

## Barrie, Ontario

**Population Rank:** Canada . . . 21  
Province . . . 9

**Proportions:** 3:5 (1:2 usage)

**Adopted:** Before 1985  
(arms granted 1977)



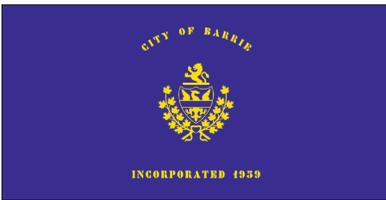
**DESIGN:** On the flag of the City of Barrie, the upper fourth is red with three symbols in golden yellow with black details: a naval crown in the centre, a winged wheel on the left, and a cog wheel on the right. The lower three-fourths of the flag is white with three sets of wavy double-bands in dark blue. The bands have three rises and extend the full length of the flag.

**SYMBOLISM:** Barrie is on the western shore of Lake Simcoe, on the old portage route between Lakes Superior and Huron. The naval crown alludes to the connection the city had not only with Sir Robert Barrie, for whom the city was named in 1833, but also the naval luminaries remembered in the names of the lake, the bay, and several streets in the city. The winged wheel represents transportation, recalling Barrie's long-time role as a centre of transportation—beginning in the days of the War of 1812. The cog wheel represents the thriving secondary industry established in Barrie from its early times. The three waves were adopted from Sir Robert Barrie's shield and allude to the city's location on the waters of Kempenfelt Bay. The flag is a banner of the city's arms.

**HOW SELECTED:** The city council approved the coat of arms in November 1974, which was then granted to the city by the English Kings of Arms on 1 March 1977. The elements of the flag are the same as the shield on the coat of arms.

**DESIGNER:** City Solicitor Osmond J. Rowe, who had designed Barrie's coat of arms.

**MORE ABOUT THE FLAG:** Commodore Sir Robert Barrie was stationed in Kingston and commanded all the naval forces in Canada. On his annual inspections of the naval establishment at Penetanguishene, the portage passed through Barrie. In 1833, Lady Barrie wrote to relatives in England suggesting that Barrie would be a good place for them to settle in Canada. It seemed appropriate, therefore, that some element of Sir Barrie's arms be incorporated into the flag.



**OTHER FLAG:** Barrie previously used a flag with a blue field bearing its shield, crest, and wreath in gold, with **CITY OF BARRIE** arching above and **INCORPORATED 1939** running horizontally below in serified letters of gold.