



New Glasgow, Nova Scotia

Population Rank: Canada . . . 77
Province . . . 4

Proportions: 1:2

Adopted: Unknown
(arms granted 1990)



DESIGN: The flag of the Town of New Glasgow has a white field bearing the town's coat of arms, over three-fourths the height of the flag. The simple shield has a horizontal top and simply-curved sides forming a pointed "U" shape. It has a white field and bears a blue saltire (X-shaped cross). Running vertically the full height of the shield is a wavy blue stripe, the same width as the bars of the saltire. In the centre is a maple tree in gold. On either side of the saltire is a black diamond shape (a square on its end) with white shading on the upper left edge. Above the shield is the top of a lion (upper torso including head, tail, and upper legs) in red with tongue and claws in yellow, emerging from a three-towered mural crown in red stonework with white details, holding a blacksmith's hammer in black. On either side stand deer (a stag and a doe) in white with yellow hooves and antlers; mural collars in red, highlighted in white, and shaped like crowns; and badges on their chests in the form of ship's wheels in dark blue. Below the shield and supporters is a grassy mound in green, with six pink mayflowers with light green leaves on the left and three pink thistle flowers with longer leaves on the right. Curving below the mound is a scroll in white (with a red back exposed at the ends) inscribed **LET NEW GLASGOW FLOURISH** in calligraphed red letters.

SYMBOLISM: The elements in the coat of arms weave together the modern town and its namesake, the ancient city of Glasgow, Scotland. The saltire echoes the flag of Nova Scotia (itself the reverse of the saltire of Scotland), the wavy blue band represents the East River of Pictou County and the historical importance of this waterway, and the two black diamonds (known as “lozenges” in heraldry) represent coal mining, one of the town’s earliest industries, and mineral wealth generally. The maple tree signifies New Glasgow’s natural heritage and its status as a Canadian municipality. The mural crowns symbolize a municipal corporation, and recall the stone buildings and masonry skills of the first settlers from Scotland. The deer recall the wildlife of the area, and the ship’s wheels honour the local shipbuilding industry and the town’s maritime history. The red lion links to the Scottish royal flag, and the hammer represents the iron and steel industry of New Glasgow. The mayflowers on the mound (*Epigaea repens*) are the provincial flower of Nova Scotia, the thistles (*Onopordum acanthium* or *Cirsium vulgare*) are the national flower of Scotland, and the motto hearkens back to that of Glasgow, “Let Glasgow Flourish”.

HOW SELECTED: Unknown.

DESIGNER: Unknown. The arms were designed by Robert D. Watt, Chief Herald of Canada, Canadian Heraldic Authority, and granted 23 April 1990.



OTHER FLAG: While the official flag is displayed in the council chambers, for general purposes New Glasgow uses a logo flag. It has proportions of approximately 2:3 (from photographs) and a navy blue field. In the upper centre is the town emblem, a yellow lion facing

the fly, forepaw upraised, in a red oval sunburst. Below it is **New Glasgow** in serifed letters and below that *flourish* in cursive letters, all in white.