

# Rural Municipality of West River

## Flag Flying Policy

Policy # 2021-04

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Council of the Rural Municipality of West River as follows:

### 1. Title

1.1 This Policy shall be known as, and may be cited as, the "Flag Flying Policy."

### 2. Objectives

2.1 To establish a policy that provides a constant protocol for flying flags on properties and flag poles owned by the Rural Municipality of West River.

2.2 To establish a protocol for when the Canadian flag will be flown at half-mast.

### 3. Guiding Principles

The following principles will guide the flying of flags on municipal-owned properties:

3.1 As long as the municipal-owned properties have only one flagpole, no flag other than the National flag will be flown from a Municipal owned flagpole.

3.2 If the municipal-owned properties have more than one flagpole, flying any flag other than the Provincial Flag, the Municipal flag, and/or First Nation flag needs a Council approval by a resolution.

3.3 The Municipality will follow "Rules for flying the National Flag of Canada."

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/flag-canada-etiquette/flying-rules.html>

- 3.3 The CAO will advise lowering flags on Municipal owned flagpole flag poles to half-mast according to "Rules for half-masting the National Flag of Canada"  
<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/flag-canada-masting-rules.html>.

#### **4. Definitions**

- 4.1 "**Chief Administrative Officer**" means the administrative head of a municipality appointed by the Council under subsection 86 (2)(c) of the Municipal Government Act.
- 4.2 "**Council**" means the Mayor and other members of the Council of the Municipality.
- 4.3 "**Municipality**" means the Rural Municipality of West River.