



Markham, Ontario

Markham's flag, adopted 21 December 1990, is a banner of its arms. Its proportions are 3:5. The flag is green over golden yellow, divided by an inverted "V" line, its apex just above the midpoint of the field and extending on either side downward to the flag's sides about one-fourth of the distance from the flag's lower edge. The lower field has two rows of vertical rectangles with crenulated sides in purple, representing computer chips, aligned three over six. The top three are truncated by the "V" line; the outer two on the lower row are truncated by the flag's edges as well. Behind the midpoint in the upper field is a golden yellow sun with eleven rays visible, alternating wavy and straight, and at both the hoist and fly are two white roses with yellow centres, one above the other. The green recalls Markham's agricultural heritage and its parks and fields. The golden yellow symbolizes the southern-to-northern development of modern Markham, centred in the high-technology industry represented by computer chips. The rising sun is for the dynamism of this development. Markham's four original communities, Markham, Unionville, Thornhill, and Milliken, are recalled by the four York roses, which also refer to Markham as a community in the York Region. The flag was designed by Robert D. Watt, Chief Herald of Canada, Canadian Heraldic Authority.



ADDITIONAL FLAG: Markham's first flag is still in use, and appears to be preferred by the city to its 1990 flag, which may exist only on paper. That flag has a blue field with the town's corporate seal in the centre. The seal has

an outer edge of red rectangular dots with white centres, and an inner ring of smaller solid red dots. The field of the seal is white. In the area between the outer and inner rings are **TOWN OF MARKHAM**, arched over the top, and **CORPORATION**, curved below, all in black serified letters. In the centre is a brown beaver (*Castor canadensis*), facing left, on a red maple leaf with white details. Curved below the leaf is **1872** in black. The seal was designed by Versatel Corporate Services in 1982; presumably the flag was created at City Hall shortly thereafter.



Mississauga, Ontario

Mississauga's flag, adopted in 1974, is a slightly altered version of the former flag of the Town of Mississauga. It has proportions of 1:2 (3:5 in usage) and a medium blue field. In the centre is a simple shield, three-eighths the height of the flag, with a horizontal top and vertical sides, curving to a pointed "U" shape. It is divided into four panels, the upper and lower ones forming elongated semicircles almost touching in the centre. The upper panel is medium blue with outspread aviator wings over a vertical stalk of wheat, all in white with black details. The lower panel is orange with a large cogwheel in white, bordered in black, with a small central hole through which can be seen the stem of the wheat stalk running to the base of the shield. In the left panel is a water wheel in three-quarters profile in white with black details; in the right panel is a lighthouse in black with a white window and door. Above the shield arches **CITY OF MISSISSAUGA** in white sans-serif letters, its width about half the length of the flag. Below the shield are crossed laurel leaves and below them curves **INCORPORATED 1974**, in smaller letters, all in white. Blue and orange are the city's official colours. The water wheel and lighthouse