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Welcome to the Village of Telkwa **British Columbia, Canada** **“A Natural for Investment”**



Thinking of relocating your business or establishing a new enterprise? Consider the Village of Telkwa and surrounding areas as a superb location.

The Village of Telkwa, “Where the Rivers Meet and Friends Gather”, lies at the confluence of the Telkwa and Bulkley Rivers in Northwest B.C., halfway between Prince Rupert and Prince George.

Located in traditional Wet’suwet’en First Nation’s territory, Telkwa has a long and varied history. Many heritage buildings take you back to the turn of the century, when the area was first settled for agriculture and later became the economic centre of the Bulkley Valley.

Considered an attractive rural alternative to living in Smithers and Houston, especially for young families attracted by the larger lots,

lower prices and the friendliness of this small community, Telkwa’s rich and beautiful natural features are reflected in the values held by its citizens. The clean, safe environment is a major factor in drawing residents to the area.

Outdoor opportunities include hiking, wildlife viewing, fishing, bird watching and canoeing throughout the Bulkley Valley; fossil hunting at Driftwood Canyon Provincial Park; camping, picnicking and boating at nearby Tyhee Lake Provincial Park.

The Village of Telkwa is 11 km southeast of Smithers, the main service centre of the area. The Village believes a strong community is built on pride in its people and in providing residents with a secure place to live, work and raise a family. The Mayor and Council have a positive and progressive attitude, ready and willing to help current and new businesses.

The Village is open for business and eager to welcome new investment!



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This material will provide investors and businesses with an Economic Profile, Business Development Information, and links to many sites providing more detailed information.

Please contact us – we look forward to hearing from you and to the possibility of working with you.

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To view a map of the location of the Village of Telkwa, click on the address below.
<http://www.telkwa.com>





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Business Advantages

Telkwa offers unique business opportunities and advantages, a supportive entrepreneurial climate, and an exceptional quality of life.

The Village of Telkwa has:

- ∞ **A proactive and innovative Mayor and Council, supportive of expansion and new opportunities**
- ∞ **A regional government committed to enhancing business opportunities**
- ∞ **A skilled, diverse and entrepreneurial workforce**
- ∞ **A strong forest industry supported by a proactive district office**
- ∞ **A sophisticated transportation network for access to key markets**
- ∞ **Low operating costs**
- ∞ **Low tax rates**

Incorporated in 1952, Telkwa has a total area of 941 acres. It is predominantly a natural resource-dependent community with 18% of the labour force directly employed in the



forestry sector with the combined direct and indirect effect of forestry supporting 35% of employment in the Village.

Close to the centre of B.C., Telkwa is 650 kilometres from the BC-Alberta border and 364 kilometres from Prince Rupert, the closest North American port to Asia. Telkwa has a positive business climate and a propensity towards entrepreneurship as small home-based businesses continue to develop.

Reasons to Invest

Why Canada?

- ∞ Proximity and easy access to North American markets
- ∞ A growing economy, one of the strongest among the G-8
- ∞ One of the lowest inflation rates in the world
- ∞ Attractive R&D incentives with the highest after-tax R&D investment of all G-8 countries



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- ∞ Canada's membership in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) trading market providing access to 360 million consumers
- ∞ Canada is rated as one of the best countries in the world in which to invest, to do business and to live

- ∞ Excellent working and business environment
- ∞ Canadian dollar valuation against the US\$

Why British Columbia?

- ∞ A rapidly diversifying economy, especially in high tech industries (up 86% in 10 years)
- ∞ A large, stable, high quality work force
- ∞ B.C.'s integrated air/sea/rail/highway transportation system allows easy access to markets, while NAFTA facilitates cross-border trade
- ∞ Comprehensive business infrastructure including state-of-the-art communication links and electricity

- ∞ costs which are among the lowest in the world
- ∞ Superior quality of life attracts young, well-educated workers
- ∞ Lower total business costs and tax burdens than the US, particularly for high tech and manufacturing companies

Why the Village of Telkwa?

- ∞ A competitive community with a strong entrepreneurial spirit
- ∞ A proactive and supportive Mayor and Council
- ∞ Reasonably priced land
- ∞ Strong sense of independent community pride, committed to quality of life
- ∞ Strong drive for growth and expansion
- ∞ Skilled workers and professionals
- ∞ Unique combination of business and lifestyle opportunities

- ∞ Healthy cultural and arts community; cultural heritage resource
- ∞ Proximity to exceptional natural and manmade recreational amenities
- ∞ At the centre of a resource rich province providing easy access to the United States, Asia and the rest of Canada
- ∞ Strong timber resource



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New Business Opportunities

The Village of Telkwa and area is in a unique situation to present real strengths to potential investors in many areas. The following areas offer immediate opportunities:

1. **Value-Added Food Processing**
2. **Riverside Resort**
3. **Ecotourism**
4. **Greenhouse Products**
5. **Value-added Wood Products**
6. **Cultural/Heritage Tourism and Educational Facilities**

1. VALUE-ADDED FOOD PROCESSING



Telkwa has been home to a number of food processing facilities over the years. It had the first creamery in the area, built in 1939, and until last year, the Village was home to Northern White, a small locally owned dairy company well known for its ice cream and other milk products.

Dairy cattle are abundant in the area, and Dairyland had a plant in nearby Smithers for years. It is highly feasible that a **cheese manufacturing** facility could be developed in the place of Northern White.

The area surrounding Telkwa has an abundance of wild berries. There is the

potential for development of a **wild berry winery**, producing wines for the domestic and export markets. It may be possible to use the recently closed dairy plant for either of these businesses.

A **microbrewery** is also a possible option. The region is ideally suited to the development of a microbrewery. The transportation system is excellent, and there is superb water available. Good beer requires good water, and it has been the selling point for breweries for many years, including Coors and Kokanee.



Considerable "brand image" can be created. The rise in popularity of local, handcrafted beer has continued at an amazing rate and the market share for the major brewers has continued to decline. Pubs and restaurants have become "known" for the brands they



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carry and the opportunity for newcomers seems unlimited.

Telkwa remains to be “branded” as a line of micro-brewed beers, and as a beer producing area.

Market / Industry Overview

Cheese Manufacturing. The Canadian cheese industry has attained world class



status, notably with its Cheddars which have become the industry benchmark. Canadian cheeses have won Canada

a place among the greatest cheese producing countries in the world! A study conducted by NPD Group Canada Inc. reveals that consumers bought about 285 million pounds of Canadian cheese in 1999.

Cheddar was the heavyweight champion, with about 111 million pounds, followed by Mozzarella and Parmesan. In the fine cheese category, Havarti sold the most, followed by Gouda, Feta, Swiss and Brick.

The benefit of considering a dairy related processing facility is that the primary resource, dairy cattle, is already in great supply. There is a strong local and regional market, which tends to orient itself around ‘buying local.’ Export opportunities - to the rest of Canada and worldwide - are abundant.

Wine Products. In 2000, Canada exported more than \$1 Billion in distilled spirits, beer and wine. Distilled spirits exports totalled nearly \$655 million, beer exports were valued at over \$326 million, and wine exports totalled

more than \$80 million. Of these totals, over \$70 million were other than grape wines, including fermented beverages, cider, fruit wines, hard lemonades, etc.



Canadian wines continue to gain a strong reputation in Canada and abroad. Canadian Icewine, for example, a sweet dessert wine celebrated around the world for its quality, has won several of the highest and most

prestigious awards at international competitions.

Canadian Icewine relies on high-quality grapes grown in a cool climate to produce its unique characteristics.

Innovative products, such as low-alcohol beverages, wine coolers, fruit wine coolers, hard lemonade, and ales, are growing spectacularly in popularity, both in Canada and abroad.

Feasibility

The manufacturing facility in the Village is for sale. Dairy cattle are abundant in the area, and with the closing of both Northern White and the Dairyland plants, extensive dairy processing knowledge exists in the area.

Other resources, such as wild berries and greenhouses for the growing of grapes, are available, as is skilled labour at reasonable rates.

Village taxes are the lowest in the district and the Mayor and Council are proactive and



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eager to support and aid any new investment. Investor options include partnering with dairy farmers, or First Nations (in the case of wine making and berry products), and local restaurants, to provide avenues of support, knowledge, distribution and sales.

Infrastructure

In addition to the existing facilities, airports, roads, and hydro are available in the entire region. With the container facility being built in Prince Rupert, the possibilities of export to additional international markets can only improve for businesses based in Telkwa.

The first phase of the container port is expected to be open by December 2006 and operational in the third quarter of 2007. Within three years it is expected to outstrip the number of containers currently being shipped through Vancouver.

<http://www.rupertport.com/>

Potential Funding

Some funding opportunities are available to assist in new business development, and local investors may also be interested in collaborative efforts.

2. RIVERSIDE RESORT



Telkwa is situated on the banks of the Bulkley and Telkwa rivers and has some of the best Steelhead and Salmon fishing anywhere. Accommodation in Telkwa is provided by the Two Rivers Resort and several B&B's. The Two Rivers Resort has been in operation for 30 years. Situated on the Bulkley River, it provides 11 cabins and a variety of amenities such as a sauna and hot tub.

An opportunity exists to develop this resort by enhancing the amenities and upgrading the facility, and, perhaps joint venturing with the Office of the Wet'suwet'en and its members to convert it to a First Nation's cultural theme. It is also possible to combine this sort of resort with cultural, artistic and educational opportunities.

Market / Industry Overview

British Columbia's tourism industry is expected to continue to grow steadily. Travel has become a priority for the baby boomer segment of the population. There are changes in the type of travel experiences being sought, with an increasing demand for specialty tours and experiences that cater to outdoor adventure, culture, education and wellness. 'Ecotourism' and 'adventure travel' now represent the fastest growing segments of the industry.

3. ECOTOURISM

Located on Highway 16, a gateway to the Northwest Region and a major traffic route

to Alaska, the Village of Telkwa is



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strategically situated to participate in the fast evolving ecotourism opportunity.

Market / Industry Overview

Ecotourism is defined as responsible travel to natural areas that conserves the environment and sustains the well-being of local people. It is a doorway to economic opportunity in remote communities, and an innovative tool to promote the conservation of wild areas.



Ecotourism has a primary focus on visiting remote and relatively unaltered natural environments. Ecotourists' primary interests are nature and the environment. Since ecotourists place great emphasis on learning, it is important that the ecotourism operator provides factual information about the region's natural and environmental history and attractions.

Feasibility

Tourism continues to grow every year. Local tour operators and guide outfitters are

available in the area. Other local communities and agencies have indicated their interest. The Office of the Wet'suwet'en is keenly interested in developing ecotourism opportunities.

Although not directly ecotourism, it should be noted that the provincial government may consider private take over of the very popular Tyhee Lake Provincial Park. A map of the park can be found

<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/explore.html>

Infrastructure

Accommodations, resorts and restaurants are well established. A number of guide outfitters and resorts are already in place.

A list of lodges and guide outfitters can be found in the Directory linked through

<http://tools.bcweb.net/telkwa/biz.shtml>

and

<http://tools.bcweb.net/smithers/trip/guides.shtml>

4. GREENHOUSE



PRODUCTS

The Bulkley Valley is renowned for its agricultural history. Woodmere Nurseries in Telkwa is one of the largest tree nurseries in

the province. PRT Summit is also a significant nursery in Telkwa offering a variety of greenhouse uses. Opportunities are



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available with the current owner of Woodmere Nurseries to purchase the operation or enter into a joint venture to use some of the existing greenhouses.

Suggested crops include grapes for ice wine, mushrooms, pine nuts, herbs and other organic food products. Smaller 'hothouse' businesses in the valley provide produce to the regional population.

The Office of the Wet'suwet'en have identified greenhouse development as one of their priorities.

Organic Agriculture

Organic foods are produced without the use of chemical fertilizers or synthetic pesticides, are processed without the use of irradiation, and are not derived through genetic engineering. Canada is an ideal country for producing organic food because of its large and varied land base and its cooler climate, which reduces pest and disease problems. Saskatchewan, Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia are the main exporting provinces.

Mushrooms

Mushrooms are B.C.'s second most valuable crop with retail sales around \$50 million. B.C. supplies almost all of its own mushrooms. There are approximately 60 producers growing 15 million kg of mushrooms. B.C. produces about 25% of all mushrooms grown in Canada. About half is exported to other provinces, the United States and other countries.



These opportunities are probably best realized through partnering with the local nurseries, both state of the art facilities built to produce in the colder climate of the northwest interior. Solid industry know how is well represented in the area. The agricultural foundation is strong, and local and regional markets would support the sale of produce developed in the area.

5. VALUE-ADDED WOOD PRODUCTS

As the global demand for pre-manufactured log homes continues to grow there is a significant opportunity to broaden the base of these operations in the Bulkley Valley region. This is a prime timber region and there are several opportunities for potential partnerships with the primaries or woodlot owners. The Office of the Wet'suwet'en is also interested in being involved in the development of log/timber frame construction.

World demand for prefabricated housing will reach 1.3 million units in 2004. Gains will be bolstered by housing activity in developing Asia/Pacific and Latin America, where



prefabricated housing will find use as both low-cost units to reduce shortages and as high-quality, well-insulated houses for well-to-do consumers. US demand for prefabricated



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housing, including manufactured homes (single-section and multi-section) and panellized, modular and pre-cut homes, is forecast to increase more than three percent

annually to \$20 billion in 2005. In unit terms, prefabricated housing is forecast to reach 550,000 units in 2005.

6. CULTURAL/HERITAGE TOURISM AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

Historically Beautiful, Beautifully Historic

The Village of Telkwa is a unique locale, home to a rich heritage. A number of buildings remain from around 1910. They stand as a tribute to Telkwa's heritage and tell the stories of pioneering in the Bulkley Valley. These heritage buildings give Telkwa its unique historical aura. The opportunity to capitalize on this heritage component, and perhaps tie it in with the rich artistic and musical community, by developing educational opportunities is evident. There is an opportunity to rebuild the original town site of Aldermere as a 'period village.'

Market / Industry Overview

The culture and heritage tourism segment is a rapidly growing sector. As tourists become older, more educated and more interested in learning about the places they visit, they continue to take greater interest in museums, historic sites and other cultural attractions. Cultural heritage tourism, embraces entertainment (such as summer theatre and festivals),

recreational activities (hiking, bird watching, garden tours) and shopping (antiques, craft fairs, farmers' markets).

Feasibility

Telkwa has a rich heritage and history. With approximately 26 heritage buildings, many from the turn of the century, in addition to the old town site of Aldermere, there is potential to celebrate this history through development that is in line with the Village's character. A number of heritage buildings are for sale, some residential, and some commercial, all located in the downtown core. A number of boutique shops have begun to set the stage for this segment of the industry and renovation of several heritage buildings have begun. Competition is next to none.

The residents of the Village of Telkwa are proud of the unique historical nature of their town, and would greatly support development of their cultural heritage.





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Access to Markets

Distance & Travelling Time to Other Cities

City	Kilometres	Driving Time
Prince Rupert, BC	364	4 hours
Vancouver BC	1138	14 hours
Prince George, BC	360	4 hours
Edmonton, AB	1100	11 hours
Jasper, AB	736	7.5 hours
Whitehorse, YT	1257	13 hours

Climate

Winter provides excellent conditions for snow related activities. Summers are moderate and sunny with perfect conditions for hiking or

boating. Temperatures range from -10.6 ° C in January to 18 ° C in July. Average rainfall is 287mm, and median snowfall is 197mm.

Transportation

Telkwa is part of the Northwest Corridor (Highway 16) originating in Manitoba and extending to the West Coast. It is an under-utilized corridor, and the Northwest Corridor Development Corporation (NCDC) continues to raise awareness about the merits and economics of this corridor to the international community. More information can be found at www.nwcorridor.com. Telkwa also shares the transportation amenities found in Smithers.

The highways are well maintained and are 'all-weather' - permitting efficient travel and easy access by car.

Telkwa is on the Canadian National Rail line (www.cn.ca) linking Prince Rupert and Prince George. Passenger Rail Transport includes VIA Rail (www.viarail.ca).

[Highland Helicopters](#), and [Canadian Helicopters](#) are available for charters and contract flights. Telkwa is 20 kilometres from the Smithers airport - serviced by [Air Canada](#) and Central Mountain Air <http://www.flycma.com/>.

Telkwa is close to three major ports, Prince Rupert, Kitimat, and Stewart. Prince Rupert, the second largest port on the West Coast, has a deep sea harbour, and is the closest port in North America to the Asian market.



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Regional Profile

Telkwa offers well-developed transportation connections, a skilled workforce, and a variety of business resources to new business enterprises. Please consult the links in this section if you require more information about the region based on the following summaries.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Population

Population in 2001 was 1,426 showing a growth of 0.7% from the previous year.

Age Distribution

35% of the population is in the 25-44 age range. 20% is in the 45-64 age range.

Family Structure and Dwellings

As of 1996, the average value of dwellings is \$120,400 compared to \$240,000 for the rest of British Columbia.

Industry Employment

As of 2001:

Industry	Employment	Percentage
Forestry & Logging	35	5.1%
Mining and Oil & Gas	20	2.9%
Construction	25	3.6%
Manufacturing	50	7.3%
Transportation, Warehousing & Public Utilities	65	9.5%
Wholesale Trade	15	2.2%
Retail Trade	50	7.3%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	35	5.1%
Services	265	38.7%
Government Services	80	11.7%
Total	560	100.0%

Full details can be found at BC Stats (www.bcstats.gov.ca).

EDUCATION



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Aside from elementary education, additional facilities are located in neighbouring Smithers. The Smithers campus of the Northwest Community College is a progressive and growing institute, continually expanding its programs. The Bulkley Valley School District including Smithers, Telkwa, Quick and Houston, has seven elementary, and two high schools. Smithers has four private schools and the Secondary School provides an alternative education program

through the Bulkley Valley Learning Centre. Home schooling is also popular in the Valley area.

In addition there are other post secondary opportunities at:
North Coast Regional Correspondence School, 1-800-663-3865
University of Northern B.C. (Prince George), 960-5555

ECONOMIC STRUCTURE

The forest industry has played the main role in the development of Telkwa followed closely by mining, agriculture and dairy. Forestry, agriculture and tourism are the key economic activities today. Mining has always been part of its history, exploration is very active in the region at this time.

Forestry

Although still one of the most significant industries in B.C., forestry's dominant role is diminishing as the economy evolves and resource extraction becomes less prominent. However, other aspects of the industry continue to grow as the world market demands more value-added wood products and eco-certified products.

The forest industry began in Telkwa with a large sawmill that operated until the 1970's when it was purchased and moved to Smithers by Pacific Inland Resources. 35% of the population in Telkwa is involved directly or indirectly in the forestry sector. The skill sets and knowledge base are strong.

Telkwa has a number of small wood manufacturers including Tom's Solid Wood.

This value-added manufacturing businesses is entrepreneurial, common to the self-employment spirit in the area.

Agriculture

Dairy farming, cattle ranching, and grain and vegetable growing are important activities in the area. The Telkwa Creamery was established in 1939 as the first pasteurising plant in the Bulkley Valley. The Northern White dairy processing plant opened in 1995, and closed in 2001. The demand for a local dairy producer remains high.

Northern Root and Narnia Farms grow produce for local sale. Narnia Farms produce a variety of homemade jams, jellies, honey and other items. Numerous small organic food growers operate in the area.

Tourism

Telkwa's spectacular natural setting - nestled on the banks of the Bulkley and Telkwa Rivers, surrounded by white capped mountains – provides for a wide range of recreational opportunities. This translates into



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a bright future for tourism. Excellent opportunities exist for growth especially in the adventure tourism sector. Recreational activities include tennis, walking tours, fishing, and hunting, boating, rafting, kayaking, canoeing, tubing, hiking, skiing and swimming. Additional facilities in Smithers are close by. Telkwa's unique heritage character offers opportunity in the area of cultural heritage tourism.

Mining

Telkwa has rich coal reserves and a history of coal mining. Luscar submitted an application in support of a Project Approval Certificate to develop the Telkwa Coal project located near Telkwa in 1997. This opportunity did not move further due to low coal prices. With the current increase of coal price, renewed interest in this project may resurface.

The BC Government released a contract with a private company to research the validity of extracting coal bed methane from the Telkwa coal fields. This process is currently (Spring 2006) at the consultation phase.

Major Industrial/Commercial Employers

The major employers in the area include:

Pacific Inland Resources,
Box 3130, Smithers, B.C. V0J 2N0
Phone: 250-847-2656

Northern Engineered Wood Products
Box 2890
Smithers, B.C. V0J 2N0
Phone: 250-847-4394

Woodmere Nursery Ltd.
13399 Highway 16E
Telkwa, BC V0J 2X0
Phone: 250-846-5750

PRT Summit Nursery
4121 Morris Road
Telkwa, BC V0J 2X0
Phone: 250-846-5882

Other major employers are found in Houston, as numerous individuals choose to make Telkwa their home and commute to Houston.

Labour Standards

Labour standards are covered in detail in the [Employment Standards Act](#)

Federal and Provincial Taxes

Corporate

Business taxes are levied by federal, provincial and municipal levels of government and are similar to the basic forms of taxation in the United States. The corporate tax environment in the province of British Columbia can be very favourable, especially for manufacturing, processing, and research-intensive firms. British Columbia has a lower total tax burden than similar firms in

California, Washington and Oregon States.

Federal

The Canadian and British Columbian governments recognize the vital role of small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), and many federal tax incentives work to foster an environment in which SMEs can create and generate wealth and reach full potential for growth. Tax incentives include:



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- ∞ a lower corporate income tax rate
- ∞ special deductions for small business
- ∞ capital gains taxation exemptions
- ∞ scientific research and experimental development tax credit
- ∞ film tax credits

Revenue Canada has recognized the need to make Canada a more competitive business environment and is aimed at making the administration of taxes more efficient and providing a secure, paperless way to file returns. More information can be found at [Strategis](#). More detailed information about [federal tax credits](#) can be found at [Revenue Canada](#).

Provincial

The province also offers tax credits and incentives for investment. More specific information regarding corporate provincial taxes and tax credits can be found at the [BC Ministry of Finance](#)

Provincial Sales Tax (PST)

Provincial sales tax in British Columbia is 7%. Businesses must register with the Consumer Taxation Branch and collect social service tax (retail sales tax) on their taxable sales.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenue Canada administers the Goods and Services Tax of 7%. Businesses with annual revenues from taxable supplies of goods and services of over \$30,000.00 must register.

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

Internet Service Providers

Two companies provide broadband services.

Telephone

Three telephone companies provide service in the region - Telus, AT&T Canada, and Sprint Canada.

Cellular

Telus Mobility provides cellular service.



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UTILITIES

Water and Sewer

The Village of Telkwa draws its water from two sources: a well located behind the fire hall on Hwy. 16 and an infiltration gallery on the Bulkley River located next to the Village office. The Town has recently built a treatment facility. The plant produces a minimum of 20 litres per second of potable

water, and meets peak day demands of 29 litres in the summertime.

Community sewer services the main built-up area of Telkwa and has the capacity to serve 1,750 persons and can be upgraded readily to serve a population of 2,200.

REAL ESTATE

Residential housing options vary from log houses on the riverfront to townhouses, single family dwellings and executive homes. Telkwa has continued to expand as new subdivisions are developed. Numerous options are available including rural settings on riverfronts and lakefronts, and secluded wilderness areas. Visit www.mls.ca (Multiple Listing Service) for current listings.

AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL COSTS	
2/3 bedroom, on lots less than 1 acre	\$49,000 - \$128,900
2/4 bedroom, on acreage (1-5 acres)	\$119,900 - \$182,900
New Executive Homes	\$128,900 - \$239,900

Source: MLS

Property Tax

Property taxation rates are low. In addition, a Home Owner Grant of \$570 per year (under 65), and \$845 per year (65 and over) applies.

Commercial Leasing

Commercial properties are available in the area. A number of unique heritage buildings,

the recently closed dairy, and a variety of other commercial properties, provide a myriad of commercial options.

Industrial Land

There is significant industrial property available in the town.

RECREATION & TOURISM ATTRACTIONS

Telkwa is a visually attractive location. The meeting point of the Telkwa and Bulkley Rivers, combined with two historic bridges, all

visible from town, create special views. This provides for a unique and beautiful playground with readily available fishing,



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hunting, wildlife viewing, hiking, camping, kayaking, canoeing, rafting, cross country skiing, snowmobiling, horseback riding and mountaineering. Two, 18 hole golf courses, an alpine ski area with 300 acres of skiable terrain, a 50 km cross country ski area, curling rink, bowling alley, swimming pool, racket ball and squash court facilities are located within 11 km of Telkwa.

Lakes and Rivers

The Bulkley and Telkwa Rivers flow right through Telkwa. The Bulkley River is a Class II angling river providing excellent steelhead and salmon fishing.



Tyhee Lake Provincial Park, situated in the beautiful Bulkley River Valley, and is also popular amongst all types of fishermen.

Skiing

Skiing, both cross country and downhill, are located a short distance away in Smithers.



The Bulkley Valley Nordic Centre, <http://bvnordic.bulkleyvalley.com/> has 50 km of excellent groomed cross country trail including 5 km of lighted trail for night skiing. The centre also includes a dog trail, a recent popular addition and the Buckfink Lodge, open 7 days a week including evening during the season. Many world class cross country skiers have originated from this club.

Ski & Ride Smithers, Your Powder Destination <http://www.skismithers.com/> offers skiers and snowboarders excellent access to powder skiing. Runs range from novice to expert, including some challenging tree skiing. Ski Smithers has a full service day lodge, with restaurant and lounge; along with a well outfitted rental and pro-shop. Qualified instructors are available at the ski school.

The area is also well known for its backcountry ski options with hundreds of kilometres of untracked snow. There is generally enough snow to ski from November through June and enough terrain to suit the most demanding skier with alpine touring gear.

Outdoor Adventure

Telkwa is well established for guide outfitting and a number of guides are available. Links to guided holidays can be found at:

<http://tools.bcweb.net/smithers/things/guides.shtml>
and

The Bulkley River is well known for its steelhead and salmon fishing and outdoor activities. There is a resort





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right in town providing accommodation, and other lodges and outfitters can provide options to experience the wilderness. A listing of these

businesses is found through <http://tools.bcweb.net/telkwa/biz.shtml>

HEALTH SERVICES

General Information

Canadians are fortunate to enjoy a universal Medical Services Plan, and receive hospital out-patient services, and in-patient services that include: accommodations; meals; medical and nursing services; and laboratory, radiology and other diagnostic procedures necessary to maintain health, prevent disease, diagnose and/or treat any injury, illness or disability.

Hospitals

Medical Services are readily available in Smithers. The Bulkley Valley District Hospital was renovated in 1975 and is now rated as a 48 bed acute care facility. There are numerous physicians and some specialists in Smithers, supplemented by visiting specialists in various fields. Smithers is well served by dentists and denture clinics, chiropractors, physiotherapists, and massage therapists. Additionally, long term care, home care nursing, community rehab and speech language pathology are available through the Northwest Community Health Services.

BUSINESS RESOURCES

Financial Services

Financial services available in Smithers include 3 major national banks, and a credit union.

Community Futures

www.cfdcnadina.ca
Community Futures Development Corporation of Nadina has been involved in community economic development since 1994. An independent, non-profit organization, they have the mandate to assist the communities in developing strategies to deal with the ever-changing economic environment. Their philosophy of community economic development symbolizes community empowerment.

Through leadership and partnership, the CFDC provides programs and services that inform, instruct, inspire and support emerging and expanding business and community initiatives. They believe in the abilities of the people of the Nadina Region to create a prosperous future that balances economic vitality, cultural vibrancy, and environmental values. The major programs of the CFDC of Nadina are:

[Small Business Assistance](#)

[Employment Services](#)

[Community Economic Development](#)

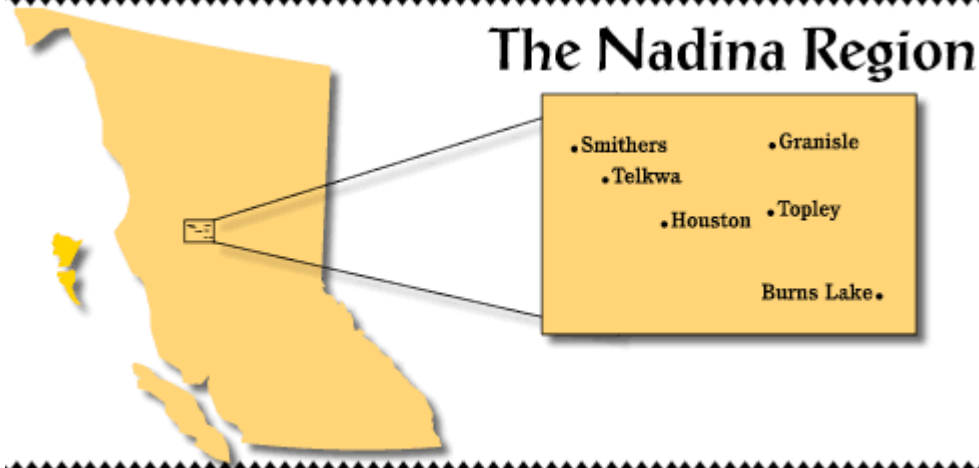
[Environmental related projects and services](#)



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Click below to learn about the communities served by the CFDC of Nadina.



First Nations

The Wet'suwet'en Nation of Northern British Columbia is 5000 strong. The governance and social structure is based on the traditional Hereditary system. Wet'suwet'en families belong to five family groups or clans. Each clan consists of members determined by decent on the mother's side. More information on the Wet'suwet'en can be found at: <http://www.wetsuweten.com>

Business Listings

A comprehensive listing of businesses in Telkwa can be found at the Village of Telkwa Website: <http://www.telkwa.com> with links to businesses at: <http://tools.bcweb.net/telkwa/biz.shtml>

Real Estate

Listings of current residential properties can be found by following www.mls.ca specifically for Telkwa.





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Business Internet E-Links

Below are links to a variety of sites ranging from community/regional to provincial/national.

BC Stats for the Village of Telkwa

<http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/dd/facsheet/CF037.pdf>

Community/Regional Links

The following websites can provide further information on the Village of Telkwa community and the surrounding area.

- ∞ [Village of Telkwa](#)
- ∞ [Bulkley Valley Community Arts Council](#)
- ∞ BC Parks <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks>
- ∞ [K'san](#)
- ∞ [Highway16.com](#)
- ∞ [Adventure Tours](#)
- ∞ [Tourism Smithers](#)
- ∞ [Interior News](#)
- ∞ [Village of Hazelton](#)
- ∞ [BC Hunting & Fishing Outfitters](#)
- ∞ [Getaway BC](#)
- ∞ [BC North](#)
- ∞ [Hello BC](#)
- ∞ [British Columbia](#)

The Regional District Bulkley Nechako can be found at www.rdbn.bc.ca

Provincial/National Links

- ∞ <http://www-2.cs.cmu.edu/Unofficial/Canadiana/> - Canadiana – Canadian Resource Page
- ∞ Link to all Canadian Ministries, Programs and Gov't Websites : [Strategis](#)
- ∞ [Canada - BC Business Service Center](#)
- ∞ [BC Chamber of Commerce](#)
- ∞ [WED - Western Economic Diversification BC Government](#)
- ∞ [Export Development Corporation](#)
- ∞ [Stats Canada](#)
- ∞ [BC Stats](#)
- ∞ [Canada Customs and Revenue Agency Worker's Compensation](#)



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- ∞ [BC Adventures Network](#)
- ∞ http://www.leadershipmanagement.bc.ca/files/relevant_links.html [Human Resources Development Canada](#)
- ∞ [Search BC](#)
- ∞ [Ministry of Employment and Investment](#)
- ∞ [Agricultural and Land Commission](#) <http://www.alc.gov.bc.ca>
- ∞ [Business Development Bank of Canada](#)
- ∞ [Financial Institution Commission](#)
- ∞ [VentureBC](#)
- ∞ [BC Hydro Community Profile](#) <http://www.bchydro.com/community>
- ∞ [BC Ministry of Labour](#)
- ∞ [BC Ministry of Finance](#)
- ∞ [Ministry of Municipal Affairs](#) <http://www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca>
- ∞ [BC Manufacturers Asn](#) : <http://www.made-in-bc.ca/>
- ∞ [Community Futures](#) :
<http://www.communityfutures.ca/provincial/bc/locations/browse.index.shtml>
- ∞ [Crown Publications](#): <http://www.crownpub.bc.ca>
- ∞ [First Nations](#) : <http://www.aboriginalcanada.com/firstnation/dirfnbc.htm>
- ∞ [BC Communities](#) : <http://www.iconvillage.com/BC.html>
- ∞ [BC Economic Development Asn](#) : <http://www.edabc.com/>
- ∞ [Govt of BC Ministries](#) : http://www.gov.bc.ca/bcgov/popt/orgs/default_alpha.htm
- ∞ [Invest in BC](#) : <http://investbc.com>
- ∞ [Ministry of Forests](#) :
http://www.gov.bc.ca/bvprd/bc/channel.do?action=ministry&channelID=-8385&navid=NAV_ID_province
- ∞ [Municipalities in BC](#) : <http://www.civicnet.gov.bc.ca/members/municipalities/index.shtml>

Government Links

MP, Federal Member of Parliament, Nathan Cullen: <http://www.nathancullen.ca>
MLA, Provincial Member of the Legislative Assembly, Dennis Mackay:
<http://www.dennismackaymla.bc.ca>

Tourism Research Links

- ∞ [Agricultural Tourism](#)
- ∞ [Backcountry Recreation Management](#)
- ∞ [BC & Canadian Tourism &](#)
- ∞ [Mountain Tourism](#)
- ∞ [Marine Protected Areas](#)
- ∞ [Olympics Related Research](#)
- ∞ [Parks and Tourism](#)



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- [Recreation Sources](#)
- ∞ [Coastal Fisheries Tourism](#)
- ∞ [Community Tourism Planning](#)
- ∞ [Cultural Heritage Tourism](#)
- ∞ [Destination Positioning](#)
- ∞ [Ecotourism](#)
- ∞ [Energy Resources](#)
- ∞ [Indicators of Sustainable Tourism](#)
- ∞ [Managing Commercial Recreation on Public Land](#)
- ∞ [Seniors Tourism](#)
- ∞ [Sports Fishing](#)
- ∞ [Sustainable Tourism](#)
- ∞ [Tourism Training](#)
- ∞ [Wildlife Viewing Tourism](#)
- ∞ [Wine Tourism](#)
- ∞ [Winter Tourism](#)
- ∞ [Additional Sites](#)

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