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| **Policy Title** | Public Lands Watering Schedule Policy |
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## Policy Statement

The purpose of this policy is to provide a schedule for watering public lands in Bassano that meets both environmental conservation and community aesthetics.

## Definitions

**Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)** – means the administrative head of the municipality.

**Council** – means the elected body of the Town.

**Administration –** means the administrative department of the Town.

**Public Works –** means the person employed by the town responsible for care of Town property.

**Employee –** means a person employed by the Town.

**Town** - means the incorporated municipality of Bassano.

## Responsibility

It is the responsibility of all municipal employees and elected officials to adhere to this policy.

## Guidelines

These guidelines set out the roles and responsibilities for watering public lands.

1. The public works department is responsible to maintain public lands. To maintain aesthetics and to promote water conservation efforts a watering schedule shall be followed.

2. Areas that are watered shall be metered.

3. Administration shall provide a water consumption summary to council by November 1 annually.

4. Council shall review the water consumption summary and watering schedule annually and determine if changes are required.

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5. The watering schedule is:

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| Joint Use Facility (249 – 6 Avenue) | 3 times/week – green space within the fence |
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| Kinette Park (Community Gardens) | May 1 – June 15, 7 days per week from 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.<br><br>June 15 for the remainder of the community garden season, 3 times per week, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. |
| Kinette Park (Off Leash Dog Park) | May 1 – June 15, 7 days per week from 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.<br><br>June 15 for the remainder of the community garden season (before the lines are winterized), 3 times per week, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.<br><br>During the above times, a designed off leash dog park volunteer is permitted to water the greenspace to a maximum of 2 hours twice per week.<br><br>Green space watering is permitted as follows: the grounds only at the West end of the park from the tree farm area to the West perimeter fence line inclusive from both the North and South fence lines and shall not interfere with adjacent property owners or private property.<br><br>As requested, watering of the dog park is the sole responsibility of the volunteers with the provision of their hoses and sprinklers.<br><br>A water spigot has been made available in the off leash dog park for users to fill water drinking bowls for the dogs. Water can only be accessed based on the time schedule provided above. |

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| | Responsible water usage is essential. Leaving water running may result in suspension of the spigot for all users. |
| Cemetery | 3 times/week |
| Community Hall (610 – 2 Avenue) | 2 times/week – to maintain the grounds, the department shall endeavour to water the greenspace after large community events to ensure the grounds recovery.<br><br>This area shall be monitored, and watering shall be adjusted to keep the grass green as the area is frequently used by the community for events. |
| Town Office (502 – 2 Avenue) | 3 times/week<br><br>This area shall be monitored, and watering shall be adjusted to keep the grass green as this is a highly visible and prominent building on main street. |
| Homecoming Campground (605 – 2 Avenue) | 1 time/week – only on the east and west ends of the campground to ensure tenters have a suitable space |
| 3rd Avenue Triangle | No watering due to damaged collar and cost to hydrovac and report (2025 directive of council). Public works to monitor the area closely and keep the location well maintained. |
| Library East (Cenotaph) | 3 times/week<br><br>This area shall be monitored, and watering shall be adjusted to keep the grass green as the area is frequently used by the community for events, and out of respect for the monument and meaning of the area. |

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