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Message from the Mayor

The Village of Cache Creek welcomes you to visit our “Oasis in the Desert”. We are confident that you will find our relaxing lifestyle and small town friendliness is complemented by a progressive, ambitious community plan that is intended to build on our strengths and create opportunities for future growth while preserving the interpersonal nature of our social heritage.

We welcome inquiries from those wishing to establish a business either within or near our municipality and are strongly committed to making Cache Creek a place to make your business grow and your family flourish.

The Village of Cache Creek has completed an aggressive program of debt repayment, which has allowed us to retire all of our general debt. This, in turn, has allowed Cache Creek to offer our municipal services at tax rates far lower than other municipalities. The Village has, with hard work, placed itself in a financial position where we can meet our commitments without having to borrow.

The Village has also undertaken an aggressive program of capital investment and improvement. The improvement of our municipal infrastructure, including streets, sidewalks, water, sewer and parks, will ensure that our community is attractive, comfortable and viable.

Our amenities include a recently refurbished Community Hall that boasts the largest air-conditioned space this side of Kamloops, a park of unmatched quality in similar sized communities and a heated outdoor pool that hosts instructed summer swimming programs and recreational opportunities.

A full range of services are available in the local area including Hospital, Ambulance, Elementary and Secondary Schools, Ice Arena, Golf Course, Service Clubs, Government Agent, and RCMP Detachment.

The range of outdoor activities extends year ‘round with fishing, hiking and dirt biking balanced with snowmobiling, ice fishing and hockey.

So, visit our community. Talk to our residents. Look at the things we are doing. Look at our taxes. Then ask how we can help welcome your business and family to Cache Creek. Call us anytime.

Sincerely yours,



P.A. John Ranta
Mayor

Community Overview

Cache Creek is a bustling community of a little over 1,000, located in the South Central Interior of the province of British Columbia. Cache Creek is a founding partner of “Gold Country”, an alliance of the communities of Ashcroft, Clinton, Lytton, Spences Bridge and Savona. These communities welcome you to experience the history of “The Gold Rush Trail”.

Cache Creek is rich in historic lore, dating back to the days when wagon trains and prospectors followed the trail to the Cariboo Gold Fields in the 1800’s. As the midway point between BC’s lower mainland and Cariboo Country, Cache Creek has been an important natural overnight oasis for travelers since the mid-1800s.

Cache Creek is a strong community, strategically located at the junction of two major highways. Its economic base lies in tourism, forestry and waste management. There is a good business environment in the community that supports new industry. The opportunities for investment are endless and land is readily available.

The downtown core has been the object of a revitalization effort over the past several years. The “Back to the Fifties” automotive transportation theme is fitting as main street consists of two major highways. The streets are lined with neon signs and flowers and a few businesses and residents around town own antique vehicles that they display. The pinnacle event of the theme is ‘Graffiti Days’ when everyone drives and displays their vintage cars. The NI’Akapxm Eagle Motorplex honors the celebration by featuring drag races and hosting a dance. The theme and celebration portrays the type of warm, friendly atmosphere present in the community.

Cache Creek’s mild climate, relaxing lifestyle and low cost of living is well suited for seniors and young working families. The community offers a safe and peaceful environment that includes all the amenities of a sustainable community including education, health care and recreational opportunities. Health care is provided by a general hospital and medical centre located in Ashcroft. Emergency services include a fire department, R.C.M.P. detachment and an ambulance service. Education is available from kindergarten through grade 12 and post-secondary opportunities are available. Recreational opportunities abound in the area with up to date facilities and a wilderness backcountry. The current infrastructure, which includes modern sewage and water systems, is capable of serving a growing population. Business services include financial, legal and realty offices, a grocery store and over 190 other businesses.

Geographic Location

The community is situated on the Thompson Plateau at the confluence of the Cariboo and Thompson Valleys. The Thompson Plateau, Quesnel Highlands to the north, Shuswap Highlands to the east and Fraser Plateau to the Northwest form the Interior Plateau, the main geographical feature of Central BC.

The elevation of the community is 396 metres above sea level. Its latitude and longitude coordinates are: 50°5’ north by 121°5’ west.

City	KM	Miles	Travel Time
Calgary	627	418	7 ½
Edmonton	828	552	8
Kamloops	71	47	¾
Kelowna	213	142	2 ¾
Prince George	383	256	4
Vancouver	297	318	5
Seattle	476	198	3

Climate

Often referred to as the Arizona of Canada, Cache Creek's climate can best be characterized as dry continental (semi-desert). Summers are characterized by hot, dry weather, while winters are dry and cold. Very little precipitation falls in the area throughout the year.

Climate Statistics	
Annual Mean (C)	8.7
July Mean (C)	29.6
January Mean (C)	-6
Rainfall (mm)	153.1
Snowfall (mm)	505

Trading Area

Cache Creek has a trading area encompassing the communities of Ashcroft, Clinton, Spences Bridge, Lillooet, Lytton, Savona and Walhachin. The estimated population of the trading area is 8,800.

Ashcroft

Historic Ashcroft is situated on a flat bench overlooking the Thompson River in a unique desert setting. Located in the South Central Interior 10 kilometres southeast of Cache Creek, it is less than 100 kilometres west of Kamloops. Today, Ashcroft is a thriving community with a diverse economy that includes tourism, agriculture, mining, forestry-related activities and the film industry. Ashcroft is an important railway terminal used to load and transport ore concentrate from the Highland Valley Copper mine and is also a major residential area for employees of the mine.

Clinton

The Village of Clinton, "The Guest Ranch Capital of Canada", is located 50 kilometres north of Cache Creek on Highway #97. As a midway point between Vancouver and Prince George, the community serves as a centre to both its residents and the traveling public. Clinton's economy consists mainly of forestry, although the ranching and tourism industries are significant contributors.

Spences Bridge

Spences Bridge is located in the "Sunshine Bowl" approximately 46 kilometres south of Cache Creek. Situated at the junction of the South Cariboo subregion transportation route of the Trans Canada Highway and Highway #8, the community relies on tourism and agriculture as its primary and secondary industries, respectively. Outdoor enthusiasts are attracted by a number of activities including trail rides, river rafting, hiking and sightseeing. Agriculture in the area primarily consists of self-sufficient ranchers who grow corn and hay as well as some fruit and vegetable farmers who sell their produce at roadside stands.

Lytton

Lytton is located at the north end of the famous Fraser Canyon and marks the point where the Fraser and Thompson Rivers flow together, approximately 86 kilometres south of Cache Creek. Recent boundary extensions have made Lytton the largest Village in BC. Re-zoning within the community has also created new investment and development opportunities. Although the community relies on forestry, tourism and international reputation for white water rafting have put Lytton on the map for adventure seekers.

Lillooet

The District of Lillooet is beautifully located on the sage and pine covered benchlands of the Fraser River in South Central British Columbia. The community lies 55 kilometres west of Cache Creek on Highway #99. Although a forest based community, Lillooet is fortunate to have many other significant employers. BC Hydro and BC Rail have regional offices in Lillooet. Small business, retail outlets, manufacturing, contractors and a rapidly growing tourism industry all contribute to the economic stability of the community.

Savona

Savona is a small community located on the shores of beautiful Kamloops Lake, approximately 50 kilometres east of Cache Creek. Savona is a well-established community with roots dating back more than 100 hundred years when the area was a trading post for the Hudson Bay Company. The community boasts two major regional employers: Ainsworth Lumber Company Ltd. and Westcoast Energy. There is also an abundance of recreational opportunities to be found in the surrounding area well worth exploring.

Walhachin

Walhachin lies 36 kilometres east of Cache Creek on the south side of the Thompson River. The community has a moderate climate, low traffic flow, and a quiet, safe environment, all of which make the community attractive to residents, tourists and businesses. Agriculture and ranching are the main economic activities in the area, although a large number of residents commute to work in either Ashcroft or Cache Creek.

History

During the famous gold rush of the mid-1800's, many hopeful prospectors traveled the scenic Fraser Canyon en route to the newly discovered Cariboo Gold Fields. Fleets of horse drawn freight wagons were responsible for the transportation of the precious gold back to the Canadian Pacific Railway depot in Ashcroft. A legend tells of the time when the wagons were robbed somewhere between Barkerville and 100 Mile House. The pair of bandits, who apparently stole a large amount of gold, had a desire to return to their home south of the border. The bandits fled directly south with their heavy cargo and the famous BC Provincial Police, which later became the North West Mounted Police (now the R.C.M.P.), hot on their trail. A fierce skirmish ensued during the chase and one bandit was killed. The other was seriously wounded and forced to bury (cache) the stolen gold near a small creek and flee south over the border. He later died before he could return. The gold has never been recovered and is presumed to still be hidden in the area, therefore the name "Cache Creek".

The Village of Cache Creek was incorporated on November 28, 1967. Its history dates back to the gold rush period in the 19th century when it served the travelers from the Kamloops area who were either traveling south through the Fraser Canyon or north to the Cariboo. The community remained little more than a crossroads stop on a very poor road until the Cariboo Highway was improved and provided a way through the Central Interior to Alberta, resulting in a huge increase in traffic. Consequently, the population of Cache Creek had doubled by 1966 and had doubled again by 1971. The community saw a significant reduction in traffic flow and a drop in population with the construction of the Coquihalla Highway in 1986 through Merritt to Kamloops. Since then, the population has stabilized and slowly increased due to new industry development. This natural overnight stop, filled with historic points of interest and mystery in the midst of a small desert belt, is at the heart of the Gold Rush Trail and echoes of interesting stories of days gone by.

Economic Base

Tourism, agriculture, forestry, waste management and mining form the strong, diversified economic base of the area. Tourism is the dominant industry due to Cache Creeks' geographic location at a major crossroad. Businesses cater to the large volume of tourism and transport traffic that passes through the community. The Village also serves as a residential area for employees of the Highland Valley Copper mine, the forest industry in the South Central Interior and the many transportation companies operating in the area. These residents represent a large contribution to the local economy that has allowed local businesses to flourish and to grow that traditionally would rely on the tourist season for a majority of their yearly income.

Cache Creek Landfill and Cache Creek WoodChips operations are joint ventures that employ local and surrounding community residents. This combined venture sees both operations working together for maximum efficiency. Municipal solid waste from the Greater Vancouver Regional District is hauled into the landfill and woodchips are hauled back to the lower mainland. The landfill has plans to expand to a nearby location once the current site becomes full.

The mining industry includes the Highland Valley Copper Mine and a new roofing granule quarry now in operation in the Ashcroft area. The quarry provides valuable jobs to residents of the surrounding region and adds to an already diversified economic base. The final product of this operation will be used in the manufacturing of shingles for houses.

The main agricultural activities include cattle ranching, ginseng fields and hay production. The Agriculture represents an integral part of the local economy and has seen growth with the popularity of agri-tourism in the area.

The film industry is a budding economic sector for Cache Creek and surrounding area. Numerous movie and television productions have been shot in the region and the number will continue to grow as the TNRD's Film Commission continues to actively market the area as an ideal place for production.

Important Economic Activities

Tourism

Cache Creek is the gateway to a pristine natural environment of mountains, lakes and forests. The community is also a starting point for heritage and history buffs following the Gold Rush Trail north to Barkerville. It has the opportunity to become more than an overnight oasis for tourists as they experience the historic Gold Rush Trail. There are opportunities for tourism developers to create attractions building on the history and beauty of the area.

Fish are abundant in the lakes and rivers of the area that are considered to have some of the best fly fishing in the province. Loon Lake is a favorite destination 30 kilometres from town where one will find a hatchery and a provincial park. The lake is stocked by the Loon Creek Hatchery that rears rainbow trout and is one of five run by the province. Combined, these hatcheries populate about 1,200 lakes in the province with 10-12 million fish each year.

Historic Hat Creek Ranch, located approximately 10 kilometres north, is located on one of the few original sections of the Cariboo Wagon Road still accessible to the public. The ranch offers a rare opportunity to explore the original buildings of a key location in the history of the Cariboo. A former Hudson's Bay Company man, Donald McLean, began operating a roadhouse at the site, serving teams and passengers of the BC Express Stage line. Freight wagons pulled by as many as 16 horses rumbled through the ranch, carrying mining supplies and settlers' effects to Barkerville and beyond.

The NI' Akapxm Eagle Motorplex is found five kilometres south of Cache Creek on the Trans Canada Highway. The Motorplex is a NHRA (drag racing) sanctioned track with races held from spring till fall. Some of the cars that attend are capable of covering the quarter mile in 5.5 seconds from a standing start and reaching speeds in excess of 250 miles per hour.

The Semlin Valley Golf Course, situated in the gently rolling hills of Cache Creek, is a challenging, 2,950 yard, nine hole public golf that complements an array of sporting facilities that can be found in the region. Tennis and basketball courts, softball diamonds, soccer fields, rodeo grounds, a curling rink, an indoor ice rink and swimming pool all provide competitive sporting facilities. Outdoor enthusiasts can also enjoy hiking, mountain biking and horse back riding, or participate in cattle ranching at one of the many guest ranches that inhabit the region.

Cache Creek lies just 65 kilometres west of the best cross county ski trails in the province. The Logan Lake trail system includes 36 kilometres of groomed trails with 2 kilometres lit for night skiing. The Stake Lake Ski Trails and the Overlander Ski Club lie east of Logan Lake and offer 45 kilometres of well-groomed classic and skating tracks. There are trails to please cross country skiers of any ability and shelters are provided on the longer trails. Clinton also has cross-country ski trails. The Clinton Snow Jockey Club maintains over 60 kilometres of marked ski trails that are groomed regularly and easily accessed 15 kilometres outside the community.

Forestry

Forestry in the Cache Creek area continues to be on the value added end of production. Cache Creek Woodchips Ltd. started operations in 1989. Logging trucks haul into Cache Creek at a steady rate from all over the Southern Interior to supply the operation that annually consumes 350,000 cubic metres of logs. Hemlock is the primary wood used at the chip plant due to its low grade and suitability to chip and pulp production.

Ashcroft Treating, the wood treating division of Timber West Forest Products Ltd., is a value added forestry based company. Ties and wood trestles are supplied to four major North American railways (CPR, CNR, BCR and SooLine). The facility is located just east of Ashcroft and is the largest creosote treating plant in Canada.

Waste Management

The Cache Creek Landfill (Wastech) hauls municipal solid waste from the Greater Vancouver Regional District at an average rate of 40 truckloads per day, in addition to the local refuse from Ashcroft and Cache Creek. Currently, the Cache Creek Landfill site's disposal rate amounts to approximately 500,000 tonnes of municipal solid waste per year.

This operation represents a large economic boost to the Village of Cache Creek's employing over 120 area residents and generating revenue that the community is using to pursue other economic development projects in the region.

Mining

Cache Creek sits on the northern perimeter of the copper rich Highland Valley area. Highland Valley Copper is the area's major producing mine and the world's second largest open-pit mine. The mine was formed as a partnership between Lornex Mining, Cominco, and Highmont Mining, and is located on Highway #97C, approximately 48 kilometres east of Cache Creek.

The company operates two open-pit mines, extracting 90 million tonnes of ore per year, and ships out 400,000 tonnes of clean, high-grade ore to smelters around the world. The mine is also host to the largest sand dam in the world that encloses the tailing pond. The pond measures 13 kilometres in length and acts as a controlled catch basin for recycled, surface drainage and fresh well and river water.

Currently, reclamation processes are being enacted to ensure the land is returned to its natural state. Some of the ultimate uses planned for the area include enhanced grazing land for both cattle and wildlife, irrigated flat areas for hay production and recreational areas for use by the public.

Agriculture

Cattle ranching and hay production are the main agricultural activities in the region. Extensive rangeland in the area offers ideal conditions for large cattle operations and the potential exists for large commercial hay and alfalfa production. The feasibility of a commercial feed pellet operation could also be explored.

The area is also well known for its vegetable and fruit production. Today fruit and vegetables are grown along the Bonaparte River and Thompson River Valleys and marketed primarily through roadside stands, including the highly successful farm operation, Horstings, located north of Cache Creek and widely known for its excellent home baking and produce.

Wine production is also beginning to be explored in the region. The climate of the area is perfect for grapes to flourish and some local residents have been experimenting with locally grown fruits to produce niche market wines.

Film Production

In 1988, the Thompson-Nicola Regional District established a Film Commission whose mandate was to promote the region as a location to the film and television industry. In 1998, a re-constituted Film Commission Board was established to better position itself and to take advantage of film industry opportunities.

Numerous feature films, movies of the week, television episodes and commercials have been filmed in the area. The feature film, "The Pledge", directed by Sean Penn and starring Jack Nicholson and Robyn White conducted principle photography in the year 2000.

Other projects shot in this area include:

- The Sweet Here After
- Christmas in Calico
- Hard Core Logo
- Cadence
- Jack Rabbit Patrol
- X-Files
- America's Most Wanted
- Eyes of a Cowboy
- 5th Estate - Cattle Drive
- Bird on a Wire

Also, numerous commercials have been shot for clients such as Toyota, Ford, Kodak, Miller Beer, Nescafe, Yamaha, Canadian Tire and Chivas Regal to name a few. These projects provide a boost to the local economy with large production crews taking advantage of the services offered in the community and local residents obtaining parts as extras during filming.

Demographic Profile

The following information is based on Statistics Canada's 2001 Census, unless otherwise stated.

Population Characteristics

According to BC statistics, the estimated population of Cache Creek in 2001 was 1,060, a 5.3% decrease from 1996. The 45-64 age group represents the largest percentage of the population at 28.8%, compared to 25.1% provincially. The population of Cache Creek represents 5.5% of the regional population of 119,222.

Age Distribution				
Age Group	Male	Female	Total	BC
0-14	85	85	165	706,065
15-24	70	55	130	514,340
25-44	120	135	255	1,174,775
45-64	160	150	305	979,455
65+	105	95	195	533,085
All Ages	545	510	1,060	3,907,740

Source: Statistics Canada

The average family size is 2.9, compared to the regional and provincial average of 3.0.

Average Family Size			
Family Size	Approx. #	Community	BC
2-Person	180	55.4%	47%
3-Person	55	16.9%	21%
4-Person	65	20.0%	22%
5-Person	25	7.7%	11%

Source: Statistics Canada 1996

Income Characteristics

Average Annual Income				
Income	Male	Female	Community	BC
Average	\$34,463	\$20,285	\$28,286	\$31,544
Median	\$23,613	\$10,762	\$15,999	\$21,809

Source: Stats Canada

Annual Income Distribution			
Income	Male	Female	BC
\$0-\$15,000	210	380	1,009,590
\$15,000-\$25,000	140	110	480,770
\$25,000-\$35,000	90	60	382,480
\$35,000-\$50,000	80	30	399,080
\$50,000-\$100,000	140	20	378,320
\$100,000 +	0	0	64,280

Source: Statistics Canada

Employment represents the largest source of income for residents at 65.3%, compared to 65.9% provincially. Since the 1996 Census, Pension has seen the greatest change increasing by 2.7% to 17.5% of the total.

Income Source		
Source	Community	BC
Employment	65.3%	65.9%
Pension	17.5%	11.9%
Investment	5.3%	9.0%
Self-Employed	0.0%	5.2%
Tax-Exempt	4.9%	2.7%
Other	7.0%	5.2%

Source: Statistics Canada

Employment Characteristics

Since 1996, Cache Creek has seen a 3.5% drop in male unemployment. Overall Cache Creek has a lower unemployment rate than the provincial average of 8.5%.

Unemployment Rates				
Rates	Male	Female	Total	BC
Unemployment	4.0%	9.5%	7.7%	8.5%
Participation	56.2%	48.8%	51.7%	65.2%

Source: Statistics Canada

Currently the largest employing industry is Other Services. It employs approximately 27% of the work force compared to 21% provincially. Wholesale and Retail Trade is the second leading industry in Cache Creek employing 21% of the total workforce.

Labour Force By Industry		
Industry	Community	BC
Total Experienced Labour Force	455	2,014,600
Agriculture and other resource-based industries	9%	5%
Manufacturing and construction industries	15%	16%
Wholesale and retail trade	21%	16%
Finance and real estate	3%	6%
Health and education	10%	17%
Business services	14%	20%
Other services	27%	21%

Source: Statistics Canada

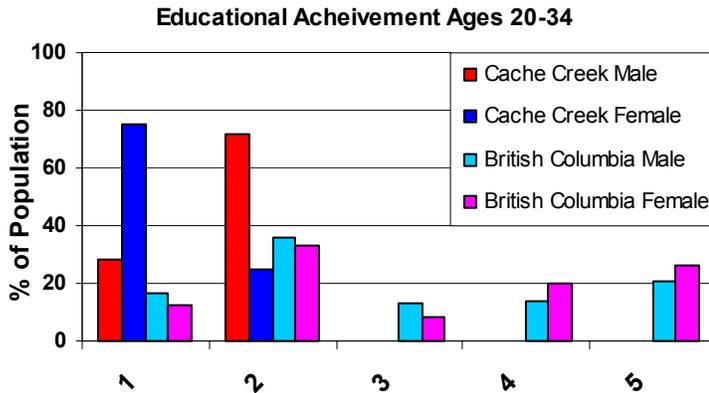
The 2001 BC Census shows 0% of males are self-employed and females are 7.9%. Provincially, since 1996, self-employment dropped 8.3% for males and 0.3% for females.

Employment vs. Self-Employment		
Gender & Status	Community	BC
MALES		
Paid Employees	100%	90.2%
Self-Employed	0%	9.8%
FEMALES		
Paid Employees	92.1%	89.1%
Self-Employed	7.9%	10.9%

Source: Statistics Canada

Education Characteristics

School District #74 currently enrolls 1,923 students while the school in Cache Creek currently has a student body of 146.



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| 1 Less than High School Graduation Diploma | 4 College Certificate or Diploma |
| 2 High School Graduation Diploma | 5 University Degree or Masters |
| 3 Trades Certificate or Diploma | |

Source: Stats Canada

Employment Services

Cache Creek is serviced by Ashcroft and District Employment Services (ADES), funded by Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC). ADES offers both employee and employer services.

The mission of ADES is to work with other community and government organizations to ensure that people with employment concerns have access to all resources they require. Their primary purpose is to assist unemployed individuals, first nations and older, displaced workers wishing to re-enter the work force.

Services available to employees:

Work Search

- interview preparation
- job and career counseling
- job postings
- job search assistance (internet)
- labour market information
- resume and cover letter writing

Information

- education/training opportunities
- employment-related workshops
- literacy upgrading
- self-employment

Programs

- employment insurance
- employment projects
- skills training
- social insurance numbers
- summer work for students
- wage subsidies

Services available to employers:

- access to available workers
- free vacancy advertising
- labour market information
- revenue Canada TD1 forms
- wage subsidy programs

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ashcroft & District Employment Services

Phone: (250) 453-9050

Fax: (250) 453-9834

E-mail: eso@goldcountry.bc.ca

The Business Community

There are in excess of 190 businesses currently operating in Cache Creek. Over the past ten years the number has steadily increased, partly fueled by the recent establishment of home-based businesses throughout the area.

Number of Businesses by Type			
Categories	#	Categories	#
Apartment/Mobile/Trailer	10	Laundromats/Dry Cleaning	2
Automotive	3	Motel/Hotel/Campsite	14
Bank Finance	1	News/Advertising	1
Concrete	1	Picture/Print	1
Construction	1	Restaurants/Pubs	8
Contractor	6	Retail	8
Craft/Sewing	1	Service Stations	6
Electrical	4	Taxi Services	1
Equipment Rental	2	Trucking Services	1
Forest Products	1	Used/Consignment	2
Golf	1	Veterinary Clinic	1
Grocery Stores	1	Video Stores	1
Hair Stylists/Barber	2	Waste Management	1
Plumbing/Heating	3	Welding	2
Home Improvement	1	Wholesale	1
Janitorial	3	Other	22
Landscaping	2		

Source: Village of Cache Creek

Community Infrastructure

Transportation Infrastructure

The Village of Cache Creek is responsible for snow removal, cleanup and maintenance of roads within the community. A contractor for the provincial government provides general road maintenance, snow removal and paving for several provincial highways and side roads throughout the Cache Creek area.

Major Highways

Cache Creek is located in the South Central Interior 83 kilometres west of Kamloops and 338 kilometres northeast of Vancouver on the Trans Canada Highway. Vancouver is also accessible via Highway #99 through Lillooet and Whistler. The nearest municipality is Ashcroft located 10 kilometres south on Highway #97C. Access to Logan Lake, located 65 kilometres east, and Merritt, located 107 kilometres to the southwest, is provided via Highway #97C.

Rail Services

The Canadian National Railway (C.N.R.) and the Canadian Pacific Railway (C.P.R) provide cargo service in Ashcroft.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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| • C.N.R. | Phone: 1-888-888-5909 | Web: www.cn.ca |
| • C.P.R. | Phone: 1-800-704-4000 | Web: www.cpr.ca |

Passenger rail services are also available in Ashcroft through VIA Rail Canada.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

VIA Rail	Phone: 1-800-561-8630	Web: www.viarail.ca
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Air Services

The Campbell Hill Airport, located seven kilometres south of Cache Creek, is shared with Ashcroft. The paved airstrip is 3,310 feet long and can accommodate modern commercial jets and turbo-prop aircraft. For more information contact the Village of Cache Creek.

The closest scheduled air service is provided at the Kamloops Airport.

The Kamloops airport accommodates two scheduled airline companies that provide flights to Vancouver, Calgary and Prince George. There is an average of more than 75 scheduled flights in and out of the airport every week. The runway and navigation systems allow for the landing of modern commercial jets and turbo-prop aircraft.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kamloops Airport	Phone: (250) 376-3613
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Bus Services

Bus services are available in Cache Creek.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Greyhound Bus Lines	Phone: (250) 457-6232 Web: www.greyhound.ca
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Trucking Services

Trucking Services are available Cache Creek. For more information contact the Cache Creek Chamber of Commerce.

Communications Infrastructure

Newspaper

- The Journal Phone: (250) 453-2261
- Kamloops Daily News Phone: (250) 372-2331 Fax: (250) 374-3884

Radio

- CBC 860 AM
- CIFM 95.3 FM
- CHNL 1340 AM
- CFMA 105.9 FM
- CKRV 102.1 (cable only)

Television

Off-Air:

Community Broadcasting channel 8
CFJC (CBC affiliate) channel 10
BCTV channel 12
Knowledge Network channel 24

Cable:

40 channels are currently available in Cache Creek.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copper Valley Cablevision Phone: (250) 453-2616 Fax: (250) 453-9960

Telephone Services

TELUS provides telephone services to Cache Creek and area via one exchange: 457.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

TELUS Phone: (250) 372-4264
Web: www.telus.com
Toll Free: 1-888-811-2323

Internet Services

Internet access is a reality. A partnership of several local organizations has resulted in the community having toll-free dial-up services to the World Wide Web. Goldtrail.com is a community-owned domain and the community also has its own server, goldcountry.bc.ca, where residents can get a free e-mail account and rent web space at a nominal rate.

In Cache Creek, residents have dial service with 56K access or cable access via Copper Valley Cable. TELUS Ubiquity service is expected by the end of the year, providing ISDN and potentially ADSL service. The advantage of this new service will be to increase the community's current internet bandwidth to 10Mb. For more information contact the Village of Cache Creek.

Political/Government Infrastructure

Cache Creek was incorporated on November 28, 1967, and is within Electoral Area 'I' of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD). A mayor and four councilors, each a serving three-year concurrent term, govern the Village of Cache Creek. The community's municipal council appoints a Director and Alternate Director onto the TNRD Board.

The Village of Cache Creek is staffed by:

- village administrator
- treasurer/deputy clerk
- deputy treasurer clerical assistant
- public works foreman
- public works employees

The Village of Cache Creek provides the following services:

- recreational facilities and community halls
- fire protection
- water distribution system
- public works
- sewage treatment plant
- building inspection

For more information contact the Village of Cache Creek. – See Page 24.

The TNRD, covering an area of 45,279 square kilometres, was incorporated in 1967. It is managed by a Regional Board of Directors, consisting of ten elected rural and twelve appointed municipal council members.

As Regional Government, the TNRD provides the following functions and services:

- administration building and site
- economic development commission
- film commission
- fire protection
- public library services
- regional and community planning/subdivision and zoning
- regional parks
- cemetery
- television re-broadcasting

For more information contact the TNRD.

In addition, the Provincial Government maintains a number of offices in Cache Creek.

- Commercial Vehicle Services Phone: (250) 457-5349
- Liquor Distribution Branch Phone: (250) 457-6636

The Federal Government operates:

- Canada Post Phone: (250) 457-6531

First Nations also have a presence in the community. For more information contact:

- Bonaparte First Nations Phone: (250) 457-9624
Fax: (250) 457-9550

Utilities

Natural Gas

Natural Gas is available in Cache Creek.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Terasen

Phone: 1-888-224-2710

Web: www.terasen.com

Propane

Propane can be purchased in bulk in Cache Creek from a number of suppliers. For more information contact the Cache Creek Chamber of Commerce.

Electricity

The area is serviced by BC Hydro's provincial grid system.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

BC Hydro

Phone: 1-800-BCHYDRO (224-9376)

Web: www.bchydro.bc.ca

For more information on the following utility infrastructure, contact the Village of Cache Creek.

Water System

The Cache Creek water supply consists of five shallow wells equipped with 6hp submersible pumps, and two deep wells equipped with 25 hp submersible pumps. Water is pumped from the wells into a gallery, pumped into the distribution system and then stored in two reservoirs. A third reservoir and separate water system, with its own well, services the industrial sector south of the Village.

The water system can produce approximately 6,800 cubic metres per day and has a storage capacity of approximately 3,410 cubic metres. All water pumped from the wells exceeds the Canadian Drinking Water Standards without chlorination.

Sewage System

Cache Creek uses secondary activated sludge treatment that consists of using extended fine bubble aeration lagoons. The treatment plant has a capacity of more than 1,110 cubic metres per day with daily flows of approximately 750 cubic metres.

Garbage Collection

Garbage collection is provided weekly by the Village of Cache Creek.

Taxation

Taxes are collected locally by the Village of Cache Creek. The following table shows tax rates over the past five years.

Tax Rates					
	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Residential	3.0655	2.9741	3.1193	2.9810	2.7865
Utilities	13.3668	13.0528	12.2153	13.1433	14.4459
Light Industry	25.96	25.5781	24.3419	21.7042	22.6272
Business	5.3467	5.2211	5.2858	5.2573	5.3368
Farm	13.1336	13.1336	13.1336	13.1336	13.1336

Source: Village of Cache Creek

Education

Cache Creek is located in School District #74, administered in Ashcroft.

PRIMARY:

- Cache Creek Elementary Phone: (250) 457-6248

SECONDARY:

- Ashcroft Secondary Phone: (250) 453-9144

For more information on either primary or secondary education within the area contact:

School District #74 Phone: (250) 453-9101

Post Secondary:

There are a number of post-secondary and continuing education opportunities available in Ashcroft and Kamloops, including:

- Ashcroft International College Phone: (250) 453-9229
Fax: (250) 453-2666
- University College of the Cariboo Phone: (250) 828-5000
Web: www.cariboo.bc.ca
- U.C.C. Ashcroft Satellite Campus Phone: (250) 453-9999
- The Open Learning Institute Phone: 1-800-663-1663
Web: www.ola.bc.ca
- Community Futures Development Corporation of Sun Country Phone: (250) 453-9165
Fax: (250) 453-9500
Web: www.cfdcsuncountry.bc.ca
- Secwepemc Education Institute Phone: (250) 828-9779
- Nicola Valley Institute of Technology Phone: (250) 378-3300
Fax: (250) 378-3332
- Ashcroft & District Regional Learning Centre Phone: (250) 453-9050
Fax: (250) 453-2605

Community Services

Financial

Cache Creek has one financial service institution that services the community and outlying areas.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Royal Bank

Phone: (250) 457-6287

Fax: (250) 457-6620

Web: www.royalbank.com

Ashcroft has two financial institutions that service the community and outlying areas.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

• Interior Savings Credit Union

Phone: (250) 453-2219

Web: www.tvscu.com

Health Care

• Ashcroft & District General Hospital

Phone: (250) 453-2211

Health Care is also provided in Ashcroft through:

• Ashcroft Medical Centre

Phone: (250) 453-9191

• Health Unit (Public Health)

Phone: (250) 453-1940

• Mental Health

Phone: (250) 453-1950

• Alcohol & Drug

Phone: 1-800-663-1441

• Community Home Nursing Care

Phone: (250) 453-1939

• Home Support

Phone: (250) 453-1931

The major referral hospital in the region is Royal Inland Hospital in Kamloops.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Royal Inland Hospital

Phone: (250) 374-5111

Emergency Services

The following emergency services are available by phoning 911:

• Provincial Ambulance Service

• Cache Creek Fire Department

• Provincial Emergency Program (P.E.P.)

Phone: 1-800-663-3456

Police Protection

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (R.C.M.P.) provide police protection from a detachment in Ashcroft.

FOR EMERGENCIES CALL 911

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

R.C.M.P.

Phone: (250) 453-2216

Legal Services

Legal services are available in Ashcroft. For more information contact:

- Morelli Chertkow Phone: (250) 453-2320
- Fulton & Company Phone: (250) 453-2628
- Lawyer Referral Service Phone: 1-800-663-1919

Court Services

Supreme and Provincial Court Services are available in Kamloops.

Supreme:

- Court of Appeals
- Adult Criminal
- Divorce
- Small Claims
- Adoptions
- Probate

Provincial:

- Criminal Youth
- Traffic
- Small Claims
- Family Court

The courthouse also provides settlement conferences and masters chambers.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kamloops Court House

Phone: (250) 828-4344

Community Lifestyle

Clubs/Groups/Organizations

Cache Creek boasts an active citizenry. A myriad of clubs, organizations, and associations are active in the community. For more information contact the Cache Creek Chamber of Commerce.

- Amalgamated Community Services
- Ashcroft & Area - Beavers/Cubs/Scouts
- Ashcroft & Area - Brownies/Guides
- Ashcroft & Area Community Resources Society
- Ash-Creek Literacy Program
- Ashcroft & District Board of Trade
- Ashcroft & District Curling Club
- Ashcroft & District Home Support Society
- Ashcroft & District Lions Club
- Ashcroft Arts Club
- Ashcroft Gun Club
- Ashcroft & District Health Care Auxiliary
- Ashcroft Hospital Social Committee
- Ashcroft Stampede Committee
- Ashcroft War Veterans Allowance Association
- Ashcroft-Cache Creek Canada Day Committee
- Historic Hat Creek Society
- Ashcroft/Cache Creek Aero Club
- Ashcroft/Cache Creek Business Association
- Ashcroft/Cache Creek T.V. Society
- Ashcroft & Area Pathfinders
- Ashcroft/Cache Creek UNN
- Tarpons Swim Club
- Cache Creek Chamber of Commerce
- Cache Creek Fire Department
- Cache Creek Recreation Commission
- Cache Creek Royal Purple
- Cache Creek Senior Badminton
- Kinsmen Club of South Cariboo
- Masonic Lodge
- Rotary Club of Ashcroft/Cache Creek
- Semlin Valley Golf Club
- Southern Interior Drag Racers Association
- Gold Country Communities Society

Churches

Cache Creek

- Catholic Church
- Jehovah's Witness
- Pentecostal Church

Ashcroft

- Baha'i Faith
- Sage Hills Evangelical Free Church
- Seventh Day Adventist Church
- St. Alban's Anglican Church
- St. Gerard Church (Catholic)
- United Church of Canada

Cultural Facilities

Library

The Thompson-Nicola Regional District Library System operates the Cache Creek Library.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cache Creek Library

Phone: (250) 457-9933

Museum

There is a museum in Ashcroft that offers a reflection of life as it was on this land in the Central Interior beside the Thompson River. The museum houses and has preserved numerous artifacts found in the region for all to enjoy.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ashcroft Museum & Archives

Phone: (250) 453-9232

Recreational Facilities

- ball diamonds
- golf course
- drag racing strip
- indoor ice rink
- outdoor swimming pool
- community hall
- curling rink
- soccer fields
- rodeo grounds
- tennis courts
- basketball courts

Annual Events

- NI'Akaxm Eagle Motorplex Season April - September
- Ashcroft Stampede - June
- Graffiti Days - June
- Bonaparte Reserve Pow Wow - August
- Semlin Valley Golf Tournament - August
- Fall Fair - September

Key Contacts

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Cache Creek, BC V0K 1H0
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Community Futures Development Corporation of Sun Country

310 Railway Ave.
P.O. Box 1480
Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0
Tel: (250) 453-9165 • Toll Free: 1-800-567-9911 • Fax: (250) 453-9500
Web: www.cfcdsuncountry.bc.ca
Email: vision@cfcdsuncountry.bc.ca

Gold Country Communities Society

P.O. Box 1239
Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0
Tel: (250) 453-9467 • Fax: (250) 453-9883

Thompson-Nicola Regional District

300-465 Victoria Street
Kamloops, BC V2C 2A9
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Web: www.tnrd.bc.ca

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