



RESOURCE AND LIGHT INDUSTRY

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Manufacturing is a major contributor to the economy in Kamloops. In addition to being a provincially recognized forest centre, the manufacturing of resource, steel and value-added wood products continues to grow. Goods are shipped throughout BC, across Canada, into the United States and around the world.

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 provides transport services throughout North America
- Close to major urban centres; Port of Vancouver a short haul away
- Over 25 trucking and transport companies based in the Kamloops area
- 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)
- Diversified economy with an impressive roster of head offices, manufacturers and exporters including Domtar, Tolko Industries, Molycop, Compwood Products and Northern Trailer
- Proactive municipal government ensures fast processing of permits and licenses
- Competitive development and business costs, plus access to a fibre optic network
- Excellent business start-up support and a balanced corporate/personal tax structure

Strong Infrastructure

- Over 2,200 acres of affordable land zoned for industrial use, much of which is vacant
- 8 industrial parks, some with both rail and highway access
- Reliable supply of affordable power and telecommunications; city-wide wireless internet access

Local Resources & Support

- Wood species, lumber grades, fibre supply and wood waste available at competitive prices
- More than 125 fabrication and manufacturing companies operate in Kamloops
- R&D supported by Interior Science and Innovation Council, FORREX, Nexterra and TRU
- Site of Canada's first geothermal community and CMHC's Equilibrium Sustainable Housing Initiative

Investment-Friendly Climate

- Selected "*Best BC Interior City to Invest In*" (Real Estate Investment Network)

Skilled & Educated Labour

- Diverse pool of trades, forestry specialists, contract loggers, truckers and silviculture workers
- Thompson Rivers University, Canada's most comprehensive university, is located in Kamloops – over 25,000 students enrolled in over 25 disciplines

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



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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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- Proactive municipal government ensures fast processing of permits and licenses
- Competitive development and business costs
- Excellent new business start-up support and resources
- 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

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 (on campus and distance/online) enrolled in over 25 disciplines and approximately 2,000 graduates every year

Quality of Life

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

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