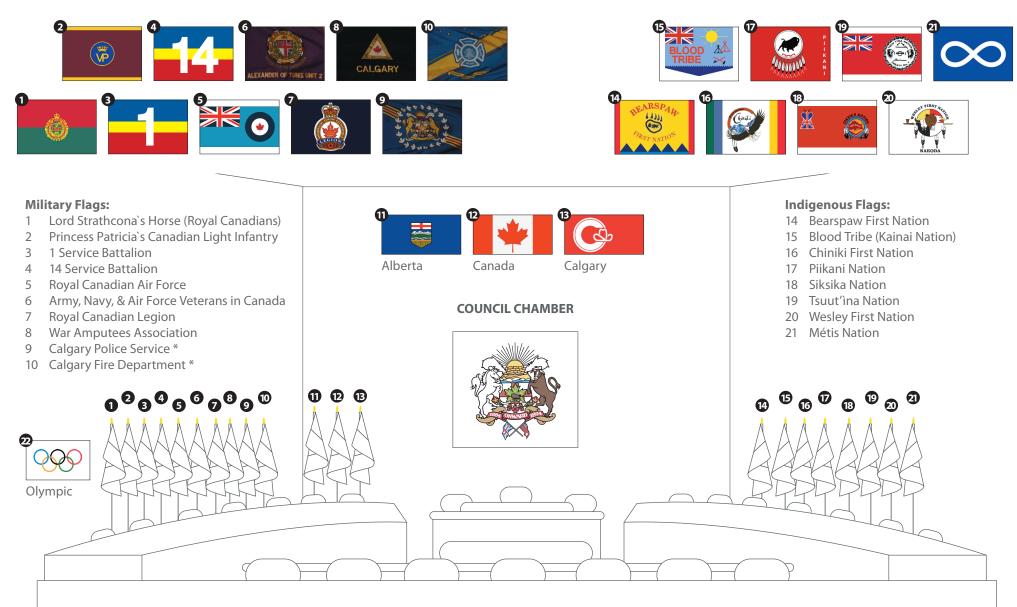


Flags in Council Chamber



About the Flags in Council Chamber

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.

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.

Olympic Flag (22):

To commemorate Calgary as the host city the 1988 Olympic Winter Games.