

HIGH TECH INDUSTRY

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Kamloops – the “wired west” – is the telecommunications hub of British Columbia’s southern interior. Call centres, data centres, software developers, technology support services and many research organizations are located here.

Strong Infrastructure

- Fibre backbone of Canada runs through Kamloops; city-wide wireless internet access
- Community Network connects 37 government, educational, business and health authorities
- 4 international telecommunication service providers: Bell, Telus, Shaw for Business and BCNET
- Seismic stability compared to other cities in British Columbia
- Adequate supply of affordable commercial real estate

Established IT Community

- Site of many regional and provincial head offices, including iCompass and the British Columbia Lottery Corporation (Kamloops office handles IT for the entire company)
- Kamloops chosen as the location for four national data centres in past 5 years
- Over 200 high tech companies located in the area
- Home of the Interior Science Innovation Council, the Interior Technology Industry Association and chapters of the Canadian Information Processing Society

Investment-Friendly Climate

- Selected “*Best BC Interior City to Invest In*” (Real Estate Investment Network)
- Recognized as one of five best Micro Cities in North America (population less than 100,000) to invest in (Foreign Direct Investment Magazine study 2009/10)

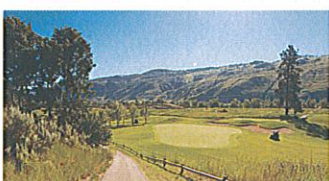
- Proactive municipal government ensures fast processing of permits and licenses
- Competitive development and business costs
- Funding and grant opportunities for high tech businesses
- Excellent new business start-up support and resources

Skilled & Educated Labour

- Access to a well-educated and skilled labour pool of more than 54,000 workers
- Thompson Rivers University, Canada’s most comprehensive university, is located in Kamloops; it has over 25,000 students enrolled in over 25 disciplines, including Computing Science, Computer Information Systems Technology, Digital Art & Design, Electronics & Engineering, Architectural & Engineering Technology and Mathematics & Statistic

Quality of Life

- Hot, dry summers, mild winters and more than 2,000 hours of sunshine annually
- Within a one-hour drive of 200 lakes, provincial parks, 14 golf courses and a world-class ski resort
- Thriving cosmopolitan centre, rich in arts and culture, shopping and lifestyle amenities
- Site of primary acute care health facility for the region

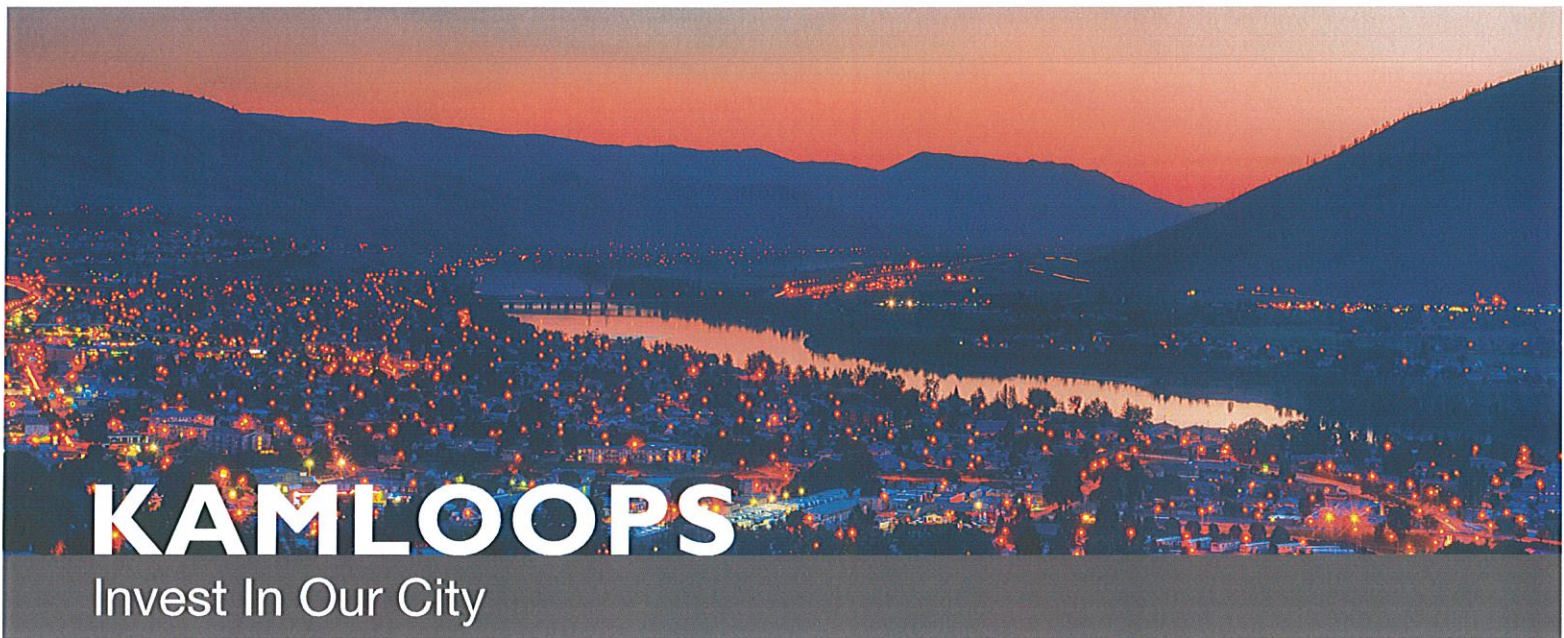


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Kamloops Overview

Increase your profits and efficiency by locating your business in Kamloops. It is the third largest city in British Columbia outside the Lower Mainland and the transportation hub of BC's southern interior. The city and surrounding area offers an abundance of economic, social and lifestyle assets, ranking 10th overall by FDI Intelligence Magazine in "Micro Cities" category.

Market Access

- One of only two cities in Canada serviced by both national railways
- Located at the intersection of Western Canada's four major highways
- Kamloops Airport (YKA) is one of the fastest growing regional airports, providing air service throughout North America with connections to virtually every part of the world
- Close to major urban centres; Port of Vancouver a short haul away
- Over 25 trucking and transport companies based in the Kamloops area
- Ideal location for warehousing, distribution, industrial and technology centres

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- Balanced corporate/personal tax structure
- Ranking 5th for Cost Competitiveness in micro cities category by FDI Intelligence Magazine

Diversified Economy & Strong Infrastructure

- Site of regional and provincial head offices, manufacturers, exporters and specialty medical clinics
- Excellent professional base of nationally recognized accounting, legal and financial services
- Both residential and commercial building permits show healthy community growth
- Adequate supply of affordable commercial real estate and industrial land
- Reliable supply of affordable power and telecommunications
- City-wide wireless internet access

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- Excellent health care, schools, affordable housing and safe neighbourhoods



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