



## **Adopt- A- Flower Bed Garden Program**

### **Program Overview and Goals:**

The Municipality of South Dundas Adopt-A-Flowerbed is a volunteer program designed for interested individuals, groups, and businesses to be able to adopt a street side or public flowerbed. The goal of the project is to provide adopters with an active role in the community by maintaining and improving, as well as providing a way to grow pride in the community and make the Municipality a welcoming and beautiful place for residents and tourists. The program will work with volunteers to ensure that many costs associated with flower beds are covered by the Municipality.

### **Adoption**

South Dundas residents, clubs, organizations, and businesses are eligible to adopt a flowerbed through the Adopt-A-Flower Bed program. Note for participants under the age of 18, consent from a parent or guardian is required.

Those who are interested in adopting a flower bed must fill out the application form provided. The Municipality will adopt out flower beds on a first come first served basis. If a specific flower bed sees more than one request, a waiting list will be created, and participants will be contact if/when it becomes available, or the participants will be given the option to work as team.

Each spring, upon Staff review, Adopters from the previous years will be invited to continue their adoption with the same flower bed. This program seeks to have one garden per Adopter. If multiple flower beds wish to be adopted by one resident, club, organization, or business, Municipal Staff may make an exception based on the flower bed size and location.

The Adopters will work with the Municipal Staff each spring to ensure that the adopter has the tools, plants, supplies required to complete the planting for the year. The adopters will provide Staff with either a list of requested supplies or alternatively coordinate a spring meeting.

Adopters will be responsible for their flower bed for the entire season. This includes regular maintenance work such as watering, weed control, and litter pickup. Adopters will be notified when more attention is required to their flower bed. Any alterations to the flowerbed must be approved by the Municipality.



Providing water to the flower bed may be an Adopter's biggest challenge. In the absence of irrigation or hose bibs, Adopters will need to plan a way to water their flower beds during dry periods. The use of chemical fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides are strictly prohibited.

### **Volunteer Hours**

The municipality is willing to fulfill any volunteer involvement reports for students to earn their hours to acquire their Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

### **Donation and Sponsorships**

To help grow this program, opportunities for donations of plants, materials and/or monetary amounts may be available. Plants and materials are desired. At this time advertisement at the gardens is not available however, should demand for this be high the Municipality will review the possibility of sponsorships with advertisement.



### **Alteration and New Gardens**

The goal of the program is to have all the existing gardens adopted prior to the creation of any new garden areas or significant expansion to the existing ones. However, The Municipality 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 there is an opportunity to create a new garden area or expand an existing garden, 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 the above. The Municipality will review the information and determine whether the proposed new garden is a suitable addition to the program and review the available funding to ensure that it fits within the means of the Municipality. If the new garden or expansion is granted the Municipality will work with the adopter to implement the new changes.



## Available Flower Beds for Adoption

Garden Name	Approximate Location	Description	Photo
<b>Iroquois</b>			
<b>Iroquois Waterfront North Flowerbed</b>	Approximately 41 Elizabeth Drive	This flowerbed is located on the north side of the Iroquois Waterfront. The bed is currently home to a few shrubs and perennials, however, has space to provide additional annual flowers at an adopters discretion.	
<b>Iroquois Beach Flowerbed</b>	Iroquois Beach 51 Adair Drive	This flower bed is located at the Iroquois Beach Building and one of the most seen and visible Municipal Flower Beds. There is a mix of annuals and perennials in this bed.	





<p><b>Iroquois Plaza Bouy Flowerbed</b></p>	<p>Miller St &amp; County Road 2</p>	<p>The Iroquois Plaza flowerbed is located between the buoys at the Iroquois Plaza Greenspace. The bed is home to many shrubs and perennials however, is a highly visible spot that could benefit from additional annuals and colours.</p>	
<p><b>Iroquois Locks/Carman Road</b></p>	<p>Corner of Hadley Street and Carman Road</p>	<p>This flowerbed has been abandoned but with your help could be a new blank canvas to work on. The flowerbed area is relatively small but is visible to all the visitor to the Iroquois Locks.</p>	




<p><b>Iroquois Civic Center Flowerbeds</b></p>	<p>1 Dundas Street</p>	<p>There are two section of flowerbeds at the Iroquois Civic Center. The south side is a blank canvas. The south side received lots of sun. The north side is home to the Iroquois Cenotaph with a newly installed flowerbed which is home to many perennials however, there is some space for creativity and some tasteful annuals.</p> <p>Adopters may choose to adopt one or both locations.</p>	
<p><b>Dundas County Archives</b></p>	<p>5 College Street</p>	<p>At the Archives there are two small plots in the front of the facility both have shrubs which could be trimmed to allow the installation of some smaller flowers below.</p>	





Morrisburg			
<b>Dog Park Flowerbed</b>	85 Cruickshank Way	<p>There is a small flowerbed at the ever-popular Morrisburg Dog Park. The plants here will need to be hardy and tough with all their four-legged visitors. However, it is a great opportunity to beautify a busy park in the Municipality.</p>	
<b>Morrisburg Boat Launch Flowerbed</b>	1 Lakeshore Drive	<p>Anyone arriving at the Morrisburg Boat Launch or enjoying an Ice Cream from the docksyde will see this small bed at the entrance to the dock. There are some existing perennials however, there is space for annuals. (This sign is scheduled to be replaced in Fall 2024)</p>	





<p><b>Justice Building Flowerbeds</b></p>	<p>6 Fifth Street</p>	<p>There are existing flowerbeds on the North and South side of the facility an adopters can choose to do one or both.</p> <p>The Gardens are overgrown however, the Municipality can help to remove some of the shrubs/milkweed to match the adopters vision.</p>	
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<p><b>Earl Baker Park Flowerbed</b></p>	<p>Corner of Sir James Morris and Park Ave</p>	<p>There are approximately 4 or 5 flowerbeds and shrubs as can be seen in the photos below.</p> <p>Adopters can choose to adopt all or just one of the flowerbeds. They have various perennials and space for annuals. The flower beds are located just north of the Splash Pad.</p>	 
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<p><b>South Dundas Municipal Center</b></p>	<p>34 Ottawa Street</p>	<p>There is a small flower bed that is slightly overgrown with perennials and shrubs at the flagpoles at the Municipal Office.</p> <p>An adopter may remove some of the shrubs and make the flowerbed their own.</p>	
<p><b>Morrisburg Waterfront Shoreline Natural Edge</b></p>	<p>Morrisburg Waterfront/Bea ch</p>	<p>The shoreline project is working on introducing native wildflowers along the shoreline which can help to protect the shoreline, reduce geese traffic, and improve wildlife at the waterfront. The shoreline planting does require some maintenance during establishment this includes weeding to ensure that the wildflowers can grow and propagate.</p>	





<p><b>Justice Building Greenbelt</b></p>	<p>Corner of Ottawa Street and County Road 2</p>	<p>Located at the corner Southwest corner of the Morrisburg Roundabout this flower bed is large in size and visible to all the traffic in the Morrisburg Roundabout</p>	
<p><b>Valu-mart - Street Scape</b></p>	<p>Corner of Ottawa Street and County Road 2</p>	<p>As part of the Morrisburg Streetscape project. There are small flower beds with natural shrubs were installed in various locations.</p>	




<p><b>GM Dealership - Streetscape</b></p>	<p>County Rd. 2 &amp; 31</p>	<p>As part of the Morrisburg Streetscape project. There are small flower beds with natural shrubs were installed in various locations.</p>	
<p><b>Napa - Streetscape</b></p>	<p>Corner of Pilot Way and County Road 2</p>	<p>As part of the Morrisburg Streetscape project. There are small flower beds with natural shrubs were installed in various locations.</p>	



Hamlets		
<b>Williamsburg Library</b>	12319 County Road 18	<p>At the Williamsburg Library located in JC Whittaker Park there are two flowerbeds along the east side of the building. They are large and have only a few perennials and lots of space for more annuals to be installed</p> 
<b>Williamsburg Community Boxes</b>	County Road 18 Various Locations	<p>Along County Road 18 in the Village of Williamsburg there are 4 to 6 planter boxes which could be your own creation.</p> 



<p><b>Matilda Hall Cenotaph</b></p>	<p>4421 County Road 16</p>	<p>The Matilda Hall Cenotaph has a natural garden installed around it with lots of grasses and shrubs making up most of the area. However, there is some space and space can be made for tasteful flowers to be installed.</p>	
<p><b>Riverside Heights Flowerbed</b></p>	<p>13137 Riverside Drive</p>	<p>Along the front of the Hall there is a small south facing flowered bed. There are some perennials and shrubs within the existing bed which can be removed or modified to match the adopters vision.</p>	