

ACCESS TO A QUALITY LIFESTYLE



People living in the Kitimat-Terrace Industrial Corridor enjoy a quality of life that residents in many other regions can only dream about. Affordable housing, an abundance of cultural and recreational options, higher learning opportunities, and people of diverse backgrounds contribute to a true sense of community.



MK Bay Marina in Kitimat boasts 140 berths. The well-protected waters of the Douglas Channel offer exceptional fishing for Chinook and Coho salmon.

A Place to Live and Play

Spending hours in a daily commute between home and a work-site is a reality for employees in many cities and towns – but not in the Kitimat-Terrace Industrial Corridor. A full 70% of workers commute less than 20 kilometres (12 miles) to their job. And affordable housing options abound in the Kitimat-Terrace Industrial Corridor. Living mortgage-free is

not out of financial reach, meaning residents often have both the time and resources which allow full enjoyment of the many activities the region offers. Recreation options include hiking, golf, hunting, river and deep-sea fishing, boating, skiing, snowmobiling, and cycling. Truly, options are only limited by a lack of imagination. In addition to the wide range of outdoor and sport activities available, the region also boasts numerous arts and cultural celebrations.

A Place to Learn

The region is well-served by three higher-learning institutes: a University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) satellite campus, the Northwest Community College (NWCC), and the Kitimat Valley Institute (KVI). With this kind of educational support it's not surprising that some 63% of workers in the Kitimat-Terrace Industrial Corridor have achieved some level of post-secondary education.

In 2007, Canada's national Maclean's magazine ranked the University of Northern B.C. as "the best small university in Western Canada" for the third year in a row. The university's main campus is located in Prince George, 573 kilometres (356 miles) east of Terrace. Its satellite facility in Terrace recently moved to a larger, new campus grounds and expanded its programming to include undergraduate studies in areas such as nursing, education, social work, and First Nations studies.

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Northwest Community College, with campuses in both Terrace and in Kitimat, offers continuing education courses granting college diplomas in programs such as business administration, computer technology, and trades and technology. The college also offers dedicated courses of study which equate to a two-year university transfer program.

The Kitimat Valley Institute, or KVI, is an accredited private institution that offers industrial education programs, such as industrial safety training, as well as providing distance education degree programs through Metro Vancouver's Simon Fraser University.

A Place to Belong

The region's multicultural community occasionally surprises visitors to the area. Thanks to more than a 50-year history of industrial development and redevelopment, the region has welcomed workers whose roots originate around the world. The diverse backgrounds of people who have chosen to settle in Corridor communities, enrich local cultural celebrations and influence educational offerings in the Kitimat-Terrace Industrial Corridor. According to the latest Statistics Canada census (conducted in May of 2006), nearly 20% of Kitimat-Terrace Industrial Corridor residents have immigrated to the area from countries around the world. Fully 72% of these immigrants to the region report a language other than English as their mother tongue. Kitimat, in particular, is often referred to as



Community members come together at George Little Park in Terrace B.C. The City operates a range of public recreational facilities, including 80 hectares (200 acres) of parks and gardens.

being representative of a "mini United Nations" since people came from all over the world to work at the Kitimat smelter in the early 1950s. Many of those original pioneers have stayed on, and put down roots in the region.

In addition to more recent newcomers who have settled in the region, there are a variety of resident First Nations groups who have called the Corridor home for generations. These include the Haisla (Kitimaat Village), and the Tsimpsian (Kitselas and Kitsumkalum Bands). Their strong culture and history in the area are woven into the fabric of the local communities.