



COLUMBIA VALLEY
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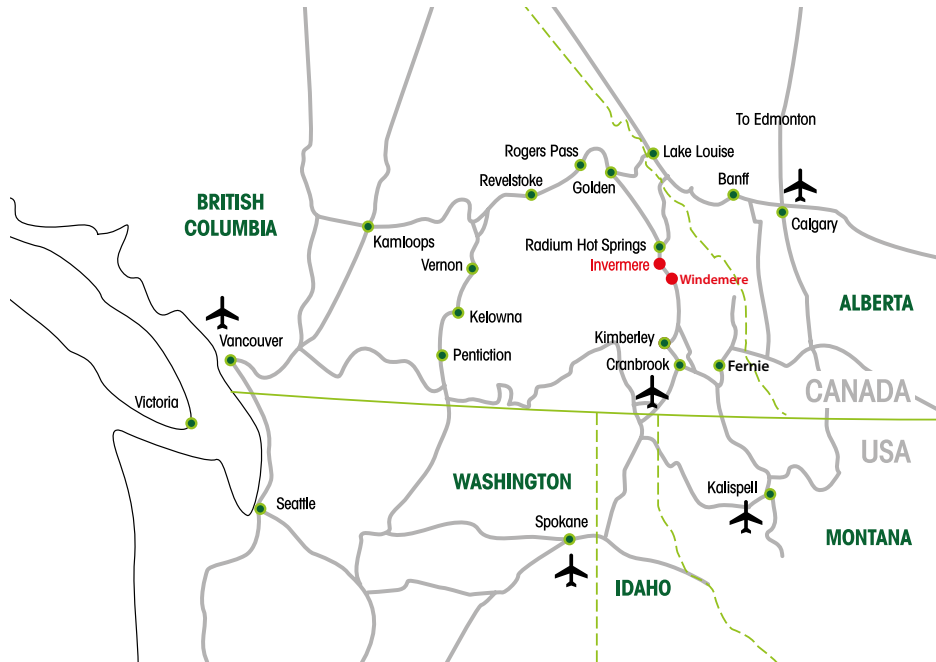
Invest in BC's Columbia Valley



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Distances to Major Centres

Calgary, AB: 276km, 3h 8m
 YYC - Calgary International Airport - 290km, 3h 15m
 Kimberley, BC: 122km, 1h 19m
 Cranbrook, BC: 133km, 1h 24m
 YXC - Canadian Rockies International Airport: 138km, 1h 28m
 Golden, BC: 119km, 1h 18m
 Town of Banff, AB: 151km, 1h 51m
 Lake Louise, AB: 147km, 1h 49m



Columbia Basin Trade Area

District of Invermere	3,391
Village of Canal Flats	668
Village of Radium Springs	776
Electoral Area F	3,185
Electoral Area G	1,462
Total	9,482

WATER AND SEWER BUSINESS RATES (MONTHLY)

The table below provides average rates. Specific details regarding Water and Sewer Business Rates should be obtained from the municipality.

Location	Water	Sewer
Canal Flats	Billed annually with fees ranging between \$280.00 and \$460.00. With the exception of the following: Laundromat - per washing unit \$160.00 Restaurants, cafes - per seat \$4.00 Grocery Stores - per square meter \$1.50/sqm (n) Water connection fee: \$500.	Billed annually, with fees ranging between \$27.60 and \$110.40, depending on the type of business. Connections fees: Occupied or vacant properties \$675.00 and \$300.00 for each service lateral installed at the expense of an owner or developer.
Invermere	Metered System - Flat Rate Billed bi-annually with fees ranging between \$90.00 and \$470.00. Non-Metered System: Billed annually, with fees ranging between \$413.00 and \$619.50. Properties within the ALR, are billed at an annual rate of \$75.00. Fee for each water service turn-on or turn-off: \$25.00.	Billed monthly, with fees ranging between \$4.49 and \$361.75. Fees are calculated using a number of factors, including the type of business, total square footage, number of chairs, number of rooms, etc. Fee for each disconnection or reconnection: \$50.00 for each residential, commercial, institutional or industrial service.
Radium	Billed on a 4-month billing cycle, fees range from \$32.00 to \$83.60, depending on the type of business.	Billed on a 4-month billing cycle, fees range from \$20.40 to \$105.16, depending on the type of business.

Sources: <https://canalflats.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/108>, <https://invermere.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/115>, <http://www.radiumhotsprings.ca/sites/default/files/BYLAW%20399%20WATER.pdf>, <http://www.radiumhotsprings.ca/sites/default/files/BYLAW%20400%20WATER.pdf>

ELECTRICITY BUSINESS RATES

Small-sized business Rate	Medium-sized business rate	Large business rate
0.112kWh	0.113kWh	0.073kWh

Source: BC Hydro

WASTE DISPOSAL

Controlled Waste Type	Rate
Construction / Demolition - Mixed	\$200.00 per tonne
Soil - not contaminated	\$40.00 per tonne
Soil - contaminated, but not special waste	\$100.00 per tonne
Food Processing	\$60.00 per tonne
Concrete - not contaminated	\$40.00 per tonne
Clean Wood Waste	No charge

Source: RDEK Recycling Guide, <ftp://ftp.rdek.bc.ca/Recycling/ColumbiaValleyRecyclingGuide2009.pdf>

MUNICIPAL TAX RATES

Location	Class	Rate per \$1,000 taxable assessment
Canal Flats	Business	\$6.44
	Light industry	\$11.59
Invermere	Business	\$9.82
	Light industry	\$9.82
Radium Hot Springs	Business	\$6.32
	Light industry	\$2.91

Source: Columbia Valley Community Profile, Columbia Valley Chamber of Commerce

COST OF LIVING

Average Family Income

- Invermere: \$88,564
- Kootenay Development Region: \$87,520
- BC: \$78,580

Source: Stats Canada 2011 National Household Survey

Average Monthly Shelter Costs

Location	Rent	Own
Invermere	\$1,129	\$1,169
Kootenay Region	\$782	\$928

Source: Stats Canada 2011 National Household Survey

Average Home Prices (Single Family Detached Home)

Location	Average \$
Windermere	\$592,756
Invermere	\$547,061
Radium Hot Springs	\$365,000
Fairmont Hot Springs	\$359,429
Canal Flats	\$250,000
Edgewater and North	\$233,315

Source: 2017 Kootenay Real Estate Board and 2016 Columbia Valley Community Foundation (Columbia Valley's Vital Signs)

CLIMATE

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Daily Maximum (°C)	-4.8	-0.4	5.9	10.9	16.4	19.7	23.2	23.0	17.6	8.9	-0.2	-6.6	9.5
Daily Minimum (°C)	-14.3	-13.1	-7.8	-3.3	0.3	3.9	5.8	4.6	0.2	-3.7	-8.7	-15.1	-4.3
Rainfall (mm)	2.7	1.6	6.5	23.7	53.7	74.1	63.1	52.5	42.7	28.9	11.2	1.3	362.1
Snowfall (cm)	36.8	19.0	16.4	10.9	2.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.6	6.9	29.1	37.2	159.4

Source: Gov't of Canadian, Climate Normals 1981-2010: KOOTENAY NP KTNV CRSG

CALENDAR

This is just a sample of the exciting events you will experience in the Columbia Valley. For a comprehensive list visit <http://www.cvchamber.ca/events>

January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Winter in Motion	Winter in Motion	Winter in Motion	Art from the Heart	Annual Pooch Plunge	Canal Days	Heart of the Rockies Triathlon	Invermere Music Festival	Columbia Salmon Festival	Canal Flats Fall Fair & Artisan Market	Fairmont Hot Springs Wine Festival	Birthday and New Year's Eve Celebration
Kinsmen Fishing Derby	Starlight Challenge (Night Ski/ Snowboard Races)	Charity Ski Day		Clash of the Titans Soccer Tournament	Brits Best Car Show	Mountain Mosaic Festival of the Arts	Loop the Lake (Running Race)	Radium Classic Car Show	Poutine Palozza	Light Up Parade	Fairmont New Year's Eve Fireworks
Snowflake Festival/ Bonspiel on the Lake				Rocky Mountain Rally	National Aboriginal Day	Soiree en Blanc		Windermere Scarecrow Festival	Radium Harvest Festival		
				Wings over the Rockies Wildlife Festival	Radium Days	Steamboat Mountain Music Festival					

TRAILS

The Columbia Valley, full of mountains, glaciers, rivers and lakes offers tremendous features of natural beauty that attract tourists and residents alike. It has excellent hiking, biking, paddling, and motorized trails that link to many points of interest. With the warm dry weather, the valley experiences, and the early season snow melt, the valley bottom has an advantage of being able to market the shoulder season over many other areas.

Columbia Valley Greenways Trails Alliance <http://www.greenways.ca>

SCHOOLS

- Edgewater Elementary School (Edgewater)
- Martin Morigeau Elementary School (Canal Flats)
- Windermere Elementary School (Windermere)
- Eileen Madson Primary School (Invermere)
- J.A. Laird Elementary School (Invermere)
- David Thompson Secondary (Invermere)
- Rocky Mountain Distributed Learning - K-12 (Radium)
- College of the Rockies - Invermere Campus

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Home to 11 Provincial Parks, Columbia Valley is a vast outdoor playground that offers sporting activities for adventure enthusiasts of all types and skill levels. Whatever the time of year, enjoy a variety of outdoor activities, including hiking, biking, climbing, skiing, paddling, hunting, fishing, and golf. Here are a few examples of the outdoor amenities that Columbia Valley has to offer.

Go to www.cvchamber.ca/things-to-do for more information.



WAGES

Occupation	Hourly Wage Range
Management	\$19.00 - \$39.00
Business, Finance and Administration	\$13.00 - \$23.00
Technical, Applied Sciences and Health	\$24.00 - \$43.00
Education, Law and Government Services	\$16.00 - \$41.00
Art, Culture, Recreation and Sport	\$12.00 - \$20.00
Sales and Service	\$11.00 - \$19.00
Trades, Industrial and Heavy Equipment	\$18.50 - \$32.00
Agriculture and Natural Resources	\$15.00 - \$21.00
Manufacturing	\$16.50 - \$25.00

Source: CANSIM Table 285-0003, 2016 Average hourly wage by National Occupational Classification (NOC), unadjusted for seasonality, <http://www5.statcan.gc.ca/cansim>



BROADBAND MOBILE

Columbia Valley covered by 4G by TELUS

<http://www.telus.com/en/bc/mobility/network/coverage-map.jsp>



*2016 North American Resort of the Year
(World Snow Awards)*

2016-2017 Best in Snow Awards, West Coast No Crowds (Liftopia)

Panorama Resort

*Guinness World Record -
World's Longest Skating Trail
Windermere Whiteway*



NUMBER OF COMPANIES

Description	# of Companies
Real estate and rental and leasing	270
Construction	269
Professional, scientific, and technical services	129
Retail trade	119
Accommodation and food services	112
Other services (except public administration)	97
Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services	76
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting	67
Health care and social assistance	55
Finance and insurance	46
Transportation and warehousing	36
Manufacturing	35
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	34
Wholesale trade	22
Management of companies and enterprises	22
Mining and oil and gas extraction	12
Information and cultural industries	9
Utilities	8
Educational services	7
Public administration	6
Total	1,431

Source: Stats Canada 2015 MBD Insights and 2016 Resident Attraction and Retention Strategy for the Columbia Valley

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

Industry	Employment #
Construction	665
Accommodation and food services	495
Retail trade	445
Health care and social assistance	330
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	310
Other services (except public administration)	280
Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services	255
Professional, scientific, and technical services	240
Manufacturing	220
Real estate and rental and leasing	205
Educational services	195
Public administration	160
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting	95
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	95
Finance and insurance	90
Transportation and warehousing	50
Wholesale trade	20
Information and cultural industries	20
Total	4,170

Source: Stats Canada, North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) 2007 (425), Class of Worker for the Employed Labour Force Aged 15 Years 2011 National Household Survey, 99-012-X2011034, adapted by MDB Insight 2016, Attraction and Retention Strategy for the Columbia Valley



Invermere, home to **380** self employed workers, **115** working from home.



STARTING A BUSINESS

Corporate Registration

ServiceBC

625-4th Street
Invermere, BC V0A 1K0
(250) 342-4260

Zoning, Bylaw Services, Business License

Village of Canal Flats

PO Box 159, 8866 Grainger Road
Canal Flats, BC V0B 1B0
(250) 349-5462
www.canalflats.com

District of Invermere

PO Box 339, 914-8th Avenue
Invermere, BC V0A 1K0
(250) 342-9281
www.invermere.net

Regional District of East Kootenay

4956 Athalmer Road
Invermere, BC V0A 1K0
(250) 342-0063
www.rdek.bc.ca

Village of Radium Hot Springs

PO Box 340
4836 Radium Boulevard
Radium Hot Springs, BC V0A 1M0
(250) 347-6455
www.radiumhotsprings.ca

Liquor License

Province of BC Liquor Control and Licensing

Branch (LCLB)
100 Cranbrook Street
Cranbrook, BC V1C 3P9
(250) 426-1562
www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/lclb

Health Approvals and Permits

Invermere Health Centre

850 - 10th Avenue
P.O. Box 2069
Invermere, BC V0A 1K0
(250) 342-2360

Hiring Employees

EK Employment Columbia Valley

Family Dynamix Invermere
Invermere, BC V0A 1K0
(250) 341-6889
www.ekemployment.org



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