

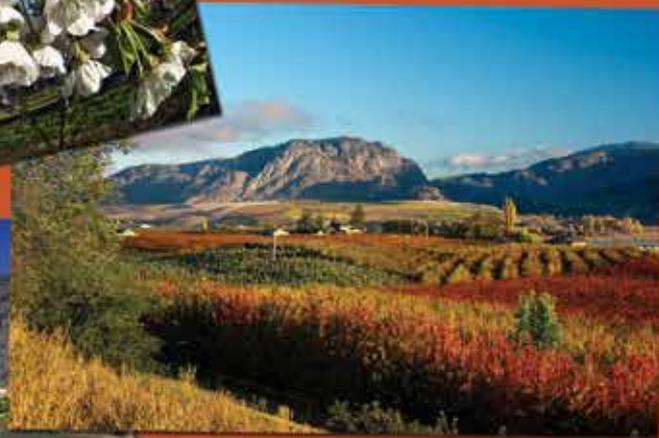
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Welcome to the South Okanagan

An area of exceptional beauty and diverse terrain, the South Okanagan Valley is positioned at the northernmost tip of the upper Sonoran Desert system, which starts in Mexico and extends through North America as the Great Basin.

Canada's only true desert is tucked into the southernmost corner of this beautiful valley, and the extraordinary habitat is home to one of North America's most fragile ecosystems. The Okanagan Valley was created by the retreat of massive glaciers approximately 10,000 years ago which left large deposits of gravel, silt, clay and sand behind on the bottom and sides of the valley floor. A series of lakes connected by a meandering bow river amid terraced and arid, rocky hillsides was the final result of this creative work of nature's forces. The divergent terrain has created unique microclimates and soil types in the various pockets, thus enabling agricultural pursuits such as tree fruits, vineyards, vegetables and cattle production. Immaculate rows of fruit trees and grapevines decorate the terraces and gently rolling hills, and a variety of heat-loving vegetables grow on the fertile valley floor. The small communities in the South Okanagan offer a full spectrum of amenities along with cultural choices and recreation facilities.

The area has an ongoing variety of outdoor recreation such as miles of hiking, bike and horseback riding trails along with rock climbing, boating, parasailing, swimming, fishing hunting, wildlife watching, skiing and golfing. The South Okanagan boasts

several championship golf courses, all with magnificent settings.

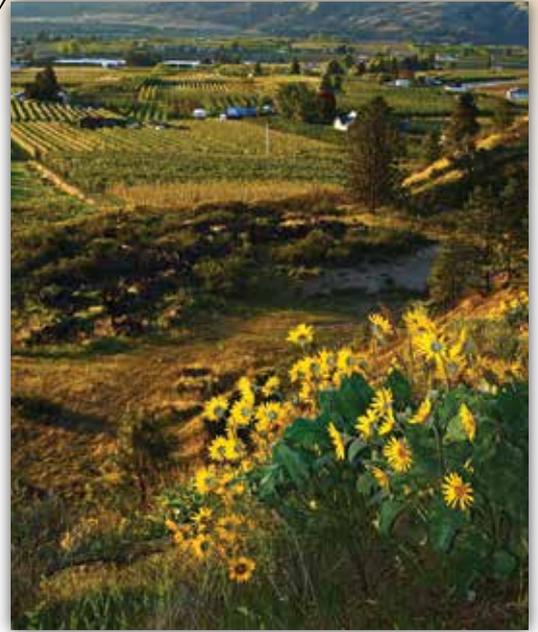
The expanse of shimmering blue water and abundant beaches has helped transform this valley into Canada's summer playground.

The strength of the South Okanagan is built upon the land, climate and its people who have sown the seeds for a strong and diversified economy. The area's agricultural base is varied and represents the roots of the economy. The burgeoning wine industry produces internationally recognized wines from local estate wineries. The South Okanagan boasts the greatest concentration of vineyards in Canada.

Businesses and entrepreneurs find a favourable business climate here. Enthusiastic cooperation and support from community leaders and the business community underline the South Okanagan's community's commitment to growth and economic diversification.

The overall quality of life is enhanced by one of the most attractive climates in all of Canada, with low levels of precipitation, high average temperatures, comfortable humidity levels, short winters and an early spring season.

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If you are considering a lifestyle change....for a day....for a week...for a season...or for a lifetime; Osoyoos in the southernmost portion of the Okanagan Valley is Desert Wine Country's Sweet Spot. It has the charm of a beach town but the sophistication of a larger centre and has been recognized from the beginning of human occupation as an ideal place to build a community... and a future.

Consider Our Location At the junction of two major highways, adjacent to the US border and a scenic 4.5 hour drive from Vancouver, Osoyoos is a vibrant community with an area population of 6,500. On the shores of Lake Osoyoos in the fertile Okanagan Valley, our location defines our lifestyle.

Consider Our Lifestyle Unique desert ecology, choices of alpine, lakeside, rural or town living, spectacular weather, abundant fresh fruit, and vegetables provide the solid framework for building a life and a lifestyle in Desert Wine Country's Sweet Spot. And now a burgeoning wine industry with an international reputation for quality has gained centre stage.

Your new lifestyle is also supported by arts and cultural facilities, that include an art gallery, museum, library and modern 300-seat performing arts centre. You'll also live an active good life with a wide range of recreational facilities including ice skating, curling, equestrian facilities, several world-class golf courses and a ski area. For those who are used to 'multi-tasking', don't forget that you can golf and ski on the same day.... In February!

Consider Our Amenities The best of both worlds is what lies in store for you in Osoyoos. Our charming town provides boutique-style shopping with unique products and personal service. In addition, our service shops such as grocery, pharmacy, jewelry, hardware, video, florists, clothing and furniture carry a wide selection for such a small community, but because we are located close to major centres in both B.C. and Washington State, Osoyoos is just a short drive to 'big box' shopping, too. Excellent healthcare facilities range from a regional 24/7 hospital, medical clinics, dental surgeons and optometrists, home care and day care services. Our learning institutions range from kindergarten to college level. And our community supports life long learning programs throughout the year.

Consider Our Economy Osoyoos is a community with a progressive attitude toward economic development founded on growth and diversification. Our strategic location coupled with business and technology infrastructure all contribute to Osoyoos' long standing reputation for a stable and resilient economy. Advantageously



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located at one of the busiest Canada/US Border crossings and at the junction of two major transportation routes - Highway 97 and the Crownsnest Highway 3, Osoyoos is naturally poised as an economic hub for the South Okanagan region and as a gateway for traffic entering Canada or leaving for the United States.

Five hours from the port of Vancouver, and one or two hours from airports in Penticton and Kelowna, Osoyoos is strategically and internationally connected by land, air and sea.

Osoyoos is home to an active business community, including many independent operators who bring a rich diversity to the local economy. Built upon the wealth of our natural environment and the



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community's location, opportunities exist in many of our traditional industries as well as emerging ones.

These sectors include: value added wood, agriculture products, and food and beverage processing, tourism infrastructure and retail amenities, logistics and warehousing, and advanced manufacturing opportunities such as aerospace and biotechnology. In addition the diversity of the local economy lends itself well to professionals in a variety of fields. Whether it be healthcare services or financial expertise, Osoyoos welcomes a wide variety of skills and qualifications to our labour force.

When combined with our labour pool, infrastructure and low overhead costs, Osoyoos' open door business support policy makes it quick, easy and less expensive to launch a new venture. The total cost of establishing and operating your business in Osoyoos is lower than many comparable communities in Canada or the United States. Investors can expect access to one of the lowest electric utility rates in North America, affordable housing prices, competitive property tax rates, and low labour costs.

Although Osoyoos was founded on agriculture, diversity has been achieved through developments in tourism, technology and retirement living.

Osoyoos is a rapidly developing four-season resort community that continues to see dramatic changes to its tourism base. Several new tourism ventures are at or nearing completion and position the Osoyoos area as a major resort destination in the Southern Interior of British Columbia.



Consider Our Climate Osoyoos lies in the shadow of the Coastal Mountains at an elevation of 909 ft., creating a hot, sunny, dry climate. Canada's lowest annual precipitation and warmest annual temperatures can be found here.

Hours of Sunshine: 2039. Avg. January high, -0.1oC; Avg. July high, 35o C; Avg. Rainfall, 267.9 mm; Avg. Snowfall, 49.6 cm; Elevation, 297.2 m. *Source: Environment Canada*

Consider Our Land Because of our low rainfall and a very sandy soil, desert plants grow in our region. As part of the North Sonoran Desert Eco-system that extends through the U.S. to Mexico, you will find prickly pear cactus, antelope brush and sage on land areas that are not regularly irrigated. Osoyoos is surrounded by hills blanketed in sage and pine forests; our valley sides and fertile bottomlands are home to orchards that produce the earliest fruit in Canada and the greatest wines in the world. And what better way to relax and enjoy the fruits of their labours than by enjoying them on our sandy beaches.

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Please Consider Yourself Welcome With every new visitor and each new resident, our community grows not just in numbers, but in spirit. We hope you will consider the possibilities. We hope you will consider what we can offer to you and what you can offer to us. *Source: Destination Osoyoos & Town of Osoyoos; www.osoyoos.ca or www.destinationosoyoos.com.*



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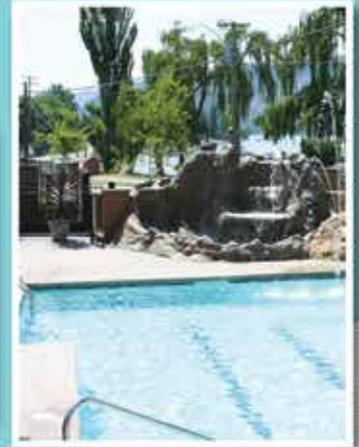


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Industry

Osoyoos' ability to retain and attract new industry is unparalleled when combined with the labour pool, strategic location, infrastructure, and low overhead costs.

Located at the junction of two major transportation routes, and on the US/Canada border, Osoyoos has an edge over many larger communities.

Over the next few years, economic development in Osoyoos will be solely focused on diversifying the current economic offering to establish multifaceted, year-round economy for tourists, entrepreneurs, investors and residents alike.

The main sectors being explored are:

Tourism -The South Okanagan Tourism Area generates about 350,000 visitors and an estimated \$59 million annually in direct visitor expenditures. The area's tourism products include wineries, agri-tourism activities, Aboriginal culture, golf, winter and summer outdoor activities as well as festivals and events.

Osoyoos has been designated a resort community (one of only 14 in Canada) in accordance with the Province's Resort Municipality Revenue Sharing Program. This means the community will have additional resources available to develop tourism infrastructure.

There is significant new investment occurring in Osoyoos that will have implications directly and indirectly for tourism. New wineries, recreational condominiums, hotel expansions and resort developments have created a positive business climate and more opportunities for market and product development for a four-season destination resort.

Osoyoos, Oliver and the Osoyoos Indian Band have collaborated on a tourism strategy to map out destination, product, and marketing initiatives.

Agri-Tourism & Wine - The Agri-Tourism and Wine industries, inclusive of food and beverage processing, are a mainstay of the Osoyoos economy and form a significant component of the community's overall brand identity. The climate and environmental conditions of the area's facilitate a robust and very successful agricultural

base. Most businesses within this sector in the South Okanagan are engaged in the vineyard/winery production, although there are a number of small-scale specialty food processors in the area.

Retail – Osoyoos is home to a strong specialty retail sector. As a resort municipality, Osoyoos experiences a significant influx of visitors, who frequent the local shops for unique products and exceptional customer service. Osoyoos has a growing population base and a high level of spending as measured on a per capita basis. As a result there is a strong local and regional market for retailers and the tourism industry provides a complimentary base to augment sales potential.

Value Added Wood – Typically the value added wood industry includes, but is not limited to, manufactured products, pre-fabricated housing, millwork, furniture, cabinetry, and pallets. The value added wood sector in Osoyoos is an emergent industry and the area has some competitive strengths that will appeal to the further development of the industry in Osoyoos

Logistics and Warehousing – Logistics and warehousing is becoming a key process innovation enabler across all business sectors and a strategic competitive advantage tool. Logistics activities are done in-house by users; including all manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers, and by specialized logistics firms. Osoyoos' strategic location lends itself well to attracting businesses that wish to locate in an area where distribution infrastructure will provide a competitive advantage.

Aerospace – The Okanagan Valley is home to a growing, innovative, and diversified aerospace industry, serving aviation and defensive markets around the world. Osoyoos has partnered with communities across the Okanagan Valley to actively pursue growth opportunities in this innovative and dynamic industry sector. Recent development activity at the Osoyoos airport means that the Osoyoos area is now strategically positioned like never before to further develop aviation manufacturing and service related business activity.

Source: Town of Osoyoos. www.osoyoos.ca/content/industry-strengths

Industry (Statistics Canada 2011)

Total labour force pop. aged 15 years & over by occupation ...1,775

All industries.....1,765

Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting165

Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction30

Utilities.....0

Construction100

Manufacturing90

Wholesale trade20

Retail trade195

Transportation and warehousing55

Information and cultural industries35

Finance and insurance60

Real estate and rental and leasing40

Professional, scientific and technical services55

Management of companies and enterprises20

Admin & support, waste managment & remediation services95

Educational services75

Health care and social assistance180

Arts, entertainment and recreation95

Accommodations and food services175

Other services (except public administration)55

Public administration190

Source: Labour market Outlook – Central Okanagan Economic Commission

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Occupation (Statistics Canada 2011)

Total labour force pop. aged 15 years & over by occupation....1,775

All occupations1,765

Management occupations.....255

Business, finance & administration occupations230

Natural and applied sciences & related occupations.....50

Health occupations105

Occupations in education, law/social, community & government services.....215

Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport55

Sales and service occupations465

Trades, transport and equip. operators & related occupations ...235

Natural resources, agric. & related production occupations115

Occupations in manufacturing and utilities35

Labour Force

Okanagan Similkameen % of workforce in years:

15-24.....8%; 25-34.....17.4%; 35-44.....24.6%; 45-54.....28.5%

55-64.....19.1%; over 65.....2.1%

Employers in the Okanagan Similkameen are projecting a high aggressive growth rate of 22% (employment demand) between the years 2014 & 2020

Unemployment Rate - Osoyoos:7.4%, Okanagan Similkameen: 9.1%

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Agriculture

Early agricultural production in the Okanagan-Similkameen region was focused primarily on cattle ranching, as the local environment was well suited to cattle grazing and provided beef to expanding communities. The development of the commercial orchard industry began when land speculators purchased parcels of ranch land and began subdividing them into 'orchard plots,' the introduction of irrigation in the 1920's turned this semi-arid desert-scape into a premier fruit growing area. The Osoyoos area with its mild climate has been able to promote the earliest fruit in Canada, such as apples, pears, plums, sweet and sour cherries, peaches, apricots and grapes.

Apples, grapes and 96% of BC's soft fruits are grown in the south-central Okanagan

From 1986 to 2006 apple production remained the most dominant fruit crop in the Okanagan-Similkameen in terms of area under production. There has however been a general shift away from many types of tree fruits in recent years, largely due to challenges with profitability. The early 1980's to 2006 saw a decrease of 4,500 hectares in tree fruit production. Sweet cherry production however increased substantially during this period.

As tree fruit production has been shrinking, acreage has been shifting into wine grapes.

Land in grape production increased significantly with about twice the amount of land in production in 2006 compared to 1986. The Okanagan-Similkameen accounted for 54% of all land in grape production in BC and over 14% of the total in Canada.

About 3% of the population in the Okanagan Similkameen is involved in agricultural production.



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There is a viable organic industry in the region with approximately 100 acres of fruit being grown. Organic fruit is sold through independent sales agencies and primarily packed by the cooperative packinghouses. The Okanagan as a whole contributes significantly to the organic production in the province across a range of crops including fruits, vegetables and greenhouse products. The Okanagan-Similkameen contains approximately 25% of the province's organic farms.

Many roadside outlets in the region supply the local and tourist trade with fresh direct to the customer sales of fruit and vegetables and many of the packinghouses have stores with seasonal fruit for sale. There is a small but growing agri-tourism industry with farm tours, markets and restaurants for the summer tourist market.

Although orchards and vineyards are a major feature of the landscape in the Okanagan Similkameen, vegetables, field crops greenhouse production and livestock farming complete the Agricultural Overview of the area.

Source: BC Agriculture & Food Climate Action Initiative, BC Ministry of Agriculture; RDOS March 2012



Following are the statistics from 'Census of Agriculture Data' (Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen)

Census of Agriculture Data

Total Farmland Area	ha	84,058
Number of Farms	#	1,506
Average Farm Size	ha	56.0

Farmland Use

Crops	ha	11,899
Summerfallow	ha	41
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	4,169
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	61,065
All Other Land	ha	6,884
Total		84,058

Crop Area

Hay Crops	ha	5,793
Field Crops	ha	124
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	5,511
Vegetables	ha	259
Nursery Products	ha	63
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	0
Greenhouse Flower Production	m ²	16,615
Greenhouse Vegetable Production	m ² (2006)	24,067

Animals on FarmsFarms Number

Hens & Chickens	137	7,316
Turkeys	12	x
Total Other Poultry	24	x
Cattle & Calves	144	16,117
<i>Dairy Cows</i>	5	53
<i>Beef Cows</i>	97	6,516
Pigs	9	102
Sheep & Lambs	32	1,228
Horses & Ponies	243	1,568
Goats	19	181
Llamas & Alpacas	32	178
Rabbits	12	80
Colonies of Bees for Honey	32	1,028

Source: Statistics Canada. Census of Agriculture, Prepared by Ministry of Agriculture, Statistics and Research. January 2013.

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The Town of Osoyoos was incorporated in 1946. By highway the town is 46 km southeast of Keremeos, 52 km south of Penticton and 51 km west of Midway. Rural Osoyoos is in the Okanagan-Similkameen Regional District. Electoral 'A', 101 Martin St. Penticton, B.C. V2A 5J9. Tel: (250) 492-0237. Osoyoos Population - 5,085

Municipal Government

The Town of Osoyoos is a municipality with a Mayor, four councillors and two water councillors elected for four year terms. The supervision of all Town functions is the responsibility of the Chief Administrative Officer. Next election date - November 2018
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Fire Department

The Town of Osoyoos and Osoyoos Rural Fire Protection District is served by a volunteer "on call" fire department of 30 trained members. A full range of fire protection services is provided by the Department.

The Firehall is located at 74th Avenue & Highway 97. Incidents are dispatched through a regional 911 system. For non-emergencies call the Town Hall at (250) 495-6515.

Ambulance and Police

Osoyoos is served by the British Columbia Ambulance Service, located at 14 Eagle Court. The ambulance service provides 24 hour coverage. In case of an emergency, dial 911. For non-emergencies call (250) 495-2147. The RCMP are located in Osoyoos, at 16 Eagle Court. For information on Crime Prevention programs, contact the RCMP.

Transportation

Bus & Motor Freight: Greyhound Bus Lines of Canada offers daily passenger service to most cities and towns in BC and Alberta with connections to all points in North America. Canada post, various couriers also service the area.

South Okanagan Transit: South Okanagan Transit provides door-to-door return service to Kelowna, Summerland, Penticton, Okanagan Falls, Oliver and Osoyoos for Senior Residents with disabilities.

BC Transit is now offering bus service for the general public from Osoyoos to Oliver Hospital, Penticton Cherry Lane, Kelowna Airport, and Kelowna Orchard Park. BCTransit.com

Air Services: General Aviation Airports include Osoyoos Airport and Oliver Municipal airport. Penticton Regional Airport is a short 45 min. drive north to Penticton. WestJet and Air Canada offer daily flights to Vancouver and Calgary.

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Osoyoos Times..... Weekly.....250-494-7225
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Penticton Herald..... Daily.....250-492-4002
S.OK Review..... Weekly
Desert Connection... Bi-monthly...250-495-7225
Osoyoos Daily News Online..... www.osoyoosdailynews.com

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Top Employers - Osoyoos

Top 10 Employers - Full Time.....	FT.....	PT	Total
1. Mariposa	63	62	125
2. School District #53	61	1	62
3. Town of Osoyoos	34	13	47
4. Watermark	19	81	100
5. Osoyoos Credit Union.....	19	6	25
6. Osoyoos Home Hardware	19	5	24
7. Buy-Low	18	49	67
8. Smitty's	14	26	40
9. Shoppers.....	13	16	29
10. Pharmasave	12	9	21
11. Family Foods.....	11	23	34
12. Okanagan Tree Fruit Cooperative.....	10	42	52
13. SIR	9	6	15
14. Walnut Beach Resort.....	7	58	65
15. Osoyoos Golf Club	6	54	60
16. McDonald's.....	6	18	24

Top 10 Employers - Seasonal	FT.....	PT	Total
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12. South Okanagan Concrete Product	2	11	13
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15. SIR	9	6	15
16. Osoyoos Home Hardware	19	5	24
17. School District #53	61	1	62

Source: Town of Osoyoos 2016

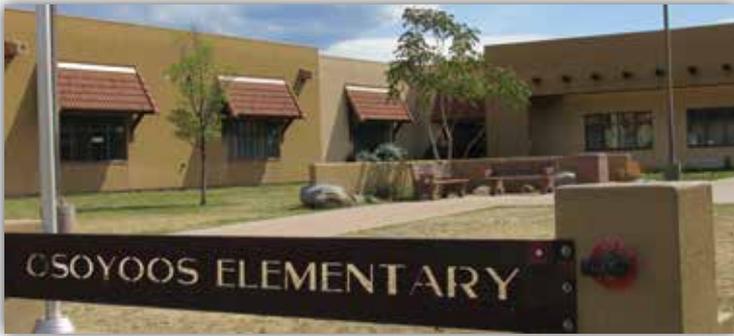
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Education

School District# 53 operates Osoyoos, Oliver, OK Falls, Keremeos Cawston and Hedley schools within their coverage area, and serves (approx) 2500 students.

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Osoyoos Elementary: 8507-68th Ave. (250) 495-7248; www.sd53.bc.ca/OSE; www.osoyooselementary.ca. Osoyoos Elementary (K-7) provides a strong blend of academic, athletic and cultural programming to enhance the learning of all its students. The school offers student internet access through the library resource room and computer laboratory. Highlights include a community winter recreation program; environmental studies programming, Effective Behavior Support, and DARE.



Osoyoos Secondary: 5800 -115th St. (250) 485-4433; www.osoyoossecondary.ca. OSS is a rural Gr.8-12 school with a three building campus overlooking Osoyoos Lake. The staff takes pride in being able to offer the students quality academics while remaining a close-knit school community. The school also offers a wide range of elective options including automotives, woodwork and metal shop. Over half of the students are involved in athletics and all of the students have the opportunity to be involved in fine arts including drama and band as well as leadership, student parliament, global awareness and yearbook. The OSS Rattlers are the pride of the community. Osoyoos Secondary has a dedicated team of 17 teaching staff, 2 administrators, 1 clerical support staff, 5 education assistants, 2 custodians, and 2 counselors partnership with parent and community members to provide a quality, well rounded education to the (approx), 315 students. Osoyoos Secondary School has a high graduation rate, many with honours.

The Osoyoos Child Care Centre functions as a nursery school for preschoolers and a daycare centre. Located on 89th Street beside the Elementary School, the OCCC offers 3 programs to meet the needs of childcare and early education in the community.

The Good Shepherd Christian School employs two fulltime teachers, one full-time aide and a principal. Presently they have 36 pupils from kindergarten to Grade 7. www.osoyooschildcare.com; (250) 495-3549.

Okanagan Similkameen Learning Centre offers a full range of high school courses including numerous certificate programs in computers using the latest technology and software. Learning centres are located throughout the South Okanagan within School District 53. www.youlearn.ca

Okanagan College

Okanagan College-Penticton Campus and the education centres in Summerland and Oliver have established a leading reputation for providing quality education and training for the wine and hospitality industries.

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If oenology (wine making) and viticulture (grape growing) are to your taste you can begin your studies here and transfer directly to Brock University to obtain a degree, or take any of the three certificate programs as well as a number of specialized courses that serve the needs of the vineyard, winery and hospitality related businesses.

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Health Services

The South Okanagan General Hospital in Oliver, B.C. (20 min.) services the Osoyoos area. Acute care beds, intermediate care beds, bassinets, outpatient, surgery, emergency, x-ray, pediatrics lab, and physiotherapy services are all available (see page 18). The Osoyoos Medical Health Centre, the Desert Doctors Clinic, two community care facilities, four dental offices, two eye clinics and the Provincial Health Unit also provide the community's health needs. There are 14 physicians and 6 dentists in Osoyoos. Interior Health Authority: www.interiorhealth.ca

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Housing

Choosing to relocate to Osoyoos was simple, but choosing a home to buy is a little more challenging. The area has so much to offer, from a condo, an apartment or a bungalow in the district close to all amenities or a home on the upper benches with views of the city and lake. Perhaps your dream is a luxurious lakeshore home or one close to the golf course. Several new developments in the Osoyoos area are in the planning stages or nearing completion; whatever you choose you will get your share of all the sunshine and excitement that life offers in Osoyoos.



Residential Sales 2016 - Osoyoos Area

Property Type	Sales & Volume	# of Sales	# New Listings	Avg Sale Price	Days to Sell
Residential:					
Bare Land Strata	\$3,610,500	12	12	\$300,875	150
Duplex	\$717,500	3	7	\$239,167	113
Mobile w/ land	\$321,000	4	5	\$80,250	113
Rec/Res	\$1,441,700	14	55	\$102,979	190
Single Family	\$70,904,016	146	235	\$485,644	118
Condo (apt)	\$15,378,000	77	128	\$199,714	159
Condo (tw-n-hse)	\$12,084,200	38	58	\$318,005	112
Farms:					
Acreage	\$5,998,500	11	30	\$545,318	245
Acr (wtrfrnt)	\$4,963,300	32	84	\$155,103	223
Lots	\$550,000	1	4	\$550,000	87
Lots (wtrfrnt)	\$3,327,500	26	57	\$127,981	227
Lots (wtrfrnt)	\$5,545,000	11	7	\$504,091	315

**2016 Taxes and Charges
on a representative
house in Osoyoos**

Value: \$334,996

Taxes: \$1,871.02

Source: Town of Osoyoos

Source: South Okanagan Real
Estate Board, South Okanagan
Real Estate Sales 2016

Household total income in 2011 of private hshlds - Osoyoos 2260

Median household total income (\$)	49,560
Average household total income (\$)	59,822
One-person private households	690
Median household total income (\$)	30,547
Average household total income (\$)	35,852
Two-or-more-persons private households	1,570
Median household total income (\$)	62,017
Average household total income (\$)	70,365

Source: Statistics Canada 2011 - New Census Update - 2017

Household total income of private households - Osoyoos

\$0 - \$14,999	130
\$15,000 - \$29,999	390
\$30,000 - \$49,999	635
\$50,000 - \$79,000	560
\$80,000 - \$100,000	195
\$100,000 - \$124,999	120
\$125,000 - \$149,000	145
\$150,000 and over	80

Source: Statistics Canada 2011
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Recreational Facilities & Opportunities

Sun Bowl Arena The Sun Bowl Arena is a full service facility with an 85 ft. by 200 ft. NHL regulation size ice sheet, four dressing rooms, officials room, and full service concession. The arena seats approx. 850 people. It is home to the Osoyoos Coyote Hockey Team, the Sun Bowl Figure Skating Club, South Okanagan Minor Hockey, skating and other special events. The International Curling Club has an excellent four sheet ice curling arena next to the Sun Bowl Arena with a mezzanine connecting the two buildings. (250) 495-6562

Desert Park The local Slo-pitch and soccer teams utilize this facility throughout the summer. The facility also hosts Pari-Mutual Horse Racing, Thanksgiving Barrelorama, round horse training facilities and stables for up to 100 horses are also on the site.

The Sonora Community Centre The facility currently contains a large multi-purpose gymnasium with stage, a full service weight room, craft room, bleacher seating, and change rooms. The gymnasium can accommodate 335 people for a wine and cheese-style reception, 320 seats for a theatre-style event and 340 for a banquet. In addition to those numbers, 70 additional people can sit in the bleacher section. The centre also contains a multi-purpose room, a small health bar style concession, and a commercial kitchen as well as The Town of Osoyoos Recreation Department offices. Recent additions include a library and a dance studio. Open Mon - Fri 8:30am-9pm. (250) 495-6562. 8505 - 68th Avenue.

West Bench Complex A recreation complex located beside Osoyoos Secondary School. It features a ball diamond, one basketball court, three hard court tennis courts and an off-leash dog park. (250) 495-6562.

Baseball Softball, t-ball, and regular baseball are played during the baseball season that begins the last week of April and finishes up the first week of June. Contact (250) 495-7919

Bowling Kobau Lanes offers bowling for the whole family. Contact (250) 495-6112

Curling The International Curling Club offers many different leagues, from Juniors, to Men's and Ladies Night, to Mixed leagues during winter. The Mid-Summer Mixed Classic is held in late August. (9301 A Hummingbird Lane) (250) 495-7733.

Ice Skating Ice skating at the Sunbowl includes several programs such as Figure Skating - (Sunbowl Figure Skating Club); Young-blades - For the beginner; Hockeyskate - For the young hockey player; Canskate - Basic learn-to-skate program; Groupskate - For those interested in the Test Program but in a group setting; CFSA Test Program - A program for competition skating. (250) 495-2423. Public ice-skating is also available.

Lawn Bowling The Osoyoos Lawn Bowling Club welcomes guests to their facility. Monday and Friday at 6:30 pm. (250) 495-3229

Soccer South Okanagan Soccer League is a men's league that starts in May and ends with a tournament during August long weekend. (250) 495-7174 South Okanagan Youth Soccer Association. www.soysa.net

Tennis Three large courts are available at Osoyoos Secondary School. 5800-115th St.

Splash Park Located at Jack Shaw Gardens. 89th Street and King Fisher. Open 10am - 8pm, May - September.



Dog Friendly Parks

Dogs are welcome year round in most Osoyoos Parks provided they're under control and on a leash. Osoyoos offers four swimming areas along with one off-leash Dog Park.

Off-Leash Dog Park - Located at the West Bench Complex next to Osoyoos Secondary School, the off-leash dog park is a fully enclosed former ball diamond where dogs of all sizes can enjoy running free of a leash. The Off-Leash Dog Park is connected to the Irrigation Canal Trail. Parking is available on-site.

Goodman Park Dog Swimming Area - The Goodman Park dog swimming area is located along Lakeshore Drive at Bayview Crescent and Lake Osoyoos. Benches, picnic tables, and full-service washrooms are located on site. This is the perfect place to stop for a swim when taking your dog for a walk along Lakeshore Walkway!

Gyro Park Dog Swimming Area - Tucked behind the Osoyoos Museum, you and your dog will love this secluded swimming area in Gyro Park. Please note that dogs are not permitted anywhere else (with the exception of the walkway) in Gyro Park from June through August. Parking and washrooms are available on-site.



Legion Beach Dog Swimming Area - Leach beach located on Kingfisher Drive offers a nice sandy beach and is centrally located to the down town area. A designated area is provided on the east side of the beach for your dog to cool off.

Lions Park Dog Swimming Area - The north end of Lions Park features a dog swimming area. Enjoy some shade as your dog enjoys a swim. Parking and washrooms are available on-site. Please contain your dog to the north end of the park June through August.

Swiws Provincial Park (Haynes Point) - Haynes Point Provincial Park features a dog swimming area east of the day-use area. Parking and washrooms are available.

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Osoyoos Community Profile

Cultural Facilities

The Osoyoos Community Theatre, located at the Osoyoos Secondary School, seats 286 people. The theatre's location allows the school's drama club full access providing students with professional facilities. The theatre is also used by the Class Acts Concert Series which contracts with national and international performers.
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The Osoyoos Museum is open daily from the end of June until mid September. It features a historic building furnished as a Pioneer's cabin with a distiller. Pictures detailing the local history, mining, mineral displays, and a large collection of Indian artifacts make the Osoyoos Museum one of the best small town museums in B.C.

The Osoyoos District Arts Council has served the community for about 30 years and successfully promotes the artists, musicians and writers of the South Okanagan under its umbrella.

The Arts Council works to increase and broaden the opportunities for the Osoyoos and area residents to enjoy and participate in cultural activities. The Arts Council also co-ordinates the work and programs of artists and cultural associations by maintaining the Arts Centre.

The Osoyoos Art Gallery and the Osoyoos Concert Series function as committees of the Art Council. Groups under the Arts Council umbrella include The Osoyoos Art Gallery, The Osoyoos Potters, O's Own Writers, the Osoyoos Photography Club, the Osoyoos Wood Carvers, The Osoyoos Quilters Guild, Osoyoos Concert Series, the South Okanagan Amateur Players, the South Okanagan Concert Series, and Janet Marcotte Music Studio.



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The Arts Council organizes events to celebrate BC Arts & Culture week during the third week of April every spring.

The Osoyoos Art Gallery is home to a variety of local art exhibits and is open year round, located at 89th and Main Street.

Please call or visit the Arts Council website for more information and a schedule of upcoming events. www.osoyoosarts.com

Source: Osoyoos District & Arts Council

The Okanagan Regional Library, Osoyoos branch, provides library service to Osoyoos and area. A state of the art computer network connects all 32 branches of the regional library. Located at the Sonora Community Centre. 8505 - 68th Ave. (250) 495-7637

The Osoyoos Seniors Centre has a full calendar of activities and events including line dancing, various card games, carpet bowling, ping pong, bingo, exercise classes, wellness seminars, computer classes, concerts and dances. The main lounge has a lending library, a main hall with stage and kitchen, a pool room and an office. Snowbirds are welcome! 17 Park Place, Osoyoos. (250) 495-6921



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Local Attractions

Parks and Beaches are abundant in Osoyoos area. Many feature playground equipment, playing fields, public washrooms, picnic tables and of course, sandy beaches and a newly built waterfront marina.

Osoyoos Lake provides a focal point for recreational activities and enjoyment year round: water skiing, windsurfing, swimming, sailing, boating, fishing and para-sailing just to name a few.

Beaches and picnic grounds include Gyro Beach, Lions Centennial Park, Kinsmen Park, Legion Beach, and Haynes Point picnic ground and campsite.



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Walking Trails around Osoyoos

Pioneer Walkway skirts Osoyoos Lake along Main Street's motel strip. It is an easy stroll and fully accessible with parking nearby. Lovely gardens, picnic tables and benches add enjoyment to the outing. Be sure to spend some time at Veterans Park where you'll find an amazing desertscape garden.

There is also a 1.3 km hard surface walking trail that connects Gyro Beach with Lions Park along the lakeshore.

Cottonwood Park is along the beach on the way to NK'MIP Desert Centre. Beautiful gardens change with the seasons. This is a short stroll with benches, picnic tables and public washrooms.

Running parallel to Main Street as well is Lakeshore Drive Pathway. This is a 2.4 km walk or bike route for those visiting Osoyoos and staying in the RV campgrounds or motels along Lakeshore Drive.

Haynes Point Wetlands Trail within the Provincial Park is an easy 1.5 km gravel trail designed for bird watchers and other nature lovers.

The NK'MIP Desert Cultural Centre provides self guided interpretive gravel trails that wind through 20 ha/50ac of an endangered antelope brush ecosystem. The centre is conducting research on the endangered western rattlesnake, which may be encountered along the trail. Visitors can relax on benches or under armadas and enjoy the spectacular views of Osoyoos Lake.

The Osoyoos Desert Centre just north of Osoyoos offers both guided and self guided tours. Here you will learn how plants and animals adapt and even thrive in the arid desert like conditions. The trail is a 1.5 km boardwalk that protects delicate plants.

Downtown Osoyoos

Picturesque, charming and lively aptly describes downtown Osoyoos. Reminiscent of a Mediterranean village are the shops and buildings lining the streets of downtown. Here you'll find unique and stylish boutiques offering one of a kind clothing, shoes and accessories, innovative gift shops, florists, health food and financial products and services.

Experience culinary creations at local cafés, bistros, fine dining establishments, brew pubs and wine bars. Feast on international cuisine ranging from Japanese, Chinese and Mexican to Portuguese, Greek, Italian and French, Indian and the increasingly popular local Native American Cuisine.

Peer into Osoyoos' past at the new museum facility and learn of Osoyoos early days and how the fruit and wine industry developed in the area.

Tour the Public Art Gallery, private studios and retail shops showcasing the area's large and talented artisan community.

Downtown comes alive during summer with the festivals, street dances, live music, and the Farmers Market.

Spirited and diverse, the downtown community values all their location has to offer- the amenities, natural setting, and close proximity to the gem of the South Okanagan-Osoyoos Lake.

An abundance of natural areas surround the town. Take a leisurely stroll uptown or along the beach pathways and enjoy the downtown parks and extraordinary waterfront that is synonymous with Osoyoos.





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Osoyoos Celebrations & Cultural Events



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Celebrations & Events

January: Peoples Choice Awards - Osoyoos Art Gallery
Concert Series - (Jan. - March)
Desert Sun Grand Night Gala
Coyotes Junior B Hockey - Until April

April: Easter Extravaganza/Parade - Osoyoos
Arts & Culture Celebrations
Osoyoos Oyster Festival - Osoyoos Restaurants & Bars

May: Okanagan Spring Wine Festival - Okanagan Valley
Pig Out - Oliver at Covert Farms (wine & food)
Meadowlark Festival
Market on Main (May-Sept)
Half Corked Marathon - Oliver (wine & cuisine)
Tinhorn Creek Concert Series (May - Sept) (music & wine)

June: Cactus Jalopies Show & Shine - Gyro Park
Relay for Life
Horse Racing at Desert Park
National Aboriginal Day Celebrations
Market on Main
Oliver Half Ironman Triathlon

July: Annual Cherry Fiesta Parade / July 1
Canada Day Fireworks / July 1
Desert Live Music Festival - Gyro Beach & other Osoyoos areas
Art in the Garden - Local arts/garden settings
Market on Main
Osoyoos Street Dances - (July-August)

August: Mt. Kobau Star Party
Romancing the Desert - Wine & Food at Desert Centre
Blue Grass Country Festival - Desert Park
Horse Racing at Desert Park
Market on Main

September: Wine Country Drag Racing
Sailing Regatta - Osoyoos Lake
Lobster on the Beach
Coyotes Junior B Hockey (Sept-April)
Market on Main
Freakin Farmer Obstacle Race - Oliver
Skaha Kennel Dog Show

October - Freak N' Farmer - Oliver - Wine & Organic Food
Covert Farms
Cask & Key Festival - Oliver

Okanagan Fall Wine Festival - Events/Wine throughout the Okanagan
Festival of the Grape - Oliver's Grape Harvest
Halloween Howl - Sonora Centre

November & December - Winter in Wine Country -
Wine tasting by Oliver/Osoyoos Winery Association
Rose Revolution
Festival Treasures at Art Gallery
Baldy Mountain Choir Festival
Concert Series (Oct - March)
Festival of Trees - Spirit Ridge Resort
Christmas Parade & Lite-up
Christmas Craft Fairs

Osoyoos Market on Main

Held at the Town Hall Square May thru September on Saturdays.
Old fashioned market where locals sell fresh produce and hand-made crafts and baked goods.

For more information about these and other events contact Destination Osoyoos Tourism.

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Local Attractions

Swiws Provincial Park In 2015 Haynes Point Provincial Park was renamed to reflect the traditional Okanagan Place name for the area.

Swiws means a place where it is shallow or narrow in the middle of the lake. The park is proudly managed by the Osoyoos Indian Band and is located south of Osoyoos. It is surrounded by warm water and sandy beaches and also features a natural sandbar, known as 'the spit' which extends out from the park almost to the other side of Osoyoos Lake. The water is reported to be the warmest in Canada, making it excellent for swimming. Lakeside campsites and privacy make this a popular camping area; reservations are necessary during the summer months. The marsh area and self-guided interpretive trail are important features of the park. The park also has a natural amphitheatre, a perfect setting for nature's programs.

Spotted Lake is located along Hwy 3 in the South Okanagan Grasslands Protected Area, a geographical region that is unique to Canada. The lake is sacred to the Okanagan First Nations People and is known as Klikuk meaning 'sacred medicine lake.' The peculiar blue, green and yellow spots on the surface of the lake are formed from high concentrations of minerals and salt as the water level evaporates and drops. There is no access to the lake but one can learn more at the NK'MIP Desert Cultural Center.



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Orchards and Wineries

Commercial fruit growing started in this area in the early 1900's, and today the South Okanagan is the fruit basket of Canada. The dry, sunny climate and long growing season makes it ideal for such soft fruits as cherries, plums, apricots, peaches and grapes. Osoyoos has the earliest fruit season in the Okanagan Valley. Award winning wines are produced from locally grown grapes in nearby vineyards. There are over 30 commercial estate and farm wineries with more being added annually.

Fruit Ripening Times

Apricots: July 15 - Aug 15
Cherries: June 25 - July 30
Peaches: July 15 - Aug 15

Pears: July 15 - Oct. 15
Plums: Aug. 15 - Sept. 20
Apples: July 15 - Oct. 30
Grapes: Sept. 5 - Oct. 30



View from Anarchist Mountain Lookout

Anarchist Mountain Lookout Located east of Osoyoos is a spectacular panoramic viewpoint. The winding road ascends from 910 feet to 4,045 feet, where its possible to view the whole town of Osoyoos, the southern part of the valley and the entire portion of Osoyoos Lake as well as part of Washington State.

Mt Kobau One of the tallest peaks in this area offers a bird's eye view of the lake as well as the Similkameen and Okanagan Valleys. It is also a popular spot for stargazing and hiking.

Rattlesnake Canyon A family entertainment park featuring a miniature golf course, bumper boats and a snack bar. It is also located along the beach/hotel/restaurant strip.

Osoyoos Desert Model Railroad

This impressive 4,000 square ft. HO gauge train set is one of the most popular attractions for visitors to Osoyoos. Billed as the biggest little European railroad in Canada, the family-run model started decades ago as a hobby and has grown into a sprawling miniature world.



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Area Attractions

NK'MIP Desert Cultural Centre

The NK'MIP Desert Cultural Centre celebrates the precious cultural heritage of the Osoyoos Indian Band and explores their desert landscapes. The site encompasses 50 acres of sage grasslands and ponderosa pine forest.

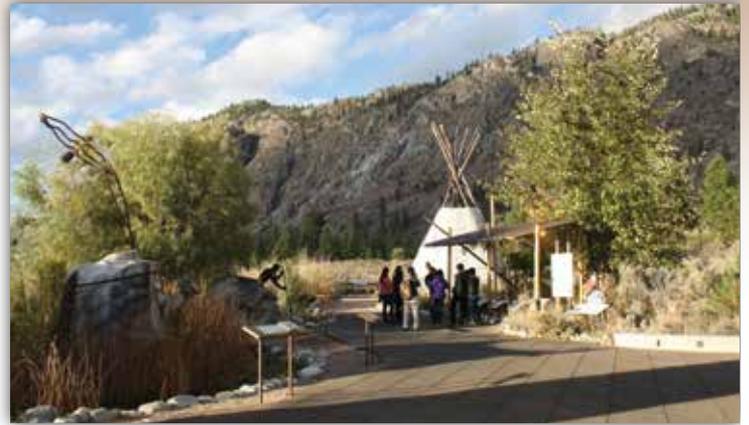
In the interpretive centre, exhibits, stories and interactive displays introduce the visitor to the history of the Okanagan People and the Osoyoos Indian Band.



Many rare snakes, reptiles, amphibians and insects inhabit the Okanagan Valley and will be on display in special habitat exhibits throughout the summer.

Self guided interpretive trails allow the visitor to explore the area at their own pace. Features include a village area with a reconstructed pit-house, a tule made teepee and a sweathouse built from traditional materials.

The landscape provides unique plants native to this desert area such as the Mariposa lily and Scarlet Gilia. Interpretive plant signs give the native names and traditional uses of plants and animals found on the trail system. www.nkmipdesert.com



Osoyoos Desert Centre

NK'MIP Desert Cultural Centre

In the southernmost corner of the Okanagan Valley lies Canada's only true desert. This extraordinary habitat is home to North America's most fragile and endangered ecosystems. Located on a sandy bench north of Osoyoos, the Desert Centre is an interpretive education and research facility offering insight into this sensitive ecosystem.

Interpretive kiosks, a native plant garden and spadefoot toad pond are featured at the Desert Centre, along with over one and one half kilometers of boardwalk. Bluebird boxes and their residents can be viewed from the shaded deck. The Desert Centre is BC's first public venue on the Transcontinental Bluebird Trail.

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Hiking & Cycling Trails in the South Okanagan



The South Okanagan area offers a number of developed hiking & biking trails that allows one to explore unique habitat, visit historic sites, photograph & watch wildlife and a variety of birds, take in breath-taking scenery and enjoy the exhilarating outdoors.

The International Bicycling and Hiking Trail is enjoyed by persons from all over the world. Stretching from McAlpine Bridge just north of Oliver to the head of Osoyoos Lake, the trail follows

the scenic Okanagan River and is 20 Kms long. There are paved sections making the trail wheelchair accessible.

The Golden Mile Hiking Trail is an unimproved 6.5 Km gravel trail which winds along the foothills of the west side. The trail connects several wineries and historic sites and offers views of Mt. Baldy & the Valley.

The Irrigation Canal Walkway is a 5 Km trail that meanders along an abandoned section of the old irrigation canal near Osoyoos. **The Old Kettle Valley Railway Trail** near Okanagan Falls follows the western shores of Skaha Lake to Penticton. Shorter but scenic walks include **Haynes Point Wetlands Boardwalk**, 1.5 Km trail. **The Pioneer Walkway** provides a paved walk along Osoyoos Lake. **Vaseux Lake Boardwalk** trail provides access to a habitat nationally known for its excellent bird watching.

Regional Cycling Map

The Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen in cooperation with its member municipalities have developed a Regional Trails Master plan. The ultimate goal is to have recreational trails linking all of the communities in the region together.

A Regional Cycling Map is now available and includes information on over 150 existing trails. For more information visit www.clickhikebike.com

Osoyoos Indian Band

The NK'MIP and their Heritage

The Osoyoos Indian Band, NK'MIP (the name by which the band refers to itself in the native Okanagan language) was formed on Nov. 21, 1877, and prior to that these proud native people lived on the desert land stretching into Washington, U.S.A. As part of the Okanagan Nation, these are a strong, independent and proud people with a rich heritage.

Band historian, Virg Baptiste (now deceased), said her people were survivalists and had adapted to the rigours of a climate that was stingy with its rainfall, while being overly generous with its heat.

The name NK'MIP (Inkameep) in the Okanagan dialect of the Interior Salish languages means "gateway or doorway to the bottom of the lake system."

The Inkameep lived off the land, lakes and rivers. They hunted, fished and grew crops and gave thanks to the 'Great Spirit' for the elements, the seasons and the bounty they shared. The Osoyoos Indian Band was a trading nation and had developed substantial trade with bands farther north in the Okanagan Valley and the Colville Band in Washington. One of their sacred spots was an unusual lake noted for its healing powers. Called Kliluk by the Okanagan, this highly mineralized lake is located about eight km west of Osoyoos. The site is still revered by all the Okanagan Bands, but it is now officially called Spotted Lake.

Economy & Industry

The Osoyoos Indian Band has always been progressive. From the early years of ranching, trading and small farms, the people have continued to change with the times.

The 32,000 acres of Osoyoos Band land stretches from Gallagher Lake, north of Oliver, all the way to Hwy. 3 at Osoyoos. The land is mostly east of Hwy. 97 with a small section in the north straddling the highway and a larger portion in the south claiming most of the northeast shoreline of Osoyoos Lake.

Huge vineyards sprawl across these lands encompassing 1,200 acres of prima vinifera grapes. NK'MIP Cellars, Canada's first aboriginal-owned winery is part of the Band's enterprise - NK'MIP Resort, which also includes Sonora Dunes Golf Course, Spirit Ridge Resort and Spa, NK'MIP R.V. Park and Campsite and NK'MIP Desert Cultural Centre. The Band's other enterprises include a construction company, NK'MIP Convenience Store, Canyon Desert Resort-a housing development being constructed adjacent to the band owned NK'MIP Canyon Desert Golf Course, a 350 seat Conference Centre, and Senkulem Business Park, an environmentally sustainable fully serviced business and light industrial park. Tenant anchors include Vincor Wines and the Provincial Government (Okanagan Correctional Centre) at the 135 acre site. www.senkulementerprises.ca

Area 27, a 277 acre site located on OIB Land was leased to the South Okanagan Motor Sports Corporation for the construction (now under way) of a race track which will host 4-5 major motor sports events annually. The project will also include a club house, teaching centre and a karting track.

The Band manages business with budgets in excess of \$20million dollars and administers its own health, social, educational and municipal services.

Vision, sound business practices, and a Chief who works with his Council on economic development are all reasons for the prosperity the Band is enjoying today.

2017 - 2018

The Osoyoos Indian Band is one of the only bands in B.C. with virtually no unemployment and has set the goal of achieving economic self sufficiency within its businesses in the near future.

Approximately 450 Band members live on the Osoyoos Indian Reservation. Improvements and modernization are everywhere. During recent years new home construction on the reserve has been swift with growth matching the rest of the South Okanagan each year.

Education & Culture

Operating successful businesses has allowed for the construction of an elegant new school, just past the Band offices, which offers education from kindergarten to Grade 7 as well as a day-care facility. The school's focus is on educating the whole person, the mind and spirit, including traditional language and culture.

The scholastic goal is to increase the level of education in the academic, athletic, vocational and cultural spheres. It is considered a responsibility shared by the Band, parents and students, to be motivated by lifelong learning. Programs have been developed that reduce dependency and create community involvement which brings back the traditional Indian concepts of honour, caring, sharing and respect.

Chief Clarence Louie believes that there are fewer than a dozen speakers of the Okanagan language remaining within the membership of the Osoyoos Indian Band. Out of a total tribe of 3,000, fewer than 200 speak the language. In all of BC, the Salishan mother tongue is spoken by only 800 people.

Efforts are being made to keep the Okanagan dialect of Interior Salish alive and it is being taught in the Band's Sen Pok Chin School just outside Oliver. Throughout the Band's business and social endeavours, pride of heritage is a commitment made by the Chief and Council to their people.

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Recreation & Attractions

Golfing in the South Okanagan

The South Okanagan boasts spectacular golf courses, and the longest golf season in the interior of British Columbia. The warm and dry climate makes it possible to play from early March to late November. There are five championship courses within the vicinity of Oliver, Osoyoos, and Okanagan Falls; all are members of Desert Links which is a network of premium golf courses.

Osoyoos Golf Club

Osoyoos Golf and Country Club is a 36-Hole golf facility located in the heart of Desert Wine Country, bringing together ideal desert climate and picturesque Okanagan surroundings.

Perched high above the Town of Osoyoos, vistas of mountains, lake, desert, and valley, comprise the two full eighteen hole championship layouts, which offer all golfers a unique golfing experience.

Park Meadows Course is eighteen holes of lush beauty. It is indeed the jewel of the valley with its rolling hills, fairways, and graceful willow trees. Blue Tees-6208 yards.

Desert Gold Course is a breathtaking par 71 course measuring from 4924-6500 yards on four distinct tee decks situated on a desert bench overlooking Osoyoos Lake and the vineyards and orchards of the South Okanagan. The desert course layout offers length, challenge and Okanagan Valley scenery. Gold Tees- 6500 yards.

The Osoyoos Country Club has a fully stocked Golf Shop carrying the latest in golf fashion for men and women as well as the newest golf club technology. The Country Club has three CPGA Golf Professionals and staff who offer custom club fitting and instruction. Individual or group lessons are available.

The facility also offers a 14 stall driving range on which to warm

up before a round as well as a pitching green and a putting green on which to fine tune your skills.

Also included at the Osoyoos Golf and Country Club are 3 dining areas, extensive decks, and patios all overlooking the course and the panorama of orchards and lake below.

For more information and tee times Tel: 1-800 481-6665 or 250-495 3355. 12300 Golf Course Drive, Osoyoos. PO Box 798, Osoyoos BC V0H 1V0. www.golfosoyoos.com



Osoyoos Golf Course

Sonora Dunes Golf Course

A desert-style 9-hole golf course, Sonora Dunes offers golfers of all abilities a one of a kind natural setting. Nestled among the rolling desert hills and lush vineyards of Osoyoos, this par-35, 2,523-yard golf course is surrounded by the breathtaking natural beauty of Canada's only true desert. The friendly atmosphere, affordable rates and non-membership format offer golfers a unique opportunity to enjoy their round to the fullest.

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Sonora Dunes Golf Course

With little precipitation to speak of, Sonora Dunes is accessible almost year round. The clubhouse offers a newly renovated proshop, licensed restaurant and spectacular view of Lake Osoyoos from the covered patio. Sonora Dunes is conveniently located steps away from the award winning NK'MIP Cellars, the NK'MIP Desert Cultural Center and Spirit Ridge Vineyard Resort & Spa. Please visit www.sonoradunes.com to book a tee time or explore the course in detail.

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Recreation & Attractions

Fairview Mountain Golf Club

Fairview Mountain Golf Course is nestled in the hills immediately southwest of Oliver with sweeping views of vineyards, orchards, lakes and the valley. Fairview Mountain is an 18-hole course with distinctively different holes and constant elevation changes and is widely acclaimed as one of the best golf courses in the country, rated # 18 by Score magazine on a list of top courses in Canada. The golf club offers an extensive short game practice facility with putting greens, pitching area, and sand traps. The clubhouse is set on a gentle slope overlooking both the 1st tee and the 18th green and has a fully equipped pro shop, power carts, licensed dining lounge, patios, barbeque area, banquet facilities, locker rooms and shower and offers club rentals, CPGA lessons and clinics, and tournament services. Championship Tees 6574 Yards Par 72. 113105-334th Ave. Oliver, BC (250) 498-6050. www.fairviewmountain.com

St. Andrews by-the-Lake

Located south of Penticton near the Astrophysical Observatory on White Lake Road, this mature mid-length nine-hole golf course will appeal to golfers of all levels. The signature hole is a 165-yard par three requiring a tee shot over water to an island green with its own miniature "Swilken Bridge". Voted the best nine-hole golf course in the South Okanagan for two years running, St. Andrews offers guests a memorable golfing experience, a clubhouse oozing country charm with comfy chairs in front of a stone fireplace, a huge deck with a stunning view over the golf course and great food in a full service restaurant and bar. (250) 497-5648; www.standrewsbythelake.com

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Nk'Mip Canyon Desert Golf Course

Nk'Mip Canyon Desert Golf Course located in the beautiful South Okanagan Valley is regarded as one of the finest desert links golf courses in the area. Owned and operated by the Osoyoos Indian Band, Nk'Mip Canyon is recognized as a championship calibre 18-hole facility and is a destination for provincially sanctioned tournaments. With its natural setting amongst canyons, vineyards, waterways, and natural desert vegetation, Nk'Mip Canyon is one of the most picturesque settings in the valley. Nk'Mip Canyon has placed a premium on customer service with a course that features: Environmentally sensitive areas all marked with green stakes, in order to protect the natural surroundings of plant and wild life; Championship yardage playable from 6,800 to 7,000 yards; Front tees from 5,100 yards to 5,600 yards; Driving Range with 14 stalls and 5 target greens; Practice area beside the driving range; Separate practice area for chipping; Putting greens; Golf Boards available to enhance your golf experience; GPS systems on golf carts; CPGA instructions and clinics; Fully stocked pro shop. Gecko's Grill is a fully licensed restaurant that serves a variety of cuisine as well as stocking many of the area's best wines. Catering to private events and functions as well as tournament packages is also available. Please contact us at our toll free number 1-800-656-5755 or local number 250-498-2880 to book your next tee time or inquire about our membership packages. Come play and experience the spectacular vineyard, sage and rocky vistas at Nk'Mip Canyon Desert Golf Course. www.nkmipcanyon.ca

A promotional flyer for Nk'Mip Canyon Desert Golf Course. At the top is a large circular logo featuring a Native American figure with a feathered headdress, with the text 'NK MIP CANYON' and 'DESERT GOLF COURSE' around it. Below the logo is an aerial view of the golf course. A circular inset shows a person on a golf cart with the text 'Golfboards are Here!'. The flyer contains the following text:

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Below the text are two small images: one of a clubhouse and one of a golf course. At the bottom, it says: **We look forward to sharing the Nk'mip experience with you soon!**
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South Okanagan

To compliment an already magnificent area, the South Okanagan wineries were introduced to these hills only a few years ago. Although vineyards are not new to this area, they have experienced unprecedented growth over the past fifteen years.

Many factors make this area ideal for grape production. The unique microclimates and soil types and availability of irrigation produce the right elements for growing high quality grapes. Most vineyards grow the highly regarded viniferas. The varietal styles include both red and white wine producing grapes, with significant concentrations of German and French vines. Foremost varieties grown include, Merlot, Chardonnay, Cabernet, Sauvignon, Pinot Gris and Syrah. Oliver and Osoyoos have several acres planted for fresh market (table) grapes. Vintners are continually introducing new varieties further proving the grape growing

strength of this unique climate. This is also the ideal climate for the highly prized ice wine, with British Columbia being the largest producer of ice wine in the world. Oliver is known as the center of the wine industry in the Okanagan with the largest concentrations of both vineyards and commercial wineries in B.C.

The South Okanagan wineries range from large diversified operations with huge cellars to smaller family run wineries. Both operations continue to win medal after medal at world wine competitions.

Wineries offer tours and wine tasting... a wonderful cultural experience which is not only pleasing to the palate, it is also a feast to the eyes. Some of the wineries feature a restaurant or deli for visitors to relax and savour a meal paired with their favorite wine while enjoying the stunning views of the valley.

Grape harvesting takes place between mid September and the end of October. The South Okanagan hosts two annual grape and wine festivals. The Okanagan Fall Wine Festival and The Okanagan Spring Wine Festival.

Okanagan Falls Winery Association

The Okanagan Falls Winery Association's area of 185 hectares encompasses 13 wineries and extends from the shores of Skaha Lake to the tip of Vaseux Lake.

Each year OK Falls and the Okanagan Falls Winery Association hosts fun and innovative events centered on wine such as: Party in the Park, Holiday Cheer, Wine & Swine and Puppy Love. To view more events, check out the 2017 Calendar of Events on the website at www.ofwa.ca

Oliver Osoyoos Winery Association

The Oliver Osoyoos wine country is located in Canada's prime agricultural area and starts at McIntyre Bluff north of Oliver, and extends to the Canada/US border south of Osoyoos. The geographical boundaries encompass 31 winery members.

The Oliver Osoyoos Winery Association hosts three events each year. The Pig Out, The Half Corked Marathon and Winter in Wine Country. Visit www.oliverosoyoos.com to learn more.

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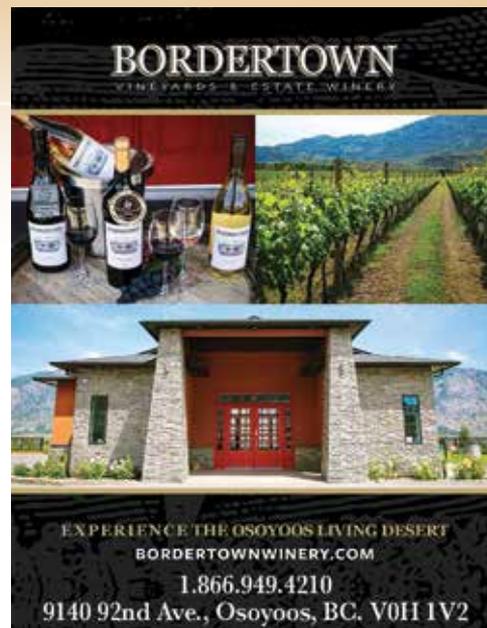
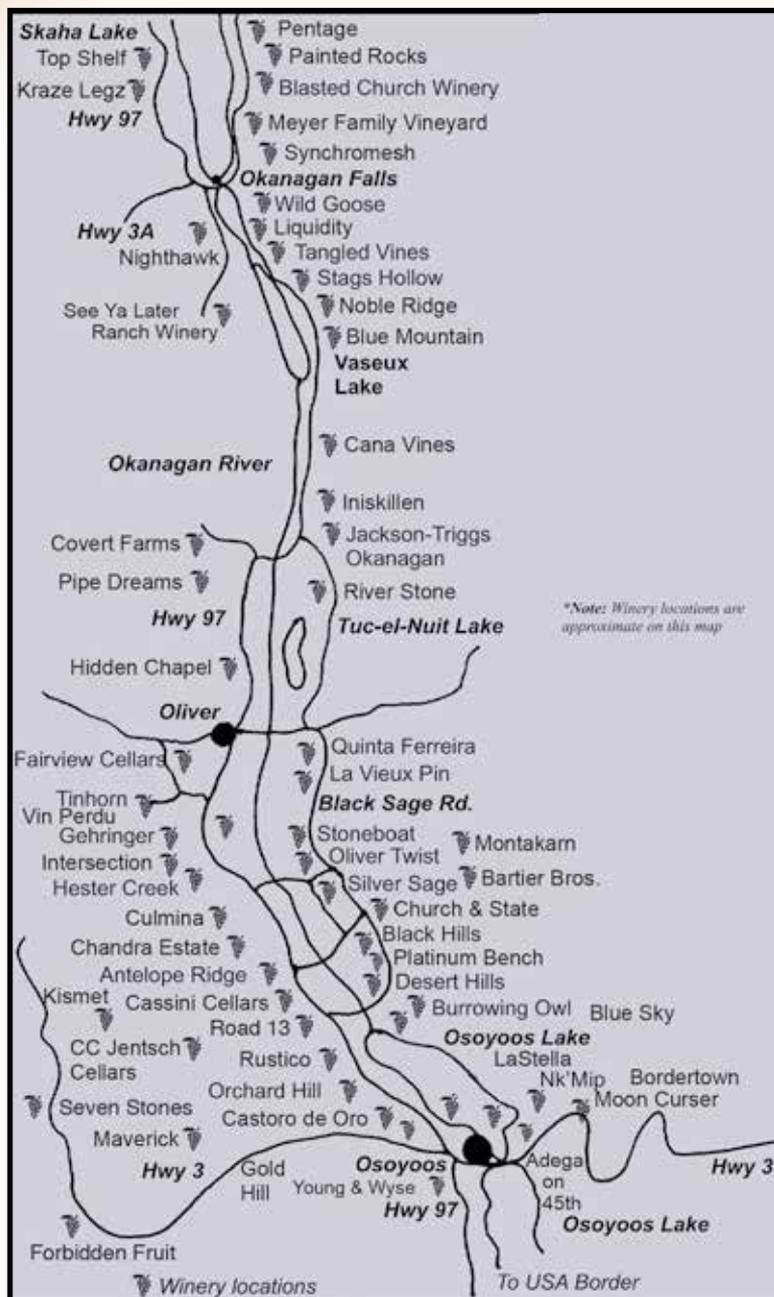
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Okanagan Wineries



Okanagan Wine Festivals

The Spring Okanagan Wine Festival - Herald the arrival of spring in the Okanagan during the first ten days of May each year at what has been described as one of Canada's best small festivals. Partake in over 60 events throughout the Okanagan, featuring a focus on wine and culinary arts.
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The Summer Okanagan Wine Festival - A valley wide festival for guests to be treated to wine education, arts, music, gourmet meals, wine tasting and outdoor recreation.

37th Annual Fall Okanagan Wine Festival - This is the only wine festival in North America that takes place during the peak of grape harvest. September 28 - October 8, 2017
The Festival features over 165 events throughout the Okanagan Valley, including vineyard tours, lunches, dinners, events and of course the fall grape/wine harvest.

Ranked as one of the top 100 events in North America, this celebration runs for ten days leading up to the Canadian Thanksgiving in October each year. Local celebrations include Oliver's *Festival of the Grape* where the main focus is on wine. This event also features live entertainment, food, and vendors from local businesses, games and a hilariously entertaining grape stomp.
www.festivalofthegrape.ca

The *Osoyoos Celebrity Wine Festival* also takes place during this time and features Okanagan's best cuisine, wine and entertainment. www.osoyooscelebritywinefestival.com

The Winter Okanagan Festival - Unique among all the festivals, is the Winter Festival of Wine held at Sun Peaks Winter & Summer Resort near Kamloops, BC. Here you will enjoy wine master dinners, educational seminars, and a unique progressive tasting of acclaimed wines and the renowned Okanagan Ice Wines.
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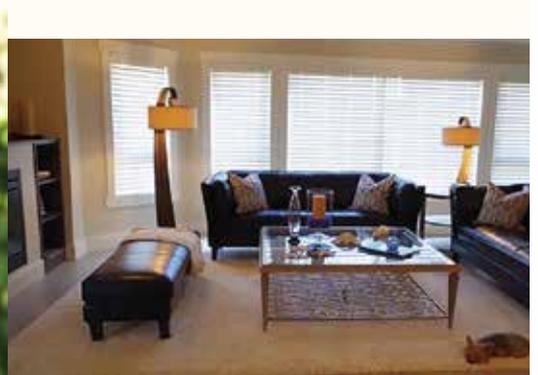
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Oliver Community Profile

In the heart of one of the most desirable recreational and retirement regions in British Columbia lies the quaint and charming community of Oliver. Residents enjoy the unique desert-like climate with several nearby lakes, golf courses and an abundance of other recreational areas.

The town abounds with well kept homes, businesses and parks. A sound economic base, excellent educational opportunities, good health care and high family values makes it a classic Canadian hometown.

The town was named after an early B.C. pioneer, John Oliver, and has a rich history in gold mining, ranching and agriculture. For years tourists have flocked to this area for the abundant fruit, but Oliver also offers recreational, environmental and cultural attractions to both visitors and its residents.

The community has several public recreational facilities, cultural attractions, along with numerous wineries and a new state of the art community theatre. Oliver plays an important role as a provider of regional services for the South Okanagan. The town offers a full spectrum of goods and services including financial, professional, commercial retail administrative, health, educational and transportation facilities.

Industry & Business

Land for manufacturing and commercial development is available at competitive market prices. The Okanagan enjoys a reputation of having some of the most highly skilled workers in the country with one of the lowest turnover rates. The combination of these factors makes Oliver an appealing location for all types of business ventures looking to attract new and skilled workers. It is expected that interest in light manufacturing, assembly, distribution and warehousing will grow due to the availability of land and the regional market.

A 73,000 sq. ft. retail centre is located at Southwinds Crossing in Oliver. Tenants include Buy-Low Foods, Canadian Tire, Tim Horton's, Mark's Work Warehouse and a Liquor Store. A new concept in tourism for the South Okanagan and what will most certainly prove to be a huge economic boost to the entire region is Area 27, a Motor Sports Country Club, the first in Canada. The 277 acre site is located on Osoyoos Indian Band land near Oliver. The owners are The South Okanagan Motor Sports Corporation. The site includes a 4.85 km paved race track, a club house, teaching centre, and a karting track. The grand opening is set for late spring 2017.

There are several major employers in the community. Some of these are School District # 53, The Provincial Government (Okanagan Correctional Centre); South Okanagan General Hospital; Osoyoos Indian



Tuc-el-Nuit Lake - Photo by Paul Eby - OK Photo Lab

Band; K&C Silviculture; OSC Growers COOP. School District # 53 together with SOK General Hospital employ about 500 while the Correctional Facility has a total of 300 employees.

Agriculture

Tree fruit, vegetable and cattle production form an important base for secondary industry in the area. Although primary agricultural-based employment continues a long-term decline, it still provides direct employment for approximately 3,000 workers in the South Okanagan labour force. The trend today is to dwarf tree, high density planting and specialty fruits. There are approximately 400 orchards (over two acres in size) in the Oliver area.

Oliver is known as the Wine Capital of Canada and as the centre of the wine industry in the Okanagan with the largest concentration of both vineyards and commercial wineries in British Columbia. The majority of these are located along what is known as the Golden Mile of Highway 97, just south of Oliver and the Black Sage Bench located on the east side of the valley. Oliver has 100 vineyards totaling 2,665 acres, including 25 licensed wineries - with more proposed. New wineries and additional lands are being put into production in what is expected to be a growth industry for the next five to 10 years.

Tourism

It is estimated that the Town of Oliver hosts more than 10,000 tourists each year. They come to share what residents treasure: the exceptional beauty, the astounding views, the terraced vineyards and fruit orchards, the sunshine and the warm and friendly community. For additional information on Oliver visit www.winecapitalofcanada.ca or www.oliver.ca.

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Incorporated as a village municipality in 1945, Oliver was re-incorporated as a town in 1990. Oliver encompasses a total area of 525.1 ha and a total trading area of approximately 9000 ha. By highway, the town is 33 km south of Penticton and 19 km north of Osoyoos. Oliver is in the Okanagan Similkameen Regional District, Electoral area 'C'. Penticton office. (250) 492-0237.

Municipal Government

The Town of Oliver is a municipality incorporated under the Local Government Act. It has an elected council made up of a mayor, four regular council members and two "water councillors," elected by rural residents served by the town's water system. All members of council are elected for fixed 3-year terms. The next election is scheduled in November of 2017. (250) 485-6200; www.oliver.ca

Oliver's Emergency Services

The Oliver Fire Department is located at 9399-346th Street. The department administration consists of one fire chief, one deputy chief and four captains. There are also 12 officers who care for a variety of responsibilities in the department. The department currently consists of 53 firemen and holds practices every Thursday.

The Oliver Detachment of the R.C.M.P. is located across from Oliver's fire department. Three provincially funded police officers are based at the detachment. Non-emergency number is 250-498-3422. Oliver is served by the B.C. Ambulance Service.

Downtown Oliver Action Plan

The Downtown Action Plan for Oliver outlines the different types of activities the town and partners (SOCC & RDOS along with a consulting team) can pursue to retain existing business, attract new investment and enhance public realm to support the ongoing revitalization of downtown Oliver. The downtown revitalization was identified as a major priority of community residents, with projects such as façade improvements in the business community, building upon the 'Wine Village Core Area Concept Plan' of 2008. Cultivating the town's artistic character, and enhancing the walkable pedestrian infrastructure. A major development in the downtown area along the river is a residential project called Oliver Landing, a master planned townhouse community. Another 200 housing units are under development in various subdivisions across the river from downtown. For detailed information on Oliver's Action Plan and the 2017 Official Community Plan please visit www.oliver.ca



Oliver City Hall

Oliver - Labour Force by Industry (NAICS)

Industry.....	# Labour Force
All Industries.....	1,625
Farms.....	50
Construction.....	130
Manufacturing.....	190
Retail Trade.....	155
Transportation & Warehousing.....	35
Information & Cultural Industries.....	30
Finance & Insurance.....	45
Real Estate & Rental/Leasing.....	55
Professional, Scientific & Tech Services.....	85
Administration & Support Waste Management.....	40
Educational Services.....	95
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation.....	50
Health Care & Social Assistance.....	270
Accommodation & Food Services.....	125
Other Services.....	95
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Oliver Community Profile

Health Services

South Okanagan General Hospital in Oliver, is a Level 1 community hospital and part of the large health care organization Interior Health Authority serving the communities of Oliver and Osoyoos and surrounding rural areas. Services provided at this site include: 24-hour Emergency Services; General Medicine; Rehabilitation Services; Occupational Therapy; Physical Therapy; Pharmacy Services; Xray Services; Laboratory Services; Mental Health Services; Home Support Service; Residential Care Services; Social Work Services; Dietitian Services; Diabetes Education; Public Health; Community Care. Number of beds: 18 acute; 75 residential. Approximate number of employees at site: 200. SOGH is a unique working environment due to the integrated use of technology. Over the past several years, our acute care areas have implemented positive patient identification which uses scanners with a bar coded wrist band to ensure accurate patient identification, a completely electronic documentation system; bedside medication verification; Physician Care Management and Electronic medical summaries from physician offices. All of this combines to improve quality patient safety and care through the reduction of errors. SOGH won the prestigious Organizational Transformation Health Award for successfully implementing an Advanced Clinical System that supports both quality and patient safety. The Government award recognizes leadership, innovations, and excellence in the management and use of information technologies within the public service of British Columbia. SOGH is located at 911 McKinney Rd. in Oliver. www.interiorhealth.ca Additional health services include medical clinics, dentists, chiropractors, optometrists and veterinarians. There are both private and public retirement facilities operating in Oliver. These facilities offer intermediate care and apartment style living suites. (250) 498-5000.

Media, Communications & Utilities

Suppliers of fibre optics networks include: Fortis BC, Skysurfer Corp, Shaw Communications, ABC Communications, and Persona Communications. High-Speed connectivity is available from cable suppliers, DSL services, or wireless connections from local ISP's.

Newspapers: Oliver Chronicle- Weekly (250) 498-3711; S.OK Review- Weekly; Desert Connection - Bi-monthly.

Vancouver, other major urban areas and national/international newspapers are available daily.

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Transportation

South Okanagan Transit provides door-to-door return service to Kelowna, Summerland, Penticton, Okanagan Falls, Oliver and Osoyoos for Senior Residents with disabilities.

BC Transit is now offering bus service for the general public from Osoyoos to Oliver Hospital, Penticton Cherry Lane, Kelowna Airport, and Kelowna Orchard Park. www.BCtransit.com

Air Services: General Aviation Airports include Osoyoos Airport and Oliver Municipal Airport Penticton Regional Airport.

Penticton Regional Airport - 30 minutes North has daily flights both to Vancouver, BC and Calgary, AB.

Okanagan Regional Library – Oliver

Oliver's library is located at 6239 Station Street one block off Main Street. The library is open Tuesday through Saturday and offers free computer access and is a wireless hotspot.

The Oliver branch of 'Friends of the Library' holds their Annual Book Blast Sale on the first Saturday of July each year.

(250) 498-2242 or visit www.orl.bc.ca/branches/oliver

Oliver Senior Centre

The senior center in Oliver holds social gatherings Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Come join us for games, carpet bowling, cards, and social gatherings with coffee and snacks. Dances are held on Saturdays and every other Wednesday at 10:00 am. The South Okanagan Health Unit offers Immunizations & Mammography at the Senior Centre. Call (250) 408-4065. 5876 Airport St. Oliver. www.oliverseniorcentre.com

Selected Census Characteristics - Oliver

Median Income (per person).....	\$30,379
Median Family Income	\$50,296
Dwellings	1,945
Owned.....	1,530
Rented.....	415
Average Gross Rent.....	\$724
Average Owners' Payments	\$692
Avg. Value, Owned Dwelling.....	\$316,233

Source: Statistics Canada. Notes: incomes are from most recent census; rent/owner's payments are restricted to non-farm, non-reserve private dwellings.

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Oliver Community Profile

Housing

Oliver continues to be a desirable area for retirees and young families. The unique desert-like climate with mild winters, abundance of recreation, golf courses, nearby lakes, along with affordability and low mortgage rates are prime reasons for relocating to this community. Modest family housing is located in the surrounding area of downtown, with a mix of small heritage homes and 60's-80's construction. Medium priced to upper priced homes are found in newer subdivisions overlooking the lake and orchards. There are several residential projects in Oliver that have been recently developed or are proposed for the near future.



Residential Sales 2016 - Oliver Area

Property Type	Sales & Volume	# of Sales	# New Listings	Avg Sale Price	Days to Sell
Residential:					
Bare Land Strata	\$22,788,000	9	15	\$309,778	101
Duplex	\$442,000	1	6	\$442,000	51
Mobile w/ land	\$1,052,000	5	7	\$210,400	44
Triplex/Fourplex	\$496,000	1	1	\$496,000	33
Single Family	\$55,098,755	161	218	\$342,228	159
Condo (apt)	\$272,000	26	29	\$173,415	82
Condo (twn-hse)	\$5,858,610	27	42	\$216,986	109
Farms:					
Acreage	\$24,220,600	27	55	\$897,059	294
Acreage (wtrfrnt) Lots	\$1,038,900	4	14	\$259,725	272
Lots	\$0	0	2	\$0	0
Lots (wtrfrnt)	\$1,888,738	14	23	\$134,910	240
Lots (wtrfrnt)	\$391,000	1	2	\$391,000	181

2016 Taxes and Charges on a representative house in Oliver

Value: \$301,150
 Taxes: \$1,936.78
 Source: Town of Oliver

Source: South Okanagan Real Estate Board, South Okanagan Real Estate Sales 2016



Shopping & Dining

Oliver's attraction lies in its diverse cultural charm interwoven with a colorful landscape reminiscent of the hills of Tuscany. The city's vibrant street is lined with small quaint shops housing unique clothing, interior design, crafts, fabrics, jewelry, cosmetics, photo shop and a variety of other retail and businesses. Several ethnic restaurants feature Greek, Portuguese, Indian, Chinese, and Italian cuisine along with gourmet and fast food eateries. The main business areas stretch north and south of town along Highway 97. Oliver Place Mall features Super Value and several retail stores. The 73,000-sq. foot retail centre 'Southwind Crossing' located south of town houses Buy-Low Foods, Canadian Tire, Mark's Work Warehouse, Tim Horton's and a BC Liquor Store. Look for other businesses along Highway 97 such as a day spa, a quilt shop, several fruit and vegetable stands and retail wine shops.

Climate

Oliver lies in a north-south valley with rich deposits of soil, that is capable of growing a large variety of both fruit and vegetables, but without the precious water from the Okanagan River which runs through this valley, agriculture would be impossible. This precious water gives life to commercial orchards and vineyards in the hillsides. A distinct line is drawn across the landscape with lush green in the irrigated zone on one side and golden grasslands and desert-like antelope brush ecosystem on the other. The rolling high country terrain has dense stands of Ponderosa pine and Douglas fir and is punctuated by small fishing lakes and tall peaks like Mount Baldy. To the west lies the Okanagan Range of the Cascade Mountains which causes a rain shadow effect, producing the regions dry climate. Oliver experiences four distinct seasons. Summers are long and hot with average daily highs in July of 29.3 C/84.7F. Many days are in the upper 30sC/90sF. Humidity is very low. Winters are short and relatively mild with average January highs of -4.7C/23.5F and little snow. Precipitation averages 319mm/12.6in annually. The wonderful long growing season averages 173 Frost free days.

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Recreation Facilities

All facilities and parks information is available at 250-498- 4985. www.oliverrecreation.ca

The Oliver Arena is located at 665 McKinney Ave., which is the address of the Oliver Community Park. The arena operates as an ice rink for six months of the year, from late September through to the end of March. During the off season it is home to several other events.

Regularly scheduled off-season events include vintage car swap meets, graduation exercises, in-line roller hockey, private rentals, dances and the Okanagan Big League Experience Baseball Camp.

The arena hosts a full slate of winter programs including recreational hockey for both men and women, minor hockey and figure skating. Learn to skate programs and power skating are offered by the South Okanagan Figure Skating Club.
www.oliverrecreation.ca

The Oliver Community Pool is an outdoors-aquatic facility complete with large whirlpool. It opens early in May and remains open until Labour Day weekend. The pool has a highly acclaimed Red Cross swim program that offers all levels for eight continuous weeks during July and August.

Tennis and bocci courts are located adjacent to the Oliver Community Pool. There are three available to the public. Sand/Beach volleyball courts are available at the Recreation Centre.

A **basketball half court** is available immediately east of the tennis courts on the tennis practice area.



A **community weight room** is located in the Oliver Community Centre, Room #1.

Oliver Community Center is the location of many of the community's special events as well as department programs. The facility is available for private rentals. There are square dancing lessons and party nights, aerobic classes, preschool annual arts and crafts sale, Festival of the Grape and much, much more. Located on the East side of the Okanagan River.

Playing fields in the Oliver Community Park include four multi-use fields suitable for slo-pitch softball, baseball or fastpitch softball and soccer. The lawn bowling facility has been completely upgraded and horseshoe pits have been added.

Oliver's skate board park is located in Lions Park alongside Hwy 97 and Okanagan River.



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Education

School District No. 53 (Okanagan Similkameen) serves approximately 2500 students in the sunny Okanagan Valley; Box 1770, 6161 Okanagan Street, Oliver, BC, V0H 1T0 (250) 498-3481. www.sd53.bc.ca

Southern Okanagan Secondary School: February 6, 2014 marked the official re-opening of Southern Okanagan Secondary School in Oliver.

The new school was built compliant to B.C.'s Wood First Act and designed to LEED Gold standards. Large wood beams are visible throughout and complement a spectacular skylight. The building is state-of-the-art with its high ceilings, coloured floors and use of the latest technology throughout.

The school boasts 7,475 total square meters (80,460 sq. ft.) with a capacity of 550 students in grades 8 to 12, and includes an auditorium as well as a Neighbourhood Learning Centre. Adjoining the school is a new state-of-the-art Frank Venables Community Theatre. (see page 28)

Southern Okanagan Secondary was originally constructed 1948 with additions in 1966, 1977, and 1982. The original school was undergoing a \$29 million renovation when fire destroyed about 60 percent of the building in 2011.

SOSS re-opened in September 2013 and has a current enrollment of 465 students, 23 teachers and 15 support staff. SOSS has a long history of successful graduates and dedicated staff along with a variety of course offerings, from university preparation to thriving apprenticeships, along with a careers training department.

6140 Gala St. Oliver. 250-498-4931 www.soss.sd53.bc.ca

Oliver Elementary School: 16 teachers, 6 special ed & learning assistants, enrollment: 308; student/teacher: 16/1

809 School Avenue, Oliver, BC, V0H 1T0 - (250) 498-3468.

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Oliver Elementary School is a K-7 school situated in Oliver next to the high school. The school provides a high level of academic programming complemented by various extra-curricular sports and fine arts activities year round.

Tuc-El-Nuit Elementary School: 16 teachers, 11 support staff, enrollment: 218, student/teacher ratio: 15/1

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Tuc-El-Nuit Elementary School is a K-7 school with a dedicated, hard-working, professional staff with many educational partners that support our learning community. We strive to provide a strong educational program with specific attention to literacy and numeracy.

Okanagan College

Okanagan College-Penticton Campus and the education centres in Summerland and Oliver have established a leading reputation for providing quality education and training for the wine and hospitality industries. Unique to this region is their Signature Programs, which include: Winery Assistant Certificate, Viticulture Certificate, Wine Sales Certificate, and Career Facilitator.

If oenology (wine making) and viticulture (grape growing) is to your taste you can begin your studies here and transfer directly to Brock University to obtain a degree, or take any of the three certificate programs as well as a number of specialized courses that serve the needs of the vineyard, winery and hospitality related businesses.



Southern Okanagan Secondary School

Other certificate programs offered include: Residential Construction, Home Support/Residential Care Aide, Adult Academic and Career Preparation, Adult Special Education, Applied Business Technology, Bartending, Basic Accounting, Computer Basics for Business, Custodial Worker, Education Assistant, Floral Design, Medical Office Assistant, Nursing Unit Clerk, Palliative Care, Practical Nursing, Simply Accounting, Teaching English as Second Language.

The Oliver Campus is located at 9315 350th Ave. Oliver (250) 498-6264. 1-866-510-8899. www.okanagan.bc.ca.

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Oliver Parks

The Town of Oliver operates four major park facilities that are listed below. In addition, the town maintains several local sites: Triangle Park, Municipal Office Grounds, Kiwanis Park and Tuc-el-Nuit Lake Access Point.

Oliver Lions Park is located alongside Okanagan River and immediately north of the old CPR station, which houses the Oliver Tourist Information Centre as well as the South Okanagan Chamber of Commerce. The park has expansive lawn areas popular for family or group picnics. Lions Park is also home to a 30 by 50 metre facility for skateboarders and in-line skaters. It also includes a court surface for sports such as basketball and in-line hockey. It is also the site of Oliver's Country Market.



as baseball and soccer, large or small group picnics, or full community festivals. The park complex also houses major facilities such as the Community Hall, Arena, Public Pool, and Curling Rink. It includes a soccer field, four softball diamonds, a full softball field, and lawn bowling courts, walking trails, three tennis courts and bocci pits and the Oliver Community Stage.

Kinsmen Spray Park is located on the south side of 350th Avenue, just west of the Okanagan River and is completely fenced from traffic and the river, making this a perfect area for children. There are wash-rooms, picnic tables and a water park.



Oliver Community Park is the flagship of Oliver's park system. It is a sprawling 6-hectare site, professionally designed for activities such

Rotary Beach is on the southwest shore of Tuc-el-nuit Lake at 37013-81st Street. There is a sandy beach and grassy areas with picnic tables, and children's play area. No motorized boats are allowed on this lake. During winter when temperatures fall below freezing Tuc-el-nuit lake can be used for ice-skating. Use caution and stay close to shore.

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Cultural Attractions

A variety of cultural groups are active in the community of Oliver, and the area is represented by many talented artists. There is a concert society, a film club, an arts council, an amateur players group that performs musicals, comedy, drama, dinner theatre and musical reviews. Artists include potters, weavers, quilters, carvers & other artisans who display their work in local art galleries located throughout the area.

Other clubs and organizations in Oliver include:

The Heritage Society; A Multicultural Organization; The Desert Information and Preservation Centre; and a Portuguese Club; The Rotary Club of Oliver; Kiwanis; Oliver Parks and Recreation Society. For a complete list of Cultural and Recreational clubs and organizations please contact the South Okanagan Chamber of Commerce at www.sochamber.bc.ca or call 250-498-6321

Oliver Community Arts Council

The Oliver Community Arts Council (OCAC) has been a hub of artistic activity in Oliver since 1970. It is an umbrella group currently representing eighteen member groups, fifteen arts- focused businesses and about 80 individual and family members. The OCAC serves approximately 400-500 active artists and artisans. www.oliverartscouncil.org

Member groups include: The Desert Sage Spinners and Weavers, The Double O Quilters, the local chapter of the Federation of Canadian Artists, The Friends of the Library, The Oliver Sagebrushers, The Oliver Arts and Crafts Sale, The Sage Valley Voices Community Choir, The South Okanagan Amateur Players, The South Okanagan Concert Society, Oliver District Heritage Society, Women of Oliver for Women, Oliver Art Gallery, Rip Off Artists, Oliver Handbell Ringers, and Oliver Community Garden Society.

The Quail's Nest Arts Centre located at 5840 Airport Street is home to the OCAC and many of its programs. The various member groups are active during fall and winter, holding classes and rehearsals, and presenting concerts, plays and exhibits. During spring and summer, the Oliver Community Arts Council mounts several major public events throughout the year.

Spring Arts Faire (early April). The style is a trade show, but its focus is on the arts. Sales, displays, demonstrations, and classes.

BC Arts and Culture Week (3rd week of April) A province-wide celebration. OCAC signature event, exhibits, open houses, workshops, and concerts. Featuring local art and artists. Held at various locations around Oliver.

Showcase of Talent (May) Performances by Oliver's talented music students. The young performers receive a share of the proceeds to assist them in their continued studies. Sponsored by Oliver Kiwanis.

Music in the Park (July-August) South Okanagan musical performers entertain with jazz, classical, country, pop, gospel, blues, and rock n roll. Concerts run every Thursday evening during July and August, 6:30-8:00 pm. The Evening Market starts at 4:30 -8:30pm. Held at the Oliver Community Stage. Food Vendors, retail and children's activities.

Fall Art Show & Sale (1st weekend in Oct.) Artists from all media exhibit a veritable harvest of color and texture. The art show is held in conjunction with the Festival of the Grape at Oliver's Community Centre.

Community Christmas Concert (1st weekend in Dec) Local performers set the mood for the season with music and dance and storytelling.

For more information on the activities of the Oliver Community Arts Council visit www.oliverartscouncil.org



Frank Venables Theatre

The Frank Venables Theatre is a brand new mid size community theatre that opened its doors in 2014. The Theatre is fully equipped with state of the art sound, lighting and video capabilities and holds an audience of 400 in the comfort of high-backed seats set on a steeply-raked floor. The dimensions of the stage are generous and capable of accommodating everything from school productions to professional touring shows. The Frank Venables Theatre adjoins Southern Okanagan Secondary School in Oliver. It is a true community theatre with construction and operations jointly funded by the community and the school district. The Theatre is operated by the Oliver Community Theatre Society with a mandate to promote and facilitate maximum beneficial use by the school, community performing and concert societies, as well as other users, both from inside and outside Oliver. 6100 Gala St. 250-498-1626

Oliver & District Museum

Come and enjoy a peek into Oliver's unique past. Find out how the only desert eco-system in Canada produces so much life, what was grown before the grapes, and visit the old Fairview Jail. Operated by the Oliver and District Heritage Society, the Museum is located at 474 School Ave., Oliver. For information call 778-439-3100 or visit www.oliverheritage.ca.

Oliver & District Archives

The Oliver and District Archives offers a variety of services that are essential to anyone searching for information about the history of Oliver. There are thousands of pictures, maps, blueprints, documents, scrapbooks and other documentation that will bring Oliver's story to life. Researchers are welcome to visit or e-mail us with their questions. Operated by the Oliver and District Heritage Society, the Archive is located at 430 Fairview Rd., Oliver. For information call 250-498-4027 or visit www.oliverheritage.ca.



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Get Creative! Throughout the year our artists and artisans showcase their talents indoor and out. In the summer take in an outdoor movie, theatre, concert in our community park, winery or our state of the art Frank Venables Theatre. Grab your apron and take a cooking class or join in on a painting class in a vineyard setting.

Taste the creations of local chefs at wine-paired dinner or for a less formal experience, be sure to check out the annual PIG OUT where you can sit at a picnic table or on a bale of hay. **Oliver's** Cask & Keg Festival offers good eats, local cider, distilleries, breweries, or **Oliver's** largest fall wine festival event, Festival of the Grape, FOG, and participate in the Grape Stomp!

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2017 ANNUAL EVENTS CALENDAR

JANUARY

Seniors Music Jamboree

FEBRUARY

Sportsmen Game Banquet
WOW Oliver Trade Show

MARCH

50+ Hockey Tourney

APRIL

Oliver's 3K & 10k Run
Arts & Culture Week

MAY

OSCA Meadowlark Festival
Oliver PIG OUT
Half Corked Marathon
5km Paint Dash Run

JUNE

Oliver Half Iron Man Triathlon
Oliver Junior Triathlon

JULY

Rip Off Artists Challenge

AUGUST

Uncork the Sun
Sunshine Festival
Airport Public Fly-In Breakfast
Perseid Meteor Shower@ DRAO

SEPTEMBER

Freak'N' Farmer Obstacle Race
Hester Creek Winery Garlic Festival
Outdoor Family Movie Nite
Oliver's Cask & Keg Festival

OCTOBER

Annual Fall Art Show & Sale
21st Annual Festival of the Grape

NOVEMBER

South OK Concert Society Series
Rosè Revolution

DECEMBER

Winter In Wine Country
Family Winter Wonderland
Community Christmas Concert

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While you're in **Oliver**, be sure to drop by the **Oliver Visitor Centre & Gift Shop** in the historic CPR building where you'll find **FREE** BC and local information, guides & maps regarding attractions, wineries, accommodations, festivals & events, year-round concerts, outdoor adventure, shopping, restaurants, phone books, relocation packages, winery cooking classes, and more!
We're located along Oliver's 18.8km Hike & Bike Path (KVR Trail) at the south end of Lions Park.

Oliver Tourism Association & Visitor Centre

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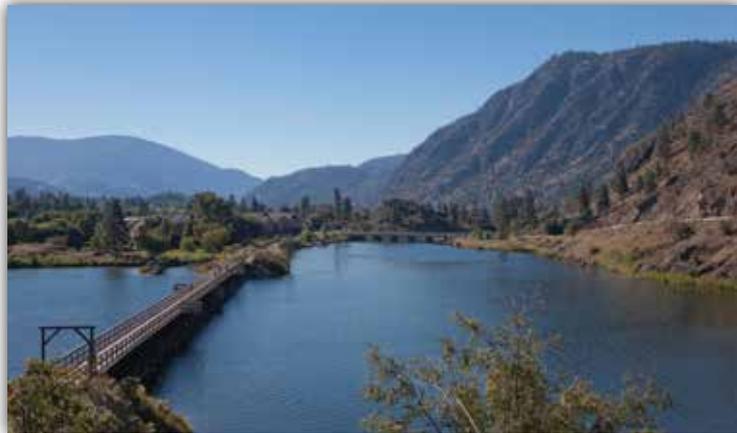
Okanagan Falls Community Profile

Situated on the sunny shores of Skaha Lake, amidst breathtaking scenery consisting of rocky outcroppings, rolling vineyards, orchards and ranchland lies the quiet rural community of Okanagan Falls. With an abundance of sunshine and warm dry weather and one of the mildest climates in Canada, residents enjoy a wide variety of easily accessible lakes, beaches and parks.

For a small town there are a large variety of community services such as a recreation center, an elementary school, a library, commercial services including retail, financial, professional services, restaurants, and specialty retail outlets.

A large concentration of both vineyards and commercial wineries are located in the area. Okanagan Falls is in close proximity to Penticton with its 'big city' shopping and cultural attractions. For those flying to other areas it is only a short 12-15 minute drive from Okanagan Falls to Penticton Airport. Westjet now offers flights to Calgary and Air Canada flies to Vancouver.

Although the community was founded on agriculture, and continues to have a strong economic and cultural connection to ranching, fruit production and forestry, the local economy has diversified considerably in recent years to include manufacturing, tourism and wine production. Okanagan Falls is becoming home to a growing number of innovative and prosperous businesses that appreciate the exceptional environment in which to live and conduct business. Okanagan Falls is continuing to invest in its infrastructure and waterfront; in particular, a state of the art wastewater treatment plant, completed in 2013 to accommodate significant projected economic and residential growth in the area.



An exciting development in the community is the Revitalization Plan and the vision of a new 'Town Centre', to be developed onto the old flea market site along Main Street and towards the waterfront.

The community's waterfront and facilities, together with its parks and trail networks have been substantially upgraded.

To the north of Okanagan Falls, Skaha Bluffs Provincial Park is widely regarded as one of the top rock climbing locations in British Columbia. Hiking and cycling trails, summer and winter sporting opportunities, wine tasting, festivals and events; whatever your lifestyle, this is an area that truly has much to offer.

We invite you to 'come grow with us' and discover endless opportunities and an exceptional quality of life.

Welcome to the town of Okanagan Falls, the Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen, and Area "D".



Climate

Okanagan Falls enjoys a dry, continental climate with low levels of precipitation and humidity, relatively short and mild winters, hot dry summers, and high annual sunshine hours. Situated just 20km south of Penticton, Okanagan Falls shares a very similar climate to that of Penticton. Annual hours of sunshine: 2,032

Avg. temperatures: July avg. high: 28C; July avg. low: 12C

January avg. high: +1C; January avg. low: -4C

Average annual rainfall: 250mm; Annual avg. snowfall: 73mm

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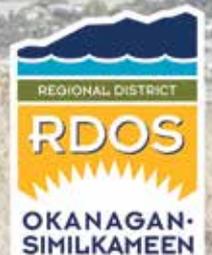
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Okanagan Falls Community Profile

Business & Economic Development

Okanagan Falls is a community with a growing reputation as a regional economic growth hub. It's an attractive and viable location for business. It has large expanses of suitable land—a commodity that is becoming increasingly scarce in the Valley. In recent years the community has revitalized its waterfront parks, facilities and trails, built a new state-of-the-art waste water treatment plant and is currently working on plans to transform its town center to further grow and diversify its downtown economy.

Shuttleworth Properties Business Park has one of the largest tracts of prime, shovel ready, industrial zoned land in the Okanagan Valley. For developers looking to expand their investment interests in the highly sought after Okanagan Valley, this is an incredible, yet surprisingly affordable industrial and commercial development opportunity. This picturesque and accessible 136-acre (55HA) tract has recently been awarded its Certificate of Compliance. For details call 778-515-5520.

South Okanagan Regional Growth Strategy

The South Okanagan Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) launched in 2004, is a long-term commitment to manage growth in the South Okanagan of the Regional District of the Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS). The Regional Growth Study area includes the municipalities of Osoyoos, Oliver, Penticton, Summerland, and rural electoral areas A, C, D, E and F. The purpose of the RGS is to “promote human settlement that is socially, economically and environmentally healthy and that makes efficient use of public facilities and services, land and other resources”. The key elements of the long term commitment of the South Okanagan RGS, are: To promote sustainable economic diversification; to ensure the health of ecosystems; to foster inclusive and accountable governance; to strengthen rural and urban community identity; to maximize the efficient use of infrastructure; to create safe, culturally diverse and healthy communities. For amendments and updates to RGS, please visit www.rdos.bc.ca.

Okanagan Falls Town Centre

The Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen (RDOS) is engaging in the last phase of the Okanagan Falls Town Centre Revitalization Plan. The ultimate objective of the RDOS is to help reverse the economic fortunes of Okanagan Falls Town Centre through strategic public and private investments and partnerships, positive streetscape improvements and quality urban design that can together provide a distinctiveness of place and make the town centre enticing as a place to live, work, invest, shop and play for both local people and visitors.

Manufacturing

The combination of suitable and appropriately zoned land availability, attractive land prices and highly competitive tax rates has made Okanagan Falls an increasingly viable option for manufacturing companies. These companies include Structurlam, Avanta Kiosks, Karoleena Homes (recently acquired by Horizon North Logistics Inc.) and Unit Electrical Engineering (UEE). UEE has recently invested approximately \$7,000,000 in the building of a new manufacturing plant.



Small Home Based Business

A significant portion of the economy of Okanagan Falls and surrounding areas consists of small and home-based businesses. The establishment and growth of this valuable sector of the local economy is actively encouraged and supported.

Agriculture

Okanagan Falls and the Okanagan Valley as a whole is an extremely important fruit and wine producing area. We are proud of the excellent reputation, rave media reviews and prestigious awards that Okanagan Falls' vineyards and wineries have earned for themselves in recent years. www.ofwa.ca

Our region is lush with orchards of apricots, cherry, peach, and apple trees. Throughout the summer months, local shops, farmers markets and roadside stands abound with local produce as they come in season.

Significantly, Okanagan Falls has one of the last remaining cattle auction yards in the province. Cattle and ranching also play a significant part in the culture and heritage of our community.



Tourism

Tourism is a vitally important year round component of the economy of Okanagan Falls, Twin Lakes, Apex Mountain ski Resort, and the Okanagan Valley as a whole. There are still considerable tourism-related investment and business development opportunities throughout the Okanagan Falls area. Whether visitors are looking for sandy, fresh water beaches, hiking and cycling trails, summer or winter sporting opportunities, wine tasting, wildlife viewing or cultural festivals, there are associated business opportunities galore in the Okanagan Falls area.

Many essential tourist services are available within Okanagan Falls. Okanagan Falls Visitor Centre Unit 2 OK Corral, 9th Ave. Okanagan Falls. www.visitokfalls.com - Open May - October

Source: www.rdos.bc.ca

Okanagan Falls Community Profile

Top Employers - Okanagan Falls

- **Structurlam:** 150 employees. Designs and manufactures revolutionary and green wood construction materials such as laminated beams and paneling
- **Unit Electrical Engineering:** 110 employees. UEE is Canada's premier manufacturer of power and control equipment for mining, hydroelectric plants, transportation and commercial and industrial applications.
- **Okanagan Falls Winery Association Members:** Approx. 60 full time and 100 temporary employees
- **Dominion Astrophysical Observatory:** 41 employees.
- **Horizon North Homes:** 30 employees. Manufacturers of top of the line modular homes, prefabricated homes, and prefabricated cabins of high quality
- **Avante Kiosks:** 12 employees. Point of sale displays.
- **Tickelberry's:** 5 permanent employees. Gourmet Ice cream Summer-40-45
- **Sarsons Mechanical Services:** 5 employees
- **Okanagan Falls Elementary School:** 23
- **Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen:** 10 FTE
- **ContractAero:** 4 employees plus 100's of aviation mechanics

Okanagan Falls' largest employers are primarily custom manufacturing (especially value added wood products and engineering One of the focus areas of the Community Service Office in OK Falls is to attract more high value wood manufacturing businesses (construction and furniture etc.) It is also desirable to have high value (value added) agricultural businesses and to target wood fired generation plants and possibly other options for cleaner energy production. Okanagan Falls has a desire to grow as a community and play their part in reducing their impacts on the climate.

Employment at the Okanagan Correctional Centre: Okanagan Falls is equidistance between the new correctional facility (just north of Oliver) and Penticton. Spousal employment is an important issue for the entire region, thus if a husband or wife works at the correctional facility and the other in Penticton, it would be practical and ideal for them to live in Okanagan Falls so they can both commute an equal distance to work and home.

Labour Force

Total labour force pop. aged 15 years & over by occupation...	2,945
Management occupations.....	540
Business, finance & administration occupations	395
Natural and applied sciences & related occupations.....	245
Health occupations.....	145
Occupations in education, law/social, community & government services.....	290
Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	95
Sales and service occupations.....	465
Trades, transport and equip. operators & related occupations ...	580
Natural resources, agric. & related production occupations	80
Occupations in manufacturing and utilities	100

Source: Statistics Canada 2011 / Next Census Update - 2017

Infrastructure

Local business owners enjoy the same access to infrastructure as companies in any major center in the province. Easy access to world-class communication, electrical, gas, and municipal services allow local companies to compete on a global scale. State-of-the-art communications facilities and high-speed networks serve the Okanagan Valley. Suppliers of fibre optic networks include: Fortis BC; Skysurfer Communications Corp; Shaw Communications; Telus Communications; ABC Communications. High-speed connectivity is available from cable suppliers, DSL services, or wireless connections from local ISPs. Fortis Inc supplies electricity and gas in the area.

Transportation

Airports: Okanagan Falls is within 15 minutes of Penticton Regional Airport with flights daily to Vancouver & Calgary. WestJet and Air Canada

BC Transit: Regional and local transit service is now available in Okanagan Falls Route # 20 offers 5 round trips to Penticton daily Route # 21 delivers 5 round trips a day to popular in-community destinations. *The implementation of this new transit service has contributed to the social, economic, and environmental sustainability of the region by providing affordable transportation that connects people to work, school, and regional services. www.bctransit.com



Organizations & Community

The Parks and Recreation Department of Okanagan Falls creates programs and events that attract participants from throughout the valley.

The Zen and Fitness Centre in Okanagan Falls provides a pleasant and relaxed workout environment. It is well equipped and caters to all persons and fitness levels.

The Kaleden Community Hall is a great venue for weddings, meetings, sports and cultural events. (www.kal-rec.ca)

Community Organizations in Okanagan Falls includes the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #227, Ladies Auxiliary, Okanagan Falls Lions Club, and The Women's Institute.

Services include Diners, Furniture and Antique stores, OK Falls Hotel/Pub, Interior Savings, Pharmasave, Johnson Meier Insurance, IGA Foods, Royal LePage Real Estate, Okanagan Falls Improvement District and a monthly newspaper-Skaha Matters. (www.skahamatters.com)

Okanagan Falls Senior Centre has an active and vibrant group of seniors that support local youth and contribute to the improvement of the community through their participation and leadership.

Source: www.rdos.bc.ca; www.okfalls.ca/community

Okanagan Falls Community Profile

Housing

Okanagan Falls and Area "D" of the Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen has a wide array of homes to choose from. Whether you are in the market for a waterfront luxury home, an estate property, a hobby farm on acreage or a quaint cottage style heritage home, you're sure to find the right property in this area.

Okanagan Falls and the surrounding communities continue to offer some of the most affordable housing in the valley. Renters can expect to pay between \$750- \$1,100 a month.

Local business and residential taxation in Okanagan Falls and other nearby communities is significantly lower than in other communities in the region while access to high quality services are maintained. As an unincorporated area, primarily the Regional District and provincial departments such as the Ministry of Highways provide core services. One of the main focuses of the Area "D" Community Service Office is to attract residents to support the existing businesses and attract new business. They are looking at possible housing projects for the community in the near future. *Source: www.rdos.bc.ca*



Residential Sales 2016 - Kaleden and Okanagan Falls Area

Property Type	Sales & Volume	# of Sales	# New Listings	Avg Sale Price	Days to Sell
Residential:					
Bare Land Strata	\$15,566,666	33	46	\$471,717	115
Duplex	\$300,000	1	1	\$300,000	88
Mobile w/ land	\$1,584,500	6	4	\$264,083	88
Single Family	\$58,940,574	105	159	\$561,339	87
Mobile Homes	\$1,061,151	16	19	\$66,322	107
Condo (apt)	\$1,947,200	8	7	\$243,400	116
Condo (twm-hse)	\$2,085,100	9	15	\$231,678	36
Farms:					
Acreage	\$5,535,000	10	24	\$553,500	208
Acr (wtrfrnt)	\$2,997,995	12	35	\$249,833	182
Lots	\$0	0	3	\$0	0
Lots (wtrfrnt)	\$4,106,814	24	29	\$171,117	155
Lots (wtrfrnt)	\$0	0	0	\$0	0

Source: South Okanagan Real Estate Board, South Okanagan Real Estate Sales 2016

Taxes and Charges on a representative house in Kaleden & Okanagan Falls

Value: \$313,343

Taxes: \$2,340

Source: www.rdos.bc.ca (2015)

www.okfalls.ca

Household total income of private households (2435)

Median household total income (\$)	61,773
Average household total income (\$)	77,016
One-person private households	510
Median household total income (\$)	27,035
Average household total income (\$)	35,118
Two-or-more-persons private households	1,925
Median household total income (\$)	69,913
Average household total income (\$)	88,153

Source: Statistics Canada Census 2011 / Next Census Update - 2017

Household total income of private households (2435)

\$0 - \$29,999	585
\$30,000 - \$49,999	455
\$50,000 - \$79,000	570
\$80,000 - \$100,000	195
\$100,000 - \$124,999	175
\$125,000 and over	435

Source: Statistics Canada 2011 / Next Census Update - 2017



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Emergency & Health Services

The Regional RCMP Provincial Detachment provides policing in Okanagan Falls.

Okanagan Falls Volunteer Fire Department provides first response and firefighting services. The Regional Fire Dispatch Centre in Kelowna provides comprehensive regional 9-1-1 services including emergency dispatch, automatic alarm monitoring response and municipal/RDOS after-hour's response.

Hospitals: Penticton Regional Hospital; 550 Carmi Ave. Penticton. 250-492-4000

South Okanagan General Hospital (see page 20): 7139 362nd. Ave. Oliver. 250-498-5000

Kelowna General Hospital 2268 Pandosy St. Kelowna. 250-862-4000

There are 2 physicians in OK Falls; 2 Urgent Care/walk-in clinics in Penticton.

OK Falls has 1 naturopath, 1 massage therapist, 1 pharmacy and home support services are available through Interior Health.

Penticton has 4 pharmacies, 3 optometrists, and over 20 dentists, several chiropractors and rehab services.

Oliver has 1 optometrist, 3 dentists and 1 chiropractor

There are 2 Veterinary Services in OK Falls

Source: RDOS

Education

The Okanagan Falls Elementary School (SD53) continues to peak in the enrollment trend. While enrollment in many schools and school districts is declining, Okanagan Falls School is growing rapidly as the schools principal, Ms. Lisa McCall continues to introduce new and innovative teaching resources. Early Learning (Strongstart and Preschool, K-7 programming) a technology focus (Smartboards in every classroom) and a dynamic and nurturing teaching environment. School Programs include; One to One Reading, Learning Assistance Support, Fine Arts, Intramurals, Extra Curricular Sports, Drug Abuse, Resistance Education and Strong Start (a school based early learning program for 3-5 year-olds.)

1141 Cedar Street, Okanagan Falls, BC V0H 1R0. 250-497-5414
www.sd53/okanaganfallselem.com

There is one elementary school in Okanagan Falls, and one in Kaleden. Middle school students from Ok Falls are bussed to Penticton Secondary school students from OK Falls are bussed to Southern Okanagan Secondary School in Oliver.

French Immersion - SD #67.250-770-7700

Home Learners Program - SD #67.250-770-7718

SD #53 OS School Board office.250-498-3481

Higher Education & Vocational Programs

Okanagan College Penticton Campus; The Jim Pattison Centre of Excellence in sustainable Building Technologies & Renewable Energy Conservation; (Okanagan College Penticton Campus) University Of British Columbia Kelowna

Learning Centres are located throughout the South Okanagan within School District 53. www.youlearn.ca

Source: RDOS

Library

The Okanagan Falls Regional Library Hours are: Tues.12pm - 8pm; Wed.10am - 4pm; Fri.10am - 4pm; Sat.10am - 2pm.

101- 850 Railway Lane, Okanagan Falls. 250-497-5886

Selected Characteristics Okanagan Similkameen 'D'

Education	Total
Total Population 15 years & over by highest certificate, diploma or degree	5,015
No Certificate, diploma or degree.....	890
High School Certificate or equivalent.....	1,255
Postsecondary certificate, diploma or degree.....	2,875
Apprenticeship/trades certificate or diploma	980
College, CEGEP or other cert. or diploma.....	1,110
University Certificate or diploma below bachelor level	180
University Certificate, diploma or degree at bachelor level or above.....	595
Bachelor's Degree.....	370
University Certificate, diploma or degree above bachelor level.	225

Source: Statistics Canada Census 2011 / Next Census Update - 2017

Okanagan Falls & Area Events

February - Kaleden Pot Luck/Community Gathering; Kaleden Town Hall Meeting

March - Okanagan Falls Town Hall Meeting

April - Easter Egg Hunt; Pitch in Day

May - Music in the Park - Mothers Day; Lions Club Dog Walk; SD 67 Fun Run Kaleden

June - Pharmasave Jr. Triathlon; Music in the Park - Fathers Day

July - Canada Day; Party in the Park - OK Falls Wine Association; Prospera Axel Merckx Granfondo; Challenge Penticton; Music in the Park

August - Shriners Car Show; Ultra Swim; Penticton 2017 ITU Multisport Worlds

September - Music in the Park; Area "D" APC; OK Falls Parks & Rec Commission; Kaleden Parks & Rec Commission

All Summer

What's on Wednesdays; OK Falls Wineries Events

Source: visitokfalls.net

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Recreation & Attractions

The Okanagan Falls area with its four distinct seasons, long hot summers and mild winters is without a doubt a recreational paradise. Surrounded by lakes and sandy beaches, miles of hiking trails, world class rock climbing, parks galore, fishing, kayaking, sailing, horseback riding, golfing, skiing, wildlife viewing, festivals and the list goes on. The Parks and Recreation Department has a full line-up of year-round activities for young and old alike. For information call: 250-497-8188 www.okfalls.net



Keogan Sports Park

Located at the south end of Cedar Street, this flat ten acre park is ideal for a variety of sporting events. The Weyerhaeuser and Centennial baseball diamonds are complete with dugouts and bleachers. Centennial Field has a shale in-field designed to accommodate both youth and adult leagues. The park is also home to a cricket pitch and a skate park facility. The cricket pitch is home field to the Okanagan Cricket club.

Shaha Lake

Skaha Lake, the fourth in a chain of five major lakes of the Okanagan Valley, is one of the warmest lakes in Canada. It is an ideal lake for sailing, water skiing; wake boarding, kite surfing, and scuba diving and fishing. Anglers fish for small and large mouth bass, whitefish, kokanee and cutthroat. The south end of the lake forms the lovely and family friendly beaches of Okanagan Falls and Kaleden.



Kenyon Park

Located close to the centre of town, on the south shore of Skaha Lake is a perfect family park. A trail connects to Christie Memorial Park making one continuous waterfront park complete with splash park, playgrounds, picnic areas along with a clean smooth sandy beach. Unique water features and sculptures are recent additions. The shallow shoreline is safe and well maintained. A pavilion is provided for sheltered picnic areas, family reunions and other special events. There is also a large grassy area to play or to spread out a blanket and enjoy the views. The Kenyon House is available to rent for special events. It is equipped with a full kitchen, dining space and washrooms.

Lions Gardens

This 3-acre nature park, with its winding trails is a perfect place for a morning or evening stroll, photography or just taking in the stunning views. Enjoy the beautiful native species gardens, majestic trees, and the serene nature pond inhabited by ducks, turtles, fish and beaver. Benches and picnic tables are located throughout the park.

Centennial Park

Central to Okanagan Falls is Centennial Park. Located along Main Street, this peaceful and picturesque park has a large grassy play area that is a great stop for travelers. The park is home to a life-sized bronze sculpture of Okanagan Falls' very own rodeo Champion-Kenny Mc Lean, the only rodeo cowboy to have received the prestigious 'Order of Canada'. A recent construction in the park is a band shell which paves the way to additional community events for residents in the area.

The Kettle Valley Railway Trail

Trails are imbedded in the culture of the Okanagan and Similkameen Valleys and a wide variety of users recreate and commute on the regions trails daily. Local area residents use the trail system for activities including evening strolls along the KVR, commuting to work from one community to another, to active motorized and non-motorized trail based recreation. Highlights of the KVR include stunning vistas, an easy gradient and unique topography. Exceptionally diverse, the trails traverse ranchland, riverbanks, lakes, tunnels, trestles, desert, orchards, and vineyards. The old Kettle Valley Railway Trestle Bridge has been transformed into a walk/bike trail connecting Okanagan Falls to the Kettle Valley Railway Trail. The RDOS is proud to help support the KVR Trail. All of the South Okanagan communities are working together to improve and update mapping and trails. The new internet mapping site allows users to zoom into any area of the RDOS, view trails on an areal photo base, and obtain detailed descriptions on key sections and access points. www.rdos.bc.ca (Click Hike & Bike)



Recreation & Attractions

Skaha Bluffs

The Skaha Bluffs located within Skaha Bluffs Provincial Park is one of the most popular rock climbing areas in British Columbia. The climbing routes through the bluffs have been clearly defined in maps and various books and are internationally known as a world-class climbing destination. From the parking area there are clearly marked signs and trails pointing to the various routes that are situated in three parallel canyons. Most of the climbs are generally less than 30 metres high (100ft). Climbers are rewarded with awesome views overlooking Skaha Lake and Penticton.

S̓x̓w̓ə̓x̓nitk̓w̓ Park

In 2015 Okanagan Falls Provincial Park was renamed 'S̓x̓w̓ə̓x̓nitk̓w̓ Park' to reflect the traditional Okanagan place name for the area.

The Park is located within the territory of the Osoyoos Indian Band and is proudly managed and operated by the Band. The park is located on Green Lake Road just north

of Okanagan Falls, off Hwy 97. Nestled among the cool deciduous trees above Okanagan River, this oasis is famous among naturalists for its superb bird watching, wildlife viewing, nature study, photography opportunities and a variety of bats. The Interior Salish called the series of stepped rapids at the outlet of Skaha Lake Kwak-ne-ta or "little falls". Historically, the rocky outcrops were spots used for fishing and were one of the most important fishing sites in the Okanagan Nations traditional territory. In 1950 the flood control dam was built where the upper falls once stood.

The park conserves riparian vegetation that is important habitat for a variety of bird and bat species. The trees planted in the 1950's help support birds found in the park.

The park is 2 hectares in size and offers 25 vehicle-accessible campsites nestled between the Okanagan River and the steep foothills of Mt. McLellan.

Facilities in the park include campfire rings, picnic tables, drinking water, pit or flush toilets, and wheelchair access.

The park is closed to the general public annually during the third weekend of September, in order to host the annual Salmon Feast. This event raises awareness of Okanagan history and culture, as well as the efforts to revitalize and restore sockeye salmon numbers in the Okanagan River.

Vaseux Lake Provincial Park & Wildlife Centre

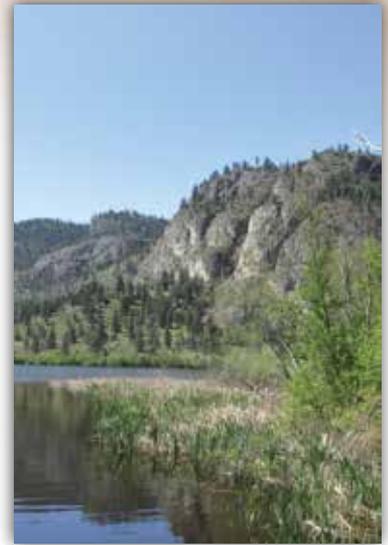
The Provincial Park and Wildlife Centre is located along Highway 97 at the north end of Vaseux Lake between Oliver and Okanagan Falls. The focus of Vaseux Lake Park is the preservation of riparian and wetland breeding habitat necessary to support the local wildlife. An information kiosk provides information about the area vegetation and wildlife. A 20-min round trip trail leads to the marsh and along the boardwalk to the bird blind.

Among the birds that frequent the sanctuary are the Great Horned

Owl, and the Burrowing Owl, along with Canada's smallest humming bird as well as the Golden Eagle. Waterfowl thrive in the natural habitat of grasses, reeds, and willows along the shoreline.

Look for Canada Geese, Trumpeter Swans, and Blue Herons. Fish in Vaseux Lake include Small and Largemouth Bass, Sunfish, Carp, Whitefish, Kokanee, and Cutthroat Trout.

The cliffs around the lake are part of the Vaseux Bighorn National Wildlife Area and are home to Canada's largest herd of California Bighorn Sheep. They are often seen grazing high on the grassy slopes along the highway. These vertical bluffs or cliffs which rise 250 metres (820 ft) tower over the narrow pass through which Highway 97 runs. Known as McIntyre Bluffs, these bluffs were the site of a battle between the Shuswap and the Okanagan Indians. Indian pictographs etched in the rocks are an example of this area's incredible history. Scheduled hikes in this fascinating area take place throughout the year. Contact The South Okanagan Chamber Of Commerce for details. This is also rattlesnake country, so please use caution on trails.



History of Okanagan Falls

Okanagan Falls was named after a small twin falls that was once a part of a scenic natural landscape located at the southern end of Skaha Lake

where it emptied into the Okanagan River. The 'falls' today have been reduced to a series of rapids by flood control work and a dam that was built on the river in the 1950s to control lake levels south of Okanagan Falls. Okanagan Falls Heritage House & Museum, located within The Basset House gives the visitor a view of earlier days and simpler times in Okanagan Falls.

Also located in town is the Historic "Blasted Church" (now The United Church of Okanagan Falls) named so as it was literally blasted apart at its former site, relocated and re-assembled in Okanagan Falls. Keogan Chimney is a certified heritage site located approximately two kilometers south of Okanagan Falls on the highway right of way between Alba Road and Hwy 97. The stone and slate chimney along with a few scattered logs is all that remains of Michael Keogan's cabin. Michael Keogan came to the country at the time of the Rock Creek gold rush. In 1876 he received a crown grant for lot 10. This historic chimney is a symbol of the tenacity of the early settlers and the gold rush era. It is one of the few structures in Okanagan Falls that dates back over one hundred years. For more information on Okanagan Falls please contact the Okanagan Falls Visitor & Information Centre at 250-497-6260 or go to www.okfalls.ca.



Area Attractions & Recreation

South Okanagan Lakes

The Lakes in this area provide an abundance and variety of recreational opportunities from fishing, to water skiing, swimming & parasailing.

Osoyoos Lake Power boats are permitted on Osoyoos Lake which extends through Osoyoos into Washington state. Although the lake is well-known to water skiers and sun bathers, anglers can find a variety of fish in its waters. Spring and fall are the best times to catch rainbow trout and kokanee, and the bass fishery peaks in the summer.

Some of the shoreline, especially within the town is privately owned property, but there are several public boat launching areas. Private campgrounds and resort areas also offer boat ramps and facilities.

Tuc-el-Nuit Lake Tuc-el-Nuit Lake is located on the outskirts of Oliver, with 3 public access areas. It is a spring fed lake and no power boats are allowed. It's a calm and beautiful lake, great for swimming, canoeing and fishing. The Rotary beach access has a sandy beach and grassy area with picnic tables.

Vaseux Lake is located off Highway 97 and is easily accessible. It is closed to power boats. The lake with its beautiful shoreline is popular for canoeing and wildlife watching. Vaseux Lake is also known for its bass fishing (largemouth and smallmouth), rainbow trout, whitefish and kokanee.

Skaha Lake Power boats are permitted on this lake and it is enjoyed by community residents as well as visitors for all types of water recreation. The lake has an extensive beach area especially at



Osoyoos Lake

the Okanagan Falls end and the Penticton end. All fish native to the Columbia River Drainage reside in these waters.

Okanagan River The Okanagan River Channel meanders for miles connecting Skaha, Vaseux and Osoyoos Lakes. With several access areas fishing is allowed for part of the year. The fishery is closed between Vaseux and Osoyoos Lakes from Oct. 1st to Nov. 15th. Spring closures also apply.



Vaseux Lake - Paul Eby - OK Photo Lab

Mountain Lakes

Sawmill Lake You can troll for trout on Sawmill Lake using single barbless artificial flies. There is also a bait ban and catch-and-release restriction (this is a no-kill fishery). The lake is regularly stocked and some trophy-sized fish hide in its waters. Sawmill Lake is located west of Oliver off White Lake Road.

Madden Lake is regularly stocked with rainbows and the B.C. Forest Service has set up a small picnic area on the shore. Madden Lake is located about 10 kilometers west of Oliver.

Bear Lake or Ripley Lake, as it is also known, is located one kilometer north of Madden Lake. While slightly smaller, it too is regularly stocked with rainbow trout.

Mahoney Lake & Spotted Lake Mahoney Lake is located on Green Lake road in the hills northwest of Oliver. Unique in BC and rare in the world because of its qualities, it is classified as a meromictic lake, meaning a lake with only partial circulation. It is designated as an ecological reserve and is closed to camping and recreational activities. Spotted Lake can be found 9 km west of Osoyoos. It contains one of the world's highest concentrations of minerals, including Epsom salts, calcium, magnesium and many other trace minerals. During summers, the water evaporates and crystallizes making the white-ringed spots visible. Noted for its healing powers the lake is still revered by the Okanagan Indian Bands.

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Winter Recreation

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Founded in 1968, Baldy is located on the south side of Mount Baldy in the South Okanagan, just north of the Canada-US border. Baldy is an old, inactive volcano and has a base elevation of 5,650 feet above sea level, which is 2,000 feet below the mountain peak.

The surrounding towns of Osoyoos and Oliver embrace and proudly showcase their vintner industry, sophisticated resorts, championship golf courses, and a wide range of cultural, intellectual and artistic experiences.



Mount Baldy by Josée Bergeron

Baldy Mountain Resort rests on a vast and rugged landscape of hills and grasslands perfect for hiking, biking and wildlife viewing within easy access to the city. Future plans for development include a 30 km mountain bike trail with access into both Oliver and Osoyoos, hosting a Baldy Mountain Marathon and Wellness Festival. Oh, and did we mention real estate?

Baldy is currently selling: A few remaining single family lots, micro-cabins, and single family homes. With all McKinney Subdivision single family lots selling out in just 7 days-the demand is very high.

There is however, still time to get your piece of ski-in-ski-out paradise with a few remaining, beautiful single family lots. Please check our web site for the latest info. www.skibaldy.com

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Apex Mountain Resort & Ski Area

Apex Mountain Ski Area near Apex Mountain Provincial Recreation area is located northwest of Okanagan Falls off Highway 97. It is renowned in Western Canada as one of the three prime ski and snowboard destinations in the Okanagan Valley. A high-speed quad chairlift, a triple chair and a T-bar serve the mountain. Total vertical rise from the base to the peak is 2000 feet (605m). The 50 trails at Apex are divided between 16% novice, 48% intermediate, 18% advanced and 18% expert ability levels. It also offers 7.5 miles (12 km) of cross country trails.

Skiing is free on the cross-country trails. The Trail-head is located beside the resort's R.V. Park.

www.apexresort.com

McKinney Nordic Ski Club is located 10 km from Mt Baldy on the McKinney Rd. (27 km from Oliver). There are 14km of cross-country trails, with a variety of levels of difficulty. The trails are groomed and track set regularly by volunteer groomer operators with a Bombadier Snow Cat. There is a restroom on site, but no lodge. Trail maps are posted at all junctions.



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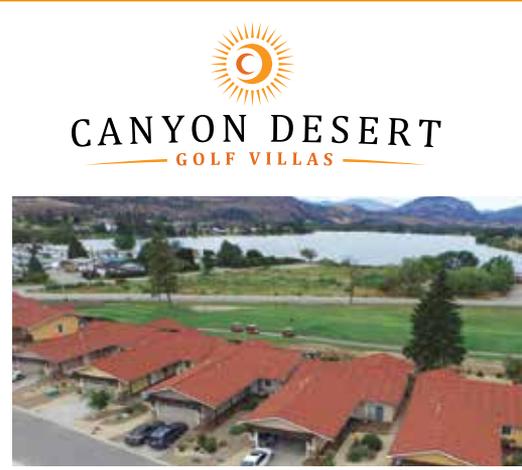


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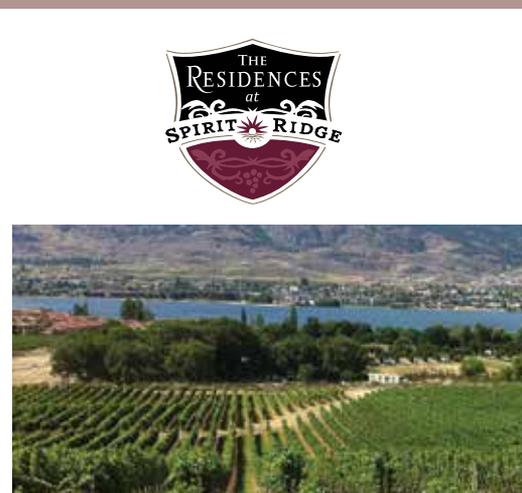
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