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HISTORY OF TARTAN

The Bruce County Tartan was first suggested by Dr. J.F. Morton of Southampton in 1962. The idea was endorsed by the Women's Institute in 1963 and a committee was formed.

The new tartan was specially woven on advice of Sir Thomas Innes of Learney Lord Lyon, King of Arms, Edinburgh, Scotland.

The official Bruce Tartan is basically the Bruce Clan Tartan modified by the addition of a blue line, (signifying the blue waters of Lake Huron and the many fresh water lakes and rivers of the County) on each side of the white line in the middle of the red section as suggested by Lord Lyon with the approval of the Earl of Elgin Chief of the Clan Bruce. The red is a true red rather than the goulds (scarlet) of the Clan Bruce Tartan.

The new Bruce County Tartan and Coat of Arms was approved and registered in Edinburgh on June 10 1964 and subsequently registered in Canada with letters patent in 1965 and adopted by the Bruce County Council as the official insignia of the County.