Prince George, British Columbia

Population Rank: Canada . . . 43
Province . . . 7

Proportions: 1:2
Adopted: 13 August 1995

DESIGN: The flag of the City of Prince George is divided horizontally by two wavy stripes of golden yellow over blue, each one-tenth the height of the flag, with nine undulations. Above them is a blue field with two large white stylized snowflakes centred on the left and right sides; below them is a golden yellow field with a large cinquefoil (a five-pointed heraldic flower with wavy petals), in blue highlighted in white, in the centre.

SYMBOLISM: The golden yellow represents the region’s prosperity. Under the leadership of Simon Fraser, the famous fur trader and explorer who mapped much of British Columbia, the North West Company of Montréal established Fort George here in 1807. This began the development of the wealth of the area. The fur post was centred in the homeland of the Lheidli T’enneh First Nation, whose name means “people of the confluence of the two rivers”. The two wavy stripes represent the confluence of the Fraser and Nechako Rivers at Prince George. The two snowflakes reflect Prince George’s position as “British Columbia’s Northern Capital”, and recall the motto on the city’s coat of arms, “Shaping a Northern Destiny”. The cinquefoil represents a strawberry plant (Fragaria sp.), called a “fraise” in heraldry and a pun on “Fraser”.
**HOW SELECTED:** The city applied to the Canadian Heraldic Authority for a grant of a flag.

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