



Cornwall, Ontario

Population Rank: Canada . . . 55
Province . . . 23

Proportions: 1:2

Adopted: 21 June 1995



DESIGN: The flag of the Town of Cornwall is a Canadian pale design of yellow-black-yellow. In the centre, nearly the full height and width of the central panel, is a simple shield in yellow. It has a horizontal top and simply-curved sides forming a curved, pointed “V” shape. The inner edge of the shield is bordered with two narrow black lines, marked with six small fleurs-de-lis in black, one at each corner and mid-point of the shield’s sides, all pointing outward, mirrored by six more in the interior, all pointing inward. Within the border and occupying most of the shield, 15 black discs form an inverted triangle, in staggered rows of 5-4-3-2-1.

SYMBOLISM: The flag uses elements from the arms of the town. The colours and discs are based on the arms of the Duchy and County of Cornwall, England. However, the colours are reversed, following a heraldic tradition when an Old World design is represented in the New World. The border is a “double tressure flory”, a version of which appears in the royal arms of Scotland and honours the first Scottish settlers of the region. Its parallel bands recall the two-row wampum belts presented to the early settlers by the First Nations people and the fleurs-de-lis recognize the French heritage of the town.

HOW SELECTED: The town applied to the Canadian Heraldic Authority for a grant of a flag.

DESIGNER: Charles Maier, Athabaska Herald, Canadian Heraldic Authority.



FORMER FLAG: Cornwall previously used a flag in proportions of 1:2 with a red field. In its centre is a badge three-fourths of the height of the flag. It bears the city's former coat of arms on a central disc of light blue, ringed by

a narrow band of red and a wide band of yellow. On the yellow band appears • **CITY OF CORNWALL** • above and **INCORPORATED 1945** below, in black sans-serif letters. The outer edge of the badge is a narrow wavy white band, with ten undulations. Above the badge arches **CORNWALL** and below curves **THE FRIENDLY SEAWAY CITY**, all in white sans-serif letters. The arms have a simple shield with a flat top, pointed upper corners, vertical sides, and a pointed base. It is edged in white and red, and bears a wheat sheaf in yellow on a green base against a light blue sky. Above the shield is a stylized crown in yellow, red, and white; below is a ribbon in yellow edged in black, with forked ends, reading **PRO PATRIA** in black sans-serif letters. Cornwall is in the Seaway Valley and on the St. Lawrence Seaway; *Pro patria* is Latin for “For one’s country”.