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**Valley Waters Municipal Flag Display Policy**  
**Operations Policy #2025-07**  
**Original Approval Date:**

**1. POLICY STATEMENT:**

Valley Waters wishes to establish a clear, inclusive, and consistent policy regarding the display of flags on municipal property. This policy reflects the municipality's commitment to unity, neutrality, and the equal dignity of all community members.

**2. SCOPE:**

This policy applies to all flagpoles and locations owned, leased or operated by the Municipality of Valley Waters.

**3. GUIDING PRINCIPALS:**

- The national, provincial, and municipal flags represent all people in our community, regardless of background, identity, or beliefs.
- The flags of our municipal fire departments serve to show our appreciation for those who volunteer to serve our community in this important capacity.
- Flying only these official flags ensures neutrality and avoids privileging or excluding any individual group.
- The municipality remains committed to equity, diversity, and inclusion through other means (e.g. programs, events, proclamations, etc.), rather than symbolic flag displays.

**4. FLAGS TO BE DISPLAYED:**

Only the following flags shall be displayed on municipal flag poles:

1. National flag of Canada
2. Provincial flag of New Brunswick
3. Municipal flag of Valley Waters
4. Valley Waters municipal fire department flags

**5. FLAG DAY PROTOCOL:**

Flags will be flown in accordance with national and provincial flag protocols.

- The standard order of precedence shall be:
  1. National flag
  2. Provincial flag
  3. Municipal flag
  4. Valley Waters municipal fire department flags

**6. FLAGS AT HALF MAST:**

Flags may be lowered to half-mast to mark solemn occasions, such as:

- Death of a prominent public official (national, provincial, or municipal)
- National or provincial day of mourning
- Other occasions as deemed appropriate by the Mayor or CAO, consistent with federal / provincial guidelines

**7. EXEPTIONS:**

No exceptions to this policy will be made without formal resolutions of Council.

Signed:

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**Mayor**

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**Date**

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**CAO**

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**Date**