



# Armorial Bearings

*The Application for the Grant of Armorial Bearings to the Regional Municipality of York and York Regional Police by the Canadian Heraldic Authority*



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**Deeds Speak**





# The Origins of the Regional Municipality of York Crest



- Home District, 1842
- Franklin Jackes,
- Chairman of the Special Committee on the Device for District Seal



# Jackes' Report, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 1842



- “... In one quarter of the shield, the deer stricken with an arrow, (supposed by an Indian) showing the original state of the country;
- in the second quarter, the first progress in agriculture by the sheaf of wheat;
- in the third quarter, the forest with an axe in the tree, being the first act of improvement;
- in the fourth quarter, a steam boat, to represent the highest state of improvement at which we have arrived.”
- Jackes' report, May 14, 1842



# Chronology of the Seal



- County of York, 1867
- Municipal Council of the County of York 1867 – crown lifted off shield



- First Seal (temporary) for The Regional Municipality of York, 1970
- Regional Municipality of York – no crest or motto



- The 'New' Seal of The Regional Municipality of York, 1972
- The Regional Municipality of York with crest and motto





# York Regional Police

## Trademarks it's badge



DATE: January 27, 1986

ORDER #07-86

For the information of all Members, this Force, on September 24, 1985, made application to the Registrar of Trade Marks Federal Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, for them to give public notice in accordance with Section 9 of the Trade Marks Act of the adoption and use of our Police Badge.

On December 11, 1985, public notice was issued in the Trade Marks Journal, in accordance with the Trade Marks Act of the adoption and use by the York Regional Board of Commissioners of Police for this Force's Police Badge. The following is an excerpt from the Trade Marks Act:

"9.(1) No person shall adopt in connection with a business, as a trademark or otherwise, any mark consisting of, or so nearly resembling as to be likely to be mistaken for...

(n) any badge, crest, emblem or mark...



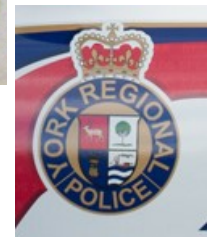
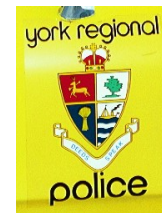
# York Regional Police Crest Evolution

Can you spot the differences?

Original Logo

Badges

Variances on Vehicles





# The First York Regional Police Flag



- Unknown design or presentation date



# York Regional Police flag

- First showing in an official document was in the 1987 Annual Report indicating “a new flag”
- It is understood that Chief Bruce Crawford was a former Naval Officer and chose this design, from options created by Sergeant Steven Heater, for the York Regional Police flag.





# York Regional Police Flag today



- This flag was first flown on 22 October, 1987
- This design has a dual meaning:
  - Nautical signal flag for the letter “B”
  - Nautical signal flag for “ Dangerous Goods”



# What is a Colour?







# York Regional Police Ceremonial Unit leading in Ottawa





## Original Queen's York Rangers Regimental Colour and Royal Colour

Enshrined









# Regimental Colour of the 3<sup>rd</sup> York Militia, 1813





# The Canadian Heraldic Authority





# THE PROTECTION OF THE CANADIAN HERALDRY UNDER THE TRADE-MARKS ACT

- Under **paragraph 9(1)(n.1)** of the [Trade-marks Act](#), granted heraldic emblems are protected from misuse for commercial purposes. This applies to heraldic emblems registered as trademarks and published in the *Trade-marks Journal*.



# Canadian Police Services who have sought and were granted Armorial Bearings





# Kingston Police

Grant of a flag and badge April 15, 2016





# West Vancouver Police

Grant of a flag and badge January 20, 2012



# London Police Service

Grant of arms, supporters, flag and badge 2006



# Hamilton Police Service

Grant of a flag and badge November 15, 2007





# Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police

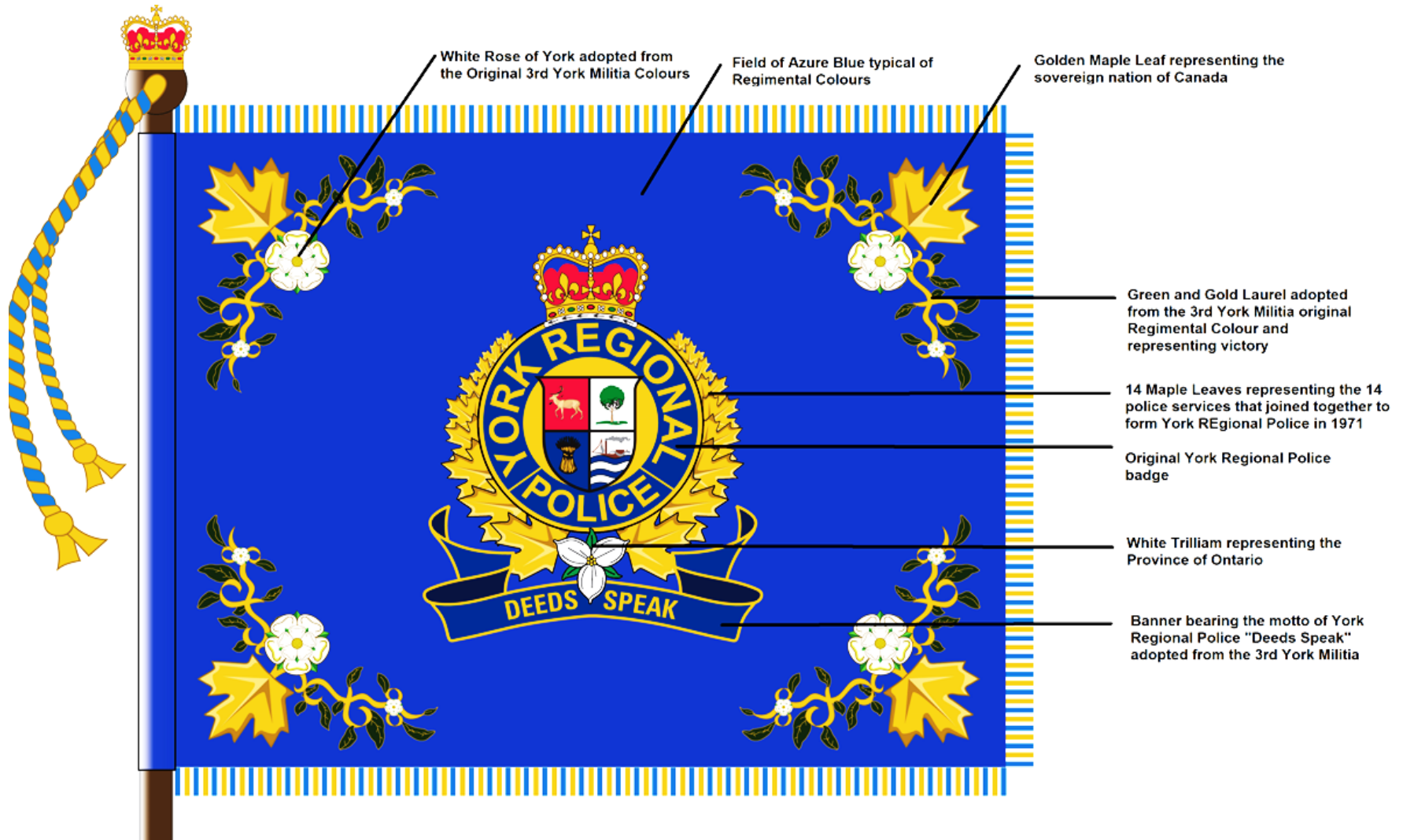
Grant of a badge and flag February 15, 2005



# **Conceptual Rendering**

**York Regional Police  
Regimental Colour**







# Next Steps

## **Three things are required to start the process:**

1. A copy of a resolution from the Police Services Board authorizing York Regional Police to move forward with this application;
  2. A copy of an Annual Report and Financial Statement;
  3. A brief history and details surrounding the creation of York Regional Police as an entity in Canada.
- The Regional Municipality of York may make a parallel application or the Region and York Regional Police can make a joint application. York Regional Police does not need the participation of the Region in order to make application providing the crest is sufficiently different.



# Moving Forward

- With Board approval and upon completion, a Drumhead Ceremony where the flag is consecrated can be organized as part of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations of York Regional Police.







# Thank you Questions?



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