

OTHER FLAGS: The National Capital Region of Canada, which includes Ottawa and straddles the border between Ontario and Québec, has another major municipality with a flag.



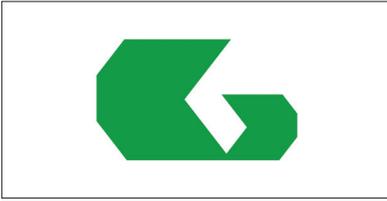
Gatineau, Québec

The Gatineau flag, adopted in 2002, has proportions of 1:2 and is white with a blue stripe at the hoist one-fourth of the length of the flag and curving inwards on its right side. In the centre is the city signature, the city logo (a stylized “G” in green, white, and blue with three waves forming an oval) over the inscription **Ville de**, in smaller font, over **Gatineau**, all in blue sans-serif letters. The reverse side of the flag shows a mirror image of the signature. A commercial design firm designed the logo and the flag. Translated from city documentation: *The overall shape of the logo is meant to be a unifying symbol, formed of a stylized “G”, sweeping its territory in a single movement. The three wavy forms represent the rivers crossing the city from west to east and from north to south. The three waves and the two green ribbons between them recall the five municipalities that were merged in 2002 to create the new city: Aylmer, Buckingham, Gatineau, Hull, and Masson-Angers. Blue evokes pure air and water; green evokes nature, growth and security.*



Gatineau used at least three previous flags. One placed the previous city logo, with letters in blue and a stylized “G” in green, on a white field. Another centred the “G” alone on a white field. Still another placed the city’s coat of arms on

a white field. The shield of the arms is golden yellow, with a light blue horizontal stripe with wavy edges crossing the centre, and three evergreen trees



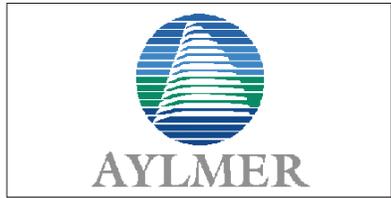
in green, two above and one below the stripe. The shield's border is green, bearing ten golden yellow rectangles. It is flanked by branches of maple leaves in green which are tied with a red ribbon; above it is a five-towered mural crown in golden yellow and below it is a golden yellow scroll with forked ends reading **FORTUNAE MEAE, MULTORUM FABER**, Latin for "Architect of my own destiny and of that of many". The rectangles, resembling cross-sections of sawn wood,

refers to the local forest-products industry. Maple leaves are traditionally green in Québec heraldry.

Cities since amalgamated into Gatineau also used flags, including Aylmer and Hull, as did the Communauté urbaine de l'Outaouais.



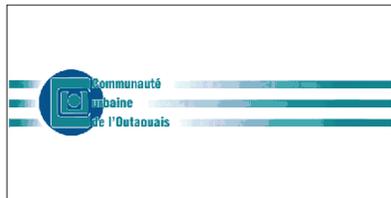
Aylmer



Aylmer (logo)



Hull



Communauté urbaine de l'Outaouais