

Grand Forks, BC



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Welcome to Grand Forks



We invite you to discover a vibrant, growing community filled with sunshine, hospitality and opportunities.

While Grand Forks offers many services and amenities, abundant business opportunities also await entrepreneurs seeking relocation to a relaxing rural community.

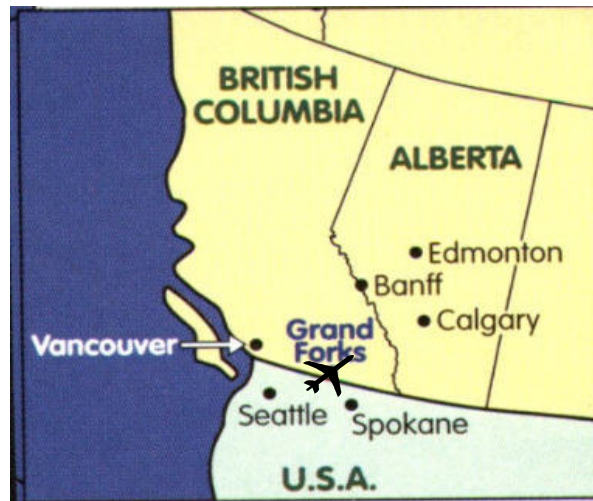
The Chamber of Commerce of the City of Grand Forks is dedicated to providing active support to existing and prospective businesses.

We look forward to welcoming you to our community.



Location

Grand Forks is a picturesque community, located in the south central interior of British Columbia in what is commonly known as the Boundary Country, a region found between the Okanagan Valley and the Kootenays. The hub of the Boundary Country, **Grand Forks**, is strategically located on the Canada/US border, 522 km east of Vancouver and 726 km west of Calgary, Alberta. Access is via the Crowsnest Highway #3, Grand Forks Municipal Airport and two border crossings; one located approximately 20 km east known as Laurier and one approximately 8 km west of Grand Forks known as Danville.



Distance Chart Grand Forks to:

Castlegar.....	96km
Calgary, AB	726km
Kelowna	203km
Nelson	135 km
Penticton.....	186km
Spokane, WA	205km
Trail	106km
Vancouver	526km

Quick Facts

Incorporated April 15, 1897	
Population (City Limits)	4,036 (2006 census)
Boundary Area Population	*12,127 (2006 census)
Elevation	1,692' (516m)
Land Area	10.44 square KM
Longitude	118 W
Latitude	49 N

Population Changes:

	(Census) 1996	(census) 2001	(census) 2006
Grand Forks	3,994	4,054	4,036
Area D	3,390	3,241	3,176
Area C	1,408	1,456	1,435
Greenwood	784	666	625
Midway	686	638	621
Area E	2,136	2,139	2,234
Totals	*12,398	*12,194	12,127

Area C – Christina Lake

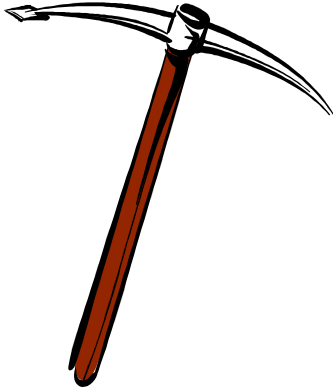
Area D – Grand Forks Rural

Area E - Westbridge, Beaverdell, Bridesville, Rock Creek & Carmi

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* Boundary Country includes the communities of:
Christina Lake, Grand Forks, Greenwood, Midway, Rock Creek, Westbridge, Carmi,
Beaverdell & Bridesville

History



The unique attraction of **Grand Forks** lies not only in its natural beauty but also in its interesting and rich past.

Incorporated in 1897, Grand Forks boasts many preserved structures – heritage homes along residential streets and period buildings in the downtown core.

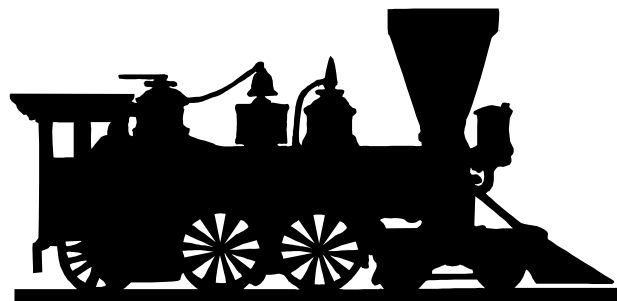
Visitors to Grand Forks also discover a city built on a foundation of cultural diversity. This unique social quality is due in large to the presence of the Russian community. Many of the residents of **Grand Forks** can trace their origins to the Doukhobor religious sect, which emigrated from Russia at the end of the 19th century seeking religious and social freedom in Canada. Some of the red brick buildings, which the Doukhobors built in the early 1900s, are still scattered throughout the farmlands west of **Grand Forks**.

In the early 1900's **Grand Forks** rose to prominence as the Mining and Smelting Centre of BC, having at its door the largest non-ferrous copper smelter in the British Empire (2nd largest in the world).

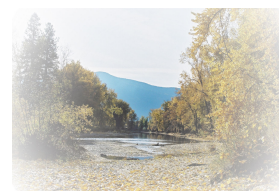
The agriculture industry also contributed substantially to the economy as **Grand Forks** produced approximately one third of the apple crops in BC and was recognized for the nineteen different varieties of potatoes grown throughout the valley.

Canadian Pacific established a divisional and terminal point in **Grand Forks**, having five railways and two transcontinental lines.

Today, forestry is the largest industry sector, with agriculture, manufacturing, mining and tourism contributing to the economy.



CLIMATE



Grand Forks experiences four distinct seasons, with warm dry summers and relatively mild winters. Average temperatures range from -8 to -2 Celsius in the winter, and from 18 to 26 Celsius during summer months. The average yearly precipitation is 44 cm, with 120 frost-free days per year. The **Grand Forks** valley enjoys an average of over 2000 hours of sunshine and therefore receives the name the “**Sunshine Valley**”.

To check current weather conditions & forecasts visit – www.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca/canada and for archival information go to climate data.

2005 and 2006 Climate

Month	Temperature (Celsius) avg.	Rainfall (mm) total	Snowfall (cm) total
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	2006 Hi	2006 Low		2005 Hi	2005 Low		2006	2005		2006	2005
January	3.1	-1.1		-2.8	-7.4		51.8	21.0		11.0	42.0
February	3.6	-6.2		4.9	-7.1		34.4	4.2		8.0	2.0
March	9.3	-1.6		11.2	-.53		22.4	39.6		1.0	tr
April	19.2	2.8		16.4	2.2		73.0	52.0		-	-
May	21.3	5.9		22.5	6.8		72.8	75.4		-	-
June	23.3	10.8		22.1	9.1		47.0	112.8		-	-
July	31.7	13.2		31.8	18.5		33.4	30.4		-	-
August	29.7	9.8		29.6	9.86		3.3	11.6		-	-
September	25.0	6.5		22.0	6.0		18.2	11.8		-	-
October	14.3	0.9		13.2	3.9		35.4	58.4		-	-
November	3.3	-3.1		3.0	-1.7		44.8	9.0		7.0	74.3
December	-1.3	-7.3		-4.0	-10.		12.0	52.0		58.0	22.0
Totals							448.5	478.20		85.0	140.30

TOP EMPLOYERS

Approx. # of employees
As of May 2007

Pope & Talbot Ltd.-	Grand Forks	206
	Midway	215
	Woodlands	50..... 471
Interior Health Authority – Boundary Sites		260
(Includes Boundary Hospital, Boundary Home Support, and Hardy View Lodge)		
School District #51 -	teaching staff (Grand Forks)	77
	support staff (Grand Forks).....	59
	teaching staff (Christina Lake)	8
	support staff (Christina Lake).....	5
	Maintenance.....	5
	Bus.....	8
	Board Office	8..... 170

Note: School District #51 extends from Big White to Christina Lake
Above figures are only for the Grand Forks & Christina Lake Area.

Roxul (West) Inc.	160
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**For employment opportunities contact
Community Futures (250) 442-2722.
(www.boundarycf.com)**



FOREST INDUSTRY

The top economic generator for **Grand Forks** revolves around the forest industry, with agriculture, mining and tourism diversifying our economy.



Pope & Talbot Saw Mill:

Web: www.poptal.com

(570-68th Ave. Ph: 250-442-2771)

Pope & Talbot Ltd. is one of the largest employers in the Boundary area. Pope & Talbot produces high value and quality products such as: machine stress-rated lumber, decking, siding, wood chips and hog fuel. The majority of the lumber is exported to the USA. **Grand Forks** has been the corporate head office since 1969 with subsidiaries throughout BC and the US.

Canpar Industries:

Web: www.canparindustries.com

(6590 Industrial Parkway, Ph: 250-442-5521)



Canpar is the leading manufacturer of particleboard door core in North America. Their geographical location combined with Burlington Northern Rail service provides export to the USA and Asian markets.

Boundary Truss:

(8626 Granby Road, Ph: 250-442-5507)

Toll Free 1-800-414-8787

Manufacturer of wood trusses. Design & sales of silent floor systems and engineered beams. Supplier of metal roofing.



OTHER INDUSTRIES

Boundary Electric Ltd.:

Web: www.boundaryelectric.com

(7990 Columbia Drive, Ph: 250-442-5561)

Need a custom distribution system; this local company can help you, from consulting to fabrication & installation. Boundary Electric also has one of Canada's largest inventories of new & used electrical equipment and is stocking distributors for several manufactures products.

Pacific Abrasives & Supply:

(2465 Carson Road, Ph: 250-442-3626)

Processor of slag to provide abrasive products, which are largely used by shipyards for sandblasting applications as well as granules, used to coat asphalt shingles.

Roxul West Inc.

Web: www.roxul.com

(6526 Industrial Park Way, Ph: 250-442-5253)

Part of Denmark's Rockwool International, the world's largest producer of mineral wool insulation with 23 facilities in 14 countries. There has been a capital investment of \$40 million to establish a globally competitive facility at Grand Forks. Products are produced from a combination of natural basalt rock and recycled slag and are fire resistant, water repellent, non-corrosive & resistant to mold, fungi & bacteria growth.

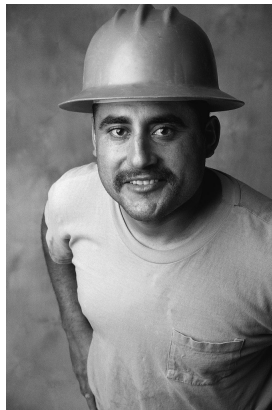


Unifab Industries Ltd

Web: www.unifab.ca

(6050 – 2nd Street, Ph: 250-442-8385)

As one of the largest privately held companies in Grand Forks, Unifab Industries celebrates its eighth year as it expands further into Western Canada. With almost 50 employees, Unifab has become one of the premier steel fabrication facilities in the Boundary Kootenay region, if not in Western Canada. Continually growing throughout the industry, Unifab looks towards an optimistic future where it will be proud to be part of the community of Grand Forks.



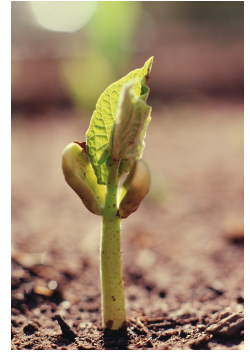
AGRICULTURE

Agriculture plays an important role in diversifying the economy of **Grand Forks**. A significant amount of agricultural land is currently utilized for tree nurseries. Specialty roses, violets and geraniums are also grown in **Grand Forks** and shipped across Canada and the US. Other crops include potatoes, strawberries, raspberries, onions and row-crop vegetables.

Advance Orchard Co. Ltd.:

(6100 Collins Road, Ph: 250-442-5291)

Advance Orchard Co. Ltd. is a strictly wholesale producer of hardy shade, fruit and ornamental deciduous trees for the cold areas of N. America. Established in 1981, Advance's facilities cover 375 acres. Shipments go throughout the Prairies, N. Ontario, Quebec, Alaska, and the Plain States of the U.S.



Bron & Sons Nursery Co. :

Web: www.bronandsons.com

(3315 Carson Road, Ph: 250-442-2100)

Established in 1988 this company is steadily growing. It has approximately 67 acres of container stock available for the wholesale trade. Products are distributed across Canada and the US. During high season (March – October) Bron & Sons Nursery can employ up to 80 people.

Stewart Brothers Nursery:

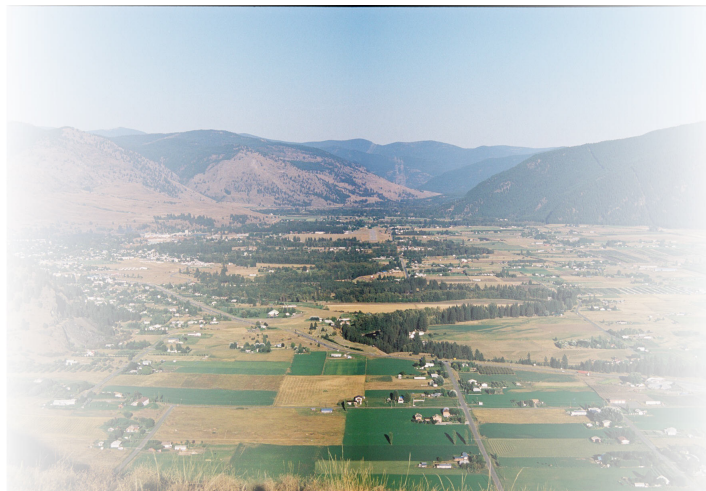
(3650 Carson Road, Ph: 250-442-2103)

This nursery supplies retail nurseries and garden centres, wholesale nurseries and tree lots, commercial and retail landscapers, golf courses, contractors and developers and municipalities throughout Western Canada.

Jerseyland Organics

(2690 Almond Garden Road, Ph: 250-442-8112)

Jerseyland Organics, a certified organic cheese producer, with a herd of over 50 Jersey cows, is the sole supplier of milk for their cheese production. They focus their cheese production on distinct varieties like Gouda, asiago, Parmesan, feta and others as well as flavored cheeses using local organic herbs and spices. Jerseyland Cheeses are available directly at the cheese plant at the farm and selected retailers in southern BC.



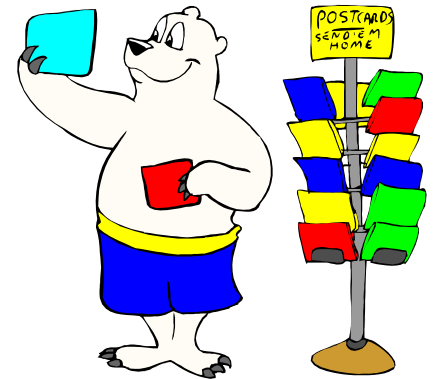
TOURISM

Grand Forks is being "discovered" by visitors from all over the world seeking a holiday retreat that offers spectacular scenery, abundant wildlife and peaceful relaxation.

Whether you visit winter, spring, summer or fall - you are ensured plenty to see and do in Grand Forks.

2004 & 2005 Visitor Information Centre Statistics

<u>Month</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
January	17	55
February	58	92
March.....	164	111
April.....	177	143
May	259	252
June.....	767	586
July	1,449	1,299
August.....	1,501	1,669
September	487	660
October	162	276
November	67	155
December	41	139
Total.....	5,149	5,437



Statistics are calculated by parties of visitors. A party may be one or more persons.



GRAND FORKS AIRPORT

The City of Grand Forks owns and operates a municipal airport located on 2nd Street at the most south-easterly corner of the municipality. The airport has terminal facilities, as well as offering aircraft fuel (Jet B and Avgas) for sale. There is a part time attendant to assist your needs with just a quick phone call.



Airport facilities include a 4,300 foot runway, with two taxiways and aprons. A non-directional beacon (NDB) is located east of Taxiway B. In 1998, the City of Grand Forks undertook an airport upgrading project. The airport is now equipped for 24 hour access for emergency flights (the only certified 24 hour airport facility east of Kelowna, B.C. to the Alberta border).

There are presently numerous private aircraft hangars located on city owned property at the airport, under lease agreements. There is available space for more hangars and the City will entertain new construction while space remains available.

Grand Forks Municipal Airport

P.O. Box 220/ 5980-2nd Street

Grand Forks, B.C. V0H 1H0

250-442-5344 (Terminal)

250-442-8266 (City Hall)

250-443-4183 cell (Peter Davidoff, Airport Safety and Operations Director)





BUILDING REPORT – MUNICIPALITIES YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2006 & 2005

Need more information? www.rdkb.com

City of Grand Forks	2006 Value	2006 # of Permits	2005 Value	2005 # of Permits
Single Family Dwelling	\$1,808,800	11	\$1,088,000	7
Mobile Homes	943,100	12	42,368	6
Multi-Family (No. of Units)	236,800	1	0	0
Add/Renovations.	354,800	29	573,929	38
Garage/Carport	178,100	15	29,900	7
Commercial	320,000	1	680,000	3
Commercial Add/Renovations	382,500	12	520,000	7
Industrial	0	0	1,276,965	3
Industrial Add/Renovations	417,000	2	435,000	5
Institutional	0	0	0	0
Institutional Add/Renovations	9,677,300	2	1,251,100	5
Totals	\$14,318,400	85	5,897,262	81

Area D (Rural Grand Forks)	2006 Value	2006 # of Permits	2005 Value	2005 # of Permits
Single Family Dwellings	\$3,588,872	18	\$2,395,000	13
Mobile Homes	956,540	7	95,500	3
Add/Renovations	219,515	21	395,440	23
Multi-Family (No. of Units)	0	0	0	0
Garage/Carport	252,500	16	455,424	26
Commercial	0	0	0	0
Commercial Add/Renovations	0	0	5,000	1
Industrial	35,000	1	0	0
Industrial Add/Renovations	0	0	0	0
Institutional	0	0	0	0
Institutional Add/Renovations	80,000	1	22,000	2
Totals	\$5,132,427	64	\$3,368,364	68

Area C (Christina Lake)	2006 Value	2006 # of Permits	2005 Value	2005 # of Permits
Single Family Dwellings	\$3,246,900	16	\$3,092,700	17
Mobile Homes	714,100	8	194,492	3
Multi-Family	0	0	0	0
Add./Renovations	362,800	21	530,700	23
Garage/Carport	142,500	11	463,100	24
Commercial	25,000	2	0	0
Commercial Add/Renovations	45,000	1	12,000	2
Industrial	0	0	646,000	1
Industrial Add/Renovations	0	0	0	0
Institutional	1,746,000	1	0	0
Institutional Add/Renovations	0	0	0	0
Totals	\$6,282,300	60	\$4,938,992	70

Schedule of City License Fees

Category	Description/Definition	Annual Fee
A.	Home Based Business As name implies is a business that is operated from a home	\$ 50.00
B.	Regular Business Contractors and retail with fewer than 20 employees	\$ 75.00
C.	Large Businesses Contractors and retail with more than 20 employees	\$200.00
D.	Itinerant Business No Fixed place of business in the City of Grand Forks, Area "C" or Area "D"	\$250.00
E.	Event Business	\$ 75.00
F.	Transfer Fees (per transfer)	\$ 20.00

The Ministry of Transportation

Continues to provide capital and rehabilitation projects along the Highway 3 corridor to enhance accessibility to the **Grand Forks** area. Projects focus mainly on realignment and paving activities, as well as bridge upgrading and passing lane improvements. Various local minor improvements will be made each year.

Properties in City Limits

1,824 – residential
474 – business
44 – recreational
10 – farm
51 – industry
3098 – total properties

These statistics were derived from the 2007 assessment roll of the Corporation of the City of **Grand Forks**.

The Corporation of the City of Grand Forks 2006 Variable Tax Rates (Dollars of tax per \$1,000.00 taxable value)

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Class	Description	City	RDKB	Boundary School District #51	Hospital	BCAA	MFA	Total Mill Rate
1	Residential	3.8000	2.41427	3.7081	0.52102	0.0816	0.00030	10.5253
2	Utilities	30.2432	8.45000	14.9000	1.82356	0.5145	0.00050	55.9318
4	Major Industry	52.2070	8.20852	12.5000	1.77144	0.5145	0.00050	75.2020
5	Light Industry	12.5000	8.20852	9.2000	1.77144	0.2647	0.00050	31.9452
6	Business/other	11.7300	5.91496	9.2000	1.27649	0.2647	0.00010	28.3863
8	Rec/Non-profit	7.5000	2.41427	4.2000	0.52102	0.0816	0.00020	14.7171
9	Farm	7.5000	2.41427	6.8000	0.52102	0.0816	0.00020	17.3171

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Abbreviations:

B.C.A.A.	BC Assessment Authority
M.F.A.	Municipal Finance Authority
R.D.K.B.	Regional District Kootenay Boundary
BSD#51	Boundary School District #51

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## Sewage Treatment:

The City of **Grand Forks** provides sewer service to approximately 90% of the population within city limits and is billed on an annual basis. (\$324.61 per year for residential, businesses varies starting at \$235.34) The sewage treatment plant is state-of-the-art and has the capability of expanding its services. The old sewage lagoons beside the plant are used for storage of sludge waste.

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## Water Supply:



The City of **Grand Forks** water system is supplied with fresh clean water by four deep wells and does not require chlorine treatment. The water supply is tested on a regular basis by the Ministry of Health and meets all health requirements. The City bills for water on an annual basis. 286.60 per year for residential, businesses vary starting at \$113.34) Sprinkling regulations are enforced in city limits. **Grand Forks** Irrigation and SION Improvement District supply water to many of the rural areas. The homes that are not serviced by the above services derive their water from water wells. Some businesses with metered water are billed Bi-Monthly with minimum basic charges starting at \$46.90.

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## Garbage Collection:



Residential garbage is collected weekly by a waste service under contract to the City. Collection costs are billed annually by the City of **Grand Forks**. \$70.00 – residential. Industrial, institutional, commercial and multi complex buildings arrange their own garbage disposal. The **Grand Forks** Sanitary Landfill is located in the northeastern corner of the city on Granby Road.

A curbside recycling & yard waste program was started in July 2005 within the city limits as well as some locations in Rural Area D, for more information see pg.

**Recycling drop off locations:** - 8008 Donaldson Drive  
- Behind Fire Hall on 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
- Sanitary Landfill

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## Power:

The City of **Grand Forks** and Fortis BC provide power to residential and commercial buildings in the city limits and rural areas.

## Corporation of the City of **Grand Forks**:

|                                        |                |                                 |
|----------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| Residential                            | \$ 0.06433/kWH | basic charge \$22.90/Bi-monthly |
| Commercial / Industrial /Institutional | \$ 0.09214/kWH | basic charge \$45.68/Bi-monthly |

Utility bills will be issued on bi-monthly basis. 2% penalty per month will apply to accounts not paid by the due date. Amounts outstanding in arrears after December 31st shall be transferred to taxes and bear interest from date of transfer. Equal payments as calculated from previous year's consumption can be made by authorizing automatic withdrawal from customer's account and are reconciled every August. Many payment options are available.

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## COMMUNITY SERVICES & AMENITIES CONT.

**Fortis BC**  
Web: [www.fortis.ca](http://www.fortis.ca)



To residential use including service to incidental motors of 5HP or less as of March 9, 2007.

**Residential**                      all kWh @              \$.06879/kWh    min. charge \$21.89 based on 60 day billing period.  
Discount of 10% if paid on or before the date shown on each bill.

|                                                                 |                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Commercial</b><br>(Small general service)<br>40 kW-one meter | <u>Bi-Monthly</u><br><u>Rate</u> | <u>Based on 60 day billing period:</u> \$26.37<br>First      16000 kWh    \$ 0.07841    per kWh<br>Next      92000 kWh      0.05953      "<br>Balance      "              0.04200      " |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

Above rate applies to power service when taken at the company's standard secondary voltage. A discount of 1 1/2% shall be applied to the above rate if the electrical service is metered at a primary distribution voltage. Late payment charges of 1 1/2% will be assessed each month (compounded monthly 19.56% per annum) on all outstanding balances not paid by the due date.

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**Terasen:**                      Terasen provides natural gas for residential and commercial buildings  
web: [www.terasen.com](http://www.terasen.com).

#### **NATURAL GAS    January 1, 2007**

|                              |           |                                |
|------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| Terasen Basic Monthly Charge | \$ 10.94  | Residential basic charges      |
|                              | 2.773     | Delivery charge per GJ         |
|                              | 7.662     | Cost of gas per GJ             |
|                              | \$ 22.96  | Small Commercial basic charges |
|                              | 2.352     | Delivery charge per GJ         |
|                              | (0.909)   | Midstream charge per GJ        |
|                              | 7.673     | Cost of gas per GJ             |
|                              | \$ 122.48 | Large Commercial basic charges |
|                              | 2.054     | Delivery charge per GJ         |
|                              | 0.809     | Midstream charge per GJ        |
|                              | 7.627     | Cost of gas per GJ             |

#### **COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY:**

**Telus** (Web: [www.telus.com](http://www.telus.com)) serves the Boundary area. Services were upgraded June 1998 and high speed ADSL Internet has been added. Other long distance carriers are available.



**Shaw Cable** (Web: [www.sunshinecable.com](http://www.sunshinecable.com)) offers high-speed cable internet, Roger cell phones, AT&T digital cell services as well as cable TV service.

## **Government Services:**

Ambulance Service of British Columbia  
Conservation Officer  
Corrections Branch - Probation & Family Services  
Circuit Court Services  
Employment and Assistance Centres  
Forests (Ministry of)  
Interior Health Services  
Mental Health Unit  
Child & Families (Ministry for)  
Transportation (Ministry of)  
Drivers Licenses  
Government Agent:  
    Birth Death & Marriage Certificates  
    Company Lien & Title Search  
    Fish & Wildlife Licenses  
    General Inquires  
    Medical Services Inquiries  
    Mining Sub-Recorder  
    Provincial Payments  
    Rural Property Tax  
Health Unit

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## **City Hall:**

Web: [www.grandforks.bc.ca](http://www.grandforks.bc.ca)

(420 Market Avenue - Ph: (250) 442-8266

Business licenses, maps, zoning bylaw, official community plan, dog tags, fire permits (free), sprinkling variance permit, municipal vehicle license, cemetery plots, utility payments (electrical, water, sewer, garbage), preparation of assessment roll and collection of property taxes.

Regular meetings of Council are held the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month and commence at 7:00 p.m. Committees of Council Meetings are held the second and fourth Monday's of each month and commence at 7:00 p.m. The Public is cordially welcome to attend the meetings and observe from the Gallery. Should members of the public wish to address Council, drop into City Hall and fill out a "delegate" form by noon Wednesday prior to the next meeting. Council Meeting are televised live on Channel 10 on Sunshinecable.

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Police:

1608 Central Avenue - Ph: (250) 442-8288

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police detachment has 6 Constables, 1 Corporal and 1 Sergeant in Grand Forks and 4 Constables and 1 Corporal in Midway as well as several volunteers and support staff. The detachment serves Highway #3 east to the Paulson Bridge and west to the Rock Canyon Bridge along Highway #3, as well as Highway 33 north to the community of Beaverdell.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES & AMENITIES CONT.

Fire Protection:

The **Grand Forks** City Rescue is located in the down town core. The facilities were completed in 1987. It serves the community with up to date equipment, 28 firemen and one permanent full time Fire Chief. **Grand Forks** also has four rural fire halls, constructed between 1978-1986, located throughout

the area with 40 volunteers among the stations.

Health Services:

Web: www.interiorhealth.ca

Grand Forks' Medical clinic (7486 - 2nd Street - Ph: (250) 442-8233) houses the offices of five doctors. The Mental Health Unit is located at 7474 - 3rd Street. Grand Forks has four dental offices and one optometrist along with a wide range of chiropractors, massage therapists and family and individual counseling services.

Boundary Hospital (7649 – 22nd Street - Ph: (250) 443-2100) offers 12 acute care beds, 35 extended care beds (**H.M. Rezansoff Wing-Sunshine Manor**) (250) 443-2146, as well as operating room and emergency room facilities. Announced March 2004 - \$7-million upgrade of the H.M. Rezanasoff Wing & portions of Boundary Hospital. Renovations to include turning current extend beds to single rooms, and build a 35-bed addition. 10 beds will be shelled in for future use. Hardy View residents will be moved to the new facilities and Hardy View will be closed. Renovations will also include better accommodations for Public Health, Mental Health & Community Services. Timeframe is expected to be 18-24 months.

Medical Equipment Loan Service (Ph: (250) 442-2608 Hours: Mon – Fri 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) Equipment is located at Boundary Hospital. The Canadian Red Cross Society provides a medical equipment loan service for the BC Southern Interior Region. Mail and inquiries can be directed to the Boundary Hospital at 7649 – 22nd Street.

Hardy View Lodge (2320 - 78th Avenue - Ph: (250) 443-2088) is an Intermediate Care Facility with 32 permanent beds available as well as two Respite Rooms. Slated to close after above completed renovations.

Boundary Lodge Assisted Living (7130 – 9th Street Ph: (250) 442-0006. The Lodge has 17 subsidized assisted living apartments. Lower-income tenants will be able to rent these units for no more than 70 per cent of their after-tax income. This fee covers accommodations, meals, and personal care & hospitality services such as housekeeping, laundry, recreational opportunities & 24-hour response system.

Abbeyfield House (876 – 72nd Ave. Ph: (250) 442-5550 Non-profit housing for seniors that offers a warm family-style house and a balance between privacy and companionship, security and independency.

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Education:

www.boundaryschools.com

Grand Forks has a wide range of educational facilities, two elementary schools, a high school, an alternate school, and pre-schools. For more information call the School Board Office at (250) 442-8258. Upgrading or college training is available at Selkirk College (www.selkirk.bc.ca). The Selkirk College main campus is in Castlegar with extension services in Grand Forks and other Boundary and Kootenay locations. There also is active home schooling association.

School District #51 Enrollment	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06
Grand Forks Secondary School	723.....	600	512	551	509
John A. Hutton Elementary	354.....	288	267	258	252
Dr. D.A. Perley Elementary	334.....	302	297	264	265
Christina Lake Elementary	110.....	109	84	88	83
Phoenix Learning Centre			107	107	86
Phoenix Program					179
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Financial Institutions:

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce
Web: www.cibc.com

Grand Forks & District Savings Credit Union
Web: www.gfdscu.com

Box 670 (7310 - 2nd Street)
Grand Forks, BC V0H 1H0
Ph: (250)442-2181 Fax: (250) 442-8622

Box 2500 (447 Market Street)
Grand Forks, BC V0H 1H0
Ph: (250)442-5511 Fax: (250)442-5644

Real Estate:

Grand Forks Realty Ltd.

Web: www.grandforksrealestate.ca
Email: gfrealty@sunshinecable.com
215 Central Ave
Box 2050, Grand Forks, BC V0H 1H0
Ph: (250)442-2711 Fax: (250)442-5144
Toll Free: 1-800-567-3199

Affiliate: Jacoma Mortgages Ltd.

Address as above
Ph: (250) 443-3212 Fax: (250) 442-5144
Cell: (250) 442-9766

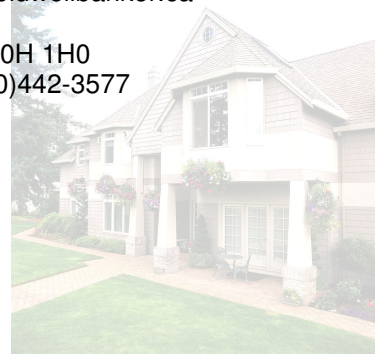
Real Estate Development:

Copper Ridge Development Corp.

Web: www.copperridgebc.com
2635 Placer Place
Grand Forks, BC V0H 1H2
Ph\Fax: (250) 442-0559

Coldwell Banker Border Country Realty

Web: www.coldwellbanker.ca
E-mail: bordercountryrealty@coldwellbanker.ca
347 Market Ave
Box 2109, Grand Forks, BC V0H 1H0
Ph: (250)442-2124 Fax: (250)442-3577



Toll Free: 1-888-389-3339

Copper Ridge is located adjacent to the City of Grand Forks. Lots are a minimum of 1½ acre and are protected by a community design control standard.

Media:

The Grand Forks Gazette

Box 700 (7255 – Riverside Drive)
Grand Forks, BC V0H 1H0
Ph: (250)442-2191 Fax: (250)442-3336
Local paper published on Wed.
West Kootenay Boundary Weekender on Friday.

Mountain FM

Web: www.mountainfm.com
Box 1570 (Central Ave)
Grand Forks, BC V0H 1H0
Ph: (250)442-2162
97.6 FM

Shaw Cable

Web: www.sunshinecable.com
Box 2618 (7454 - 19th Street)
Grand Forks, BC V0H 1H0
Ph: (250)442-5844 Fax: (250)442-2665
Cable television systems, cable internet

The Communicator

Web: www.boundarycommunicator.com
Box 791 (265- 72nd Ave.)
Grand Forks, BC V0H 1H0
Ph: (250) 442-1207 Fax: (250) 442-1203
published twice a month

Transportation:

Bus **Greyhound Bus Lines** (442-2000)
Para transit - operated by Interior Health Authority – Boundary Site (442-8169)

Railway **Grand Forks Railway** serves Pope & Talbot Saw Mill and Canpar Industries as their link to the Burlington Northern Rail Line

Air **Grand Forks Municipal Airport** (442-5344) Frequency 123.2 AWOA 442-0043
Elevation – 1,720 ft / paved strip - 4300 feet with two taxiways & aprons,
Equipped with runway lighting for 24 hr. access for emergency medivac flights,
terminal facilities, aircraft fuel sales, Transport Canada AMO aircraft
maintenance facility specializing in aircraft restoration, painting and sales,
Advanced Ultralight RANS Distributor - **Western Aviation Services Ltd.**
Toll free 1-866-678-1234 www.westernaviation.bc.ca

Rentals **Hog Car Auto Rentals** (443-9234)

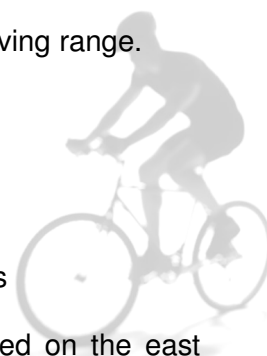
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Recreation :

Sport enthusiasts will enjoy a variety of recreation activities for all ages including baseball, skating, hockey, curling or swimming at the recreation complex. The surrounding mountains, lakes and rivers provide the perfect setting for outdoor sports such as downhill and cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, fishing, hunting, hiking, biking and water sports.

- Aquatic Centre: - a leisure style public pool, Jacuzzi, sauna, fitness centre with many programs for the whole family
- Arena: - minor hockey, Junior B hockey, local figure skating club, public skating, men's hockey & women's hockey
- Ball Parks: - there are three ball parks: Dick Bartlett (four diamonds) for little league & slow pitch; Angus MacDonald Park (1 diamond) for fast ball; James Donaldson Park (1 diamond with lights) for the Babe Ruth and the Grand Forks International Ball Tournament
- Bowling Alley: - six lane - five pin bowling
- Curling Rink: - local curling club hosts many bonspiels (4 sheets)
- Fitness Centers: - four weight and fitness centres
- Golf Courses: - Granby River Golf will be open to shareholders and members as of June 30, 2007 and to the public as of July 20, 2007
Christina Lake hosts an 18 golf course, a par 3 and a driving range.
- Library & Art Gallery: - centrally located in downtown core
- Movie Theater: - showing current movie selections
- Phoenix Ski Hill: - nine runs (vertical 800 feet) with a t-bar and rope tow day lodge, concession stand, 30 km west of Grand Forks
- Skate park: - 13,000 sq. ft. outdoor concrete skateboard park located on the east side of the Aquatic Centre
- Seniors Centres: - two centres located near City Park
- Tennis Courts - at Grand Forks Senior Secondary School & Barbra Ann Park
- Walking, Hiking, & Biking Trails
 - many trails for hours of enjoyment
- Parks: - City Park, George Massey Park, Lois Haggan Park, Gyro Park, Barbara Ann Park, Fireman's Expo Park, Dick Bartlett Park, Angus McDonald Park, James Donaldson Park





In March 2002, the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary approved a proposed zero waste strategy for the region. The RDKB endorsed the concept of zero waste in November 2000. The new strategy, called “Bringing Zero Waste to Kootenay Boundary – A Strategy for a Waste Free Future” provides a blueprint for moving from concept to implementation. It consists of eight initiatives to be pursued at the local level and ten initiatives involving local government efforts to influence change at the provincial level. The strategy is broad-based, targeting increased materials efficiencies in businesses, local economic development through “resource recovery” and public policy renewal to facilitate the development of a zero waste economy.

Grand Forks also has an active recycling program, with pickup days varying by region:

- North and West Grand Forks – Every other Monday
- Ruckle and Valley Heights – Every other Tuesday
- South of Central, North of Kettle River – Every other Thursday
- South Grand Forks – Every other Friday
- North of Central including Riverside – Every other Wednesday

For more information on what goes in your Blue Bag, call the BC Recycling Hotline at 1 800 667 4321.

For more information about your pickup day call the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary at 1 800 355 7352 or visit www.rdkb.com



Spiritual Directory

Anglican Church - Holy Trinity/St. Jude's/St Mary's
7252 – 7th St.

Phone: 442-5808

Anglican Catholic Church
Drop-Center – City Park
Elaine Clark 442-2649

Bahai Faith
Contact: Steve & Janet Hardwicke
442-2896

Christ Lutheran Church
7328 – 19th St.
Phone: 442-5158

First Baptist Church
686 - 72nd Ave.
442-1236

Grand Forks Christian Center – Non-Denominational
7525 – 4th St.
Phone: 442-5815

Gospel Chapel
7048 Donaldson Dr.
Phone: 442-5148

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses
7680 Donaldson Dr.
Phone: 442-5012

River Valley Community Church
2826 – 75th Ave.
Phone: 442-8456

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church
7269 – 9th St.
Phone: 442-3114

Seventh-Day Adventist
4500 Hillview Road
Phone: 442-3692

St. John's United Church
920 Central Ave.
Phone: 442-3311

Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ
6140 Community Center Rd.
Phone: 442-8252

Aquatic Centre
Fortis BC
Terasen
BC Stats
Corporation of the City of Grand Forks
Grand Forks RCMP Detachment
Helen Reid
School District #51
Transportation, Ministry of
Regional District Kootenay Boundary

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