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## Special Medical | Invest In Our City

Kamloops is the third largest city in British Columbia outside the Lower Mainland. Medical services in Kamloops are extensive, both public and private, and the health care industry is a major employer. Growth areas include mental health, senior care and executive health.

### 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
- Excellent business start-up support and a balanced corporate/personal tax structure

### Strong Medical Support System

- Over 50 agencies provide health care services in Kamloops, including two extended care hospitals, two health units and five community health centres
- Approximately 150 physicians service the Kamloops area
- Private and specialty medical centres range from Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Orthopaedics, Urology and Ophthalmology to the Welcome Back Clinic (Canada's only upright MRI Scanner), Kamloops Surgical Centre and Sage Sport Institute (sports medicine with world-renowned clinicians)
- British Columbia Ambulance Service has one of their 3 regional dispatch centres in Kamloops
- Health Science programs at Thompson Rivers University offer research opportunities

### Regional Health Centre

- Royal Inland Hospital is the primary acute care facility for the region, and one of two tertiary care centres in the southern interior of BC
- Kamloops' Cancer Centre is linked to the BC Cancer Agency's provincial cancer care program
- \$17-million Hillside Centre is one of two new state-of-the-art mental health facilities in Kamloops

### 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, including Health Sciences, Nursing & Respiratory Therapy, Medical Lab Assistant, Psychology and Home Support Resident Care

### Quality of Life

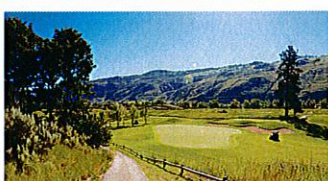
- Hot, dry summers, mild winters and more than 2,000 hours of sunshine annually
- Within a one-hour drive of 200 lakes, provincial parks, 14 golf courses, and a world-class ski resort
- Thriving cosmopolitan centre, rich in arts and culture, shopping and lifestyle amenities

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# KAMLOOPS

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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

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- 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

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

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