



Kawartha Lakes, Ontario

Population Rank: Canada . . . 48
Province . . . 20

Proportions: 1:2

Adopted: 27 January 2009



DESIGN: The flag of the City of Kawartha Lakes has a white field. At its base are rolling stripes, green over blue, curving downward in the hoist side and arching upward in the fly side. The width of the green stripe is about one-sixth of the flag's height; the blue stripe varies from one-sixth to one-third. Rising from the upper stripe, in the fly side, are two stylized evergreen trees in green, the left a third shorter than the right, which extends nearly to the flag's upper edge. On the white area in the hoist half, centred over the lowest level of the stripes, is a disc whose diameter is nearly one-half the height of the flag, graduated in colour from yellow at its base to orange at its top.

SYMBOLISM: The blue stripe represents the Trent-Severn Waterway and the lakes of the area. The green stripe represents the local farming and agricultural areas, as well as park trails. The sun celebrates Kawartha Lakes as a travel destination, and the evergreen trees represent the sustainable "green" growth of the city. Previously known as Victoria County, the City of Kawartha Lakes was created through amalgamation of the county and its constituent municipalities in 2001. Kawartha is an anglicisation of *Ka-wa-tha*, itself

a word coined in 1895 by Martha Whetung of the Curve Lake First Nation meaning “bright waters and happy lands”.

HOW SELECTED: In 2007, Councillor Gord James proposed a community contest to create a city flag. The entries were judged by a committee of three, representing the city’s north, central, and south areas, with voting by the public. 135 designs were entered and approximately 6,300 votes were cast. The winning design won 1,998 votes and a grand prize of \$500 for its designer.

DESIGNER: Daryle Anne Wright of Oakwood, Ontario.

MORE ABOUT THE FLAG: The flag represents the unification of a county and 14 former townships into the city’s 16 new political wards.

