

*symbolology

The motto of the crest "UNUM CUM VIRTUTE MULTORUM" is the Latin translation for "One with the strength of many." Two thoughts lie behind this motto. Firstly, Winnipeg is perhaps uniquely one city formed of people of all races; and secondly, it is one city formed from many cities.

The significance of the emblazonry upon the crest may be described as follows:

The Fort Garry Gate at the top represents Winnipeg's early history as a Hudson's Bay fur trading centre.

Beneath the gate, thirteen gold stars on a blue field symbolize the thirteen former municipal governments which were

unified on January 1st, 1972, to create a new city. The blue background depicts Winnipeg's clear blue skies.

Below the sky, a prairie crocus upon a plain green field represents Winnipeg's location as a prairie city.

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