



The Design of Canada's \$20 Polymer Note

Canada's polymer bank notes represent an exceptional combination of design and technology. The main objective when issuing any new bank note series is security—to stay ahead of counterfeiting in order to provide a secure means of payment that Canadians can use with confidence. Leading-edge security features, such as detailed holographic images within large transparent windows, make the new polymer notes both difficult to counterfeit and easy for Canadians to check.

While increased security is paramount, the new notes also incorporate designs that celebrate the Canadian experience and evoke our country's spirit of innovation. The images and themes chosen for the five denominations represent Canada's exploits and accomplishments, particularly those in the sciences, technology and exploration.

As an integral part of the Bank of Canada's design process, extensive consultations were held with theme stakeholders and subject-matter experts. By consulting specialists on the chosen themes, the Bank was able to ensure that the design elements were appropriately depicted on each denomination.

Design Elements on the \$20 Note



Portrait of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

The portrait of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is based on a recent photograph commissioned by the Bank of Canada. As is the case with all depictions of the Queen in previous series, the new image used on the \$20 polymer bank note was approved by Her Majesty.



Metallic Building—the Peace Tower

The image of the Peace Tower is based on a photograph commissioned by the Bank of Canada. For the metallic building in the large window, the image of the Peace Tower was adapted for use as a holographic feature.

About the Theme

The Canadian National Vimy Memorial

The Canadian National Vimy Memorial is featured on the \$20 note as a tribute to Canada's contributions and sacrifices in military conflicts throughout its history. Located on the site of the 1917 Battle of Vimy Ridge, the Canadian National Vimy Memorial in France was erected in honour of Canadian service during the First World War.

Located at the highest point of Vimy Ridge, the memorial bears the names of the 11,285 Canadian First World War servicemen with no known resting place in France. The memorial was erected on land that was granted permanently to Canada by France in 1922, in recognition of Canada's war efforts. The following words are inscribed on the base of the monument: "To the valour of their countrymen in the Great War and in memory of their sixty thousand dead this monument is raised by the people of Canada."



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The Canadian National Vimy Memorial

The image of the Canadian National Vimy Memorial is based on photographs commissioned by the Bank of Canada. The memorial is featured on the \$20 as a tribute to Canadian men and women's contributions and sacrifices in conflicts throughout our history.

The Vimy Foundation and Veterans Affairs Canada were consulted to ensure an appropriate depiction of this design element.



Canadian Flag

The image of the waving Canadian flag is based on a photograph commissioned by the Bank of Canada.



Poppies

An artistic rendering of poppies symbolizes remembrance and honours Canada's military men and women.

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