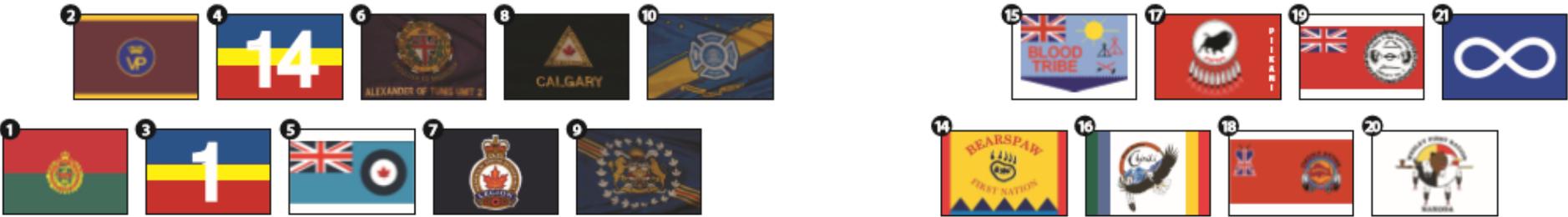




# Flags in Council Chamber



**Military Flags:**

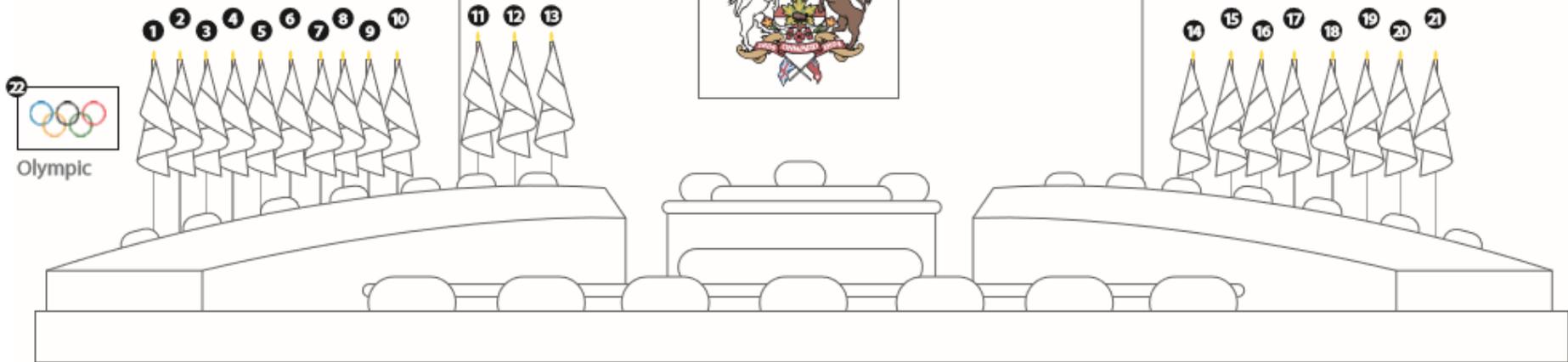
- 1 Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians)
- 2 Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry
- 3 1 Service Battalion
- 4 14 Service Battalion
- 5 Royal Canadian Air Force
- 6 Army, Navy, & Air Force Veterans in Canada
- 7 Royal Canadian Legion
- 8 War Amputees Association
- 9 Calgary Police Service \*
- 10 Calgary Fire Department \*

**Indigenous Flags:**

- 14 Bearspaw First Nation
- 15 Blood Tribe (Kainai Nation)
- 16 Chiniki First Nation
- 17 Piikani Nation
- 18 Siksika Nation
- 19 Tsuut'ina Nation
- 20 Wesley First Nation
- 21 Métis Nation



**COUNCIL CHAMBER**



## Flag Descriptions



### Military Flags (1-8):

These flags mark the service of Calgary-based sailors, soldiers and airmen in the Navy, Army and Air Force between 1885 and 1953.

Many of these flags were presented to Council as part of a Freedom of the City ceremony, a symbolic exercise that municipal authorities grant to military units, acknowledging the bond between the regiment and community.



### Paramilitary Flags (9-10):

Calgary Police Service and Calgary Fire Department flags are included here because of their paramilitary connection.

A paramilitary is a semi-militarized force whose organizational structure, tactics, training, etc. are like those of a professional military but not formally part of a country's armed forces.



Alberta

Canada

Calgary

### Government Flags (11-13):

Calgary's red and white flag with the letter C and a cowboy hat was chosen through a competition in 1984 in honour of the city's centennial.

The hat represents hospitality and friendship.



Olympic

**The flag of the International Olympic Committee (22)** commemorates Calgary's turn as a host for the 1988 Olympic Winter Games.



### Indigenous Flags (14-21):

These flags were added to Council Chamber on December 16, 2019, to mark The City of Calgary's efforts towards reconciliation with the Treaty 7 nations and Métis Nation of Alberta Region 3.

The flags of the Treaty 7 nations are displayed in alphabetical order, followed by the Métis flag.



## Calgary City Crest

*The original design was adopted in 1902. Description as follows:*

**Upper third:** displays a setting sun above a mural crown (a symbol of loyalty) and the Rocky Mountains.

**Lower two thirds:** the red cross of St. George and the Canadian Maple leaf.

**Animals:** A bull buffalo (once prominent in our region) is inset in the maple leaf. All symbols are supported by a horse and a steer, representing the historic importance of agriculture to our city.

**Plants:** Below the shield are the leek of Wales, the shamrock of Ireland, the rose of England and the thistle of Scotland, symbols of the countries of origin of many of our early settlers.

**Motto:** The crest includes our motto “Onward”, and the dates of Calgary’s incorporation as a town (1884) and as a city (1894).

**Flags:** Under the scroll are the Union Jack, representing our relationship to the British Commonwealth and the Red Ensign, Canada’s flag until 1965 when the current flag was created.