

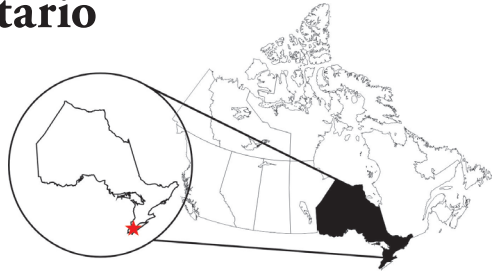


Chatham-Kent, Ontario

Population Rank: Canada. . . 34
Province. . . 16

Proportions: 1:2

Adopted: 1998



DESIGN: The flag of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent has a dark blue field with the municipal seal in the centre, three-fourths the height of the flag. The seal is a white disc surrounded by a blue ring. On the disc is a naturally-shaped maple leaf in red with approximately 30 points, on which is a silhouette of a horse in white, rearing up and facing the hoist, standing one-half the diameter of the disc. The ring is edged on the inside and outside by a narrow golden yellow line, on it is inscribed **CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF** around the top and **• CHATHAM-KENT •** below, all in golden yellow serifed letters. Above the ring is a royal crown in golden yellow with a red headpiece. It contains five jewels, red-green-red-green-red, along its base; above each green jewel is a golden yellow fleur-de-lis. Above the central red jewel is a golden yellow cross that blends upward into a gold ball atop which is another cross. Flanking each side of the ring up to the 10 and 2 o'clock positions is a single wheat stalk in white and golden yellow, each containing 30 grains. At the base of the ring, overlapping the wheat stalks, are two ears of corn in yellow and green, mostly exposed through their husks, with their bases joined at a 15-degree angle. Below all is a horizontal ribbon of

dark blue, edged in golden yellow, with forked ends. Its central portion is inscribed **INVICTA – PROGRESSUS** in golden yellow serified letters.

SYMBOLISM: The Municipality of Chatham-Kent was ultimately named for the city of Chatham, in the county of Kent, in southeast England, which also developed around a naval dockyard. The white horse on red is the Horse of Kent, a link to John Graves Simcoe, the first Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada, who gave Chatham and its respective county their names; the maple leaf represents Canada. The crown (used without authority) refers to the fact that Canada is a constitutional monarchy. The wheat and corn symbolize Chatham-Kent's rich agricultural heritage and future. In the city's motto, *Invicta* is Latin for "unconquerable", symbolizing a united and strong municipality, and *Progressus* means "progressive", denoting Chatham-Kent's commitment to social, environmental, and economical progress on a local and global scale. *Invicta* is the motto of Kent, England.

HOW SELECTED: The municipality and seal symbol were created through the Restructuring Order of the Ontario Provincial Parliament on 1 January 1998, which combined 23 previously distinct communities—Kent County and its municipalities.

DESIGNER: Unknown.

MORE ABOUT THE FLAG: The flag and seal were unveiled in a ceremony by the Honourable Hilary M. Weston, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. The Horse of Kent in the municipal seal was also used in the coat of arms of the former County of Kent.



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