Courtenay, British Columbia

Population Rank: Canada. . . 61
Province. . . 10

Proportions: 1:2
Adopted: Unknown

DESIGN: The flag of the City of Courtenay is white with the city’s coat of arms in the centre, three-fourths the height of the flag. The simple shield has a horizontal top and simply-curved sides forming a wide, pointed, curved “V” shape, and is divided into four panels, arranged one over two over one. The shield and the panels are edged in golden yellow. The top panel shows a landscape of water, depicted by five light-blue horizontal wavy lines on white, with green peninsulas on either side, above which is a yellow sky with a setting sun in red with twelve rays extending to the top edge of the shield. Centred on the water, below the sun, is a fish oriented to the left, coloured by horizontal bands of red, yellow, and green and outlined in yellow. The centre-left panel depicts a naturalistic scene with a skier coming down a 45-degree slope, leaning toward the left. The snow is white, the sky light blue, the trees green, the skis red, the ski poles green, and the skier’s pants light blue, hat green, and shirt striped red and white. The centre-right panel shows a naturalistic scene of a lake in light blue amid mountains with white snow and green trees, with a yellow sky above. The panel at the base contains the Canadian flag, but with bars of equal width red-white-red, and the lower part obscured by the curve of the ribbon. Above the shield are three white flowers with green leaves,
detailed and edged in golden yellow. Curved below the shield is a red ribbon inscribed CITY OF COUR TENAY in white serified letters.

**SYMBOLISM:** The flowers are Pacific dogwood (*Cornus nuttallii*), the provincial flower of British Columbia. The sun echoes the image on the flag of British Columbia. The fish is likely a salmon (Oncorhynchus sp.), representing the large sport fishery in the area. The major city in the Comox Valley, on the east coast of Vancouver Island, Courtenay is near several provincial parks and the largest commercial ski area on the island.

**HOW SELECTED:** Unknown.

**DESIGNER:** Unknown.