

Greater Sudbury / Grand Sudbury, Ontario

Population Rank: Canada . . . 24
Province . . . 10

Proportions: 1:2 (3:5 in the grant)

Adopted: 13 May 2004



DESIGN: The flag of the City of Greater Sudbury (Grand Sudbury in French) is divided horizontally, green over golden yellow. The two sections are separated by a complex division line that forms the outlines of stylized evergreen trees—eleven in golden yellow point upward and the spaces between them in green make the same shape pointing downward. The trees are about $\frac{2}{11}$ the height of the flag. In the upper hoist is a five-pointed star in golden yellow, about two-ninths the height of the flag.

SYMBOLISM: Green and gold are similar to the city's corporate colours. The colour gold, representing the precious metal, is associated with generosity, reason, and immortality. Like gold, the spirit of community does not deteriorate. Gold also represents the mineral riches of the Greater Sudbury area. The trees represent the white pine forests that once covered Northern Ontario and the re-greening efforts of the past quarter-century; the division line indicates the old-growth forests of the region and how much of it has been reforested in recent years. Lumbering was one of the original industries of Greater

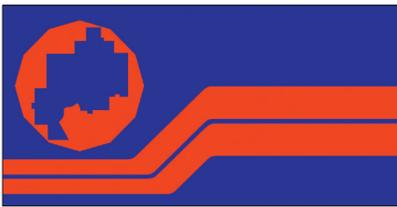
Sudbury. The star symbolizes the North Star, a traditional guide to navigation, just as Greater Sudbury, “The Hub of the North”, is the leading city of northeastern Ontario. Its five points represent the characteristics of a good citizen: fortitude, loyalty, righteousness, prudence, and broad-mindedness. The flag is a banner of the arms of the City of Greater Sudbury.

HOW SELECTED: The city council approved the flag after applying to the Canadian Heraldic Authority for a coat of arms and a flag, which were granted 15 December 2003.

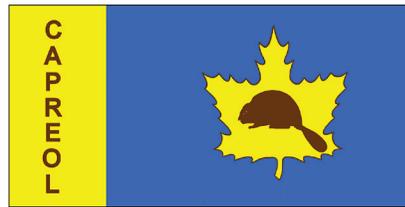
DESIGNER: Bruce Patterson, Saguenay Herald, Canadian Heraldic Authority.

MORE ABOUT THE FLAG: The flag was donated to the city by the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire (IODE), Elizabeth Fry Chapter. Formed in 1932, its Sudbury Branch consists of women who work together for the public good of their community, founded on service, education, and citizenship.

FORMER FLAGS: Greater Sudbury was created by the 2001 amalgamation of municipalities of the former Regional Municipality of Sudbury: Capreol, Nickel Centre, Onaping Falls, Rayside-Balfour, Valley East, and Walden, all of which had flags.



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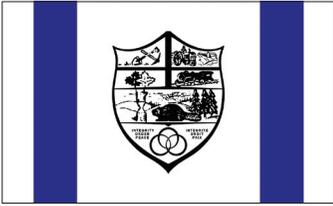
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