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## **Message from the Mayor**

The Village of Chase, at the west end of the spectacular Shuswap Lake system is a small and growing community with a full range of services to serve your needs. Whether you are planning a vacation in the area or looking to locate within the community, the opportunities which await you are abundant.

As the service centre for the area, Chase has a full range of business and business opportunities which compliment the scenic splendor of one of the most popular tourism areas in the province. This business friendly community, within close proximity to the larger centres of Kamloops and Salmon Arm has something for everyone. You will find our community most willing to assist you in whatever venture you wish to pursue.

Chase is home to one of the few public beach areas in the Shuswap Region for summer recreation activities. In the winter it is only a 90 minute drive to the fabulous Sun Peaks Ski Resort on Tod Mountain or the Silver Star Resort near Vernon. Local cross-country ski trails exist only minutes from Chase. Other winter recreation opportunities include snowmobiling and our new Ice Arena.

The favorable climate and convenient location make Chase the right choice for a wide variety of special interests. The price of land and housing makes Chase an affordable choice for commercial and residential real estate purchases.

The Village Council and staff are committed to fostering economic growth and would be pleased to assist anyone interested in relocating to our community.

Give us a call!

Harry Danyluk  
Mayor

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# Community Overview

The Village of Chase, “Home to the Big Horn Sheep”, is located 56 kilometres (40 minutes) east of Kamloops on the Trans Canada Highway #1.

Chase offers all the amenities of a large city combined with the beauty of spectacular scenery. Many residents, preferring to live in a small community, commute to the nearby larger centres of Salmon Arm and Kamloops.

The majority of the residents of Chase are employed either directly or indirectly by the forestry industry. The area is also currently enjoying a growth in its tourism industry. A small portion of the community relies on other industries such as agriculture and the arts. There is a burgeoning group of local artisans gaining popularity in Chase and the North Shuswap area.

Chase’s relaxing lifestyle and low cost of living make the community attractive to 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 through a health centre. Education is available from kindergarten through grade 12 and post-secondary opportunities are available. Emergency services include a fire department, R.C.M.P. detachment and an ambulance service. Recreational opportunities abound in the area with modern facilities and an outdoor playground that includes two major rivers and over 1,600 kilometres of lakeshore. Current infrastructure includes a modern water and sewer system, both of which can accommodate a growing population. Other services include financial, legal and realty offices, a mini mall, a grocery store and over 210 other businesses to serve one’s needs.

## Geographic Location

Chase is situated at the outlet of the South Thompson River, which extends from the community to Kamloops Lake, and is nestled in the mountains at the eastern end of the South Thompson River Valley. Mount Scatchard and Mount Boyse appear on the southern horizon, while the northern side of the valley is defined by the Shuswap Highlands that rise to 1,830 meters.

City	KM	Miles	Travel Time
Calgary	500	333	6
Edmonton	776	517	8
Kamloops	56	37	$\frac{3}{4}$
Kelowna	135	90	$1\frac{3}{4}$
Prince George	510	340	$5\frac{1}{2}$
Vancouver	519	346	$5\frac{1}{2}$
Seattle	339	226	4

The Trans Canada Highway #1 services Chase. This highway provides excellent access to all major destinations in Western Canada and the Northwest United States. With the advent of the Coquihalla Highway, driving time from Vancouver and the Lower Mainland to Chase and the Shuswap is approximately 4 hours. The elevation of the community is 355 metres above sea level. Its latitude and longitude coordinates are: 50°48’ north by 119°42’ west.

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## Climate

Classified as a “dry continental” with moderate temperatures, Chase has an extraordinary climate. Short winters (Dec-Feb) give way to warm beautiful springs. Summers are sunny and typically average around 27°C. The mild climate of the region attracts retirees seeking a high quality of life and relatively easy access to support services in the neighbouring cities of Salmon Arm or Kamloops

Climate Statistics	
Annual Mean (C)	10.2
July Mean (C)	22
January Mean (C)	-6
Rainfall (mm)	27.7
Snowfall (mm)	126.8

## Trading Area

The trading area encompassed by Chase includes the communities of Adams Lake, Sorrento, Scotch Creek, Celista, Anglemont and Pritchard. The population of the entire area is approximately 12,000.

### Pritchard

Pritchard is an unincorporated area located 15 kilometres west of Chase on the Trans Canada Highway #1. The community straddles the Thompson River and is surrounded by agricultural land, much of which is used to produce ginseng. Stables are also a significant part of the local economy offering lessons, boarding facilities and trail rides. Pritchard is host to a service station and a general store that provides a range of services including gas, propane, liquor agent, postal outlet and groceries. Residents of the area use Chase as their primary source for services.

### North Shore

Anglemont, Celista, and Scotch Creek reside in an area known as the North Shore, approximately 36 kilometres off Trans Canada Highway #1 on the Squilax-Anglemont Highway. These communities lie on the northern side of Shuswap Lake with Scotch Creek as the centre of activity. Although traditionally these communities have been summer retreats, they have now become year round communities that support an ever increasing population.

### Scotch Creek

In Scotch Creek, one can find a gas station, a grocery store that serves as a post office and liquor distribution branch, a drugstore and a number of other retail businesses that cater to summer tourists. A doctor and dentist reside and practice in the area and a real estate office is now open. There are plans to construct a new mall in the near future. Captain's Village Marina is the largest marina and you can find a boat launch, boat rentals and a retail store that sells other recreational items. The major draw in the area is the Shuswap Provincial Park. This park has been rated as the most popular campground in B.C. to stay at and is at full capacity from May till September. Approximately 700 campers are staying in the camp ground at any given time and they provide a huge boost to the local economies of Scotch Creek and Chase.

## **Sorrento**

Sorrento is located 22 kilometres east of Chase on the Trans Canada Highway #1 and lies directly across the lake from the North Shore. Sorrento offers basic services; however, residents rely on Chase for larger purchases and services. Sorrento is host to a bank, insurance agent, grocery store, service stations, hotels and motels and provides its residents' children with an elementary school. Little River Boat World, a full service marina that provides boat sales, rentals and a launch, also resides in Sorrento.

## **Adams Lake**

Adams Lake is located 25 kilometres outside of Chase on the Adams Lake Road, 15 kilometres west off the Squilax - Anglemont Highway. The community is host to the Adams Lake Lumber Mill and a general store. Although Adams Lake is primarily a cottage community, the Adams Lake Indian Band resides in the area and a few other permanent residents are spread throughout the region.

## **History**

The town of Chase was named after Whitfield Chase, an American from New York State who arrived in the area in 1867 after originally coming to Canada during the 1858 gold rush. He was the first non-native settler that farmed and raised a family in what was then called the Shuswap Prairie. He married a young First Nations girl who became Elizabeth Chase, and they raised nine children together. The town was named in honour of Whitfield Chase although the community did not exist until more than 10 years after his death.

Shuswap is the European version of a local First Nations word Secwepemc, which refers to the people of the Secwepemc Nation. The Shuswap/Secwepemc Nations covers an area of 145,040 square kilometres in the British Columbia Interior. Before the town of Chase existed (pre-1908), the main town centre was called Shuswap and was located approximately five kilometres west. This was also the site of the first train station in the area in 1888, and the site of the first bridge to cross the Thompson in the area before the Pine Street Bridge was built in the 1930's.

An American logging company first came to the area in 1907 and purchased what became the original town site from Whitfield's heir. They subdivided the land into lots, installed water and electricity and sold the lots to workers and business people. For the location of the mill, they leased approximately 70 acres of land from the Chase family that bordered the Thompson River near Little Shuswap Lake.

The Chase mill became known as the Adams River Lumber Company (not to be confused with the Interior mill on Adams Lake originally owned by Mr. Holdings from the 1940's), because they logged exclusively off the Adams River and Lake area. The Adams River Lumber Company, after logging within 100 feet of the Adams River and Lake closed the mill in 1925 and took their profits back to the United States. This lease will terminate in 2006 and the property will revert to descendants and heirs of the Chase family.

Chase grew slowly over the next few decades with only a small core of permanent residents. It was not until incorporation in 1969 that the community began to market itself as a tourist destination and people began to explore the area. The community, as a result, saw an increase in population with visitors to the area returning to live, work and retire. Chase also benefited from the construction of the Coquihalla Highway in the mid-1980's. Improved access to the area brought new life to the local economy in the form of another tourist explosion that has only expanded the community's economic base and resident population. Chase continues to benefit as the number of businesses, population and tourism increase and contribute to the local economy.

# **Economic Base**

The forest, tourism and ranching industries form a strong, diversified economic base for the area. Forestry is the dominant economic activity but tourism is the fastest growing industry. The phenomenal growth of tourism is characterized by the substantial increase in tourism based businesses not only in Chase, but also throughout the trading area. Ranching, though small in scale, still represents substantial importance to the local economy.

The film industry is a budding economic sector for Chase and the entire region. 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 ideal for production.

## **Important Economic Activities**

### **Forestry**

The forest industry revolves around the Adams Lake Lumber Division of International Forest Products Ltd. Located outside the village boundaries. The company is a proven social contributor to the community and has implemented a long-term growth plan to help promote forest and community stability.

The predominant type of timber in the area consists of softwoods: Spruce, Pine and Fir.

The potential exists in the area for value-added opportunities. Wood and wood by-products that are produced in the area represent excellent opportunities for the production of furniture, wood pellets, wood trim and other novelty items.

### **Tourism**

Tourism is quickly becoming a significant economic contributor in Chase. Potential for growth is enormous given the area's proximity to the Shuswap Lakes and the increase in tourism traffic.

Chase is the first community at the beginning of the Shuswap Lakes. With over 1,600 kilometres of navigable shoreline on the South Thompson River and Shuswap Lakes, residents and visitors to the area are provided with some of the best fresh water recreational areas in the world. The lakes offer opportunities for boating, water skiing, fishing and swimming. The lakes are host to numerous provincial parks considered to be the best in the province. If you would rather stay on the water, the Shuswap Lakes offer more houseboats than anywhere else in the world.

The Adams River is home to the annual salmon-spawning spectacle. The major run occurs every four years and attracts up to 250,000 people from around the world during the month of October. The Adams River is also the scene of spectacular river rafting in the area. The river has a reputation for great whitewater, gorgeous scenery and is always lot of fun. It offers a great introduction to whitewater for individuals, families and at the same time challenging enough for the experienced rafter.

The Squilax Pow Wow attracts tourists annually in the third week of July. The weeklong celebration includes all three local First Nations bands and is an opportunity for them to showcase and celebrate their culture.

The addition of a challenging 4,900 yard, nine hole executive golf course situated on the shores of Little Shuswap Lake complements an array of sporting facilities. Ball diamonds, a curling club, a skating rink, a recreation centre, and many hiking and mountain biking trails all are within the community boundaries and all provide competitive sporting facilities.

In the winter, the region has excellent conditions for ice fishing, snowmobiling and cross-country skiing. The Skmana Lake ski trails offer 15 kilometres of groomed trails from December to March and the Crow Foot Mountain snowmobile club offers tours and maps of the best areas in the region to snowmobile. The community is also only an hour away from the destination ski resorts of Silver Star, located outside of Vernon, and Sun Peaks, located outside of Kamloops.

## **Agriculture**

The main agricultural activity in the Chase area is raising livestock.

An area for potential growth lies in the rich alluvial soil of the valley bottom. This soil allows for the production of hay, sweet corn, and other produce. Recently, other agriculture ventures have started in the area including ostrich farming, goat and llama production, fallow deer operations and ginseng production.

The area also boasts the ideal conditions for the use of greenhouses and the production of organics. The Adams Lake Indian Band has begun to explore opportunities by setting 1,000 acres aside for organic production.

## **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 Chase in 2001 was 2,460, a 4.3% decrease from 1996. The 65-plus age group represents the largest percentage of the population at 26.6%, compared to 13.6% provincially. The 25-44 group represents the largest segment of the population provincially at 30.1%, compared to 21.3% in Chase. The population of Chase represents 2.1% of the regional population of 119,222.

Age Distribution				
Age Group	Male	Female	Total	BC
0-14	230	205	435	706,065
15-24	130	120	245	514,340
25-44	255	280	525	1,174,775
45-64	290	305	595	979,455
65+	310	340	655	533,085
All Ages	1,210	1,250	2,460	3,907,740

Source: Statistics Canada

The average family size is 2.8, compared to the regional and provincial average of 3.0.

Average Family Size			
Family Size	Approx. #	Community	BC
2-Person	420	56.8%	47.2%
3-Person	135	18.2%	20.7%
4-Person	105	14.2%	21.6%
5-Person	80	10.8%	10.5%

Source: Statistics Canada 1996

## Income Characteristics

The average annual income for males is 4.1% lower than the provincial average of \$31,544. Since 1996, the community has seen a 6.1% decrease in annual male income and an 2.7% decrease in annual female income.

Average Annual Income				
Income	Male	Female	Family	BC
Average	\$30,262	\$14,408	\$23,153	\$31,544
Median	\$23,079	\$12,026	\$16,006	\$21,809

Source: Statistics Canada



Annual Income Distribution			
Income	Male	Female	BC
\$0-\$15,000	580	1,000	1,009,590
\$15,000-\$25,000	340	300	480,770
\$25,000-\$35,000	270	160	382,480
\$35,000-\$50,000	260	100	399,080
\$50,000-\$100,000	260	50	378,320
\$100,000 +	20	0	64,280

Source: Statistics Canada

Employment represents the largest source of income for residents at 52.1%, compared to 65.9% provincially. Since the 1996 Census, Investment has seen the greatest change increasing by 0.9% to 7.8% of the total.

Income Source		
Source	Community	BC
Employment	52.1%	65.9%
Pension	24.0%	11.9%
Investment	7.8%	9.0%
Self-Employed	3.2%	5.2%
Tax-Exempt	5.1%	2.7%
Other	7.7%	5.2%

Source: Statistics Canada

## Employment Characteristics

Since 1996, Chase has seen a 0.3% drop in male unemployment and an overall community drop of 0.3%. Provincially, unemployment has dropped 1.1%.

Unemployment Rates				
Rates	Male	Female	Total	BC
Unemployment	13.0%	14.4%	13.2%	8.5%
Participation	51.3%	44.1%	47.6%	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. Manufacturing and Wholesale trade are a close second both employing 17% of the work force in Chase.

<b>Labour Force By Industry</b>		
<b>Industry</b>	<b>Community</b>	<b>BC</b>
Total Experienced Labour Force	920	2,014,600
Agriculture and other resource-based industries	13%	5%
Manufacturing and construction industries	17%	16%
Wholesale and retail trade	17%	16%
Finance and real estate	4%	6%
Health and education	12%	17%
Business services	10%	20%
Other services	27%	21%

*Source: Statistics Canada*

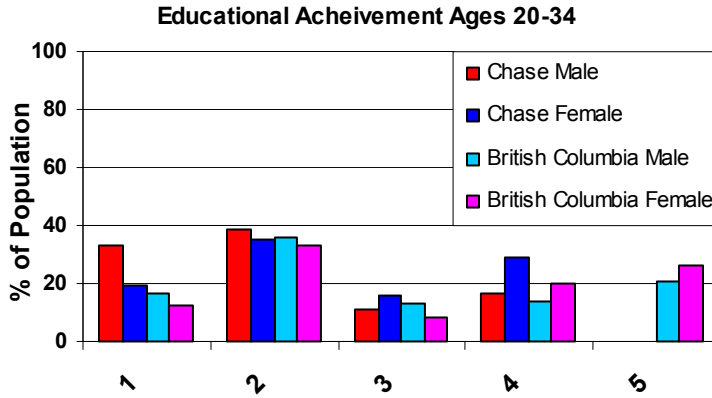
The 1996 Census Canada statistics showed Chase's self-employment rate at 25% of males and 15.4% of females. The 2001 Canadian Census shows an 11.8% decrease for males and a female decrease of 2.9%.

<b>Employment vs. Self-Employment</b>		
<b>Gender &amp; Status</b>	<b>Community</b>	<b>BC</b>
<b>MALES</b>		
Paid Employees	86.8%	90.2%
Self-Employed	13.2%	9.8%
<b>FEMALES</b>		
Paid Employees	87.5%	89.1%
Self-Employed	12.5%	10.9%

*Source: Statistics Canada*

## Education Characteristics

School District #73 currently enrolls approximately 16,467 students while the schools in Chase currently have a student body of 860.



- |   |  |   |                                |
|---|--|---|--------------------------------|
| 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

## Construction & Housing Characteristics

The average cost of rent in Chase is 23.0% less than the provincial average of \$751. The average value of a home is 49.9% less than the provincial average of \$230,645.

Dwelling Characteristics		
Characteristics	Community	BC
Dwellings Owned	805	1,017,490
Avg. Major Payment	\$563	\$904
Dwellings Rented	285	512,365
Avg. Rent	\$578	\$571
Avg. Value of Dwelling	\$115,582	\$230,645

Source: Statistics Canada

As a percentage of the total housing stock, single and semi-detached homes represent 69.8% and mobile homes are second at 14.8%. Provincially, single detached homes represent 56% and apartment buildings are second at 20%. According to 1996 Census data, 78.9% of dwellings are owned and 21.1% are rented, compared to 65% owned and 35% rented provincially.

<b>Dwellings By Structural Type</b>			
<b>Structural Type</b>	<b># of Private Dwellings</b>	<b>Community</b>	<b>BC</b>
Total # of Occupied Private Dwellings	1,045	100%	100%
Single-Detached House	695	66.5%	56.0%
Semi-Detached House	35	3.3%	3.0%
Row House	60	5.7%	6.0%
Apartment, Detached Duplex	15	1.4%	6.0%
Apartment Building	75	7.2%	20.0%
Other Single Attached House	-	0.0%	0.0%
Movable Dwelling	155	14.8%	3.0%

Source: Statistics Canada 1996

Building permit activity is current as of 2002. Over the past five years, there has been an average of 23 permits issued at an average yearly value of \$1,585,000.

<b>Building Permit Activity</b>										
	<b>Residential</b>		<b>Commercial</b>		<b>Industrial</b>		<b>Remaining</b>		<b>Total</b>	
Year	#	Value(\$)	#	Value(\$)	#	Value(\$)	#	Value(\$)	#	Value(\$)
2002	3	1,809,000	5	352,000	1	22,000	14	106,000	23	2,289,000
2001	6	314,000	3	30,000	1	30,000	14	192,000	24	566,000
2000	0	-	1	10,000	1	7,000	2	37,000	4	54,000
1999	2	167,000	3	936,000	0	-	21	1,745,000	26	2,848,000
1998	9	1,623,000	5	54,000	0	-	22	491,000	36	2,168,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3,913,000</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1,382,000</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>59,000</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>2,571,000</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>7,925,000</b>

Source: Thompson-Nicola Regional District

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

• Century 21 Lakeside Realty

Phone: (250) 955-0307 Fax: (250) 955-0308

Web: www.century21.com

• Riley & Associates Realty

Phone: (250) 679-3224

## Employment Services

The Chase and District Employment Centre is sponsored by the Chase Chamber of Commerce, and funded by Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC). The office is an information service to meet employee and employer needs and to provide access to federal government

programs.

**The centre provides up to date information on:**

- local job postings
- Kamloops job postings
- self-employment assistance
- provincial government jobs
- local employers directory
- college training courses
- upgrading existing skills
- financial assistance
- workshops and employment counseling
- referrals to Canada Employment Centre

**The centre provides help with:**

- career choices
- client computer work stations
- internet access
- interview preparation
- market/job search
- re-entering the workforce
- resume writing (content & purpose)

**The centre provides the following services to employers:**

- skilled workers
- casual workers
- interview room
- subsidized programs (financial assistance to subsidize referral service wages/training for employees)

**The centre also provides information on:**

- apprenticeship information and job descriptions
- assistance to small businesses
- Canada Employment Centre Services
- career options-programs in B.C.
- career planning
- colleges and institutions calendars
- Community Futures Development Corporation of Central Interior
- Community Futures Development Corporation of Thompson Country
- creative job search techniques
- employment standards bulletin
- how to find a job
- industry profiles
- literacy programs
- Open Learning Agency
- starting your own business
- student venture loans

**Forms available:**

- B.C. medical services plan
- birth certificates/marriage certificates for all provinces and territories
- Canada pension
- Canada Pension Disability
- child tax benefit
- employment sickness/disability/maternity
- federal and provincial job applications
- ready to use business forms
- social insurance number/amendment and processing
- student loan applications
- TD 1 tax forms
- unemployment insurance
- voluntary separation form
- old age pension

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Chase & District Employment Centre

Phone: (250) 679-8448

Fax: (250) 679-8117

Web: [www.ocis.net/~chaseemp](http://www.ocis.net/~chaseemp)

E-mail: [chaseemp@mail.ocis.net](mailto:chaseemp@mail.ocis.net)

# The Business Community

There are in excess of 220 businesses currently operating in Chase and the surrounding trading area. Over the last ten years the number has steadily grown, partly fueled by the recent establishment of home-based businesses throughout the area. For more information contact the Chase Chamber of Commerce.

Number of Businesses by Type			
Categories	#	Categories	#
Accounting/Bookkeeping	4	Insurance Agent	2
Apartment/Mobile/Trailer	11	Janitorial	6
Automotive	16	Landscaping	4
Bank Finance	3	Laundromats/Dry Cleaning	1
Chiropractor	1	Legal Services	2
Computer	5	Liquor Distribution	1
Concrete	5	Motel/Hotel/Campsite	5
Bakery/Deli	1	News/Advertising	2
Construction	10	Picture/Print	4
Consulting	2	Property Management	2
Contractor	7	Restaurants/Pubs	11
Craft/Sewing	1	Retail	19
Education/Daycare	2	Roofing	3
Electrical	2	Service Stations	3
Engineering	1	Taxi Services	2
Equipment Rental	1	Travel Services	1
Excavating	2	Trucking Services	1
Golf	1	Used/Consignment	2
Green House/ Nursery	4	Veterinary	1
Grocery Stores	4	Video Stores	1
Hair Stylists/Barber	6	Waste Management	4
Health Food	1	Welding	1
Plumbing/Heating	6	Wholesale	2
Home Improvement	9	Other	41

Source: Village of Chase

# Community Infrastructure

## Transportation Infrastructure

The Village of Chase is responsible for maintaining the paved roadways within its boundaries, whereas all major highways fall under the Ministry of Transportation and Highways.

### Major Highways

Chase lies on Trans Canada Highway #1, the national artery that leads to Alberta and to the rest of the country. Chase is located 56 kilometres east of Kamloops and the Coquihalla Highway (Highway #5), and is 52 kilometres west of Salmon Arm and the junction of Highway #97B that leads to the Okanagan. Vancouver is easily accessible from Chase via the Coquihalla Highway in approximately 4 1/2 hours.

### Rail Services

The Canadian Pacific Railway runs through Chase and operates a maintenance yard in the Village. Reload facilities are available in Kamloops. There is no passenger service available in Chase.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

CPR

Phone: 1-800-704-4000

Web: [www.cpr.ca](http://www.cpr.ca)

### Air Services

Scheduled air service is available 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

### Bus Services

Greyhound Bus Lines of Canada services Chase.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Greyhound Bus Lines

Phone: (250) 679-3167

Web: [www.greyhound.com](http://www.greyhound.com)

## **Trucking Services**

Trucking Services are available in Chase. For more information contact the Chase Chamber of Commerce.

## **Taxi Services**

Taxi services are available in Chase.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

- Chase Taxi Phone: (250) 679-5363
- Bear With Us Charter Bus and Taxi Phone: (250) 679-8441

## **Communications Infrastructure**

### **Newspaper**

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| • Lakeshore News          | Phone: (250) 832-9461 |                     |
| • The Shuswap Market News | Phone: (250) 679-3554 | Fax: (250) 679-7677 |
| • Chase Sunflower         | Phone: (250) 679-8880 |                     |
| • Kamloops Daily News     | Phone: (250) 372-2331 | Fax: (250) 374-3884 |

### **Radio**

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|---------------------------|----------------|
| • CHNL 610 AM             | • CIFM 93.1 FM |
| • CKXR 580 AM             | • JC-55 550 AM |
| • CKRV 101.2 (cable only) |                |

### **Television**

Off-Air:

CFJC (CBC affiliate) channel 7  
Knowledge Network channel 11  
BCTV channel 9  
Cable: 56 channels are currently available in Chase.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chase Cable Ltd. Phone: (250) 679-8500





**In addition, the Provincial Government maintains a number of offices in Chase:**

- Provincial Court Phone: (250) 679-3024
- Ministry of Highways Phone: (250) 832-1644
- Liquor Distribution Branch Phone: (250) 679-8454
- Provincial Ambulance Service Phone: (250) 679-3611
- Public Health Unit Phone: (250) 679-3737
- Counseling Services Phone: (250) 679-8211

**The Federal Government operates:**

- Chase R.C.M.P. detachment Phone: (250) 679-3221
- Chase Post Office Phone: (250) 679-3112

**First Nations also have a presence in the community.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

- Adams Lake First Nations Phone: (250) 679-8841 Fax: (250) 679-7731
- Little Shuswap First Nations Phone: (250) 679-3203 Fax: (250) 679-3220
- Neskonlith First Nations Phone: (250) 679-3295 Fax: (250) 679-5306
- Shuswap Nation Tribal Council Phone: (250) 828-9789 Fax: (250) 374-6331

## **Utilities**

### **Natural Gas**

Natural Gas is available in Chase.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Terasen Phone: 1-888-224-2710 Web: [www.terasen.com](http://www.terasen.com)

### **Propane**

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

### **Electricity**

The area is serviced by B.C. Hydro's provincial grid system. A distribution sub-station located in Chase serves the community and area.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

B.C. Hydro Phone: 1-800-BCHYDRO (224-9376)  
Web: [www.bchydro.bc.ca](http://www.bchydro.bc.ca)

For more information on any of the following utilities, contact the Village of Chase.

## Water System

The South Thompson River is the main source of drinking water for the Village of Chase. The system can pump up to 9.1 cubic metres per minute and has a storage capacity of 2,091 cubic metres. Chlorine gas is used to treat the water in order to ensure the quality meets the Canadian Drinking Water Standards.

## Sanitary Sewage

The sanitary sewer system was constructed in 1982. The system includes fine bubble aeration lagoons with a treatment plant capacity of more than 2,050 cubic metres per day. Discharge is disposed into the ground using rapid infiltration basins.

In 1999, an additional lagoon with a capacity of 1,000 cubic metres per day was constructed taking the overall treatment plant's daily capacity to over 3,000 cubic metres per day.

## Garbage Collection

Garbage collection is provided weekly by the Village of Chase.

## Taxation

Taxes are collected by the Village of Chase. The following table shows tax rates over the past three years.

Tax Rates				
	2003	2002	2001	2000
Residential	6.4189	6.023	5.9822	5.7838
Utilities	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0
Light Industry	22.0923	20.7276	20.9881	19.4147
Business	10.9233	10.6529	10.5963	10.5978
Seasonal	9.8867	9.6213	9.4257	12.4557
Farm	8.9632	7.7803	7.7484	7.5965

Source: Village of Chase

## Education

Chase is located in School District #73, administered from Kamloops. Chase and area schools include the following:

### Primary:

- Chase Primary Phone: (250) 679-3207
- Haldane Elementary Phone: (250) 679-3269

**Secondary:**

- Chase Secondary Phone: (250) 679-3218

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

School District #73 Phone: (250) 374-0679 Fax: (250) 372-1183

**Post Secondary:**

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

- University College of the Cariboo  
Phone: (250) 828-5000  
Web: [www.cariboo.bc.ca](http://www.cariboo.bc.ca)
- The Open Learning Institute  
Phone: 1-800-663-1663  
Web: [www.ola.bc.ca](http://www.ola.bc.ca)
- Community Futures Development Corporation of Thompson Country  
Phone: (250) 828-8772  
Web: [www.cfdctc.bc.ca](http://www.cfdctc.bc.ca)  
Fax: (250) 828-6861
- Chase & District Employment Centre  
Phone: (250) 679-8448  
Fax: (250) 679-8117  
Web: [www.ocis.net/~chaseemp](http://www.ocis.net/~chaseemp)  
E-mail: [chaseemp@mail.ocis.net](mailto:chaseemp@mail.ocis.net)
- Chief Atahm School  
Phone: (250) 679-8837
- George Manuel Institute  
Phone: (250) 679-8837

# **Community Services**

## **Financial**

Chase has two financial institutions that service the residents of Chase and outlying areas.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

- Thompson Valley Savings Credit Union  
Phone: (250) 679-8831  
Web: [www.tvscu.com](http://www.tvscu.com)
- Royal Bank  
Phone: (250) 679-3215  
Fax: (250) 679-8113  
Web: [www.royalbank.com](http://www.royalbank.com)

## **Health Care**

Chase has primary health care services available within the community. The Chase Diagnostic & Treatment Centre offers lab, X-ray, diagnostic and emergency services.

- Chase & District Health Centre Phone: (250) 679-3312
- Long-Term Care Phone: (250) 679-8817

The major referral hospital is Royal Inland Hospital in Kamloops.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Royal Inland Hospital Phone: (250) 374-5111

## **Emergency Services**

- B.C. Ambulance Service Phone: (250) 679-3611
- Chase Fire Department Phone: (250) 679-8655
- Provincial Emergency Program (P.E.P.) Phone: (250) 828-4357

## **Police Protection**

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (R.C.M.P.) provide police protection from a local detachment. Programs the detachment runs include a police advisory committee, citizens on patrol, 24 hour victim services and a community policing office that operates on the North Shore during the summer.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

R.C.M.P. Phone: (250) 679-3221

## **Legal Services**

Legal services are available in Chase.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

- Frame Burke Phone: (250) 679-4464 Fax: (250) 679-4478
- Watt McKechnie Phone: (250) 679-3707
- Mair, Jensen, Blair Phone: (250) 679-3121
- Lawyer Referral Service Phone: 1-800-663-1919

## **Court Services**

Provincial court services are available in Chase.

- Criminal
- Youth
- Traffic
- Small Claims
- Family Court

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

- Chase Provincial Court Phone: (250) 679-3024

The courthouse also has a legal library and houses the Probation Office & Family Counseling.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

- Probation & Family Court Counseling Services Phone: (250) 679-8211

Supreme and Provincial Court Services are available in Kamloops.

### **Supreme:**

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

### **Provincial:**

- Criminal Youth
- Small Claims
- Traffic
- Family Court

The courthouse also provides settlement conferences and masters chambers.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

- Kamloops Court House Phone: (250) 828-4344

## **Community Lifestyle**

Chase boasts a very active citizenry. The following list illustrates the myriad of clubs, organizations and associations that are active in the community. For more information contact the Chase Chamber of Commerce.

## Clubs/Groups/Organizations

- 4-H Club
- Heart & Stroke Foundation
- Arthritis Support Group
- Awana Club
- Beavers, Cubs, Scouts
- Beta Sigma Phi
- Brownies, Girl Guides
- Canadian Red Cross
- Cancer Unit
- Catholic Women's League
- Chase and Area Healthy Communities
- Chase Art Group
- Chase Diabetes Self Help Group
- Chase Guild
- Chase Queen's Committee
- Green Committee
- Home Support Services
- Hospice
- Knights of Columbus
- Lavbach Literacy
- Lion's Club
- Museum and Archives Society
- Old Age Pensioners Organization
- Parent Groups
- Rock Club
- Rotary Club
- Royal Canadian Legion Branch #107
- Women's Institute
- Women's Outreach

## Sports/Recreation/Fitness Clubs

- BMX Club
- Bowling/Recreation Centre
- Chase Players
- Curling Club
- Fish & Game Club
- Golf Club
- Good Sam's R.V. Club
- High School Rodeo
- Martial Arts Club
- Minor Ball
- Recreation Centre Society
- Shuswap Riding Club
- Skmana Cross Country Ski Club
- Square Dance Club

## Churches

- Chase Pentecostal Fellowship
- Evangelical Free Church of America
- Jehovah's Witness Congregation
- Roman Catholic Bishop of Kamloops
- Synod Diocese of Kootenay
- United Church of Canada

## Cultural Facilities

Many of Chase's citizens are accomplished artisans and performers. The Chase Players have attained honours at the Okanagan Zone and awards at the provincial main stage. The company rehearses and performs in the community hall.

### Museum

The Chase museum is open during the summer months and offers a reflection of life as it was on this land beside the Shuswap Lakes and South Thompson River. The museum houses and has preserved numerous artifacts found in the region for all to enjoy.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chase Museum and Archives Society

Phone: (250) 679-8847

## **Library**

The Thompson-Nicola Regional District Library System operates the Chase Library.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chase Library

Phone: (250) 679-3331

## **Recreational Facilities**

### **Art Holding Memorial Arena**

The arena provides a facility for organized activities year round. Winter activities include hockey, figure skating, public skating, and broomball. Summers activities include ball hockey, trade and car shows.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Art Holding Memorial Arena

Phone: (250) 679-2800

#### **Other facilities include:**

- ball diamonds
- basketball courts
- beaches
- boat launches
- cross-country ski trails
- curling rink
- soccer fields
- shooting range
- golf course
- provincial parks
- rodeo grounds
- tennis courts

## **Annual Events**

- May - Queen Pageant
- May - Mother's Day Breakfast
- May - High School Rodeo
- May - Chamber Auction
- July - Canada Day Celebrations & Squilax Pow Wow
- September - Chase Home and Trade Show
- October - Adams River Sockeye Salmon Run
- December - Chase Country Christmas



# Key Contacts

## **Chase Chamber of Commerce**

P.O. Box 592  
400 Shuswap Ave.  
Chase, B.C. V0E 1M0  
Phone: (250) 679-8432 • Fax: (250) 679-3120  
Web: [www.shuswap.bc.ca/sunny/chase.htm](http://www.shuswap.bc.ca/sunny/chase.htm)  
E-mail: [chccom@mail.ocis.net](mailto:chccom@mail.ocis.net)

## **Chase Employment Centre**

822 Shuswap Ave.  
Chase, B.C. V0E 1M0  
Phone: (250) 679-8448 • Fax: (250) 679-8117  
Web: [www.ocis.net/~chaseemp](http://www.ocis.net/~chaseemp) • E-mail: [chaseemp@mail.ocis.net](mailto:chaseemp@mail.ocis.net)

## **Community Futures Development Corporation of Thompson Country**

101-286 St. Paul Street  
Kamloops, B.C. V2C 6G4  
Phone: (250) 828-8772 • Fax: (250) 828-6861 • Toll Free: 1-877-335-2950  
Web: [www.cfdctc.bc.ca](http://www.cfdctc.bc.ca) • E-mail: [info@cfcdctc.bc.ca](mailto:info@cfcdctc.bc.ca)

## **Thompson-Nicola Regional District**

300-465 Victoria Street  
Kamloops, B.C. V2C 2A9  
Phone: (250) 377-8673 • Fax: (250) 372-5048  
Web: [www.tnrd.bc.ca](http://www.tnrd.bc.ca)

## **Venture Kamloops**

#2- 510 Lorne Street  
Kamloops, BC V2C 1W3  
Tel: (250) 828-6818 • Toll Free: 1-888-Kamloops (526-5667) • Fax: (250) 828-7184  
Web: [www.venturekamloops.com](http://www.venturekamloops.com)  
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