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P-4-2025	Flag Half Masting Policy			
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The Summer Village of Val Quentin acknowledges the importance of establishing proper, precise, and consistent procedures when flying flags in accordance with Canadian Heritage's Guidelines on Flag Etiquette in Canada and Rules for Flying the Flag. The act of half-masting (lowering the flag) is a strong visible statement that speaks to the sense of loss shared by all citizens, expressing a collective sign of mourning.

Displaying Flags

Flags shall be in excellent condition (no holes, tears, or frayed edges) and a fringe on a flag is not permitted.

The Summer Village of Val Quentin shall lower flags to half-mast at facilities from sunrise to sunset on the following special days established by the Governments of Canada and Alberta:

DATE	HALF MASTING
April 9	
April 28 June 23	National Day of Remembrance of the Battle of Vimy Ridge
Second Sunday	National Day of Mourning for Those Who Have Suffered and Died in the Workplace
in September	National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism
Last Sunday	
in September	Firefighters' National Memorial Day
September 30	
November 11	Police and Peace Officers National Memorial Day
	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
	Remembrance Day: Half-masting will occur from sunset on the day prior to sunrise on the day after November 11th
December 6	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

Discretionary Half-Masting:

Discretionary half-masting will be approved by the Council for The Summer Village of Val Quentin and the flag may be flown at half-mast from the notice of death to sunset on the day of the funeral on the death of

- current and former mayor for the Summer Village of Val Quentin,
- current and former member of Council
- a local serving RCMP officer or fire or ambulance service personnel, who died in the line of duty, and
- a member of the Canadian Armed Forces, born in or current resident of the Summer Village of Val Quentin, who died in the line of duty.

Should there be an instance where the flag is at half-mast in accordance with the Rules, it must be flown at full-mast on Victoria Day and Canada Day.

When the date of half-masting falls on a weekend or statutory holiday, the flags may be lowered to half-mast on the last business day prior to the holiday/weekend and raised on the first business day following the holiday/weekend.

Disposal of Flags

Flags shall be inspected and changed as required semi-annually in conjunction with the Provincial time change dates. When a flag becomes tattered or faded and is no longer in a suitable condition for use, it should be destroyed in a dignified way by burning it privately.