St. Andrews, Manitoba

Population Rank: Canada. . . 326
Province. . . 7

Proportions: 3:5
Adopted: 20 September 2007

DESIGN: The flag of the Rural Municipality of St. Andrews has a white saltire (X-shaped cross) on a blue field. The width of each bar is one-fourth the height of the flag. Surmounting the centre is a white disc, over three-fourths the height of the flag. On it is a naturalistic adult bison (Bison bison, or buffalo) in blue with dark blue and black details, half the height of the flag, facing the hoist.

SYMBOLISM: The saltire, or St. Andrew’s cross, is a direct reference to the name of the rural municipality, St. Andrews. Depicted in white on blue, it is the flag of Scotland. The bison, a magnificent animal that once roamed in the thousands on the nearby plains, alludes to St. Andrews as a community of Manitoba, which displays a similar bison prominently on its provincial flag, coat of arms, and logo.

HOW SELECTED: In 2005 St. Andrews celebrated its 125th anniversary. One of the projects of the Anniversary Committee was to have a proper coat of arms and flag designed and registered. The municipality then applied to the Canadian Heraldic Authority for a grant of a coat of arms, flag, and badge.
DESIGNERS: John Neill (original concept of the arms), assisted by the heralds of the Canadian Heraldic Authority.