



## Thompson, Manitoba

**Population Rank:** Canada . . . 129  
Province . . . 4

**Proportions:** 1:2

**Adopted:** Unveiled 22 June 1982



**DESIGN:** The flag of the City of Thompson has a light blue field with a seal in its centre, three-fourths the height of the flag. The seal is a light blue disc surrounded by a yellow ring, bordered inside and outside in black. On the ring is **CITY OF THOMPSON** around its top and **THE CENTENNIAL CITY** around its base, in black sans-serif letters. In the upper part of the disc is an abstract object in yellow, with a yellow dot at the centre top. At the base is a silhouette of a line of evergreen trees and to the right some building structures, including a mining head frame, all in black.

**SYMBOLISM:** The seal shows a northern landscape at night. Thompson is the largest city in northern Manitoba, approximately 800 km north of Winnipeg and known as “The Hub of the North”. The bands of yellow in the sky depict the northern lights or *aurora borealis*, representing the North, as it occurs in the very northern latitudes. The dot signifies Polaris, the North Star. The black forested silhouette, at the base of the seal, is for the forests in the area, while the mining head frame represents International Nickel Company of Canada (INCO), the mining company which built a large mine and smelting operation here. Thompson was created on 3 December 1956 through

an agreement between INCO and the province of Manitoba. In 1967, during Canada's centennial, Thompson was incorporated as a city, hence the motto, "The Centennial City".

**HOW SELECTED:** Unknown. There is no information that the flag was officially adopted, but it was unveiled on 22 June 1982 at the city council meeting by Mayor Bill Comaskey and Deputy Mayor Blake McGrath.

**DESIGNER:** Unknown. The seal was designed by Ms. Linda Mullin in a contest in the early 1970s.

