

City of

Merritt



British Columbia, Canada



Investment – Ready
Community Profile



BRITISH COLUMBIA BUSINESS ADVANTAGE

British Columbia is a strategically located, resource-rich economy with many competitive advantages and incentives for business.



British Columbia has one of the most attractive investment climates for business in North America.

Manufacturers, for example, enjoy benefits such as:

- **Strong economic fundamentals** and market opportunities associated with major, long-term projects
- **Low Tax Rates** (personal and corporate) that rank BC among the lowest in Canada – complemented by sales tax exemptions on machinery and tax credits for research and development expenditures
- **Competitive Operating Costs** including low cost electricity relative to elsewhere in Canada or the US
- **Competitive Wage Rates** reflecting a balanced and growing labour pool
- **Growing Labour Supply** with government initiatives that are driving labour mobility into BC and training our existing workforce assets
- **Welcoming Communities** that keenly encourage new manufacturing and service investments
- **Financial Incentives** for capital investments and job creation in northern BC (up to \$5,000 per new job). *Contact Northern Development Initiative Trust.*

MERRITT – THE CROWN JEWEL OF THE NICOLA VALLEY

The City of Merritt is a community that is primed to realize its commercial and industrial potential. Combined with this atmosphere of opportunity is a welcoming attitude and a most desirable temperate climate, making Merritt not only the natural choice for your business, but also a most pleasurable place to live.

A major transportation hub, Merritt offers access to efficient transportation and distribution infrastructure. In addition, the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology (NVIT) provides training for both local and out-of-the-area students. NVIT's programs, in turn, create a pool of recently-graduated young people schooled in trades, public administration, practical nursing, and culinary arts, to name but a few.

With respect to demographics, of particular interest is the fact that thirty (30) percent of our population of well over 7,000 consists of people under the age of twenty-five (25), thus guaranteeing a supply of eager and youthful workers. However, Merritt also enjoys a thriving population of mature individuals, skilled in all manner of academic and hands-on vocations.

Merritt is in the process of change, with a new Mayor and Council committed to fostering a fresh and positive attitude and approach to business. To this end, we are undertaking a review of our business licensing, our zoning bylaws, and our development processes, all with a view to cutting red tape and delay. In addition, the City is reconsidering its Official Community Plan (OCP), ever mindful of the fact that it must meet the needs of residents, commercial, and industrial interests. **Make no mistake: Merritt is open for business.**

You will find Merritt to be responsive to your needs and, when appropriate, willing to revisit policies or zoning issues which affect your business. Far from limiting your potential, we wish to encourage all our new and existing businesses to flourish.

Clearly, one of Merritt's main advantages is its affordability, with a number of parcels of land, zoned both commercial and industrial, available at a fraction of the cost larger cities nearby are providing.

While Merritt is by no means a metropolis, our community offers a surprising variety of cultural and artistic activities. For lovers of the outdoors, the recreational opportunities are unsurpassed, from trail bike riding, fishing, hunting, hiking and horseback adventures to whatever your imagination can conjure up. This diversity of recreational pursuits is of incalculable value to employers in attracting and retaining the good employees they require.

Come discover us: You will find Merritt an ideal location for your business and a delightful place to live.

Mayor Linda A. Brown
City of Merritt

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1. DEMOGRAPHICS

POPULATION

MERRITT

Population by Age Group	Population (2021)	Distribution
Under – 14	1,075	15.3%
15 – 34	1,390	19.8%
35 – 64	2,620	37.2%
65 – 74	1,100	15.6%
75 – Older	850	12.0%
Total	7,035	100.0%
Median Age	49.2	

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Population by Age Group	Population (2021)	Distribution
Under – 14	716,900	14.3%
15 – 34	1,244,015	24.9%
35 – 64	2,023,605	40.5%
65 – 74	591,770	11.8%
75 – Older	424,595	8.5%
Total	5,000,885	100%
Median Age	42.8	

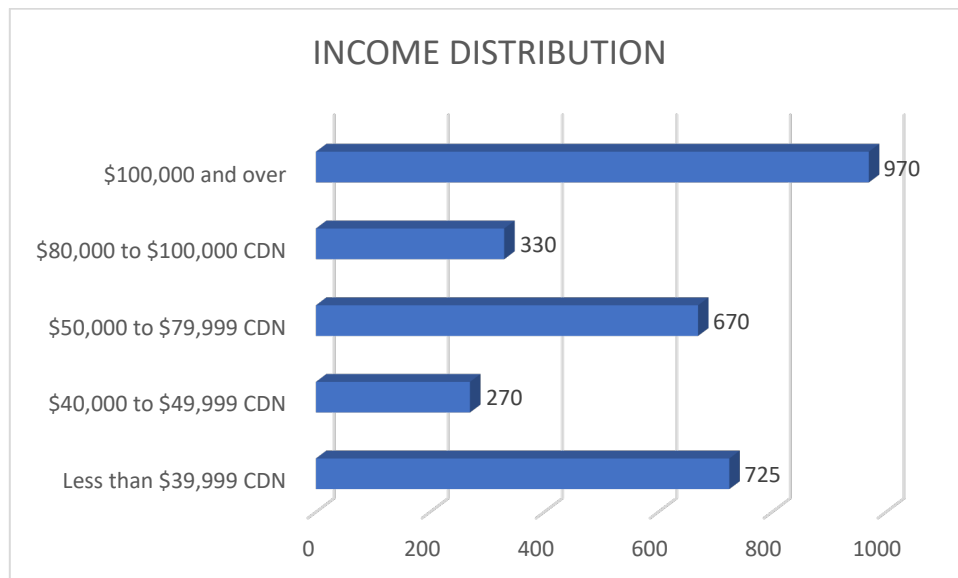
Data Sources:

Statistics Canada ('StatsCan'): [Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population, Merritt, City \(CY\), British Columbia \[Census Subdivision\]](#)

Statistics Canada ('StatsCan'): [Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population, British Columbia \[Province\]](#)

HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Number of Households	2,975
Median Total Income of Household in 2020 (\$)	70,000



Data Source:

StatsCan: [Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population, Merritt, City \(CY\), British Columbia \[Census Subdivision\]](#); Income of Households in 2020

WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

Level of Education	Number Attained	Distribution
No certificate, diploma, or degree	1,255	22.1%
High School Diploma or Equivalency Certificate	1,800	31.7%
Apprenticeship or Trades Certificate or Diploma	575	10.1%
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	1,100	19.4%
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level	205	3.6%
Bachelor's Degree	440	7.7%
University certificate or diploma above bachelor level	85	1.5%
Degree in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine or optometry	15	0.3%
Master's degree	190	3.3%
Earned doctorate	15	0.3%

Data Source:

StatsCan: [Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population, Merritt, City \(CY\), British Columbia \[Census Subdivision\]](#); Highest certificate, diploma or degree for the population aged 15 years and over in private households – 25% sample data.

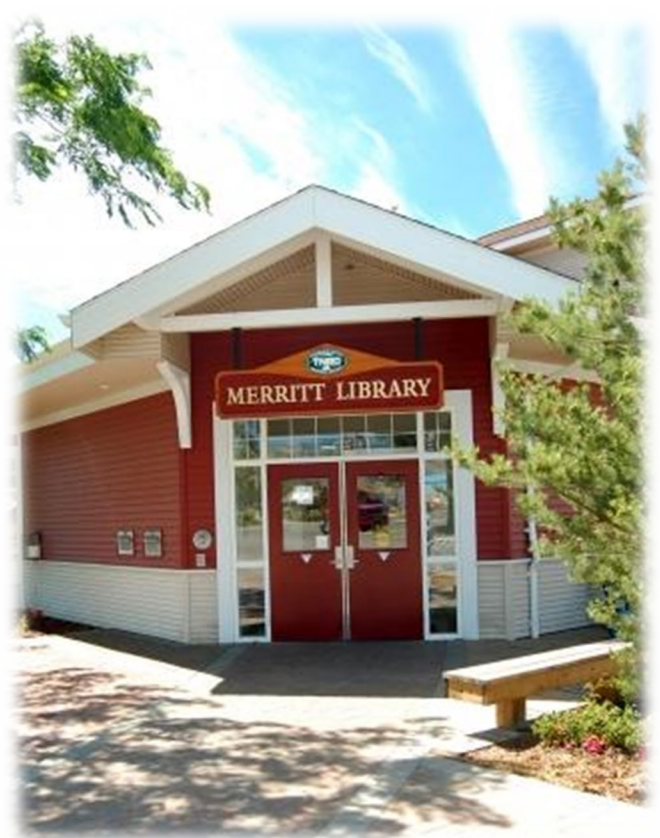
LANGUAGE KNOWLEDGE

Languages Spoken Most Often at Home	Citizens
English	6,550
French	20
Indigenous languages	5
Non-Indigenous languages	240

Non-Indigenous languages spoken most often at home in Merritt, BC, include Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino); Indo-European languages (High German); Indo-Iranian languages (Hindi and Punjabi (Panjabi)); Italic languages (Italian and Spanish); Korean; Sino-Tibetan languages (Chinese languages, Yue (Cantonese)).

Data Source:

StatsCan: [Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population, Merritt, City \(CY\), British Columbia \[Census Subdivision\]](#); Language spoken most often at home for the total population excluding institutional residents - 100% data



2. LABOUR FORCE

LABOUR FORCE STATUS

	Number
Total – Population aged 15 years and over	5,680
In the Labour Force	2,915
Employed	2,645
Unemployed	275

Data Source: StatsCan: [Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population, Merritt, City \(CY\), British Columbia \[Census Subdivision\]](#); Labour force status

EMPLOYMENT RATES

	% of Population
Employment Rate	46.6
Unemployment Rate	9.4
Labour Participation	51.3

Data Source: StatsCan: [Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population, Merritt, City \(CY\), British Columbia \[Census Subdivision\]](#); Labour force status

LABOUR PARTICIPATION RATE

	Labour Participation Rate
Male	55.4%
Female	47.7%

Data Source: StatsCan: [Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population, Merritt, City \(CY\), British Columbia \[Census Subdivision\]](#); Labour force status

COMMUTING DESTINATION

Commute	Number of People
Within census subdivision (CSD) of residence	1,655
To a different census subdivision (CSD) within census division (CD) of residence	260
To a difference census subdivision (CSD) and census division (CD) within province or territory of residence	75
To a different province or territory	0

Data Source: StatsCan: [Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population, Merritt, City \(CY\), British Columbia \[Census Subdivision\]](#); Commuting destination

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

MERRITT & AREA

Sector (Industry)	Employees
Agriculture, forestry, fishing	140
Mining; quarrying; and oil and gas extraction	120
Utilities	25
Construction	245
Manufacturing	160
Wholesale trade	25
Retail trade	335
Transportation and warehouse	125
Information and cultural industries	25
Finance and insurance	35
Real Estate and rental and leasing	30
Professional, scientific and technical services	70
Management of companies and enterprises	0
Administrative and support, waste management, and remediation services	115
Educational services	290
Health care and social assistance	385
Arts, entertainment and recreation	55
Accommodation and food services	290
Other services (except public administration)	120
Public administration	255

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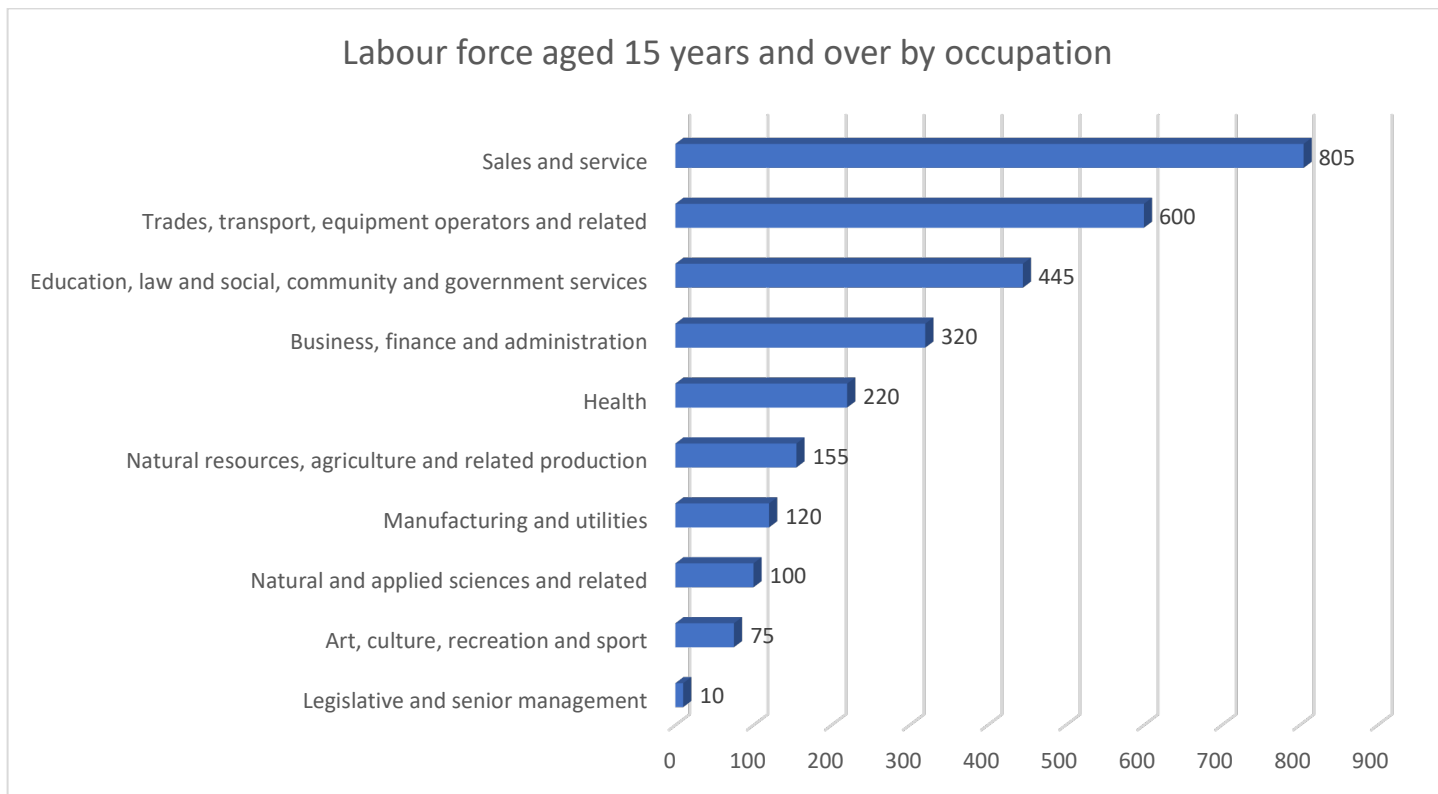
Sector (Industry)	Employees
Goods producing industries	389,200
Forestry, logging and support	17,194
Mining; quarrying; and oil and gas extraction	23,086
Utilities	12,074
Construction	183,201
Manufacturing	153,645
Trade	382,883
Transportation and warehousing	122,218
Information and cultural industries	63,173
Finance and insurance	95,171
Real Estate and rental and leasing	48,829
Professional, scientific and technical services	180,030
Management of companies and enterprises	20,709
Administrative and support, waste management, and remediation services	114,601
Educational services	177,755
Health care and social assistance	314,026
Arts, entertainment and recreation	45,854
Accommodation and food services	216,171
Other services (except public administration)	78,699
Public administration	147,953
Unclassified businesses	69,329
Service producing industries	2,008,069

Data Sources:

StatsCan: [Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population, Merritt, City \(CY\), British Columbia \[Census Subdivision\]](#); Labour force aged 15 years and over by industry -

Sectors - North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) 2017 | StatsCan: [Table 14-10-0202-01 Employment by industry, annual](#)

EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION



Data Source: StatsCan – StatsCan: [Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population, Merritt, City \(CY\), British Columbia \[Census Subdivision\]](#); Labour force aged 15 years and over by occupation – Broad category – National Occupational Classification (NOC) 2021 – 25% sample data



TOP EMPLOYERS

(OLD INFORMATION REMAINING FROM PREVIOUS UPDATE)

Company	Sector	Ownership	Website
School District No. 58	Education	Public	www.sd58.bc.ca
Interior Savings	Finance	Private	www.interiorsavings.com
Ministry of Forests, Lands Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development	Government	Public	www.gov.bc.ca/for
Nicola Valley Health Care	Health Care	Public	www.interiorhealth.ca
Yellowhead Road & Bridge (Nicola) Ltd.	Industry	Private	www.yrb.ca/yrb-group/Nicola/Nicola-info
Aspen Planers Ltd.	Manufacturing	Private	www.nmvlumber.com
Douglas Lake Ranch	Industry	Private	www.douglaslake.com
Highland Valley Copper	Industry	Private	www.teck.com

Data Source: Trade and Invest BC - "Leading Employers" - www.britishcolumbia.ca/Invest/

WAGES IN THE THOMPSON-OKANAGAN REGION

Occupation	Median Wage (\$/Hour) (\$CDN)
Accounting and related clerks	\$23.80
Accounting technicians and bookkeepers	\$23.08
Administrative officers	\$28.00
Artisans and craftspersons	\$20.00
Business development officers and market researchers and analysts	\$35.90
Carpenters	\$30.25
Construction trades helpers and labourers	\$24.00
Delivery service drivers and door-to-door distributors	\$20.00
Electronic service technicians (household and business equipment)	\$28.00
Financial auditors and accountants	\$42.50
Heavy equipment operators	\$32.00
Material handlers	\$21.00
Mining Engineers	\$
Managers in natural resources production and fishing	\$50.00
Motion pictures, broadcasting, photography, and performing arts assistants and operators	\$21.00
Other technical and coordinating occupations in motion pictures, broadcasting and the performing arts	\$27.47
Procurement and purchasing agents and officers	\$36.92

Occupation	Median Wage (\$/Hour) (\$CDN)
Railway and yard locomotive engineers	\$40.87
Shippers and receivers	\$19.00
Steamfitters, pipefitters and sprinkler system installers	\$41.63
Supervisors, general office and administrative support workers	\$31.00
Telecommunications line and cable installers and repairers	\$37.02
Telecommunications equipment installation and cable television service technicians	\$34.62
Theatre, Fashion, Exhibit and Other Creative Designer	\$
Transport truck drivers	\$26.10
Welders and related machine operators	\$31.80

Data Source:

Government of Canada, Job Bank. [Wages in the Thompson-Okanagan Region](#). Date modified: 2024-01-23



3. PAYROLL COSTS

WORKERS COMPENSATION

		Notes
Average base premium rate	1.55%	Percentage is calculated based on the employers' assessable payroll; the rate has been maintained since 2018.
Average Cost of All Manufacturing Per \$100 Payment	\$ CDN	Rates set by employer's business activity. Applies up to maximum gross earnings of \$84,800 per year.
Average Rate for Administration Per \$100 Payroll	\$ CDN	There is no separate rating for office occupations in BC – the applicable industry rating applies to all workers. Rate for Business Services range from \$0.10 - \$0.79 per \$100 of payroll. Average of \$0.34.
Maximum Weekly Benefit (Net)	\$1,500.61 CDN	Maximum per employee set at 90% of net weekly earnings (after deductions for income taxes, Canada Pension Plan & Employment Insurance), up to maximum gross annualized earnings of \$116,700 per year.

Data Source: WorkSafeBC, [2024 Premium Rate](#) | [2024 Net compensation table](#)

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – 2024

		Notes
Maximum Insurable Earnings (MIE)		The MIE for 2024 is \$63,200.
Federal EI premium rates and maximums		
• Employee Rate	1.66%	Rate is set at \$1.66 per \$100 of insurable earnings for employees; the maximum annual employee premium is \$1,049.12
• Employer Rate	2.32%	Rate is set at \$2.32 per \$100 of insurable earnings for employers, who pay 1.4 times the employee rate; the maximum annual employer premium is \$1,468.77
• Maximum Weekly Benefits	\$668 CDN	This weekly maximum is calculated as a percentage of the MIE listed above.

Data source: Government of Canada, [Summary of the 2024 Actuarial Report on the Employment Insurance Premium Rate](#) | [EI Regular Benefits](#)

SOCIAL INSURANCE (CANADA PENSION PLAN) – 2024

		Notes
Taxable Base	Gross payroll, \$3,500 CDN minimum	Based on maximum annual pensionable earnings of \$68,500; basic exemption amount is \$3,500. Both employers and employees must contribute to the Canada Pension Plan.
Employee/Employer Contribution Rate	5.95%	Employer premium is equal to employee premium.
Maximum Annual Employer Contribution Per Employee	\$3,867.50	Employee contribution matches employer contribution.
Maximum Annual Self-Employed Contribution	\$7,735.00	Self-employed individuals contribute the full 11.9%.

Data Source: Government of Canada, [CPP Contribution rates, maximums and exemptions](#)



4. HIGHER EDUCATION

FOUR YEAR INSTITUTIONS

Institution	Nicola Valley Institute of Technology
Campus/Address	4155 Belshaw Street Merritt, BC V1K 1R1 Tel: 250-378-3300
Website	nvit.ca
Driving Distance from Community	Located within Community
Learner Population (2021/22)	1,329

Data Source: NVIT, [2023/24 At a Glance, published September 2023 - current](#)

	Thompson Rivers University
Campus/Address	Box 3010 900 McGill Road Kamloops, BC V2C 5N3 Tel: 250-828-5000
Other Campuses	Williams Lake and regional centres in 100 Mile House, Clearwater, Barriere, Ashcroft and Cache Creek, and Lilloet and Lytton
Website	tru.ca
Driving District from Community	87 km
Number of Students	14,000

	Thompson Rivers University – Open Learning
Campus/Address	Box 3010 900 McGill Road Kamloops, BC V2C 5N3 Tel: 250-828-5000
Website	tru.ca/distance
Driving District from Community	87 km
Number of Students	11,000

Data Source: Thompson Rivers University, [Our Campuses](#)

TRAINING SERVICES

Institution	Category	Address	Website
Nicola Valley Institute of Technology	Career Training in Education, Environmental Studies, Health, Human Services, Justice Studies, Trades	4155 Belshaw Street Merritt, BC V1K 1R1	nvit.ca/
Fox Consulting Services	Heavy Equipment Training	1650 Williams Crescent Merritt, BC V1K 1B8	http://services.foxindustriessltd.com/
Merritt Fire Rescue WEP	Work Experience Program/Fire Safety Training	1799 Nicola Avenue Merritt, BC V1K 1H6	merritt.ca/firerescue/wep-recruitment/ OR merritt.ca/firerescue/public-ed/
Sprott Shaw Kamloops	Administration, Business, Child & Family, Nursing & Health Care, Tourism & Hospitality	301 – 340 Victoria Street Kamloops, BC V2C 2A5	sprottshaw.com/campuses/kamloops-college-campus



Photo: www.nvit.ca

5. TRANSPORTATION

MAJOR TRANSPORTATION ROUTES

PACIFIC GATEWAY

British Columbia's ports in Vancouver, Kitimat, Stewart and Prince Rupert are Asia's closest ports of entry on the west coast of North America, up to 58 hours closer than the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

Canadian ports and airports are seamlessly integrated with road and rail connections to all major U.S. economic centers. British Columbia is the only gateway on the west coast of the Americas served by three transcontinental railways. Today, Canada's Pacific Gateway is an integrated, secure, reliable transportation network that includes world-class airports, seaports, railways, roadways and border crossings, bringing Canada and the North American market to Asia and the world. Canada's Pacific Gateway, through British Columbia's ports in Vancouver, Kitimat, Stewart and Prince Rupert, offers Asian shippers the most direct route between Asia and North America.

Canada's Pacific Gateway is a strong commitment by government and industry partners to make British Columbia's ports the preferred gateway for Asia-Pacific trade, with the most competitive port system and supply chain on the west coast of the Americas. This commitment builds on Canada's longstanding and strong cultural and economic ties with Asia. In the emerging new global economy, Canada's Pacific Gateway is a gateway to the future.



SOUTHERN CORRIDOR

Positioned on the southwest coast of British Columbia, Vancouver is North America's gateway to the world's most dynamic economies. Combining this magnificent port with the three intercontinental railways and efficient road and air connections, the Southern Corridor is a focal point for domestic and international trade and tourism.

Current investments in the South Corridor will support container capacity of six million twenty-foot equivalent units by 2020. It will provide efficient road connections from the port to the U.S. border and Canada's transcontinental highway system, and reliable access to eastern Canada and U.S. markets via three transcontinental railways.

The Southern Corridor is a link to both Canada's transcontinental highway and road connections to the U.S. border, providing modern and efficient road connections to the entire continent.

In the past decade, infrastructure investments of \$7.2 billion have been committed to enhance efficiency, reduce congestion and improve the reliability of goods movement in the South Corridor.

To date, these investments have improved traffic flows between the port and the U.S. border and enhanced connections to and trade flows along Canada's transcontinental highway system. Since 2015, the Southern Corridor has seen \$5.3 billion of new road infrastructure, bridges and improvements to efficiently support additional traffic volumes from Port Metro Vancouver's expansions.



HIGHWAY 5

Highway 5 is a north-south route in southern British Columbia, Canada. It connects the southern Trans-Canada route (Highway 1) with the northern Yellowhead route (Highway 16), providing the shortest land connection between Vancouver and Edmonton. It is 524 km (326 mi) in length. The portion of Highway 5 south of Kamloops is known as the Coquihalla Highway, while its northern portion is known as the Southern Yellowhead Highway. The Coquihalla Highway has created greater access to the interior, cutting travel time to Vancouver by almost two hours while facilitating commuter traffic to and from Kamloops. The result has been increased building activity in the area that has continued for more than a decade.

Highway 5 follows the North Thompson River north from Heffley Creek for approximately 54 km (34 mi), along a parallel course with a branch of the Canadian National Railway, passing through Barriere, to a junction with Highway 24 at Little Fort. 30 km (19 mi) north of Little Fort, while continuing to follow the North Thompson and the CN Railway, Highway 5 reaches the community of Clearwater. It proceeds northeast for another 107 km (67 mi), passing Vavenby en route, to the community of Blue River, and then 109 km (68 mi) further north through the Columbia Mountains, passing by the community of Valemount to its northern terminus at Tête Jaune Cache, where it meets Highway 16.

HIGHWAY 1 – TRANS CANADA HIGHWAY

The Trans-Canada Highway between Victoria, British Columbia, and St. John's, Newfoundland, joins all ten Canadian provinces and is the world's longest national highway, with a length of 7,821 km (4,860 mi.) The British Columbia portion of the highway runs along the path of the Canadian Pacific Railway, through the Thompson Nicola Regional District to the Port of Vancouver.

HIGHWAY 97

Highway 97 is the longest continuously-numbered route in British Columbia, and the longest provincial highway in Canada, running 2,081 km from the Canada/U.S. border at Osoyoos in the south to the British Columbia/Yukon border in the north at Watson Lake, Yukon.

The Cariboo Highway section of Highway 97, between Cache Creek and Prince George, is 441 km in length and is named for the Cariboo region through which it travels. The Cariboo Highway designation begins at Cache Creek, veering north for 11 km to its junction with Highway 99.

North of Highway 99, Highway 97 travels 92 km through Clinton and 70 Mile House, where the British Columbia Railway begins to roughly parallel Highway 97.

The Okanagan Highway is a 269 km section of Highway 97 between the international border and Monte Creek on the Trans-Canada Highway. It is named for the Okanagan region of British Columbia, through which it largely passes. It begins in the south at the international border crossing north of Oroville, and travels 4 km north to its junction with the Crowsnest Highway at Osoyoos. The highway travels north for 47 km, passing

through the Testalinden Creek Landslide and the communities of Oliver and Okanagan Falls. From Okanagan Falls, Highway 97 runs near the western shore of Skaha Lake before arriving at the locality of Kaleden, where Highway 3A diverges west.

13 km north of Kaleden, Highway 97 arrives at the city of Penticton. North of Penticton, Highway 97 follows the western shore of Okanagan Lake for 45 km, through the communities of Summerland and Peachland, before reaching its junction with Highway 97C just south of West Kelowna. From there, Highway 97 passes through West Kelowna and reserve lands belonging to the Westbank First Nation until, 15 km northeast of the 97C junction, Highway 97 begins to cross Okanagan Lake via the William R. Bennett Bridge.

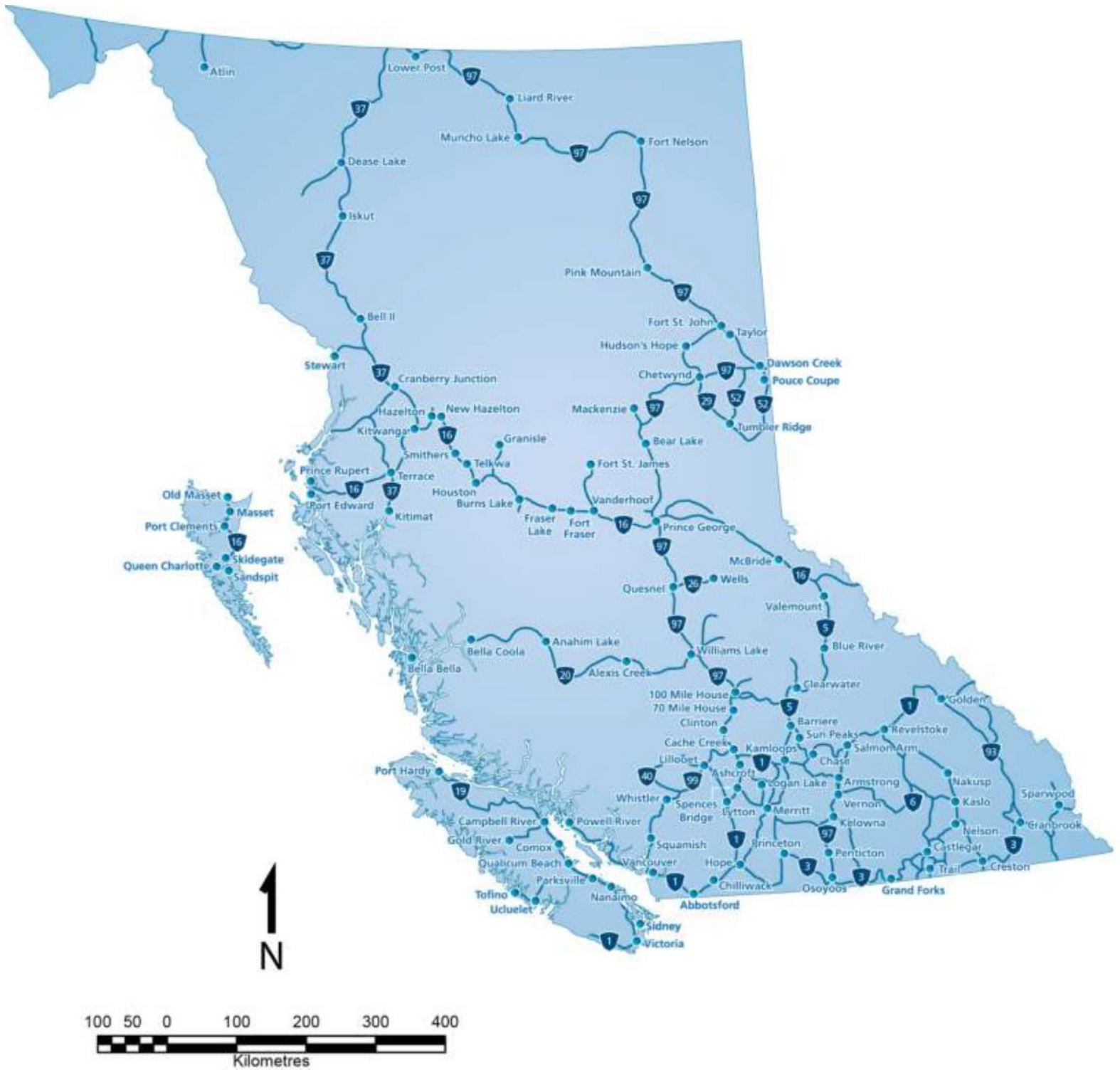
The highway enters the city of Kelowna upon landfall on the east shore of the lake. Six kilometres east into the city centre, the highway reaches its junction with Highway 33.

Four kilometres north of the Highway 33 junction, Highway 97 leaves the urbanized area of Kelowna. For the next 43 km, the route travels well east of Okanagan Lake, passing through the the District of Lake Country.

Highway 97 then passes along the west shore of Kalamalka Lake before entering the city of Vernon and a junction with Highway 6. The highway then travels north for 10 km to a junction with Highway 97A at Swan Lake, at which point it veers northwest.

The highway continues for another 81 km, past the town of Falkland, before it merges onto the Trans-Canada Highway at Monte Creek, following Highway 1 for 105 km west to Cache Creek. As it travels westward, Highways 1 and 97 parallel the Thompson River, passing through the City of Kamloops, where the two highways intersect with Highways 5 and 5A.

HIGHWAYS



HEAVY HAUL OVERWEIGHT GUIDELINES AND PERMITS, EXTRAORDINARY LOADS

6.3.3.C. 85 Tonne Non-Reducible Load Routes

Vehicle Load Criteria

- GVW greater than 64,000 kg and GVW less than or equal to 85,000 kg.
- Axle group combinations must satisfy Bridge Formula.
- Tandem/single axle combinations are restricted to a maximum weight of 33,000 kg as long as bridge formula is satisfied.
- Distance between the last jeep or drive tandem axle in the front half of the vehicle to the first trailer axle in the back half of the vehicle must be greater or equal to 7 m.
- Lowbed semi-trailers with drop axles are not eligible for permits exceeding 64,000 kg GVW.

See Chapter 6, Page 6-15 in the [Commercial Transport Procedures Manual](#) for Major Highway Routes Excluding the Peace River Area (85 Tonnes)

PROVINCIAL PERMIT CENTRE

[Commercial Transport Permits available online](#) include:

- Single Trip, Overweight and Oversize permits
- Single Trip, Non-Resident permit
- Term oversize permit
- Motive Fuel User permit

For all other permits, please contact the Provincial Permit Centre at **1-800-559-9688** or PPCPermit@gov.bc.ca. For hours of service, visit <https://onroutebc.gov.bc.ca/#contactus>.

HIGHWAY DISTANCES

Metro Area	Distance
Kamloops	87 km
Kelowna	127 km
Vancouver	268 km
Seattle	384 km
Prince George	552 km
Portland	663 km
Calgary	706 km
Edmonton	894 km
Prince Rupert	1,264 km

COMMERCIAL AIRPORTS

Merritt Airport (YMB)

Hub Status	Private
Distance from Community	3.7 km
City of Merritt Airport Master Plan	Available upon Request
Customs Point of Entry	No
Foreign Trade Zone	No
Full Instrumentation	Yes
No. of Runways	1
Runway Length	4,000 ft x 73 ft
Helicopter Pad	Yes

Valley Helicopters

Hub Status	Charter
Main Office/Head of Operations	Hope Base 63235 Flood Hope Rd. Hope, BC VOX 1L2 (604) 869-2131
Additional Bases	Kamloops: 3010 Aviation Way, (604) 869-2131 Merritt: Airport Road, (250) 378-6261
Helicopter Pad	Yes
About	Valley Helicopters has been in operation for over 30 years. They provide a variety of services including tours and charters, heli skiing and avalanche control, natural resource support, emergency services, and utilities and construction support.
Website	valleyhelicopters.ca

Kamloops Airport (YKA)

Hub Status	Commercial
Distance from Community	102 km
Hours of Operation	24 hrs / 7 days
Customs Point of Entry	Yes
Foreign Trade Zone	No
Full Instrumentation	No
No. of Runways	2
Runway Length	1,800 m; 622 m

Helicopter Pad	Yes
Carriers	Carriers: Air Canada, WestJet, Central Mountain Air Charter Services: Custom Helicopters, Remote Helicopters, Streak Air, Summit Helicopters Limited, Westair Aviation
Weekly Non-Stop Flights	72 (average)
Website	kamloopsairport.com

Data source: Kamloops Airport (YKA), [Airline & Charter Services](#)



PORTS

PORT METRO VANCOUVER

Port Metro Vancouver	portmetrovanouver.com
Driving Distance from Community	271 km via BC-5 S and Trans-Canada Hwy/BC-1 W 277 km via BC-5 S
Location of Port	Vancouver, BC
Terminals:	As noted on the Port of Vancouver website, Canada's largest port borders 16 municipalities and intersects the traditional territories and treaty lands of 35 Coast Salish Indigenous groups. The port is home to

29 major marine cargo terminals, three Class 1 railways, and a full range of facilities and services to the international shipping community. Deep-sea terminals provide Super Post-Panamax capacity and extensive on-dock rail facilities with virtually no draft restrictions. Freshwater facilities offer integrated services for the automobile and coastal forest industries, and for short-sea shipping. The Canada Place cruise terminal at the Port of Vancouver serves as homeport for the Vancouver-Alaska cruise itinerary.

For more information on individual terminals, please visit:
portvancouver.com/about-us/

Type of Port	Ocean
Channel Depth	Minimum – 13.1 metres (43 feet)
Turning Basin	Unlimited
Shallow Water Barging Facilities	Yes
Deep Water Barging Facilities	Yes
General Cargo Facilities	Yes
Containerized Facilities	Yes
Storage Facilities	Yes
Highways Serving Port	#1, #1A, #7A, #99, #19
Railways Serving Port	CN Rail, CP Rail, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, Southern Interior Railway of British Columbia
Head Office	100 The Pointe, 999 Canada Place Vancouver, BC V6C 3T4
Telephone	(604) 665-9000

ASHCROFT TERMINAL

Ashcroft Terminal	ashcroftterminal.com
Distance from Community	90 km
Services	Industrial Transloading, Intermodal, Railcar Storage, Railcar Repairs, Warehousing & Storage, Logistics
Type of Port	Inland Terminal Logistics and Transport
General Cargo Facilities	Yes
Containerized Facilities	Yes (future)
Storage Facilities	Yes
Highways Serving Port	#1, #97
Railways Serving Port	CP Rail Mainline, CP Switching Lead and Loading Tracks, CN Rail Mainline
Types of Services	Bulk, Break-Bulk, Container (future)
Port Address	1000 Evans Road, Ashcroft, BC, V0K 1A0



CUSTOMS POINT OF ENTRY

Canadian Border Services Agency	Abbotsford-Huntingdon
Type of Entry Point	Highway Entry
Location	2 Sumas Way Huntingdon, BC V2S 8B7 Tel: 1-800-461-9999
Canadian Border Services Agency	Douglas
Type of Entry Point	Highway Entry
Location	220 Highway 99 Surry, BC V3S 9N7 Tel: 1-800-461-999
Canadian Border Services Agency	Kamloops Airport
Type of Entry Point	Airport
Location	3025 Airport Road; Room 108 Kamloops, BC V2B 7W9 Tel: 1-800-461-9999
Canadian Border Services Agency	Osoyoos Starlite Marina
Type of Entry Point	Port
Location	202 97 Street Osoyoos, BC V0H 1V1 Tel: 1-800-461-9999

Data Source: Canada Border Services Agency, [Directory of CBSA Offices and Services](#), Last Updated 02-02-2024



PORT SHIPPING DISTANCES

The NW Transportation and Trade Corridor ports (Kitimat and Prince Rupert, Stewart) are between 1 and 1 1/2 days closer to general Asia Pacific markets than the Ports in British Columbia's lower mainland; and the Vancouver Ports. The Southern Ports are closer to the Panama Canal and subsequently, the Atlantic. The following table is in nautical miles. The Time/Speed/Distance Calculations are at 16.1439 Kn/Hr., the average speed The Port of Vancouver uses for calculating their shipping to Yokohama, Hong Kong, Kaohsiung (Taiwan) and Xingang (China). Deep-sea vessels travel at various speeds between 14Kn/Hr and 20Kn/Hr. The 'great circle shipping route' to Asia from North America has well documented ocean currents and weather/wind patterns which allows for accurate estimates.

	Kitimat	Prince Rupert	Stewart	Vancouver	Los Angeles	Yokohama	Hong Kong	Kaohsiung Kang (Twaiwan)	Xingang (China)
Kitimat		121 NM 7.5 hrs	264 NM 17 hrs	400 NM 1 Day	1,391 NM 3.5 Days	3,941 10 Days	5,444 NM 14 Days	6,187 HM 16 Days	6,187 NM 16 Days
Prince Rupert	121 NM 7.5 hrs		123 NM 10 hrs	477 NM 1.2 Days	1,432 NM 3.6 Days	3,810 NM 9.8 Days	5,323 NM 13.7 Days	6,110 NM 15.7 Days	6,110 NM 15.7 Days
Stewart	264 NM 17 hrs	123 NM 10 hrs		573 NM 1.5 Days	1,529 NM 4 Days	3,896 NM 10.3 Days	5,406 NM 14.1 Days	5,155 NM 13.4 Days	4,749 NM 12.5 Days
Vancouver	400 NM 1.0 Day	477 NM 1.2 Days	573 NM 1.5 Days		991 NM 2.5 Days	4,262 NM 11 Days	5,763 NM 15 Days	6,587 NM 17 Days	7,578 NM 20 Days
Los Angeles	1,391 NM 3.5 Days	1,432 NM 3.6 Days	1,529 NM 4 Days	991 NM 2.5 Days		4,839 NM 12.5 Days	6,380 NM 18 Days	7,578 NM 20 days	8,959 NM 23 Days
Yokohama	3,941 NM 10 Days	3,810 NM 9.8 Days	3,896 NM 10.3 Days	4,262 NM 11 Days	4,839 NM 12.5 Days		1,585 NM 4 Days	1,335 NM 3.4 Days	1,335 NM 3.4 Days
Hong Kong	5,444 NM 14 Days	5,323 NM 13.7 Days	5,406 NM 14.1 Days	5,763 NM 15 Days	6,380 NM 18 Days	1,585 NM 4Days		29 NM 18 hrs	290 NM 18 hrs
Kaohsiung Kang	6,187 NM 16 Days	6,587 NM 17 Days	5,155 NM 13.4 Days	6,587 NM 17 Days	7,578 NM 20 Days	1,335 NM 3.4 Days	290 NM 18 hrs		227 NM 14 hrs
Xingang	6,187 NM 16 Days	6,587 NM 17 Days	4,749 NM 12.5 Days	7,578 NM 20 Days	8,959 NM 23 Days	1,335 NM 3.4 Days	290 NM 18 hrs	227 NM 14 hrs	

Source: United States Government. "Distances Between Ports" Prepared and published by the National Imagery and Mapping Agency, Bethesda, Maryland. Ninth Edition 1997.*Time/Speed/Distance Calculations at 16.1439 Km/Hr., the average speed Vancouver Port lists to reach Yokohama, Hong Kong, Kaohsiung (Taiwan) and Xingang (China)

6. INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCIAL LAND USE

LAND DESIGNATED IN OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN

	Land Zoned for Residential Use	Land Zoned for Commercial Use
Total Hectares	173	66

Data Source: [City of Merritt Official Community Plan](#), Dated May 17, 2022

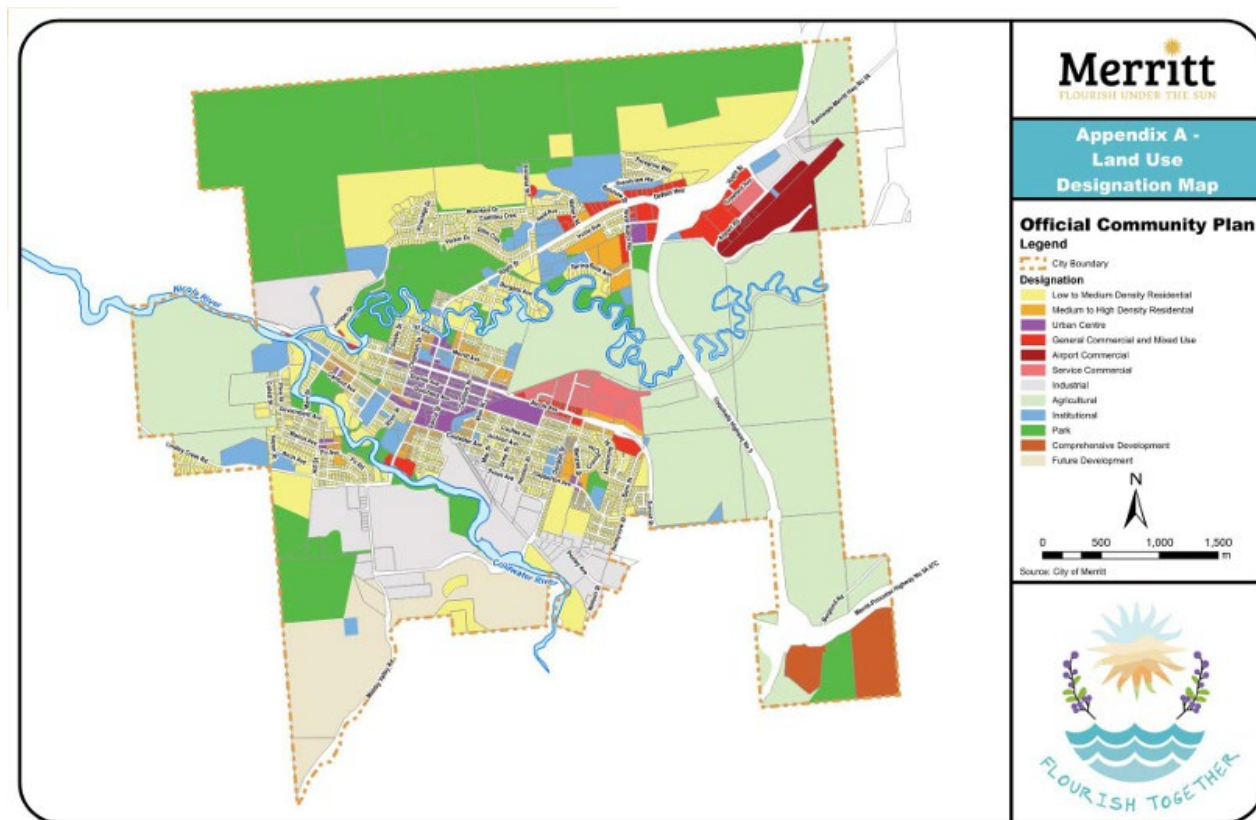


Figure 4 - Land Use Designation map (Appendix A)

INDUSTRIAL POTENTIAL

- East Merritt/Diamond Vale: Encourages industrial activities on lands designated for future development located between the Coldwater River and Neilson Street, and properties along Priest Avenue and south of Houston Street
- Collettsville: Industrials uses encouraged south of Willow Avenue

COMMERCIAL POTENTIAL

- East Merritt/Diamond Vale: Intensification of service commercial uses in northern portion of the neighbourhood sector. Accommodate new mixed-use commercial establishments that are compatible within the residential neighbourhood

- Voght Street/North Entry Corridor: Encourage vehicle-oriented commercial uses serving traveling public and residents. Encourage commercial development adjacent to the Merritt Airport to be low intensity so the day-to-day operations of the airport are not adversely affected
- Airport Area: Encourage airport-oriented commercial development that will not affect the areas between Airport Road and the Airport property; and on the Airport property south of the taxiway. Ensure development of lands surrounding runway with not impede future land requirements for expansion

MIXED USE POTENTIAL

- City Centre: Encourage retail and service commercial uses to attract people to the City Centre, a mix of residential uses including smaller dwelling units
- West Merritt: Encourage mixed-use commercial developments that are compatible within residential developments

OTHER/UNDESIGNATED

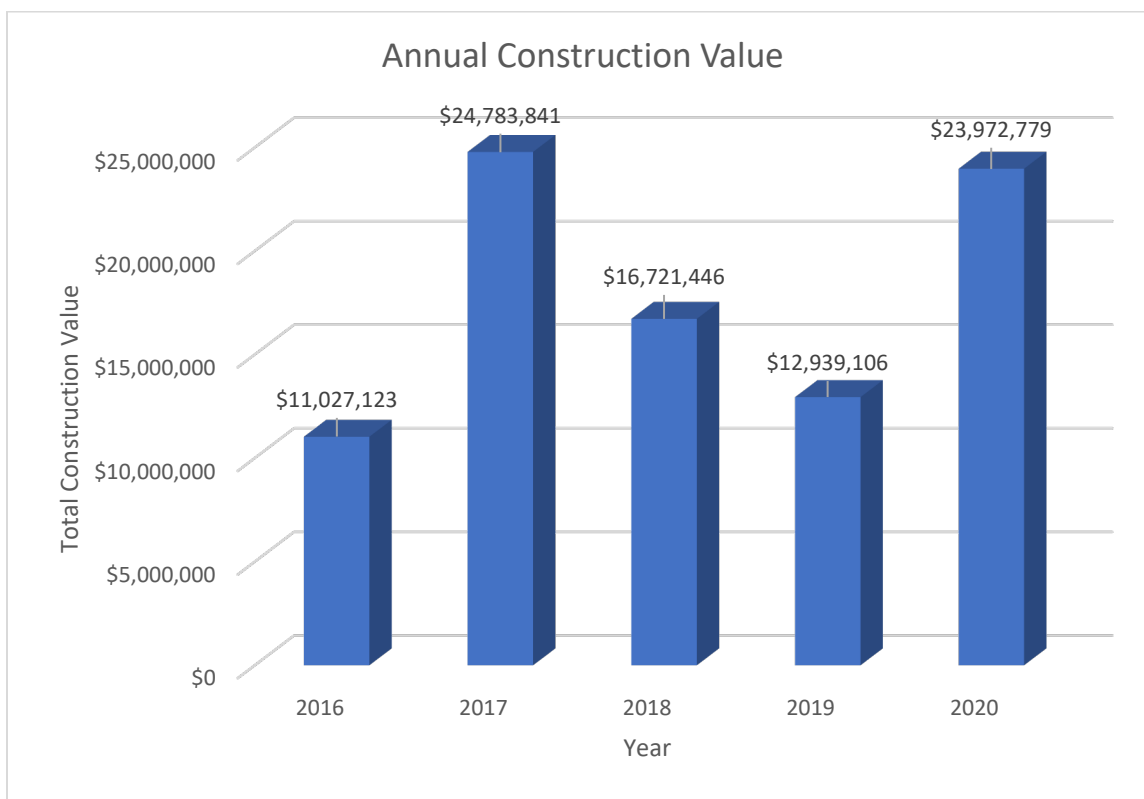
- South Merritt: Promote the future development of the lands south of the industrial area known as Active Mountain Lands
- South Interchange: Significant developable land is located east of Highway 5 (Coquihala) and south of Highway 97C (Okanagan Connector)

LOCAL PERMIT APPROVALS

Type of Permit	Associate Fees
Building Permits	Construction Value: A) \$1 -1,000 -\$0 fee B) \$60 + \$6 fee for each additional \$1,000 of construction (up to a maximum construction value of \$100,000) C) \$654 + \$5 fee for each additional \$1,000 of construction (up to a maximum construction value of \$100,000)
Business Licence	Application fees range from \$50 - \$250 dependent on nature of business
Development Permit	Minor (less than \$1 million construction costs) Development Permit -\$750 Major (more than \$1 million construction costs) Development Permit -\$1,200
Occupancy Permit	\$75 (where no building permit is required)
Plan Amendment	\$800.00
Re-Zoning Application	\$800.00
Minor Subdivision Application	\$250 application fee plus \$25 per lot
Major Subdivision Application	\$250 - \$1500 application fee, plus \$25 per lot, plus \$300 - \$500 engineering fee. Based on number of subdivided lots.

Data Source: City of Merritt - www.merritt.ca

ANNUAL CONSTRUCTION VALUES 2016 to 2020



Data Source: City of Merritt, [Total Value of Construction, 2010-2020](#)

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Service Provided	2017	2018	Year over Year Increase
Building Inspections	652	682	4.40%
Plan Reviews	161	200	19.50%

Data Source: City of Merritt

ACQUISITION OF CROWN LAND

- Crown land is land that is owned by the Province of British Columbia. The Province is the steward of the land and can lease, license and sell Crown land for a variety of purposes including residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, tourism and recreational purposes.

Provincial Ministry	Contact	Notes
Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development	FrontCounter BC Merritt 3840 Airport Road, Merritt, BC Telephone: 250-378-8400 Email: FCBCMerritt@gov.bc.ca	Single window service for clients of provincial natural resource ministries and agencies online and with 29 locations across BC.

<https://portal.nrs.gov.bc.ca/web/client/-/merritt>

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development

Mountain Resorts Branch
510 – 175 2 Avenue
Kamloops, BC
Telephone: 250-371-3952
Email:
MountainResortsBranch@gov.bc.ca

Service for clients of new mountain resort proposals, major resort expansions and other existing projects, such as large marinas and golf courses with a Crown land component.

7. UTILITIES

WATER SYSTEM – CITY OF MERRITT

The City of Merritt's water system is made up of five wells that extract water from an aquifer located under most of the City of Merritt. The wells range from 30 meters to 150 meters deep and can supply up to a combined 315 L/sec. Currently three reservoirs store just over 5.5 million liters of the city's water from these pumps. Another 1.5 million liters is in the approximately 70 km of piping ranging from 100mm to 350mm.

Merritt's aquifer has supplied a safe and consistent supply of potable water for 50+ years. The City of Merritt has taken measures to help protect the aquifer with the use of signs and public education.

In November 2008, to meet permit requirements set out by Interior Health, the City of Merritt started to chlorinate its water supply. The chlorination is performed at each pump house at levels regulated by Interior Health.

Data Source: City of Merritt, [Community Water System](#)

WATER PRODUCTION

Name of Provider	City of Merritt
Rated Capacity	7.7 million litres
Average Daily Consumption	5,729,304 L/day
Peak Demand	14,141,000 L/day
Residential Cost (Flat Rate)	***
Industrial Cost / 1,000 Gallons	***
Water Connection Fee (Industrial)	***

Data Source: City of Merritt, [Community Water System 2019](#)

WASTE WATER SYSTEM – CITY OF MERRITT

In June 2019, the City’s Water Treatment system was commissioned and fully functional to treat the City’s water. The City now has ETS-UV Spectra II SX635 and SX225 reactors followed by Chlorination with complete mix chlorine contact piping installed at each pumphouse.

The City follows Interior Health’s 4-3-2-1-0 Drinking Water Objectives.

- 4 log inactivation of Viruses (99.99%)
- 3 log removal or inactivation of Giardia Lamblia and Cryptosporidium (99.9%)
- 2 refers to two treatment processes
- 1 for less than 1 NTU of Turbidity
- 0 total and fecal coliforms and E. coli

All five wells, pumps and reservoirs are monitored 24/7 with our water quality monitoring devices. These devices will monitor in real time Flow, Temperature, Turbidity, PH and Chlorine residual. The quality control and accuracy of monitoring greatly increases with these devices online. All information from the different stations is sent back to the central computer system (SCADA) at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for monitoring and review. With this real time monitoring the Operators will be able to instantly check the water quality and tell if a problem is arising. In many cases, before the lab results are finished each week. With the SCADA alarm system Operators will also be made aware of any problems 24/7, if any one system falls outside of the control parameters.

SEWAGE SERVICE

Name of Provider	City of Merritt
Rated Capacity	***
Average Daily Influent Flow Rate	3007 m ³ /day
Peak Influent Flow Rate	6817 m ³
Cost per 1000 Gallons – Industrial	***
Sewer Connection Fee for Industrial Users	***

Data Source: Merritt 2017 Annual Report – www.merritt.ca

LANDFILL AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Lower Nicola (Merritt) Eco-Depot	
Location	2348 Woodward Road (8km W of Lower Nicola on Hwy 8)
About Eco-Depots	Eco-Depots are an improved way for residents to manage their solid waste. A one-stop drop for all waste and recyclable materials. Eco-Depots also employ a weight-based strategy, which will be based on \$90/tonne or \$1 per bag disposal fee for household garbage. This replaces a volume-based system that was used at landfills.

Data Source: [Lower Nicola Eco-Depot Info Sheet](#)

LICENSED HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Location varies	The Thompson-Nicola Regional District updated its Mandatory Recyclable Materials bylaw in 2023; a full list of products and where to recycle them can be found on the Mandatory Recycling webpage .
Hazardous Waste Regulations	www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/waste-management/hazardous-waste/legislation-regulations

ELECTRIC POWER

Provider: BC Hydro	bchydro.com
Net Importer/Exporter of Power:	BC Hydro generates over 43,000 GWH of electricity annually.
% of Reserve Margin Including Generation & Net Purchases	8% as per WSCC guidelines plus an additional 8% surplus
Source Electrical Power Deregulated	Wholesale competition allowed
Residential Customers	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basic Charge	\$0.2253 per day
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Energy Charge	Step 1 - \$0.1097 per kWh for first 1,350 in an average two-month billing period Step 2 - \$0.1418 per kWh over the 1,350 Step 1 threshold.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum Charge	\$0.2090 per day
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rate Rider	0.5%
Business Customers	
Small General Service Rate	The Small General Service rate is for business customers with an annual peak demand less than 35 kW. They receive service under rate schedules 1300, 1301, 1310, or 1311 of the Electric Tariff .
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basic Charge	\$0.3931 per day
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All kWh	\$0.1352 per kWh
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum Charge	\$0.3931 per day
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discounts	1.5% on entire bill if electricity is metered at primary potential. \$0.25 per kW if customer supplies transformation from a primary to a secondary potential. If eligible for both, the 1.5% discount is applied first.
Medium General Service Rate	The Medium General Service rate is for business customers with an annual peak demand between 35 and 150 kW, and that use less than 550,000 kWh of electricity per year. They receive service under rate schedules 1500, 1501, 1510, or 1511 of the Electric Tariff .

• Basic Charge	\$0.2882 per day
• Demand Charge	\$5.83 per kW
• Energy Charge	\$0.1044 per kWh
• Minimum Charge	Equal to 50% of the highest Demand Charge during the previous November 1 to March 31 period. The Basic Charge, Energy Charge, and Demand Charge are replaced by the Minimum Charge if their sum is less than this amount.
• Power Factor Surcharge	Applicable if power factor is below 90%. Learn more about power factor .
• Discounts	1.5% on entire bill if electricity is metered at primary potential. \$0.25 per kW if customer supplies transformation from a primary to a secondary potential. If eligible for both, the 1.5% discount is applied first.
Large General Service Rate	The Large General Service rate is for business customers with an annual peak demand of at least 150 kW, or that use more than 550,000 kWh of electricity per year. They receive service under rate schedules 1600, 1601, 1610, or 1611 of the Electric Tariff .
• Basic Charge	\$0.2882 per day
• Demand Charge	\$13.30 per kW
• Energy Charge	\$0.0653 per kWh
• Minimum Charge	Equal to 50% of the highest Demand Charge during the previous November 1 to March 31 period. The Basic Charge, Energy Charge, and Demand Charge are replaced by the Minimum Charge if their sum is less than this amount.
• Power Factor Surcharge	Applicable if power factor is below 90%. Learn more about power factor .
• Discounts	1.5% on entire bill if electricity is metered at primary potential. \$0.25 per kW if customer supplies transformation from a primary to a secondary potential. If eligible for both, the 1.5% discount is applied first.
Transmission Rates	Customers with transmission accounts use large amounts of energy and invest in electrical infrastructure that allows them to receive service at high voltage (60Kv or higher). Most transmission accounts receive service under rate schedule 1830 of the Electric Tariff .
• Minimum Charge	\$10.154 per kVA of billing demand per billing period
• Demand Charge	\$10.154 per kVA of billing demand.
• Energy Charge 1830A	\$0.04811 per kWh applied to all kWh

- **Energy Charge 1830B** \$0.05101 per kWh.
- **Energy Charge 1830C** \$0.05374 per kWh.

Data source: BC Hydro, [Electricity Rates](#)

NATURAL GAS

Fortis BC	fortisbc.com
Rate Territory	Mainland and Vancouver Island
Effective January 1, 2024	
Type of Customer	Small Industrial (Rate 2)
Basic charge per day	\$0.9616
Delivery charge per GJ	\$5.093
Storage and transport charge per GJ	\$0.245
Cost of gas per GJ	\$2.230

Data source: Fortis BC, [Business natural gas rates](#)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Name of Provider	TELUS Communications Company
Corporate Address	501 – 3777 Kingsway Burnaby, BC V5H 3Z7
Website	telus.com
Contact Number	
• Residential	1-888-811-2323
• Mobile	1-866-558-2273 or *611 on your TELUS mobile phone
• Business Wireline	1-800-361-3311

Name of Provider	Rogers together with Shaw
Corporate Address	600 – 3 Avenue SW, Calgary, AB T2P 4L4
Website	shaw.ca
Contact Number	
• Residential	1-888-472-2222
• Business	1-877-742-9249

8. BUSINESS SUPPORT SERVICES

Business Support Services	
Machine Shop (Tool & Die)	5 (2)
Welding	4
Office Equipment Service & Repair	0
Temporary Employment Services	1

International Support Services	
Import/Export Brokers	3
International Courier Services	3
Freight Forwarders	0

9. GOVERNMENT

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

City of Merritt	
Form (Structure)	Mayor and Council
Number of Elected Officials	7
Mayor	Michael Goetz
Chief Administrative Officer	Cynthia White
Contact	2185 Voght Street PO Box 189 Merritt, B.C. V1K 1B8 merritt.ca

INDIGENOUS GOVERNMENT

Coldwater Indian Band	
Form (Structure)	Chief & Council

Number of Elected Officials	9
Chief	Chief T. Lee Spahan
Contact	2249 Quilchena Avenue, PO Box 4600 Stn. Main Merritt, BC V1K 1B8 (250) 378-6174 (phone)/(250) 378-5351 (fax) coldwaterband.com

Lower Nicola Indian Band	
Form (Structure)	Chief & Council
Number of Elected Officials	8
Chief	K ^w uw ^w pi? (Chief) Stuart Jackson
Contact	181 Nawishaskin Lane, Merritt, BC V1K 1N2 (250) 378-5157 (phone)/(250) 378-6188 (fax) lnib.net

Nooaitch First Nation	
Form (Structure)	Chief & Council
Number of Elected Officials	3
Chief	Chief Marcel Shackelly
Contact	2954 Shackelly Road, Merritt, BC V1K 1N9 (250) 378-6141 (phone)/(250) 378-3699 (fax) nooaitch.ca

Shackan Indian Band	
Form (Structure)	Chief & Council
Number of Elected Officials	3
Chief	Chief Arnold Lampreau
Contact	PO Box 1360, 2099 Granite Ave., Merritt, BC V1K 1B8 (250) 378-5410 (phone) /(250) 378-5219 (fax) shackan.ca

Upper Nicola Indian Band	
Form (Structure)	Chief & Council
Number of Elected Officials	7

Chief	Chief Daniel Manuel
Contact	2225 Village Road, Douglas Lake, BC, General Delivery, V0E 1S0 (250) 350-3342 (phone) / (250) 350-3311 (fax) uppernicola.com

REGIONAL DISTRICT

Thompson-Nicola Regional District	
Form (Structure)	Chair and Directors
Number of Elected Officials	27
Chair	Barbara Roden
Contact	300 – 465 Victoria Street Kamloops, BC V2C 2A9 (250) 377-8673 (phone) / (250) 372-5048 (fax) tnrd.ca

PROVINCIAL

Government of British Columbia	
Form (Structure)	British Parliamentary
Number of Elected Officials	87
Days in Session (2023)	67

Data source: Government of BC, [Parliamentary Calendar](#)

PREMIER

Name	David Eby
Affiliation	BC New Democratic Party
Year Elected	2020 (became leader of the BC NDP in 2022)
Current Term Expiration	2024
Allowed to Run for Another Term	Yes
Next Election Date	October 19, 2024

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATION

Name of Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA)	Jackie Tegart
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Total Members of Legislative Assembly	1
Electoral District	Fraser-Nicola
Party Affiliation	BC United

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATION

Name of Member of Parliament	Dan Albas
Electoral District	Central Okanagan – Similkameen – Nicola Riding
Year Elected	2020
Party Affiliation	Conservative

SENATORS

No. of Appointed Officials	In Canada there are ordinarily 105 Senators appointed by the Governor General on the advice to the Prime Minister.
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10. HOUSING

HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Dwelling Type	Number
Single-detached houses	1,935
Semi-detached/row houses	455
Apartments, duplex	305
Movable dwellings	280
Total Number of Private Dwellings	2,975

Data Source: StatsCan: [Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population, Merritt, City \(CY\), British Columbia \[Census Subdivision\]](#), Housing and dwelling characteristics

AVERAGE HOUSING VALUES

Municipality	Single Family Homes	Average Property Tax & Charges
City of Merritt (2024)	\$438,000	\$3,416 per year

Data Source: BC Assessment, [Southern Interior 2024 Property Assessments in the Mail](#)

11. TAXATION

CORPORATE INCOME TAX

	Small Business	Manufacturing	Non-Manufacturing
Federal			
• Net Rate	9%	15%	15%
• Formulas (Sales, Property & Payroll)	n/a	n/a	n/a
• Accelerated Depreciated Permitted	Yes	Yes	Yes
Provincial			
• Rate	2%	12%	12%
• Formula (Sales, Property & Payroll)	Sales & Payroll	Sales & Payroll	Sales & Payroll
• Accelerated Depreciated Permitted	No	No	No
Local			
<i>British Columbia has no local taxes</i>			
Total Federal and Provincial Corporate Income Tax	11%	27%	27%

PERSONAL INCOME TAX

	Federal	Provincial	Local
Earned Income	15 – 33%	5.06 – 16.8%	n/a
Unearned Income (e.g. Dividends)	0 – 14.55%	0 – 3.92%	n/a
Capital Gains	7.5 – 10.25%	7.5 - 24.9%	n/a

SALES/USE TAX

	Rate	Notes
Goods and Services Sales Tax	5%	GST on business inputs is fully recoverable
Provincial Sales Tax	7%	PST Retail Sales Tax
Local	0%	BC has no local sales tax
Total (Effective Combined Rate) Business	7%	Net of GST 0% for production machinery and equipment of eligible manufacturers

SALES TAX RATE BY UTILITY

	Yes/No	Rate	Notes
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Electrical Power	Yes	12%	5% GST is fully recoverable
Natural Gas	Yes	12%	5% GST is fully recoverable
Fuel Oil	Yes	12%	5% GST is fully recoverable
Water	No	0%	-
Sewer	No	0%	-
Hazardous Waste Disposal	Yes	12%	5% GST is fully recoverable

TELEPHONE SUBJECT TO SALES/USE TAX

	Yes/No	Rate	Notes
Local	Yes	12%	5% GST is fully recoverable
Long Distance	Yes	12%	5% GST is fully recoverable

MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT SUBJECT TO SALES/USE TAX

	Yes/No	Rate	Notes
Production	No	0%	-
Non-Production	Yes	12%	5% GST is fully recoverable
Pollution Control	Yes	12%	5% GST is fully recoverable
Office Equipment & Fixtures	Yes	12%	5% GST is fully recoverable

SALES/USE TAX ON TANGIBLE PROPERTY

	Yes/No	Rate	Notes
Office Building Construction Materials	Yes	12%	5% GST is fully recoverable
Industrial Building Construction Materials	Yes	12%	5% GST is fully recoverable
Manufactures Raw Materials	No	0%	-
Standard Software	Yes	12%	5% GST is fully recoverable
Custom Software	Yes	12%	5% GST is fully recoverable

SALES/USE TAX ON INTANGIBLE PROPERTY

	Yes/No	Rate	Notes
Accounts Receivable	No	0%	-
Capital Stock	No	0%	-
Stock/Bond Transaction Fee	No	0%	-

PROPERTY TAX – CITY OF MERRITT

Levy	Residential	Utility	Major Industry	Light Industry	Business	Non-Profit	Farm
General Municipal & Debt		***					
Regional Hospital District							
Regional District							
Transit							
School District							
BCAA							
MFA							
Total							

PROPERTY TAX – ELECTORAL AREA M Not posted online in this format – residential only

Levy	Residential	Utility	Major Industry	Light Industry	Business	Non-Profit	Farm
General Area M		***					
Building Tax Area M							
Regional Hospital							
School							
BCAA							
MFA							
Total							

PROPERTY TAX – ELECTORAL AREA N

Levy	Residential	Utility	Major Industry	Light Industry	Business	Non-Profit	Farm
General Area N		***					
Building Tax Area N							
Regional Hospital							
School							
BCAA							
MFA							
Total							

12. INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES

INVESTMENT AND BUSINESS SUPPORT OFFICES

Merritt Economic Development

Contact Name	Marilyn Christensen, Economic Development Manager
Address	Box 189, 2185 Voght Street Merritt, BC V1K 1B8
Phone Number	250-378-4224
Website	merritt.ca

Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce

Contact Name	Meagan Preston, Executive Director
Address	2185 Voght Street (City Hall) Merritt, BC V1K 1B8
Phone Number	250-378-5634
Website	merrittchamber.com

Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust

Contact Name	Laurel Douglas, CEO
Address	201-384 Bernard Ave. Kelowna, BC V1Y 6M5
Phone Number	(236) 420-3680
Website	sidit-bc.ca

Community Futures Nicola Valley

Contact Name	Mike Sahota, General Manager
Address	PO Box 159, 2181 Quilchena Ave. Merritt, BC V1K 1B8
Phone Number	250-378-3923
Website	cfdcnv.com

Small Business BC

Address	550 – 555 W. 12 Ave, Vancouver, BC V5Z 3X7
Phone Number	1-800-667-2272
Website	smallbusinessbc.ca

Thompson Nicola Film Commission

Contact Name	Terri Hadwin, Film Commissioner
Address	300 – 465 Victoria Street, Kamloops, BC V2C 2A9
Phone Number	250-377-8673 ext. 7058
Website	filmthompsonnicola.com/home

Business Development Bank of Canada

Address	303 – 121 5 Ave, Kamloops, BC V2C 0M1
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Phone Number	1-888-463-6232
Website	bdc.ca/en/business-centres/british-columbia/Kamloops

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development – Regional Economic Operations

Contact Name	Myles Bruns, Regional Manager
Address	510 – 175 2 nd Avenue, Kamloops, BC V2C 5W1
Phone Number	250-371-3931
Email	Myles.Bruns@gov.bc.ca

Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation

Address	Room 134, 501 Belleville Street Victoria, BC V8V 1X4
Phone Number	1-800-663-7867
Website	https://www2.gov.bc.ca/

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Name of Company	Address	Phone Number	Website
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	2002 Quilchena Avenue Merritt, BC V1K 1A4	(250) 378-2296	cibc.com
Interior Savings	1959 Voght Street Merritt, BC V1K 1B8	(250) 378-5181	interiorsavings.com
Royal Bank of Canada	2090 Quilchena Avenue Merritt, BC V1K 1B8	(250) 378-5196	rbc.com

EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

Name of Company	Address	Phone Number	Website
WorkBC Merritt Employment Services Centre	2099 Quilchena Avenue Merritt, BC V1K 1B8	(250) 378-5151	workbccentre-merritt.ca/
ASETS: Aboriginal Skills, Employment & Training Strategy	144 Briar Avenue Kamloops, BC V2B 1C1	(250) 378-0126	sntcasets.com/

AIR TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

Largest International Airport	Vancouver International Airport
District to Airport	268 km
No. of Weekly Non-Stop Flights To	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asia (Summer 2023) 	87

• Asia (Winter 2023)	100
• Europe (Summer 2023)	70
• Europe (Winter 2023)	40
• Mexico (Summer 2023)	41
• Mexico (Winter 2023)	89
• United States (Summer 2023)	532
• United States (Winter 2023)	575

Data Source: Vancouver International Airport, [2023 Non-Stop Destinations](#)

Closest International Airport	Kelowna International Airport
District to Airport	127 km
No. of Weekly Non-Stop Flights To	
• Vancouver	86
• Calgary	53
• Edmonton	22
• Seattle	7 (service ends April 15 until November)
• Greater Victoria	22

Data Source: Kelowna International Airport, via email

13. QUALITY OF LIFE

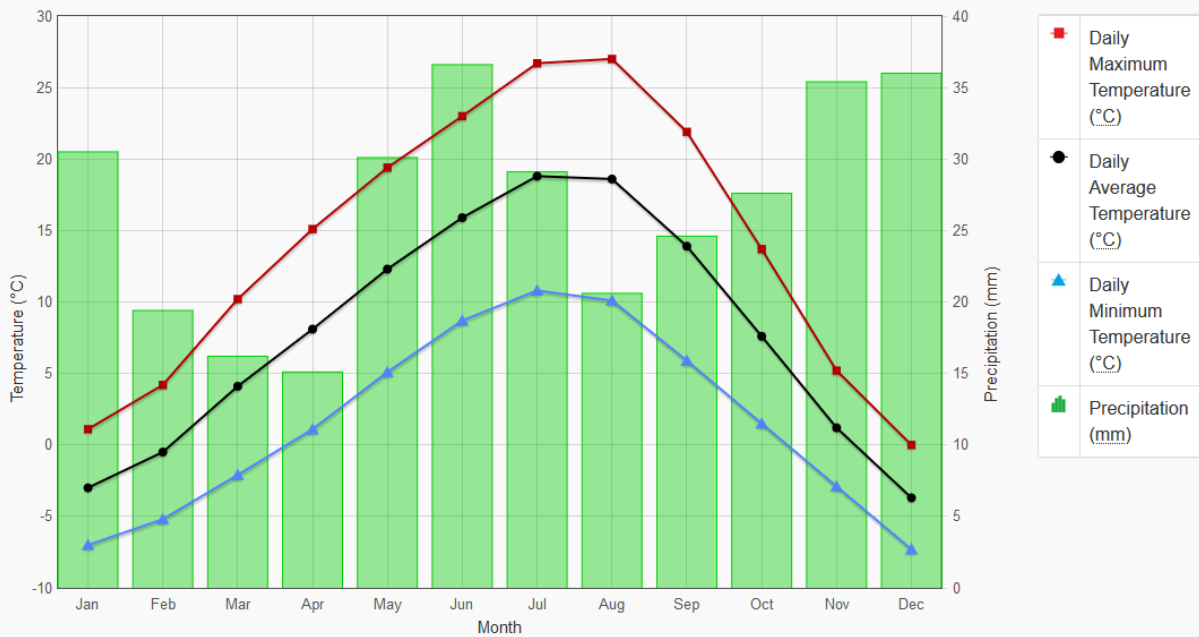
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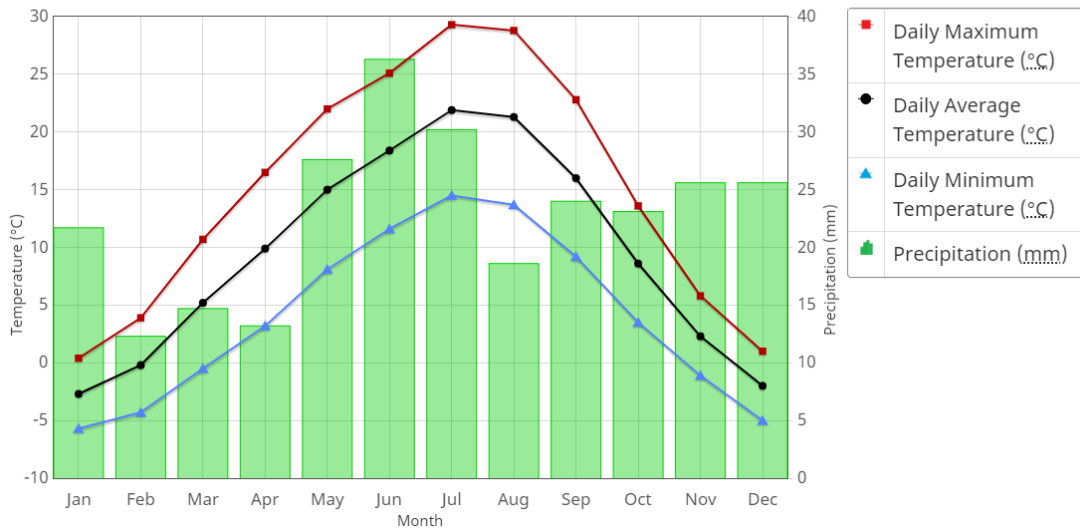


PRECIPITATION AND AVERAGE TEMPERATURE IN DEGREES CELSIUS BY MONTH

**Temperature and Precipitation Graph for 1981 to 2010 Canadian Climate Normals
MERRITT STP**



**Temperature and Precipitation Graph for 1991 to 2020 Canadian Climate Normals
KAMLOOPS**



Data Source: Government of Canada, [Historical Climate Data](#)

CULTURE

TOP ANNUAL EVENTS

Top Events	Date(s)
Annual Valley Visual Arts Show	March
April Fools Easter Weekend Blackpowder Shoot	April
Bass Coast Electronic Music and Arts Festival	August
Garlic Festival & Tractor Show	September

High School Rodeo	May
Little Britches Rodeo	June
Merritt Centennials Hockey	August – March
Merritt Country Christmas	November
Merritt Country Run	June
Nicola Valley Fall Fair	Labour Day Weekend
Nicola Farmers’ Market	May – October
Nicola Valley Pro Rodeo	Labour Day Weekend
Pacific Forest Car Rally	October
Ranch Rodeo	July
Rockin’ River Musicfest	July – August
Rodeo Fair Days	Labour Day Weekend
Ty Pozzobon Invitational PBR	May – June
XK Rodeo	September

CULTURAL PLACES AND AMENITIES

Amenity	Number
• Theatres	1
• Museums	2
• Community halls	3
• Art Galleries	1
• Libraries	1
• National Historic Site	3
• Merritt Walk of Stars	1

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Amenity	Number
Number of Enclosed Shopping Malls	1
Religious Institutions	10
Music and Arts Groups	6

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES IN THE THOMPSON-NICOLA REGIONAL DISTRICT

Activity	Amenity
• Adventure Resorts & Guest Ranches	• Quilchena Resort
• Biking & Skating	• Merritt Skate Park
• Golf	• Merritt Golf & Country Club
	• Quilchena on the Lake Golf & RV Park
	• Sagebrush Golf & Country Club
• Heritage & Cultural Experiences	• Baillie House

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lakes Provincial Parks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame Nicola Valley Museum & Archives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rivers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nicola Lake Monck Provincial Park
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RV & Camping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nicola River Thompson River Claybanks RV Park Merritt Beach RV Park Mood Shadows RV & Campground
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sporting & Exhibition Centres 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Merritt Convention & Civic Centre Merritt Curling Club Rink Nicola Valley Memorial Arena & Aquatic Centre
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer Outdoor Recreation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Merritt Trail System
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winter Outdoor Recreation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sun Peaks Snowmobile Tours Sun Peaks Terrain Park
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winter Ski Resorts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nicola Nordic Ski Club Sun Peaks Resort

HEALTH

HOSPITALS

Hospital	Nicola Valley Hospital and Health Centre
Teaching Hospital	Yes
Number of beds	8
Outpatient Clinic	Yes
Contact	3451 Voght Street, Merritt, BC V1K 1C6 Tel: 250-378-2242

PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS

Health Providers	Number
Physicians	8
Dentists	5
Ratio Physicians per 1000	0.89 : 1000
Ratio Dentists per 1000	0.7 : 1000



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