## YEAR OF THE GARDEN Rainy River 2022

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;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** That I, Mayor Deborah Ewald, on behalf of the Town of Rainy River do hereby proclaim 2022 as the Year of the Garden 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, 2022, be recognized as Garden Day in the Town of Rainy River as a legacy of Canada's Year of the Garden 2022; and

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**THAT** the Town of Rainy River is committed to be a Garden Friendly Township supporting the development of its garden culture.