

ADMINISTRATION

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This Chapter, which has been included for the purposes of information and historical record, does not constitute a formal part of the Town of Richmond Hill Municipal Code.

Early in this century William Ashford Wright was asked by the Council of Richmond Hill to design a crest to be used on its stationery and for Town identification signs. The coat-of-arms from the House of Richmond was chosen because according to historians, the 4th Duke of Richmond, Charles Gordon Lennox, visited this Village in 1819 when he was Governor-General of Canada. It's reported that he so impressed the people of the Village that they re-christened it and accordingly bestowed upon it the name of Richmond Hill.

The motto, "En la rose je fleuris" is also from the Duke of Richmond's coat-of-arms. It is very appropriate for our Town because during the 19th century and the early part of this century Richmond Hill was the largest supplier of roses in Canada.

It was 1961 when the Council of the Town of Richmond Hill contacted the House of Richmond and received permission to formally adopt the slightly altered version of its coat-of-arms.

HISTORY - MAYOR'S CHAIN OF OFFICE

Council meeting held February 28, 1966 - "The Mayor then read a letter which he had received from Henry Birks & Sons regarding their proposal to issue Chains of Office for the Mayors especially for Centennial Year. It was moved by Deputy-Reeve Perkins, seconded by Councillor Lazenby that this letter be referred to the Finance Committee. Carried"

Council meeting held January 9, 1967 - "It was moved by Councillor Hancey, seconded by Reeve Plaxton that a letter be sent to the Lions' Club thanking them on behalf of the municipality for their presentation of the Chain of Office and a letter be sent to Mr. D. Boyd complimenting him on his fine craftsmanship in making the Chain and also that a letter be sent to Mr. Cliff Bennett thanking him for making the dies for Mr. Boyd."

Article 1 CHAIN - MOTTO

262.1.1 Chain - presentation

The Chain was presented by the Lions' Club of Richmond Hill to Mayor Tom Broadhurst in 1967 in connection with Canada's Centennial Year.

262.1.2 Chain - symbols - representation

The Chain has six symbols (three each side) representing Richmond Hill's founding ethnic groups:

ENGLAND	Rose
SCOTLAND	Thistle
IRELAND	Shamrock
FRANCE	Fleur de lis
GERMANY	Black Walnut
WALES	Leek

262.1.3 Motto - use - permission

Permission was received from England during 1950 for the Town of Richmond Hill to use the "Duke of Richmond" Motto.

262.1.4 Roses - representation

The red rose represents Richmond Hill since during the 19th Century and early part of the 20th Century, Richmond Hill was the largest supplier of roses in Canada. When Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip were married, the Queen's (Princess then) bouquet of roses came directly from Mills Roses, Richmond Hill. England (yellow) and York (white) roses represent the Region of York (formerly the County of York).