

# THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTROSE

**POLICY TITLE:** COMMUNITY RECOGNITION POLICY

**POLICY #** 0330

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

It is the policy of Council to express the recognition of the community to Montrose families on special occasions, where Council is informed of such occasion.

**POLICY BACKGROUND:**

It has been Council's custom to send a card or flowers to Montrose families on special occasions, or when a family has suffered a death, when the person being recognized has served the community in a capacity related to the local government. This custom has, regrettably, not been observed consistently. Council has therefore decided to formalize the custom by policy.

**POLICY GOAL:**

It is the goal of this policy, to acknowledge that all citizens of Montrose are members of the community without discrimination on the basis of the form or nature of community service an individual may provide, directly or indirectly, to the community.

**POLICY OBJECTIVES:**

1. On the occasion of the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of a Montrose resident, to send a bouquet of flowers, or an appropriate substitute gesture along with a letter of congratulations from the Mayor and best wishes on behalf of the community.
2. On the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of a Montrose couple, to send a bouquet of flowers, or an appropriate substitute gesture along with a letter of congratulations from the Mayor and best wishes on behalf of the community.
3. On the death of a citizen of Montrose, to send a bouquet of flowers, or an appropriate substitute gesture on behalf of the community to the family of the deceased or if a citizen of Montrose loses a mother, father son or daughter who does not live in Montrose to send a bouquet of flowers, or an appropriate substitute gesture on behalf of the community.
4. To send best wishes on behalf of the community to citizens of Montrose who have suffered extreme material loss (e.g. house fire).
5. To grant to the Mayor, or in absence to the Acting Mayor, powers of discretion in the application of this policy.
6. The Village gift a \$50 gift basket to any Montrose residents welcoming a new baby into their family.

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