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QUESNEL

SMALL CITY WITH
BIG OPPORTUNITY

FOUR BEAUTIFUL SEASONS
LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE



VIBRANT, CREATIVE, ALIVE
FAMILY FRIENDLY LIFESTYLE

RICH WITH CULTURE
AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT



LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE

There are few choices in life that have as much impact as our choice of environment. Where we choose to live determines our future and has an undeniable effect on the quality of our lives.

Quesnel offers an incredible wealth of opportunity for you and your family across all areas of your life. Like all communities, it is what you make it, yet Quesnel provides a solid foundation of professional growth along with an affordable and relaxed lifestyle. As well, it is home to a wide range of cultural and recreational activities and an overarching sense of community connectedness and support.


We are located at the beautiful confluence of the Quesnel and Fraser Rivers, in the heart of BC, just an hours drive from the larger centre of Prince George, and only a short flight to Vancouver directly from our airport.

ENJOY ALL THE SEASONS

Quesnel offers a population size of 23,000, and four distinct seasons filled with 2,025 hours of sunshine. We enjoy pleasantly mild summers and moderately cold winters. Rivers, lakes, world-class white water rafting, fishing, canoeing, wildlife and recreational activities surround you at every turn, making it a truly incredible place to call home.



WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT QUESNEL?



“ Happy people who: make eye contact and smile in the street, embrace what they love to do and encourage others to join them, “make it happen” when it needs to, and are accountable to each other. I appreciate the fresh air, clean water and wide open space. There is no traffic and safe streets with actual, live children playing on them. Walking trails and lakes. Local businesses so you know where you money is going and coming from. An incredible pool of expertise in a wonderful community of individuals.” - *Emma Jarrett, Business Owner*

“ We came here because of work, but in the past 15 years, have come to love the accessibility of lakes and northern ski hills for our outdoor adventuring habits. We also LOVE the affordability and offerings for our children: French Immersion to Grade 12, dance, swimming, piano, dragon-boating, skiing. Now that we have choices in awesome ethnic food, I miss my hometown of Vancouver less and less every year. ”
- *Sarah Shipley & Mike Sakakibara*

“ Business owners that build each other up. The creative feel and sense of community. You never worry if your family comes into trouble because everyone helps each other out. ” - *Julie Giesbrecht, Business Owner*

“ I originally chose to move to Quesnel because it was my least northern job offer. But I stay because of the incredible sense of community and support for local talent and services.” - *Tori Beil, Teacher*

“ It’s a beautiful City, very community-oriented and safe, close to family, affordable, short commutes, lots of green and open spaces, awesome parks, lots of water and outdoor family activities, close to hospital and airport, good jobs, cute and attractive downtown, and we have great recreation facilities. ” - *Cheri Maisonneuve*

EXPERIENCE A VIBRANT COMMUNITY

Life in Quesnel offers a unique opportunity to pursue many interests, from mountain biking to painting and from yoga to dragonboating, and nearly everything in between.

If you are interested in the arts and culture scene you are in luck! With a festival for the performing arts, monthly Live Arts events, an active art gallery, museum, and a thriving cultural and artistic community, Quesnel offers many events and activities to help you embrace your creative side.

If sports or outdoor activities are more your speed, there is even more to choose from: hiking, fishing, boating, skiing, paddleboarding, biking, kayaking, river rafting, hockey,

yoga, swimming, among many others. Some of the best fishing, hiking, and wilderness adventures are within walking distance or a short drive from our downtown core. Our renowned Riverfront Trail system affords users a superb walking and cycling experience while being able to take in the scenic vistas of the Fraser and Quesnel Rivers.

We have a very active running and cycling community with many races, triathlons and events to participate in, as well as both cross-country and downhill ski facilities, an indoor soccer complex, ice arenas, curling rink, equestrian facilities, fitness centre and swimming pool among other facilities.



MUSIC FESTIVALS *Campgrounds* **Billy Barker Days** *Lakes* **Farmers' Market** *Santa Parade*
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TENNIS COURTS **Recreation Centre** *Art Gallery* **ICE ARENA** *Swimming Pool* **Ski Trails**
Alpine Ski Resort **Cross-Country** **BOWLING LANES** *Rod & Gun Club* **MOTORSPORTS TRACK** **WATERPARK**
GYMNASTICS CLUB **DANCE STUDIO** **BIKE PARK** **Skateboard Park** **Live Music Venues** *Library*
Playgrounds **HIKING TRAILS** **DRAGON BOATING** **BCRA RODEO** *Winter Carnival* **Performing Arts Festival**

Take a stroll on the Riverfront Trail. *Kayak across Dragon Lake.* Ride a mountain bike trail through the forest. *Watch the salmon spawn in Baker Creek.* **WANDER THROUGH OUR CHARMING SHOPS AND BOUTIQUES.** *Experience Granville's Coffee, the heart of our downtown.* *Visit the Farmers' Market and sample tasty local food.* Take a brewery tour at Barkerville Brewing Co. **TAKE A DAY TRIP TO HISTORIC BARKERVILLE AND WELLS.** RAFT DOWN THE QUESNEL OR CHILCOTIN RIVER WITH BIG CANYON RAFTING. **LISTEN TO LIVE MUSIC AT THE OCCIDENTAL.**



LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE

The Quesnel area offers acreages and lakeshore homes, condos and apartments, heritage homes as well as traditional neighbourhoods. From South Hills to Johnston Neighbourhood, and Ten Mile Lake to Dragon Lake, each welcoming neighbourhood has its own personality and charm, and are within ten minutes of the downtown core.

New developments, built around golf courses and lakes offer stunning lifestyle opportunities, while downtown heritage homes or new condos offer convenience and the simplicity of a walk-everywhere lifestyle. Great schools and parks exist in nearly every city neighbourhood, with

provincial parks in many of the more rural areas. We have some of the lowest property tax rates in BC with single detached homes averaging \$200,000 in our area. The same home in Vancouver would be over one million dollars. An average two bedroom apartment rents for about \$600 per month.

When you combine this incredible value with a vibrant community, a relaxed lifestyle and immediate access to some of the world's most outstanding outdoor recreation opportunities, it is no surprise that more and more people are choosing to call Quesnel home.

SMALL CITY WITH BIG OPPORTUNITY

Local residents have access to a full care hospital with 24 hour emergency coverage. Our hospital has 27 acute care beds, 4 intensive care unit beds and 5 crisis stabilization beds. Services on site include an internist/cardiologist, urologist, ear, nose and throat surgeon and two general surgeons. Lab services, extensive diagnostic imaging services and the newly renovated pharmacy department support patient care.

Home and Community care and home support services, Mental Health and Addictions, Chronic Disease Management, Community Cancer Care, Physiotherapy and Speech and Language Therapy are also managed and available at G.R. Baker Memorial.

Dunrovin Park Lodge is a 91 bed intermediate care residential facility with an additional 19 special care beds, respite services and an adult day program. Palliative care hospice beds are also located in this facility.

“ Quesnel has friendly people, family, a sense of connectedness, accessibility to everything within minutes. There are lakes, a ski hill, hiking trails all at our back door. The affordability means we can own a house big enough to have space for the kids to be able to bike and kick a ball around and to have a dog. I was raised here but now I choose to live here because I love this place!” - *Kylie Bassett, RN*

“ I choose to practice in Quesnel because the community here offers a GP the opportunity to engage in full service family practice including obstetrics, surgery, emergency and outpatients. I appreciate that Quesnel has such extensive recreational activities for young families including skiing, ice skating, crosscountry skiing, ice hockey, mountain biking, as well as great support networks for young mothers with small children. Since moving here I have experienced a very welcoming medical community and friendly supportive colleagues and specialists.”

-*Dr. Dietrich Furstenburg MD. MCFP. Chief of Staff GR Baker Memorial Hospital*





EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES

Preschool is available at a variety of locations where certified Early Childhood Educators deliver programs that allow students to learn through play and exploration.

Quesnel is a part of School District 28 where there are Strong Start programs, elementary schools, middle school and secondary school. The French Immersion program is available at all grade levels. There are two Independent Schools: St. Ann's Catholic School (K-7) and North Cariboo Christian School (K-10). Before and afterschool care is available at many childcare facilities.

Post-Secondary Education is available at the North Cariboo Community Campus where the University of Northern British Columbia and College of New Caledonia deliver a variety of academic, trades and industry training,

“ Quesnel has been an exceptionally supportive place for us to raise our daughter. I appreciate the many opportunities for her to learn, grow and experience the diversity and beauty of life. She takes part in many organized activities including dance, figure skating, theatre and softball, as well as participating in many recreational activities with us. We regularly attend live music and theatre events, the local Farmers' Market, and enjoy the outdoors and the many beautiful lakes in the area. She attends a lovely small school, with engaged teachers and parents, and I feel very lucky to be a part of such a strong and vibrant community.”

- Amy Quarry, *Entrepreneur*



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