

Lloydminster, Saskatchewan & Alberta

Population Rank: Canada....89

Province . . . 5 (in Saskatchewan) 8 (in Alberta)

Proportions: 1:2

Adopted: 1960s or 1970s



DESIGN: The flag of the City of Lloydminster is divided vertically by a narrow black stripe whose width is 1/15 the length of the flag. The left side is blue, bearing a natural-looking rose with five pink petals, a yellow centre, and a green stem and leaf. The right side is green, bearing a natural-looking lily with six orange petals, a yellow centre, and a green stem. Both flowers have black details and outlines. Centred on the flag, about one-third of its height, is a semi-elaborate shield with squared upper corners. Its top third is light blue, with **CITY OF** in black at the top, below that **LLOYDMIN-STER** in larger white letters edged in black, and below that **ALBERTA** and **SASKATCHEWAN**, set to the left and the right, in smaller black letters. All letters are sans-serif. In the middle third are horizontal layers: yellow hills over green trees over yellow land, with cattle in brown on the left and wheat fields in brown on the right. The lower third is brown with a yellow semicircle over a black section at the base. Extending up from the lower third into the upper third is an oil derrick in white and black.

SYMBOLISM: The City of Lloydminster straddles the Alberta/Saskatchewan border; its main north-south street, Meridian Avenue, is the dividing

line. Unlike most "twin" cities in adjoining states/provinces (such as Texarkana, Texas and Arkansas or Kansas City, Kansas and Missouri), Lloydminster is a single municipality. The flag reflects the community's joint provincial citizenship. The vertical black stripe represents the provincial boundary. The left side represents Alberta, blue being the field colour of the provincial flag and the wild rose (*Rosa acicularis*) its flower. The right side represents Saskatchewan, green being the upper field colour of the provincial flag and the western red lily (*Lilium philadelphicum*) its flower. The geography of the city is prominently displayed on the city's municipal shield, and while each side shares rolling hills and forest, the cattle industry of Alberta is represented by three cattle on a prairie on the left and the agricultural industry of Saskatchewan is represented by fields of wheat on the right. The central oil rig and the depiction of underground oil symbolize the importance of the petroleum industry. Alberta provincial law applies in the Alberta side of the city, Saskatchewan provincial law in the Saskatchewan side.

HOW SELECTED: Reported to have been chosen in a contest.

DESIGNER: Unknown.

