The garden currently sits empty but is home to several new trees. The goal for this garden would be to create a design and implement with its adopters.

Heritage Trail Gardens

These gardens are located under the sign designating the Heritage Walking Trail which runs along the St. Lawrence River. These gardens are in urgent need for some new plant life and could be brought back to life utilizing the municipality's original plan. The goal for this garden would be to implement its plan with its adopters.

Community Vegetable Garden



The Community Vegetable Garden includes a network of raised garden beds located just east of the Sandra S. Lawn Harbour and Marina and is available to the public for cultivating. Adopters would provide special attention to watering, weeding, edging. Adopters would work with municipal staff to select vegetables and create a seasonal schedule.

Clock Tower Gardens

Located in the heart of the downtown, these garden beds surround the focal Clock Tower. These gardens are fitted with annuals and would require additional weeding. The parking lot adjacent is also home to a large spruce tree and a garden that could use planting. The goal for these gardens would be to have adopters add perennials and weed more frequently.

Medical Centre Garden

Located at 555 King Street West, these gardens line the front of the local Medical office building and accentuate the west entrance of Town. Adopters would provide special attention to watering, weeding, edging.

Noonan Memorial Garden

This garden is under construction and has been moved to the Playground of Angels site in Centennial Park.