

Varkaus
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Greative Energy from Eastern Finland

Basic information about Varkaus

Located in the province of Eastern Finland

Part of the Northern Savonia region

Market town rights granted in 1929

City status granted in 1962

Population as of 31 Dec 2012: 22,340



Land area 386 km²

Water area 138 km²

Total area 524 km²

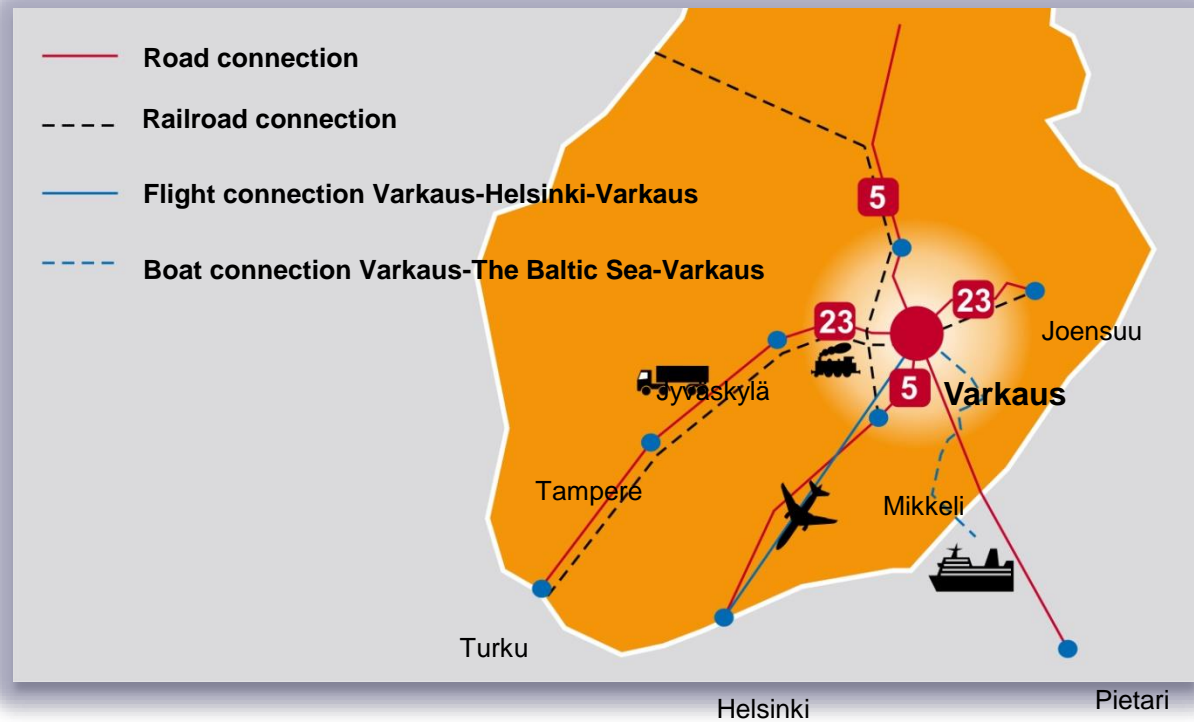
Shoreline 940 km



Great logistic location

Distances:

Varkaus-Kuopio	76 km
Varkaus-Joensuu	118 km
Varkaus-Jyväskylä	125 km
Varkaus-Helsinki	317 km
Varkaus-Pietari	380 km





History of industrial development



2000

Foster Wheeler Energy and Andritz found Warkaus Works

2000/2001

Austrian firm Andritz AG acquires Ahlstrom Machinery Ltd

1998

Merger of Swedish paper firm STORA and Finnish paper firm Enso

1995

US firm Foster Wheeler purchases Ahlstrom's power plant boiler operations

1987

Share deal takes place between Ahlström and Enso-Gutzeit Oy

1940s

Manufacture of power plant and industrial boilers begins

1909

Ahlström purchases Wahl machine shop. Wood processing industry production begins

1866

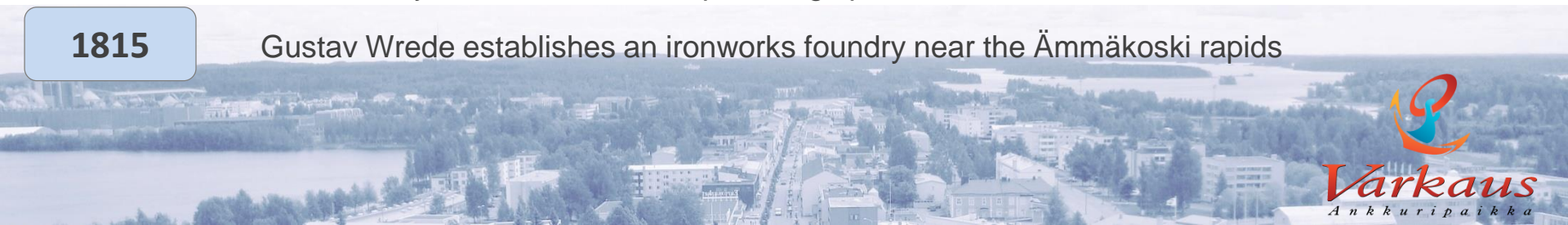
Dockyards and boiler foundries begin operation on Pirtinniemi. 771 vessels are made at the Pirtinniemi docks and 205 are manufactured at the Lehtoniemi docks

1830- 1850

Paul Wahl and Erik Johan Längman lead local efforts to develop a machine shop industry and sawmill and shipbuilding operations

1815

Gustav Wrede establishes an ironworks foundry near the Ämmäkoski rapids

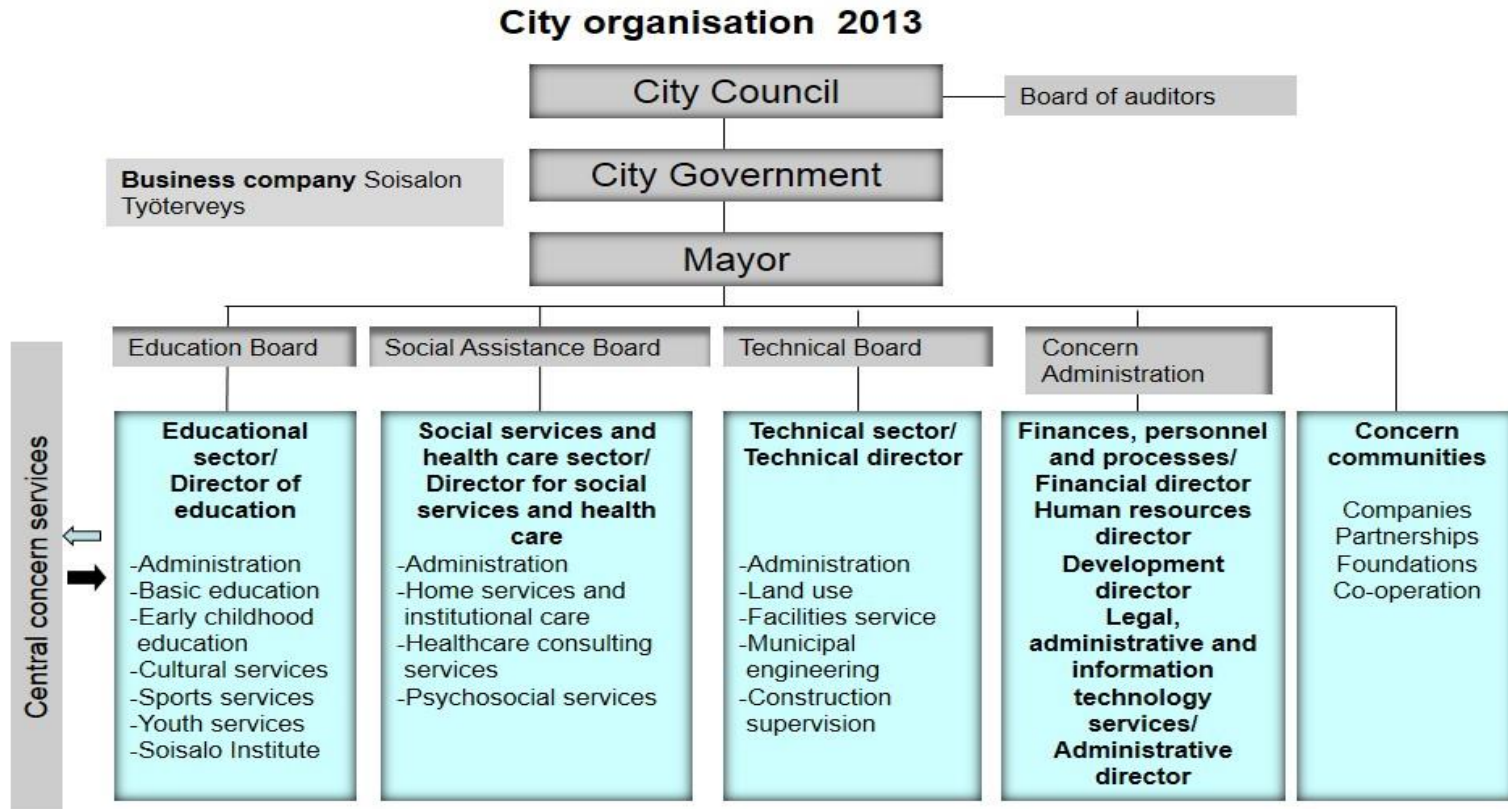


City council political party distribution 2013 - 2016

Finnish Social Democratic Party (SDP)	16 seats
National Coalition Party (KOK)	8 seats
Finnish Christian Democrats (KD)	7 seats
The Left Alliance (VAS)	5 seats
The Finns (PS)	4 seats
The Centre Party (KESK)	3 seats
Total number of city council members	43 members



City organisation 2013



Business support services [Navitas Real Estate](#), Wredenkatu 2

Navitas Business Development – regional business development

- Developing local commerce
- Project management assistance
- Financing and application assistance
- Business consultation and support services
- Development programmes
- Structural change project

Keski-Savo Industrial Park – business real estate

- Sales and production facility solutions for businesses, including assistance with financing, design and execution
- Building construction and rental

Keski-Savo New Business Centre WÄLÄKKY – business support

- Guidance for those interested in entrepreneurship, starting up a business or buying or selling a business



Technical Services

Services provided entirely by the municipality:

- Construction and maintenance of public buildings
- General administration and medical equipment maintenance
- Electricity supply
- Traffic lights and public lighting
- City planning and land use
- Property management
- Building regulation
- Planning of municipal utilities
- Akonniemi port

Services provided jointly or by a third-party:

- Environmental conservation of Keski-Savo
- Waste Management Oy of Keski-Savo
- Keski-Savon Vesi Oy
- Marinas *SMPS Varkauden Järvipelastajat ry*
- Maintenance of traffic areas and public grounds *YIT Rakennus Oy*
- Infrastructure *YIT Rakennus Oy*
- Rescue services *Pohjois-Savo regional rescue services, Host municipality: Kuopio*



Social and healthcare services

Home services and institutional care

- Home-like services
- Hospital services

Healthcare consultation services

- Doctors', nurses' and child welfare clinic consultation services
- Specialist outpatient clinic services
- Oral hygiene services

Psycho-social services

- Social work and disabled services
- Substance abuse and mental health services



Education and Culture

General education

Grades 1-9

Students 1,966 28 Feb 2013

Schools 9

Some schools provide instruction with a music or English-language emphasis
Swedish-language school Svenska skolan for grades 0-6

Early childhood education

Children participating in services 786 May 15 2013

Day care centres 6

Private day care centre 1

Municipal child-minders

Open early childhood education services

Private day care is provided by:

- private home care providers
- Aarrearkku day care centre

Preschool education is provided by:

- day care centres
- schools for preschool-age children
- Swedish language school



Education and Culture

Cultural services:

VEKARA VARKAUS : This summer event for children has been arranged since 1995 and has received recognition from the Ministry of Education and the province of Eastern Finland.

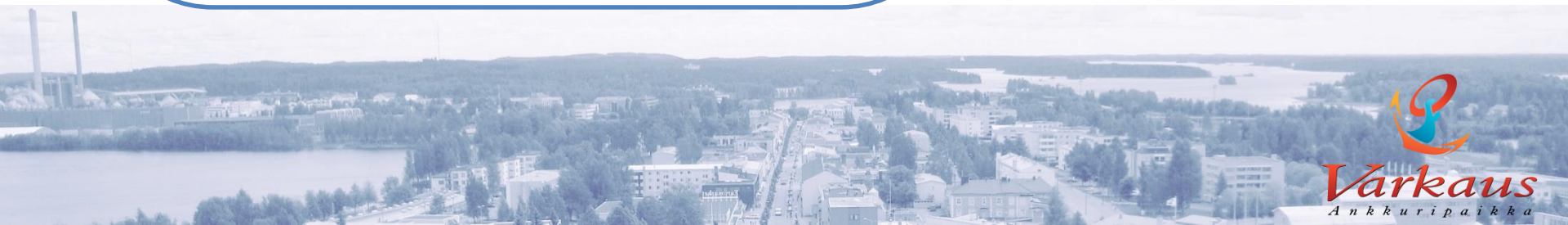
TARINOIDEN TAULUMÄKI: Arranged since 1999, this autumn event features cultural activities and workshops.

Libraries:

- Main Library and the Kangaslampi Local Library
- Online library

Museums

- The Varkaus Historical Museum
- Art Museum
- Taipale Canal Museum
(The canal and its surrounding property is maintained by the Finnish Transport Agency)



Education and Culture

Youth services

- 2 youth centres, 1 youth community centre
- Handicraft skills
- Specialized youth services
- Outreach youth work
- Promotion of youth inclusion
- Po1nt – Youth Portal
- Aloitekanava.fi
- Children´s Parliament Varpaset
(for children aged 5 to12)
- Youth council Wanuva (for children aged 13 to 20)
- Student union cooperation

Soisalo Institute

Operating area:

Heinävesi, Joroinen, Leppävirta, Pieksämäki, Varkaus

- * Adult Education Centre * Art School * Handicrafts School
- * Conservatory * Wind Instruments School * Art Play School
- * Dance School * Development and Training Unit

Number of students over 12,000 per year

Hours of instruction 40,000 per year



Education and Culture

Sports services:

Sports centres:

- Ilopisara swimming hall
- Varkaus and Kangaslampi sport centres
- Kämäri ice sports centre
- Kisapuisto athletic fields
- Sport halls in Varkaus and in Kangaslampi
- Cross-country ski network of 160 km, 30 km of which are lit
- Extensive cycling and fitness tracks



There are many active clubs that meet regularly to practice winter and summer sports. More information (in Finnish only) can be found at www.varkaudenurheiluseurat.fi



Vocational training



Savo Vocational College Savo Consortium for Education

- Finnish high school degree (lukio)
- Metals engineering
- Automotive and electrical engineering
- Construction
- Structural engineering
- Catering
- Hairstyling
- Security
- Graphics
- Culture
- Social Services and healthcare
- Business administration and commerce
- Adult Education



Savonia University of Applied Sciences Varkaus Campus

Technology and Transport

- Degree Programme in Energy Technology, also taught as Adult Education

Adult education

- Bachelor degree programmes
- Adult education leading to vocational qualification/degree
- Specialisation studies
- Supplementary training
- Business training
- Training provided as part of employment policy measures
- Open university education
- Apprenticeship training



Tourism

Attractions

Museum of Mechanical Music
Taipale Canal and Canal Museum
Varkaus Museum
Väinölä Art Centre
Rainbow watertower sightseeing platform and cafe
“Kotiseutukeskus ” wooden house in the city centre
Evangelical-Lutheran and Orthodox churches
Main Library
Harjuranta Nature Chapel
Härkämäki Observatory
Ice sports centres
Varkaus Theatre



Scenic waterways

Taipale Canal
Kämäri Island and the Ämmäkoski rapids
Mula and Ruokojärvi bird watching towers
Komminselkä bridge
Fishing venues



Twin towns

