Chilliwack, British Columbia

Population Rank: Canada . . . 45  
Province . . . 8

Proportions: 1:2  
Adopted: 15 October 1993

**DESIGN:** The flag of the City of Chilliwack has a green field with a white Scandinavian cross; the width of its bars is nearly one-fourth the height of the flag. Surmounting the intersection of the bars is a white disc, bearing a green circle enclosing four green valentine-style hearts joined at their bases.

**SYMBOLISM:** Chilliwack, long known as “The Green Heart of British Columbia”, is in the “heart” of the fertile Fraser Valley. To represent this slogan the Canadian Heraldic Authority created a new symbol in Canadian heraldry. It conjoins four green hearts facing the four cardinal directions, signifying the directions of the community, and framed within a green circle to reflect that Chilliwack is at the “heart of things”. The city is also known as the “crossroads” of the Upper Fraser Valley, represented by the bars of the Scandinavian cross. The heart symbol and cross form the shield of the city’s coat of arms.

**HOW SELECTED:** The city applied to the Canadian Heraldic Authority for a grant of a flag.
**DESIGNER:** Robert D. Watt, Chief Herald of Canada, Canadian Heraldic Authority.

**FORMER FLAG:** In 1980, when the City of Chilliwack amalgamated with the surrounding Township of Chilliwack (and dropped the second “h” from its name), it adopted a green-white-green Canadian pale design with a large green valentine-style heart in the centre, three-fourths the height of the flag. The Canadian pale design undoubtedly represent Chilliwack as a Canadian city, and the heart its role as “The Green Heart of British Columbia”.

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