

MAYOR'S CHAIN OF OFFICE

The Chain of Office is worn by the Mayor during Council sessions and on other official occasions, including the opening and closing ceremonies of events such as Owen Sound's hosting of national sports and athletic competitions. When not in use, the Chain of Office can be viewed in the display case in the main lobby of City Hall.



In 1967, Canada's Centennial Year, City Council established a special committee to prepare a new Mayor's Chain of Office.

The Chain of Office, which includes the City's Coat of Arms, has symbolic relevance to the City's past, present and future.

The Committee dedicated 105 hours designing and creating a unique new Chain of Office. The committee included art teacher, William Parrott, local jeweler, Ken Reimer, and artist Doug Wood.

The design elements within the Chain include:

- sheaves of wheat representing agriculture
- a geared wheel representing industry
- an anchor representing marine history
- a fish representing the importance of fishing
- The pioneer and aboriginal figures represent the convergence of the settlers with the aboriginal community.

In 2005, the Chain of Office was completely restored to its original splendor by Ken Reimer.