

## TOWN OF COCHRANE PARKS VOLUNTEER PARTICIPANT INFORMATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

### PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:

Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian (minor participants): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### PROGRAM INFORMATION:

The Town of Cochrane has commenced the **Weed Chop Program**, whereby participants can help cut back invasive weeds growing in our natural areas. This program will help reduce invasive species pressure, support native biodiversity, and decrease reliance on chemical treatments in natural areas. They also foster community stewardship, environmental education, and shared responsibility for maintaining healthy public spaces.

**The Participant may be engaged in, but is not limited to, the following activities:**

- Using sharp hand tools, to cut plant stems or vegetation
- Handling prickly or thorny plant material and placing vegetation into bags
- Lifting, carrying, and transporting filled garbage bags
- Walking through long grass, natural areas, and over uneven, unstable, or obstructed terrain

Participants are responsible for providing their own personal protective supplies and equipment, including heavy leather gloves, appropriate footwear, hand tools such as gardening secateurs, snips or knives, insect repellent or protection, and protection from the elements.

Any reporting to the Town relating to this Program and any inquiries regarding this Program shall be directed to:

**Angie Basha, Community Liaison Planning & Partnerships**

**Email Address [angie.basha@cochrane.ca](mailto:angie.basha@cochrane.ca)**

The personal information collected herein is collected pursuant to section 4(c) of the *Protection of Privacy Act* (Alberta).

Please read this section carefully. By signing this form, you are giving up certain rights, including the right to sue.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

1. I am the Participant or, if the Participant is a minor, I am the parent/guardian of the Participant.
2. Participation as a Town of Cochrane Parks volunteer carries risks including risks of injury (including without limitation: skin abrasions, injuries, or reactions; bone, muscle, spine, neck or brain damage; pain, paralysis, or death) or property damage. The Participant freely accepts the risks associated with participation as a volunteer and agrees that participation in is at the Participant's sole risk.
3. The Participant hereby, for the Participant and the Participant's heirs, executors, administrators, assignees, and any other person claiming through the Participant, releases and agrees to indemnify the Town of Cochrane (the "**Town**") and its officials, employees, officers, volunteers, agents and insurers from any claims, demands, damages, actions or causes of action arising out of or as a result of any loss, injury or damage to any person arising out of the Participant's volunteer participation.
4. The Participant is not covered by the Town's insurance policies and, if the Participant desires insurance coverage while participating as a volunteer, the Participant is responsible for obtaining such coverage at the Participant's sole expense.
5. The Participant shall not engage in any activity which is outside of the Participant's skill level or physical or mental capabilities, or which requires any skills, training, certifications, licenses, permits, equipment or supplies the Participant does not have.
6. The Town may secure such emergency medical services on behalf of the Participant as may reasonably be required, and the Participant shall pay for such services.
7. The Participant shall comply with any Bylaws, rules, regulations, or policies established by the Town from time to time with respect to the use of Town parks or facilities.
8. The Participant shall participate safely as a volunteer and promptly report to the Town any damage or dangerous situations which may impact the safe use of the Town's parks or facilities.
9. The Participant may be photographed, video recorded or recorded while participating as a volunteer. The Town has the irrevocable right to use and publish such materials in all forms on websites and in the Town's promotional material without inspection or notice.

**SIGNED** the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ at the Town of Cochrane.

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Witness  
Print Name:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant  
Print Name:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Guardian (if minor Participant)  
Print Name: