

COMMUNITY PROFILE

AN INTRODUCTION TO TUMBLER RIDGE



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
TUMBLER RIDGE, BC**

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INTRODUCTION

This Community Profile for the District of Tumbler Ridge is designed to provide complete within one document, information regarding the most frequently asked questions about our community. The document aims to assist businesses in evaluating the opportunities available in Tumbler Ridge by providing relevant information in an accessible form.

Both the Municipal Council and Staff recognize the importance of attracting new businesses into Tumbler Ridge and maintaining a healthy business environment in the community. If we can be of assistance in any way, or if you require additional information, please contact us.

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HISTORY

It will be tough for historians to say exactly when Tumbler Ridge came into being. In the spring of 1982, there was nothing but a few cleared patches and a couple of camp trailers surrounded by mud. Today, there are an estimated 3,700 people living here. Roads are paved, houses clean and modern, and the residents are serviced by all the usual facilities that one finds in a town of this size.

This young town was built to service the Northeast Coal Project - a \$3 billion project involving the export of 100 million tonnes of metallurgical coal to Japan over a period of 15 years (1982 - 1997). Early in 1976 the developer - consortiums led by Denison Mines and the Teck Corporation, together with the provincial government, decided that it would be impractical to transport the workforce in daily from Chetwynd or Dawson Creek; 100 km away. They also discounted setting up camps at the mine site, between which the miners would commute for seven-day shifts. The only solution, which satisfied the need to attract and maintain a steady labour force, was to build a new town.

This is how Tumbler Ridge was conceived.

LOCATION

Tumbler Ridge is located approximately 1200 kms northeast of Vancouver, close to the BC - Alberta boundary. Tumbler Ridge is at the junction of Highway 29 from Chetwynd, and the Highway 52 to Dawson Creek. It is also accessible from Grande Prairie via Highway 52E. Tumbler Ridge is situated on a plateau above the confluence of three major waterways; the Murray River, Wolverine River and Flatbed Creek. The setting is magnificent, with Mount Bergeron and Quintette Mountain adding to the natural beauty of copious forest and rolling hills.

DRIVING DISTANCES TO:



| | |
|----------------|---------|
| Dawson Creek | 120 km |
| Chetwynd | 90 km |
| Fort St. John | 190 km |
| Grande Prairie | 250 km |
| Prince George | 400 km |
| Edmonton | 700 km |
| Calgary | 1000 km |
| Vancouver | 1190 km |

TRANSPORTATION

Air

An airport site has been developed several miles southeast of the town site. There is presently a 4,000 foot x 100 foot paved runway and terminal building that requires no prior permission to use. There is taxiway and apron lighting. Other features include Precision Approach Path Slope Indicators (PAPI), lighted windsocks and Non-Directional Beacon. Aviation fuel sales are provided on-site.

Highway

Tumbler Ridge is accessible by paved Highway 29 via Chetwynd and paved Highway 52 via Dawson Creek. Highway 52E via Grande Prairie is in the process of being paved, and should be finished by the fall of 2008.

Freight and Courier

Regular freight services are provided by Canadian Freightways, Van Kam, Purolator, UPS, Federal Express, DHL, Greyhound Bus Lines, Cargo West and other major freight and courier services.

Canadian National Railway (CN Rail)

The local area is capable of receiving freight service from CN Rail. Additional capacity for freight entering or leaving the Tumbler Ridge area can be obtained by contacting CN Rail freight services.

CLIMATE

The complex mountainous terrain influences the weather at Tumbler Ridge by way of interactions of the warm moist Pacific air and the colder, dryer Arctic air masses. The climate of the area is characterized by long, cool winters, warm springs and short, cool summers. Precipitation in the form of rain and snow is 519.4 mm annually. The area is also prone to frequent Chinooks.

Climate Summary

Temperatures (Celsius)

| Month | Maximum | Minimum | Mean Max | Mean Min | Mean |
|-----------|---------|---------|----------|----------|------|
| January | 14.5 | -41.5 | -2.1 | -10.0 | -5.3 |
| February | 15.5 | -38.0 | -1.2 | -10.00 | -5.5 |
| March | 15.5 | -38.0 | 3.0 | -6.7 | -1.8 |
| April | 26.0 | -20.0 | 9.8 | -1.3 | 4.7 |
| May | 31.0 | -7.0 | 15.2 | 3.3 | 9.1 |
| June | 30.5 | -2.0 | 18.6 | 7.2 | 12.9 |
| July | 33.0 | 0.5 | 21.2 | 9.3 | 15.2 |
| August | 33.0 | -4.0 | 20.6 | 8.3 | 14.5 |
| September | 34.0 | -11.5 | 15.0 | 4.6 | 9.8 |
| October | 24.0 | -28.0 | 8.6 | 0.2 | 4.4 |
| November | 14.5 | -46.0 | -1.0 | -8.0 | -4.5 |
| December | 10.5 | -41.5 | -2.9 | 10.8 | -7.2 |
| Annual | 23.5 | -23.0 | 7.0 | -0.9 | 3.9 |

Average Precipitation (Water Equivalent mm)

| | |
|---------------|---|
| January | 40.2 |
| February | 24.3 |
| March | 32.4 |
| April | 25.1 |
| May | 30.1 |
| June | 73.0 |
| July | 78.6 |
| August | 49.2 |
| September | 52.1 |
| October | 47.5 |
| November | 39.5 |
| December | 27.61 |
| Annual | 519.4 (Average annual snowfall 185.2 cm) |

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION

Initially Tumbler Ridge's local government consisted of an appointed Commissioner who acted as Mayor and Council for the new municipality. In 1983, three aldermen were appointed by the Province of BC and in 1984, the first municipal elections were held, with three additional aldermen elected to make a seven person council.

In 1985 the three appointed alderman positions and the Mayor's position were all open for election. Tumbler Ridge now has a fully elected seven-person council.

The present slate in Council is as follows:

| | |
|-------------|--|
| Mayor | Larry White |
| Councillors | Doug Beale Rob MacKay Kelly McManus Don McPherson Jerrilyn Schembri Darwin Wren |

The municipality has a complete staff to handle all day-to-day functions of the District. The municipal staff and department heads are:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Chief Administrative Officer | Kim Isaak |
| Corporate Officer | Marjorie Whalen |
| Chief Financial Officer | Michele Schalekamp |
| Public Works Operations Manager | Clark Hazlehurst |
| Fire Chief/Bylaw Enforcement Officer | Matt Treit |
| Director of Community Services | Cheryl Hayden |
| Economic Development Officer | Ray Proulx |

POPULATION AND WORKFORCE

Population

The following table illustrates data collected by Statistics Canada in the 2006 Census:

| Population by Age Group 2006 | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Age Group | Population | % Distribution |
| Under 19 years | 595 | 24.2% |
| 20 - 34 years | 375 | 15.3% |
| 35 - 54 years | 830 | 33.7% |
| 55 - 74 years | 610 | 24.8% |
| 75 years and over | 50 | 2.0% |
| Total | 2460 | 100.0% |

*The unofficial count for 2009 is approximately 3700 residents.

Workforce

The following table illustrates data collected by Statistics Canada in the 2006 Census:

| Labour Force by Sector: | | | |
|---|------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| <i>Non-Agricultural Labour Force Reported by Place of Residence</i> | | | |
| | Total Number Employed | | % of Total Employed Persons |
| Resource-Based | 425 | | 31.95% |
| Construction | 185 | | 13.91% |
| Manufacturing | 30 | | 2.26% |
| Wholesale Trade | 35 | | 2.63% |
| Retail Trade | 100 | | 7.52% |
| Finance & Real Estate | 30 | | 2.26% |
| Health Care & Social Services | 45 | | 3.38% |
| Education | 70 | | 5.26% |
| Business Services | 195 | | 14.66% |
| Other Services | 215 | | 16.17% |
| Total | 1,330 | | 100.00% |

Labour Force by Occupation:

Reported by Place of Residence

| | Total Number Employed | | % of Total Employed Persons |
|---|------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Management | 85 | | 6.42% |
| Business, Finance & Administration | 150 | | 11.32% |
| Natural & Applied Sciences | 75 | | 5.66% |
| Health Occupations | 20 | | 1.51% |
| Social Science, Education, Government Service, Religion | 80 | | 6.04% |
| Art, Culture, Recreation & Sport | 15 | | 1.13% |
| Sales & Service | 280 | | 21.13% |
| Trades, Transport & Equipment Operators | 475 | | 35.85% |
| Occupations Unique to Primary Industry | 115 | | 8.68% |
| Occupations Unique to Processing, Manufacturing & Utilities | 30 | | 2.26% |
| Total | 1,325 | | 100.00% |
| Employed in the Labour Force* | | | |
| Male | 54.68% | | |
| Female | 39.33% | | |
| Total | 94.01% | | |
| *Population aged 15-64 | | | |

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

The District of Tumbler Ridge has developed in excess of 1,100 single family lots, 113 mobile home lots, six apartment buildings and a mobile home park. All of the property has now been purchased. The municipality still has an inventory of single family and duplex lots that are located in fully serviced subdivisions with paved roads, curb and gutter, underground utilities and sidewalks.

The present profile of completed housing units is approximately as follows:

| | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Single Family | 1,080 |
| Residential Strata Units | 429 |
| Residential Other | 13 |
| Farm | 1 |
| Vacant Residential | 364 |

TOWN CENTRE

The heart of Tumbler Ridge is the Town Centre. Designed around the theme of “Main Street – Tumbler Ridge”, it provides a unique downtown environment.

Main Street is wide enough for vehicles, but still of a scale that allows pedestrians to feel at ease when crossing the street.

The downtown is compact in comparison with other Northern BC communities. Community facilities, including the Community Centre, Town Hall, and Post Office, are within a few hundred feet of each other. Commercial buildings, retail shops and service buildings are one and two stories high with canopies providing a “street front gallery” which protects from harsh weather yet takes advantage of the southwestern exposure to the sun.

Anchored by the Town Hall at the east and the community services complex at the west, the town centre is unified by coordinated landscape and streetscape plans that create a cozy and human scale for commerce and social interaction. At the same time, a strong sense of the region’s history, and feeling of security, permanence and stability are achieved.

The overall result is a unique combination of the pioneering excitement of a new enterprise with a well-designed environment where there is still room for residents to make their mark.

Anyone that is interested in developing property in the downtown core is encouraged to contact the Community Development Department at 250-242-4242 to determine what options are available.

TOWN CENTRE COMMERCIAL BUILDING LISTING

Private Commercial Buildings

| <u>Lot</u> | <u>Project</u> | <u>Owner</u> |
|------------|--|--|
| F | Food Store | Shop Easy Foods Loblaws Inc. 3225-12 St. NE Calgary, AB T2E 7S9 |
| G | Royal Bank Building | Lorne Gilfillan Box 2036 Tumbler Ridge, BC V0C 2W0 |
| O | Single Storey Building with Liquor Store | Tumbler Ridge Plaza Ltd. 211-1527-3 rd Avenue, Box 2458 Prince George, BC V2L 3G3 |
| N | Two Storey Building Rescan | 0745755 BC Ltd. Box 1487 Tumbler Ridge, BC V0C 2W0 |
| H | Commercial Building | Koal's Holdings 1902 Tinniswood Court Kamloops, BC V2E 2K5 |
| 1 | Gas & Service Station | Shell Canada Ltd. PO Box 100, STN M 400-4 Ave. SW Calgary, AB T2P 2H5 |
| A | Gas Bar/Convenience Store | Parkland Industries Ltd. #236, 4919-59 St. Red Deer, AB T4N 6C9 |
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|--------------------------------|---|--|
| B | Twilight Lodge | Yvette Francois 10202-75A Avenue Grande Prairie, AB T8W 2H9 |
| W | Motor Hotel | Tumbler Ridge Inn Ltd. Box 99 Tumbler Ridge, BC V0C 2W0 |
| <i>Public Buildings</i> | | |
| A | Community Centre Library Aquatic Centre | District of Tumbler Ridge Municipal Hall PO Box 100 Tumbler Ridge, BC V0C 2W0 250-242-4242 |
| D | High School | School District #59 11600-7 St. Dawson Creek, BC V1G 4R8 250-782-8571 |
| E | Health & Social Services Centre | Peace River Liard Regional Hospital District 250-782-5891 |
| T | Town Hall | District of Tumbler Ridge 250-242-4242 |
| Parcel A | Fire Hall | District of Tumbler Ridge 250-242-3939 |
| 1 | RCMP | Public Works Canada 250-242-5252 |

OTHER BUSINESS SERVICE ZONES

Commercial Park

The Tumbler Ridge Commercial Park is a six hectare (15 acre) service commercial subdivision located close to the town centre on the East Side of Mackenzie Way between the Chetwynd Highway and Pioneer Loop. It is a fully serviced, high quality municipal subdivision with paved roads, curb and gutter and all utilities underground, including sewer, storm, hydro and gas.

The following table lists the private owners:

| Lot | Civic Address | Owner | Address |
|----------|--------------------|--|--|
| 1 | 139 Commercial Pk. | Joy Propane | 724 - 114 Avenue Dawson Creek, BC V1G 3A3 |
| 2 | 135 Commercial Pk. | C. Friesen Holdings Ltd. | Box 1034 Tumbler Ridge, BC V0C 2W0 |
| 3 | 131 Commercial Pk. | Tumbler Ridge Sand & Gravel | Box 713 Tumbler Ridge, BC V0C 2W0 |
| 4 | 127 Commercial Pk. | Individual Owner | Box 1241 Tumbler Ridge, BC V0C 2W0 |
| 5 | 123 Commercial Pk. | MR Maintenance | Box 74 Tumbler Ridge, BC V0C 2W0 |
| 6 | 119 Commercial Pk. | Pacific Northern Gas | 2900 Kerr Street Terrace, BC V8G 4L9 |
| 1 SL1 | 115 Commercial Pk. | Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches of BC & Yukon | Box 359 Tumbler Ridge, BC V0C 2W0 |
| 1 SL2 | 115 Commercial Pk. | Individual Owner | Box 1402 Tumbler Ridge, BC V0C 2W0 |
| B | 111 Commercial Pk. | Avalanche Trucking | Box 717 Tumbler Ridge, BC V0C 2W0 |

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|----------|--------------------|---|---|
| A SL1 | 107 Commercial Pk. | Seventh Day Adventist Church | 1626 McCallum Rd. Abbotsford, BC V2S 4P5 |
| A SL2 | 107 Commercial Pk. | Tumbler Ridge Holdings Ltd. | Box 2229 Tumbler Ridge, BC V0C 2W0 |
| 10 | 103 Commercial Pk. | Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation | Box 7000 Prince George, BC V2N 3Z2 |
| 11 | 112 Commercial Pk. | Northern Metallic Sales | 9729-19 Street Dawson Creek, V1G 4B2 |
| 12 | 116 Commercial Pk. | Kodiak RidgeConstruction | Box 1641 Tumbler Ridge, BC V0C 2W0 |
| 13 | 120 Commercial Pk. | Kodiak Ridge Construction | Box 1641 Tumbler Ridge, BC V0C 2W0 |
| 14 | 124 Commercial Pk. | DTR-Fire Dept | Box 100 Tumbler Ridge, BC V0C 2W0 |
| 15 | 128 Commercial Pk. | TR Building Supplies | Box 368 Tumbler Ridge, BC V0C 2W0 |

New Commercial Service Properties

Due to the increasing interest in local business investment, especially land development, the District has constructed another group of Commercial Service lots with a combined area of 9 acres. This new commercial park is located near the existing one, on the opposite side of Mackenzie Way, approximately 200m to the south. For more information about these properties and C2 zoning information, please contact the Community Development Department at 250-242-4242.

Industrial Park

The District of Tumbler Ridge has also developed an 11.7 hectare (29 acre) heavy industrial park, located six miles south of the Tumbler Ridge town centre en route to the Quintette Mine site.

All lots are serviced with underground water, sewer, gas and overhead power. The park is oriented towards heavy industrial users and current owners/occupants are included in the following table:

| Lot | Area (ha) | Civic Address | Owner | Address |
|--------|-----------|--------------------|---|---|
| Lot 1 | 0.9982 | 101 Industrial Dr. | 709125 Alberta Ltd. | Box 9 Millet, AB T0C 1C0 |
| Lot 2 | 1 | 201 Industrial Dr. | H.F. Nodes Construction | Box 373 Pouce Coupe, BC V0C 2C0 |
| Lot 3 | 0.5 | 207 Industrial Dr. | Gardal Holdings Ltd. | 9027-104 Ave. Grande Prairie, AB T8X 1H5 |
| Lot 4 | 0.5002 | 213 Industrial Dr. | Gardal Holdings Ltd. | 9027-104 Ave. Grande Prairie, AB T8X 1H5 |
| Lot 5 | 0.5 | 219 Industrial Dr. | Individual Owner | Box 931 Tumbler Ridge, BC V0C 2W0 |
| Lot 6 | 0.7484 | 225 Industrial Dr. | Sled Dog Mobile Welding Ltd. | Box 1358 Tumbler Ridge, BC V0C 2W0 |
| Lot 7 | 0.4982 | 301 Industrial Dr. | Babcock Mountain Sawmill | Box 2020 Tumbler Ridge, BC V0C 2W0 |
| Lot 8 | 0.5 | 307 Industrial Dr. | Babcock Mountain Sawmill | Box 2020 Tumbler Ridge, BC V0C 2W0 |
| Lot 9 | 0.4982 | 302 Industrial Dr. | Individual Owner | Box 769 Tumbler Ridge, BC V0C 2W0 |
| Lot 10 | 0.9982 | 220 Industrial Dr. | 709125 AB Ltd. | Box 9 Millett, AB T0C 1Z0 |
| Lot A | 1 | 214 Industrial Dr. | 550633 BC Ltd. | Box 100 Pouce Coupe, BC V0C 2C0 |
| Lot A | 0.25 | 102 Industrial Dr. | Colco Enterprises | 204-17957-55 Avenue Surrey, BC V3S 6C4 |
| Lot B | 1 | 108 Industrial Dr. | Tumbler Ridge Industrial Specialties Ltd. | Box 2080 Tumbler Ridge, BC V0C 2W0 |
| Lot 13 | 0.4983 | 102 Quarry Cres. | Northland Fleet Services Ltd. | Box 579 Tumbler Ridge, BC V0C 2W0 |

| | | | | |
|--------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Lot 14 | 0.5001 | 108 Quarry Cres. | LapCorp Holdings | 3791-37 Ave. W Vancouver, BC V6N 2W1 |
| Lot 15 | 1 | 114 Quarry Cres. | LapCorp Holdings | 3791-37 Ave. W Vancouver, BC V6N 2W1 |
| Lot A | 0.5 | 101 Quarry Cres. | Kal Tire Distributers Ltd. | Box 1240 Vernon, BC V1T 6N6 |
| Lot 16 | 1.497 | 107 Quarry Cres. | Pavlis Trucking | Site 3, Comp 26, RR1 Dawson Creek, BC V1G 4E7 |
| Lot 2 | 0.6 | 219 Quarry Cres. | KPA Oilfield Services Ltd. | Box 1295 Tumbler Ridge, BC V0C 2W0 |

New serviced heavy industrial lots were placed on the market in 2006. For more information about these properties and M1 zoning information, please contact the Community Development Department at 250-242-4242.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Streets and Roads

All major arterial roads are fully paved and all subdivision streets are paved with curb and gutter. Utilities including hydro and telephone are underground and on most streets sidewalks have been provided.

Water

The municipality has its own water supply that it takes from two aquifer areas. The system is serviced by a seven million litre reservoir. There is adequate water to serve all developed areas of the municipality for both domestic and fire purposes.

A water treatment plant completed in 1991 treats all water in the residential and commercial areas.

Sanitary Sewer

Tumbler Ridge has a complete sanitary sewer system serving the municipality. Treatment facilities and sewage lagoons have been constructed at the north end of the municipality.

The annual residential charge for sanitary sewer and water service is \$267.34. Fees for commercial users vary depending on the number of fixtures.

The heavy industrial park is fully serviced by the treated water and sewer system and has its own lagoon facility.

Garbage & Cardboard Disposal

The District provides garbage collection for residential, commercial and industrial users on a regular basis. There is no charge for weekly residential service. Commercial and industrial users may rent a garbage container for \$267.75 per quarter and the District will collect the garbage three times per week or as required. Commencing October 1, 2009 the District will be charging \$267.75 per quarter for cardboard bins as well. There is no charge for use of the Municipal Transfer Station.

Fire Protection

Tumbler Ridge has a full time fire chief LAFC, and a volunteer Fire Department. The Fire Hall is located in the town centre and is well equipped with emergency and fire protection vehicles as well. The Fire Department works in conjunction with Search and Rescue, supplying equipment and sharing the use of a Squad Bay.

To become a volunteer firefighter you must be 19 years of age, have a valid driver's license and complete a criminal record check. Applications for a volunteer firefighter position can be picked up at the Fire Hall, 325 Founders Street, or by printing from this site. For more information and required qualifications or recruitment process, contact the Fire Chief at 250-242-3939.

Police Services

Police protection is provided by the R.C.M.P., who has a permanent detachment in the Tumbler Ridge Town Centre. The detachment headquarters have office and detainment facilities. The residents of Tumbler Ridge are responsible for paying, to the Province of British Columbia, a portion of the policing services provided within the District. This amount was approximately \$153,189 in 2009 or \$0.2474 per assessed \$1000.00 of residential property.

MUNICIPAL TAXES

Municipal Taxes are based on the assessed value of property and improvements for 9 basic categories, including Residential, Utilities, Forestry, Heavy Industrial, Light Industrial, Business, Tree Farm, Seasonal Recreational and Farm. The B.C. Assessment Authority determines the assessed value. The municipality, school district, regional district, regional hospital district, B.C. Assessment Authority and Municipal Finance Authority establish the tax rates.

Average gross municipal taxes for a single family home assessed at \$159,801 in Tumbler Ridge in 2009 were \$1,599. In addition, there is an average charge of \$267.34 per annum for water and sewer service, thereby bringing the approximate average annual charge for a single family home to \$1,866.

If your primary residence is in Tumbler Ridge you are eligible for a B.C. Homeowners Grant, which can often lower the amount of your gross payment significantly. The following table illustrates this point:

| Age | Gross Taxes (Before Deductions) | Maximum Eligibility | Net Taxes Payable |
|----------|------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Under 65 | \$1,769.97 | \$570.00 | \$1,199.97 |
| Over 65 | \$1,769.97 | \$845.00 | \$924.97 |

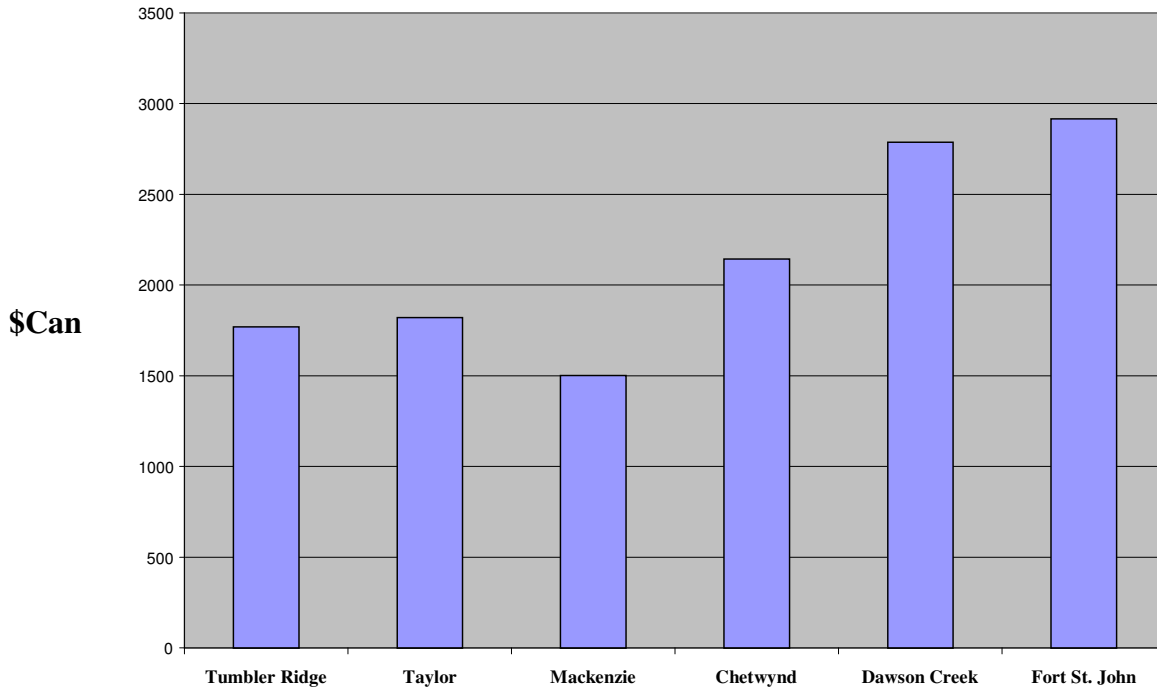
A full summary of the 2009 tax rates by each class is shown in the following table:

| Class | | Tax Rates |
|-------|------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Residential | 10.01 |
| 2 | Utilities | 86.36 |
| 4 | Major Industrial | 56.76 |
| 5 | Light Industrial | 48.78 |
| 6 | Business/Other | 37.05 |
| 8 | Rec/Non-profit | 9.96 |
| 9 | Farm | 13.16 |

A Note on Calculating Taxes:

Annual taxes for any given class are calculated by dividing a property's current assessment by 1000, then multiplying the resulting number by the current year's tax rate.

The following chart illustrates a regional comparison of residential taxes and charges on a representative house for the 2008 tax year:



Source: CivicInfo BC 2008

UTILITIES

Electricity

B.C. Hydro and Power Authority provide electrical utility service to all developed areas of the municipality.

Rates as of April 1, 2009

Residential Rate

| | |
|----------------|---------------------------|
| Basic Charge | \$7.43 for 2 month period |
| First 1350 kWh | \$0.0591 per kWh |
| Additional kWh | \$0.0827 per kWh |

Commercial Rates

Consumers of less than 35kW for 2 months (i.e. offices, repair shops)

| | |
|--------------|--|
| Basic Charge | \$9.70 for 2 month period |
| All kWh | \$0.0769 per kWh |
| Rate Rider | 1.0% applied to all charges, before taxes & levies |

***Consumers of 35kW or more for 1 month
(i.e. buildings, retail, small manufacturing)***

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Basic Charge up to 35 kW | \$9.70 per month |
| Next 115 kW | \$3.94 per kW |
| Additional kW | \$7.56 per kW |
| Minimum Charge | 50% of the highest maximum demand charge billed in any month between Nov 1 – Mar 31 |
| Rate Rider | 1.0% applied to all charges, before taxes & levies |

Industrial Rates

| | |
|----------------|--|
| Demand Charge | \$5.260 per kVA |
| Energy Charge | \$0.02608 per kWh |
| Minimum Charge | \$5.260 per kVA of billing demand per billing period |
| Rate Rider | 1.0% applied to all charges, before taxes & levies |

Natural Gas

Pacific Northern Gas is the sole operating utility providing natural gas service to Tumbler Ridge. Natural gas is available to commercial, industrial, and residential areas of Tumbler Ridge. Phone: 1-800-663-1173

Rates as of July 1, 2009

| <i>Energy Charge (per GJ)</i> | <i>Basic</i> | <i>Delivery + Commodity</i> |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Residential | \$8.50 | \$7.624 |
| Small Commercial | \$8.50 | \$7.163 |
| Large Commercial | \$8.50 | \$6.628 |
| Industrial Transport | \$10,000 | \$0.214 |

BUSINESS LICENCING

3 Steps to Opening a Business in Tumbler Ridge:

1. Call, e-mail or stop by the Economic Development Office to get some direction and assistance.
2. Investigate the operational guidelines for your particular business and possible locations for you to set up shop. Business guidelines, vacant property listings and zoning descriptions may be obtained from Town Hall.
3. Once you're ready to do business, you must purchase one of the following licenses from the District of Tumbler Ridge:

| Business Classification | License Fee |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Industrial Business | \$200.00 |
| Commercial Business | \$150.00 |
| Home Business (Contractor) | \$150.00 |
| Non-Resident Business | \$150.00 |
| Unclassified Business | \$150.00 |
| Home Occupation Business | \$75.00 |
| Daily Business | \$50.00 |

Any owner or operator of a business in Tumbler Ridge must hold a valid Business Licence. Further information can be obtained at Town Hall or by phoning 250-242-4242.

COMMUNICATIONS

Three weekly newspapers serve Tumbler Ridge:

Tumbler Ridge News (locally owned and operated)

PO Box 1981
Tumbler Ridge, BC V0C 2W0
Phone: 242-5343
Fax: 242-5340
www.tumblerridgenews.com

Northeast Weekly

Phone: (250) 782-4757
Fax: (250) 782-4791
#301, 1021-102nd Ave.
Dawson Creek, BC V1G 2V9

Peace Country Spotlight

Phone: (250) 663-8747
Fax: (250) 663-8780
#205, 10008-110th Ave.
Fort St. John, BC V1J 2T2

Radio

The community has four FM radio stations including CBC National Radio, CFMI Vancouver, GFGP (Rock 97.7) Grande Prairie and CJDC Dawson Creek.

Television

Tumbler Ridge has full cable complement through Persona.

Satellite television access is provided by Bell Express Vu and Starchoice

Telephone

Services Provided by: Telus
 310-2255

Cellular Service

Provided by: Telus Mobility
 Bell Mobilty

Internet Services

Dial-up and wireless:

Peace Region Internet Society (PRIS)
929-106th Ave.
Dawson Creek, BC V1G 2N9

Toll Free: 1-800-768-3311
Email: acct@pris.ca

Cable Ethernet:

Persona Communications
1-877-PERSONA

Dial-up:

Telus
1-877-310-4NET

MEDICAL

Community Health Centre

The Health and Social Services Centre provides comprehensive health care to the community. All health-related services are housed under one roof. Doctor, ambulance, public health nurse, counselling, as well as lab, x-ray and emergency services are all available.

Tumbler Ridge has the services of three family physicians, mental health counselor and visiting optometrist.

Emergency care is equipped with a 24-hour facility and fully equipped ambulance service. Tumbler Ridge Health Centre hours of operation are M-F 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For emergencies and ambulance service call 9-1-1. Medevac air service and STARS Air Ambulance can also be utilized if necessary.

EDUCATION

Tumbler Ridge is well equipped with adequate schooling to handle the needs of the community. The schools that are located in Tumbler Ridge are as follows:

Tumbler Ridge Elementary School

- Accommodating kindergarten to the sixth grade.

Tumbler Ridge Senior Secondary School

- Accommodating seventh grade to twelfth grade.

Northern Lights College

- Providing advanced education and quality life style courses for a variety of careers, personal interests and industry needs.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Community Centre

The centerpiece of indoor recreation in Tumbler Ridge is the multi-million dollar Community Centre. The Centre is a multi use building servicing recreation, sport, and cultural needs of the residents.

The recreational component consists of an ice arena, four sheet curling rink, fully equipped weight room, youth centre, climbing wall and an aquatic centre.

The aquatic centre boasts a four-lane twenty five metre competition style main tank, side lagoon play area, separate tots pool. Whirlpool, dry sauna, steam room, squash court, racquetball court, open and enclosed poolside seating, family change rooms, patio sundeck and deck level diving.

The Centre also houses an art gallery show space, library, restaurant and sports lounge, meeting rooms, banquet facilities, museum displays, and is the home of the Tumbler Ridge childcare facility.

Golf Course

A nine-hole par 36 golf course, cut from thick, forested terrain high above the Murray River is located on the edge of town. Course facilities include a restaurant, pro-shop, practice green, golf carts and driving range. The clubhouse is a year round

facility, golfing in the summer and marked, groomed cross-country ski trails in the winter.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Tumbler Ridge is located in one of the finest wilderness recreation areas in the province of British Columbia. The year-round recreation opportunities seem almost unlimited. They include hiking, fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, cross country skiing, canoeing, boating, four wheeling, horseback riding; the list is endless.

Hiking Trails

Hiking trails, which encircle the town site and the surrounding areas, are maintained throughout the summer. A walk to the Bald Spot rewards a person with the spectacular view of Tumbler Ridge nestled in the foothills. The Flatbed Falls trail (ideal for a novice hiker) begins in town and leads a person through the Lions Flatbed Creek Campground right through to Flatbed Falls.

The Wolverine Nordic Mountain Society has worked tirelessly to create a network of 37 well-constructed recreational trails to a variety of amazing destinations throughout the Tumbler Ridge area. Brochures featuring maps of these trails can be found on the WNMS website at <http://www.pris.bc.ca/wnms/brochures.htm>.

Bird Sanctuary

A new Bird Sanctuary Trail opened in April 1995. This trail to Tumbler Ridge Point is well groomed. Signage is located at points of interest listing the species of birds that habitat that area. Pick up a TR Bird Check List at the Visitor Centre or the Community Centre.

Provincial Parks

All descriptions are by the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection (2008).

Monkman

Established in 1981, Monkman Provincial Park is nestled in the Hart Ranges of the Central Rocky Mountains and Foothills, covers 32,000 hectares of diverse natural landscapes encompassing extensive alpine meadows, jagged mountain peaks, forested valleys, thundering waterfalls and clear alpine lakes. An additional 22,000 hectares were added in 1999 to protect the Limestone Lakes and Upper Fontiniko Creek Valley areas. This addition protects old growth spruce forests, unique geological formations and important recreation.

The park has a diverse water system that includes the Murray and Monkman drainages. Scenic rapids, waterfalls, streams and lakes all contribute to the dramatic visual impact of the landscape. The northern section of Monkman Provincial Park features Kinuseo Falls, where the Murray River plunges 60 metres over a geological fault to the river bed below. This thunderous cascade of water is higher than Niagara Falls and provides many visitors with the highlight of their trip. Despite the rugged grandeur of the park, prime areas of it

can be easily accessed--there is even a wheelchair-accessible platform affording great views of the Falls and horseshoe pits at the nearby campsite. Activities at Monkman include camping, fishing, hiking, and wildlife viewing, picnicking, and backcountry camping.

Gwillim Lake

Winds whispering through the pine forests, waves lapping at the shoreline, Gwillim Lake Provincial Park provides a peaceful outdoor experience. Set in the picturesque Rocky Mountain Foothills on Highway 29, a half-hour's drive from Chetwynd and Tumbler Ridge and the massive Northeast Coal development, visitors can enjoy canoeing, kayaking, swimming, hiking, fishing and a viewpoint that provides a panoramic vista of the superb Rocky Mountain scenery.

Bearhole Lake

Bearhole Lake Provincial Park and Protected Area is located 25 km east of Tumbler Ridge on the Alberta Plateau. Access is via 20 km west along the Kiskatinaw Forest Service Road, which can be reached from the Heritage Highway. Fishing, cross-country skiing, canoeing, camping, hiking, and wildlife viewing are just some of the outdoor pursuits that can all be enjoyed here.

Wapiti Lake

Wapiti Lake Provincial Park is located about 60 km south of Tumbler Ridge in the upper portions of the Wapiti River drainage. It is accessed via the Wapiti River Forest Service Road. Follow this road to kilometre 29 and turn right onto a road that leads to an old well site. The trail starts at the southwest corner of this site. The trail is approximately 19 km and follows the north side of the Wapiti River and the shores of a few smaller lakes. A view of Wapiti Falls can be achieved by following a short 200 metre trail off the main trail at kilometre 7. Be sure to bring your camera as the scenic views are plentiful.

More information about all the provincial parks surrounding Tumbler Ridge can be found on their own BC Provincial Parks websites:

- Monkman - www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/monkman.html
- Gwillim Lake - www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/gwillim.html
- Bearhole Lake - www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/bearhole.html
- Wapiti Lake - www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/wapiti_lake.html

The District itself has numerous local and neighbourhood parks, well equipped recreational facilities, baseball diamonds, soccer fields, tennis courts, volleyball court, hiking trails, outdoor skating rinks, picnic sites and horseback trails to name a few.

Camping Facilities

Lions Flatbed Creek Campground

Campsites, group picnic areas, washroom facilities, coin operated showers and swimming.

Monkman Way RV Park

Full hookups with complete washroom facilities, coin operated showers, laundry room, playground.

For further information on recreation and visitor facilities kindly enquire at:

Visitor Centre

Located in the downtown core at 270 Southgate; across from the TR Inn.

Phone: 250-242-3123

E-mail: trinfo@dtr.ca

Or,

Town Hall at 250-242-4242

CHURCHES AND WORSHIP SERVICES

Grizzly Valley Baptist

Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church

Jehovah's Witnesses of Tumbler Ridge

Seventh Day Adventist Church

St. Paul's Church (Presbyterian, Anglican, United & Lutheran)

House on the Rock

New Life Assembly (Pentecostal)

Tumbler Ridge Fellowship Baptist Church

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If additional information is required on Tumbler Ridge, interested parties are requested to contact the Community Development Department at:

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