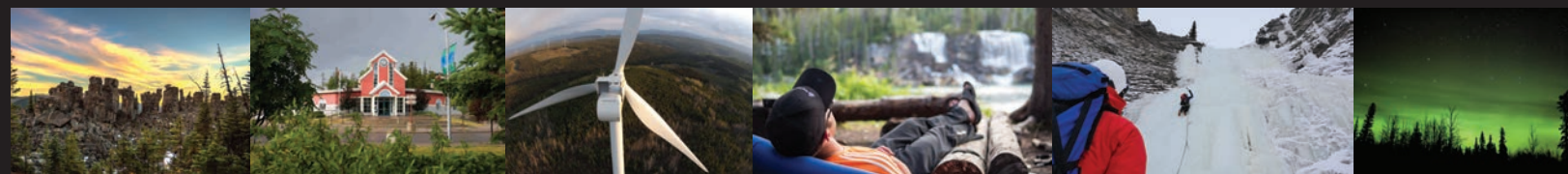
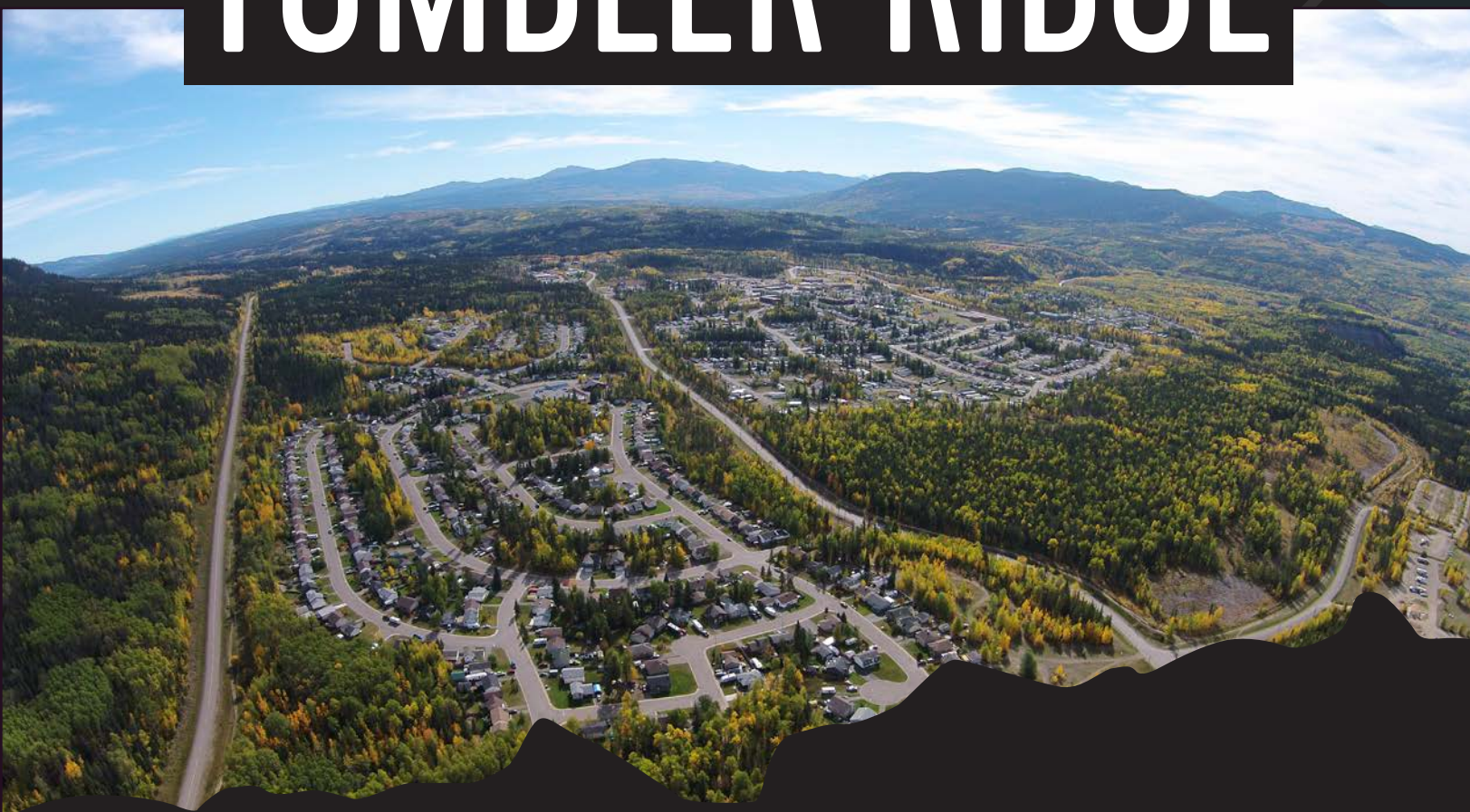




A GUIDE TO MOVING TO

# TUMBLER RIDGE







Tumbler Ridge is an innovative community that continues to redefine what opportunity and quality of life are in Northern BC. We are an active and exciting town of adventurers, entrepreneurs, tradespeople, clean energy and resource professionals. We have affordable housing and unlimited recreational opportunities in a community where work-life balance isn't just a saying but a reality.

# WELCOME

From Mayor Don McPherson



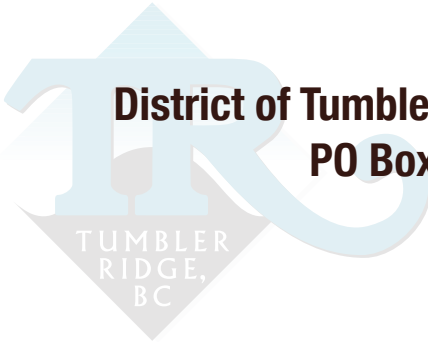
As a long-standing resident of Tumbler Ridge, I have experienced the highs and lows of the metallurgical coal mining sector in Tumbler Ridge. While I hope our community never loses sight of its mining heritage, I hope to see our community evolve from a one industry town to one that is sufficiently diversified and resilient to withstand future resource downturns.

I have always been an advocate for the mining industry. It is an essential part of our economy. I am delighted to see the resurgence in this sector since the fall of 2016. Still, now is not the time to be complacent. Now is the time to reassert our efforts to ensure that

our economy continues to grow and diversify. Now is the time to entice past residents back permanently and to welcome new families and investors to town. We want people with determination and drive to seize the unbelievable and diverse opportunities that are afforded to them in our town.

I am immensely proud of my Council, our municipal staff and the residents of Tumbler Ridge who are supporting the continued diversification of our local economy and helping to build on our many strengths. We know that we truly do have the best of both worlds when it comes to business development opportunities and the exceptional environment in which to live and raise kids.

I invite you to read this publication, view our new website [www.DistrictOfTumblerRidge.ca](http://www.DistrictOfTumblerRidge.ca) and to contact our Economic Development Officer, John Powell at 250.242.4242 / [jpowell@dtr.ca](mailto:jpowell@dtr.ca). I would also encourage you to contact me directly at [mayor@dtr.ca](mailto:mayor@dtr.ca). It is our responsibility to get the word out and to invite you to help us grow our town and to help shape the future of Tumbler Ridge.



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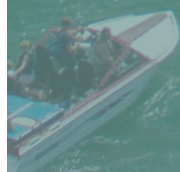


# GET OUT AND EXPLORE!

Take your pick of activities in each season. Perhaps you would like to fish all year round? Would you prefer to hike, swim, mountain bike, golf, climb, kayak, or quad in the summer? What's your passion in the winter months? Whether you choose to play hockey, curl, cross country ski, snow shoe, ice climb or sled, Tumbler Ridge has all of this – and much more.

Located in the foothills of the Rockies, Tumbler Ridge is widely acknowledged as the Dinosaur capital of British Columbia and the waterfall capital of Northern British Columbia. Blessed with some of British Columbia's most iconic natural landmarks and awe-inspiring backdrops, the culture and community character of Tumbler Ridge has been shaped by our natural setting and our desire to both protect and enjoy it.

Over the last thirty five years, many thousands of volunteer hours have been spent carving expansive trail networks and other features out of virgin forest, alpine meadows and historic pioneer routes. These trails have been painstakingly maintained over the years so that newcomers, families and intrepid explorers alike can set their own pace to experience our extraordinary wilderness setting.







# TUMBLER RIDGE

## IS READY TO WELCOME YOU!

Our community is actively pursuing economic diversification opportunities which will enrich our community and strengthen and grow our economy. There are endless opportunities to make your mark in Tumbler Ridge!

### TEN REASONS TO HAVE A CLOSER LOOK:

Tumbler Ridge has so many reasons for you to consider living, working or doing business in a new and exciting location. The unique **QUALITY OF LIFE** is often cited as a major reason that people move to the community in to have a comfortable work-life balance. By having a **SUPPORTIVE AND PROGRESSIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT** residents and businesses enjoy **LOW RESIDENT AND BUSINESS TAXES** in a community that offers more **AFFORDABLE HOUSING** than most locations in BC.

Businesses and Residents alike benefit from a well-planned community that has **EXPANDABLE/LONG-TERM INFRASTRUCTURE** for the future. When you combine this with the **LOW COST OF DEVELOPMENT**, a healthy **INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL LAND SUPPLY** and the easy **ACCESS TO NATURAL RESOURCES** businesses can thrive and local residents can enjoy the outdoors.

Tumbler Ridge has an **EMERGING TOURISM INDUSTRY**, that was enhanced with the 2014 designation of the area as a **UNESCO Global Geopark**, the second one in North America. With over 250 kilometres of hiking trails to 41 geosites, from waterfalls and caves to canyons and mountain summits, the area is a hot spot for outdoor enthusiasts and those looking to create niche businesses. Our opportunities cross-over from tourism to technology to clean energy and everywhere in between. If you've got an **IDEA OR PASSION**, Tumbler Ridge can be your blank canvas.



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With the eleventh lowest residential tax rate in British Columbia and one of the lowest business tax rates, we have discovered a formula that provides exceptional levels of high quality services without charging excessively for this privilege.


## SERVICES TO HELP YOU SUCCEED:

- Integrated investor response team providing customized packages and services to help you succeed
- Community connections to landowners, business developers, local officials and real estate professionals
- Active Chamber of Commerce and small business support networks (including Love Tumbler Ridge and Community Futures)
- Pro-active and progressive local government supporting new and existing businesses with a short permit process
- Affordable and productive workforce ready to help your business
- One of the lowest corporate income tax rates among G7 nations and the lowest provincial personal income taxes in Canada
- Provincial Training Tax Credit, Property Tax Exemptions and Credits, Local Revitalization Tax Credit

# BUSINESS START UPS & EMPLOYMENT





An aerial photograph showing a large white wind turbine under construction. A tall lattice crane is positioned next to the turbine's tower, lifting a long, white blade into place. The turbine is situated in a clearing surrounded by dense evergreen forests. In the background, other wind turbines are visible on a distant ridge under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The ground around the construction site is a mix of dirt, snow, and some cleared areas.

# OPPORTUNITIES: RENEWABLE ENERGY

Our close proximity and geographic orientation in relation to the Rocky Mountains makes Tumbler Ridge an ideal location for wind energy production. In fact, Pattern Energy Group LP recently completed construction of their \$400 million Meikle Wind Energy project in the fall of 2016. With 61 new turbines with 185 megawatts of generating capacity, this project is contributing 588 gigawatt-hours of electricity annually to BC Hydro – enough to power 54,000 homes.

Other major investments include Capital Power's 142 megawatt Quality Wind facility which opened in 2012. This project now creates enough clean energy to power 43,000 homes. In addition, several smaller wind projects have already been completed or are scheduled for construction in the hills around Tumbler Ridge.

In addition to these major investments in Tumbler Ridge, there are significant wind energy projects further afield in the Dawson Creek and Chetwynd areas. Of course, there is also BC Hydro's Site C hydroelectric dam project near Hudson's Hope. This massive construction project, located close to the existing W.A.C. Bennett and Peace Canyon dams, is continuing to employ people from Tumbler Ridge.

As well as substantial employment opportunities throughout the construction phases of these projects, these projects are creating secure, long term operating positions and openings for businesses and procurement-related service providers.

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# OPPORTUNITIES: VIRTUAL WORKERS

## ESCAPE THE DAILY GRIND, BRING YOUR JOB TO TUMBLER RIDGE

- Whether you are looking for a new opportunity or to relocate your existing business Tumbler Ridge is well-suited to ambitious, yet lifestyle and family-oriented, virtual workers and entrepreneurs.
- We are a growing community that offers opportunities for creative people to serve and support our expanding industries - tourism, clean energy and natural resources.
- Tumbler Ridge offers all the technology advantages without the large city congestion.
- We are here to make your move Tumbler Ridge as easy as possible. Please contact us directly for a list of potential opportunities to serve industry needs and for relocation assistance.

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# OPPORTUNITIES:

## TOURISM & TOWN CENTRE

UNLIMITED TOURISM OPPORTUNITIES – BE A PART OF OUR TOURISM INDUSTRY

- Tourism is a thriving and rapidly growing sector in Tumbler Ridge with visitor numbers more than tripling since 2014.
- Tumbler Ridge is opening the doors to those entrepreneurs who are looking to establish experiential visitor experiences including outdoor adventure guides and equipment suppliers/rentals.
- We have opportunities for a variety of businesses looking to capitalize on our expanding tourism industry:
  - Retail
  - ATV / Snowmobile Repairs & Services
  - Arts & Culture
  - Outdoor Clothing & Equipment
  - Tour Guides
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Founded in 1983 as an “instant” community to serve nearby coal mines, Tumbler Ridge was a planned community that integrated all of the best practice design features that would reduce crime, take advantage of natural features and prevailing weather patterns and promote a pedestrian-friendly environment.

While the infrastructure and layout of Tumbler Ridge is designed to accommodate 10,000 people, the population at the time of the 2016 census was 1,987.

The median age of Tumbler Ridge at the time of the 2011 census was 39.0, which is slightly lower than the provincial median of 41.9.

ABOUT

# TUMBLER RIDGE







# ABOUT THE UNESCO

## TUMBLER RIDGE GLOBAL GEOPARK

The Tumbler Ridge UNESCO Global Geopark is a designated area recognized by the UNESCO Global Geoparks Network. This prestigious designation was awarded in 2014 in recognition of our internationally significant geological heritage. Tumbler Ridge is only the second Global Geopark in North America, and the first Global Geopark in western North America. Within the Global Geopark Network there are 119 Global Geoparks worldwide.

Tumbler Ridge and its area is made up of 43 geosites across 21 destination areas of geological and aesthetic interest, including waterfalls, rock formations, dinosaur remains and footprints, alpine meadows and lakes, canyons, mountain summits and caves.

New, undiscovered destination areas are being discovered each year. Come see what UNESCO and all our residents have come to know – it's a welcoming community in a jewel of the Rockies!

Further information can be sought on the Tumbler Ridge UNESCO Global Geopark's website [www.TumblerRidgeGeopark.ca](http://www.TumblerRidgeGeopark.ca) or by contacting Sarah Waters, Executive Director of the Tumbler Ridge UNESCO Global Geopark 250-242-7733 / [sarah.waters@tumblerridgegeopark.ca](mailto:sarah.waters@tumblerridgegeopark.ca)  
Visitor Information Center - PO Box 1600 | 265 Southgate Dr | Tumbler Ridge, BC V0C2W0



# YOUTH & EDUCATION

Our public school system has an elementary school and high school with modern facilities and programs.

There are also exceptional educational opportunities in place for little people, including Strong Start, preschool and multi-age daycare programs. In addition, there are post-graduate courses at our Northern Lights College campus for young adults.

Our community centre is designed to cater to our entire community. The facility includes activities for all enthusiasts: indoor aquatics, curling, fitness centre, indoor playground, youth centre, indoor climbing wall, arts, racquet courts, lounge, restaurant, meeting rooms, and an arena that has local hockey and figure skating. It is the hub of all community activities.

Close by, our state-of-the-art skateboard park and bike trails are designed to cater to the differing abilities and experience levels of our youth (and the young at heart).

Tumbler Ridge is an outstanding outdoor classroom for extra-curricular school programs, sports and field studies in the surrounding UNESCO Global Geopark. While there is everything you could imagine indoors to occupy ones time, the children and adults in Tumbler Ridge are also encouraged to explore and learn from our wilderness setting of forests, trails, geological formations, rivers and waterfalls.



**Preschool/Daycare: 250.242.4503**

**Tumbler Ridge Elementary School SD 59: Principal- Kim Ferguson: 250.242.5281**

**Tumbler Ridge Secondary School SD 59: Principal – Jan Proulx: 250.242.4227**

**Northern Lights College Tumbler Ridge Campus: Administrator - David Szucsko: 250.242.5591/ Toll Free 1.866.463.6652**







# LIVING HERE

Relocating to Tumbler Ridge is a lifestyle choice. Our community appeals to people seeking an active, outdoor lifestyle with a dynamic and inspirational environment that comes without the pressures, costs and trappings of life in larger centres.

For those looking to get away from the congestion of the city but still having access to amenities, there is no better place than Tumbler Ridge. There are no traffic lights in town; however the community still has wide and well maintained streets year-round. Traffic jams are totally unknown other than when wildlife happens to venture in and everyone stops to admire. In addition, most people work within five minutes of home which means that you can even pop home at lunchtime to let the dog out!

The design of our community is specifically geared towards families, safety and crime reduction. At the same time, our community of under 2,000 people punches way above its weight with regards to amenities and services that you will need for your business, your family and your lifestyle. Family neighbourhoods tend to be located near to schools, parks and playgrounds.

Our 90,000 sq. ft. community centre is an indoor one-stop-shop for families. It has a fully equipped arena and curling rink located alongside an aquatic centre which includes a pool, steam room, dry sauna and hot tub; an indoor playground area, a fitness facility, racquet courts, a library, meeting rooms and lounge and restaurant/café.



# MOVING TO TUMBLER

We want to ensure your move and integration is as seamless and stress-free as possible. We encourage you to visit our municipal website [www.DistrictofTumblerRidge.ca](http://www.DistrictofTumblerRidge.ca) or our award winning tourism and recreation website [www.TumblerRidge.ca](http://www.TumblerRidge.ca). Otherwise, please call John Powell, our Economic Development Officer who is on-hand to assist you at 250-242-4242 / [jpowell@dtr.ca](mailto:jpowell@dtr.ca) / [www.InvestTumblerRidge.ca](http://www.InvestTumblerRidge.ca)

You can also contact our Manager of Community Services and Facilities, Joy McKay, 250-242-4242 / [jmckay@dtr.ca](mailto:jmckay@dtr.ca), to find out more about community organizations and happenings in Tumbler Ridge.

| FACILITY                        | PHONE (AREA CODE 250) |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| District of Tumbler Ridge ..... | 242-4242              |
| Airport .....                   | 242-5915              |
| Animal Control .....            | 242-3202              |
| Aquatic Centre .....            | 242-5255              |
| Community Centre .....          | 242-4246              |
| Fire Department .....           | 242-3939              |
| TR Public Library.....          | 242-4778              |
| Visitor Information Centre .... | 242-3123              |
| RCMP .....                      | 242-5252              |
| Doctor's Office.....            | 242-4251              |
| Canada Post .....               | 242-4100              |
| Food Bank .....                 | 242-5748              |
| TR Cares .....                  | 242-7444              |

# COMMUNITY NUMBERS

| GROUP/ORGANIZATION                 | PHONE (AREA CODE 250) |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Adult Community Choir .....        | 242-3570              |
| Arts Council .....                 | 242-3066              |
| or .....                           | 242-7183              |
| C.O.P.S. ....                      | 242-4567              |
| Chamber of Commerce .....          | 257-8047              |
| Children's Centre Society .....    | 242-4503              |
| Community Garden.....              | 242-4499              |
| Curling Club .....                 | 242-4055              |
| District of Tumbler Ridge .....    | 242-4242              |
| Emergency Social Services.....     | 242-3770              |
| or .....                           | 242-4567              |
| Family Assistance Program .....    | 242-7404              |
| Fellowship Baptist Church .....    | 242-4325              |
| Figure Skating Club.....           | 242-3639              |
| Forever Young Society .....        | 242-4422              |
| Willow Hall.....                   | 242-3800              |
| Golf & Country Club .....          | 242-3533              |
| TR Days Society .....              | 242-5308              |
| Grizzly Valley ATV Club .....      | 242-7353              |
| Grizzly Valley Saddle Club.....    | 242-4227              |
| Health Centre Foundation.....      | 242-5271              |
| Holistic Health & Healing Group... | 613-8939              |



Holy Cross Catholic Church..... 242-4446  
Hospice & Respite Care..... 242-5870  
HUB International Insurance.....242-5288  
Junior Canadian Rangers.....242-2380  
Lions Club of Tumbler Ridge ..... 242-4609  
Mid-Winter Review (Drama)..... 242-4567  
Minor Hockey ..... 242-4497,  
or ..... 242-8102  
New Life Assembly Church..... 623-9555  
or ..... 242-7555  
Northern Lights College ..... 242-5591  
Old-timer's Hockey ..... 242-4497  
or ..... 242-8102  
Ornithology Group ..... 242-3984  
Public Library ..... 242-4778  
Rec Hockey (Kevin) ..... 242-7191  
Rippers Quilt Guild ..... 242-4839  
Royal Canadian Legion 286..... 242-3436  
Search & Rescue ..... 242-7450  
Sportsman Association..... 242-1900  
Success By Six ..... 242-8142  
T.O.P.S..... 242-1165

The Red Hat Society ..... 242-4523  
Theatre on the Ridge..... 242-3066  
TR Cares ..... 242-7444  
TR Ridge Riders  
Snowmobile Association ..... 257-4541  
Tumbler Ridge Elementary ..... 242-5281  
Tumbler Ridge Global Geopark..... 242-3304  
Tumbler Ridge Museum..... 242-3466  
Tumbler Ridge Museum  
Foundation Society ..... 242-3466  
Tumbler Ridge  
Secondary School ..... 242-4227  
Tumbler Ridge Youth Centre ..... 242-4246 (ex 237)  
United Way of Northern BC ..... 263-9266  
Victim Services ..... 242-5252  
Tumbler Ridge  
Visitor Information Centre ..... 242-3123  
Wolverine Nordic  
& Mountain Society ..... 242-3984  
Work in Progress (WIP)  
& Good Food Box ..... 242-2380  
or ..... 242-5591



# BEGINNERS GUIDE TO TUMBLER RIDGE

There's lots of questions that people have moving to Tumbler Ridge. Here are some of the most common questions (and answers)

**I called Fortis; they say they don't serve Tumbler Ridge. How do I heat my house?**  
Tumbler Ridge is served by Pacific Northern Gas. ([www.png.com](http://www.png.com)). While we're on the topic, you'll also want to talk to BC Hydro ([www.bchydro.com](http://www.bchydro.com)) about power and Telus ([www.telus.com](http://www.telus.com)) if you want home phone service.

**What are my options for TV?**

Eastlink ([www.eastlink.ca](http://www.eastlink.ca)) provides cable service in town, while Telus ([www.telus.com](http://www.telus.com)), Bell ([www.bell.ca](http://www.bell.ca)) and Shaw ([www.shawdirect.ca](http://www.shawdirect.ca)) provide satellite options.

**How about Internet?**

Telus ([www.telus.com](http://www.telus.com)) and the Peace Region Internet Society ([www.pris.ca](http://www.pris.ca)) both provide Internet services in town, or you can get satellite Internet through Xplornet ([xplornet.com](http://xplornet.com))

**My cell phone doesn't work in town.**

Tumbler Ridge is served by a single Telus tower ([www.telus.com](http://www.telus.com)). Bell ([www.bell.ca](http://www.bell.ca)) shares this network. Some Rogers phones will work as part of their extended coverage agreement, but not all.

**How about my insurance needs?**

HUB International ([www.hubinternational.com](http://www.hubinternational.com) / 250-242-5288) is situated on Front St (next door to the Post Office) and is fully-equipped to cater to all your home, vehicle and other insurance-related needs.

**Are there any clothing/food/shoe stores in town?**

You'll find protective gear at Northern Metalic and Home Hardware, where you'll also find gloves, boots, mittens etc. KC's Dollar Store and the Visitor Information Centre also have a limited selection of items. The Baptist Church has a Thrift Store, where you can find used clothes at much reduced prices.

Groceries can be purchased at Shop Easy Foods, while prescriptions can be filled at the local Tumbler Ridge Pharmacy, where you'll also find a wide variety of over-the-counter items.

**When is garbage picked up?**

Garbage is picked up at different times, depending on where you live in town. If you live on the upper bench, garbage pick-up is Thursday. On the Lower Bench it is Tuesday. North of Willow on the middle bench (Peace River Crescent, Fellers, etc) is picked up on Tuesday as well, while the rest of the middle bench is picked up Wednesday.

**How about recycling?**

Currently, there is no recycling pick-up. Instead, people are asked to bring their recycling to the transfer station, located off Ridge Road. Head north on Mackenzie, and turn left before the ball diamonds to access.



# BEGINNERS GUIDE TO TUMBLER RIDGE

## **Where do I get my mail?**

Canada Post has a facility at 235 Front Street, across from the clinic. There is no door to door delivery in town. You will need to rent a post office box (at no cost for one individual box), and pick up your mail at the Post Office.

## **I'm getting a parcel shipped via FedEx/Purolator...**

Most courier companies use third parties to deliver to Tumbler Ridge although usually not to your door. Depending on the courier company used, packages are delivered either to the post office or to KC's Dollar Store (102 Iles Way). The third drop-off location in Tumbler Ridge is Embassy Maintenance at 129 Commercial Crescent.

## **What's there for the kids to do?**

There are services and activities for all age groups. For young kids, the library offers lapsit programs, and storytime, while Strong Start is held weekdays at the elementary school.

For older kids, the library offers Lego club and other activities after school, as does the community centre. There are also a variety of sports programs: hockey, figure skating and curling in winter, soccer and slo-pitch in spring, and karate year round. For teens, there is the local Teen Centre, which offers drop-in hours five days a week as well as a variety of programs throughout the year. The Teen Centre is located in the Community Centre. See the list of Community Numbers for other ways your kids (and you!) can get involved in the community.

## **Are there any churches in town?**

New Life Assembly Pentecostal Church has a services at their building at 275 Murray Drive, the Baptist Church meets at 115 Commercial Park, the Seventh Day Adventists meet at 107 Commercial Park, and the Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church is at 103 Commercial Park.

## **I want to learn more about Exploring Tumbler Ridge.**

Your best place to go for information about the Tumbler Ridge area is the Visitor Information Centre. If you like reading, Charles Helm has written a book called Exploring Tumbler Ridge. You can also visit [www.TumblerRidge.ca](http://www.TumblerRidge.ca)

## **Are there bears?**

Yes. We pose a far greater risk to them than they do to us, and residents are asked to do what they can to reduce human wildlife conflicts by following the guidelines at [www.wildsafe.bc.ca](http://www.wildsafe.bc.ca). Garbage accounts for over half of the calls regarding bears. Residents are prohibited by bylaw from putting garbage out too early.

## **Where should I go to purchase a business license, dog registration, pay my taxes, or ask about bylaws?**

All of these can be completed at Town Hall - 305 Iles Way.

We can't possibly hope to answer all your questions here. But go to [www.DistrictOfTumblerRidge.com/beginnersguide](http://www.DistrictOfTumblerRidge.com/beginnersguide) to find out more and to ask questions.





## LEGEND

- Visitor Centre
- Town Hall
- Church
- RCMP
- Fire Hall
- Medical Clinic
- Schools
- College
- Cemetery
- Hiking Trails

## Community Services

- 1 Hotel / Motel
- 2 Gas / Convenience Store
- 3 Grocery Store
- 4 Drugstore
- 5 Hardware Store
- 6 Willow Hall

## Recreation Facilities

- 1 Community Centre  
Library  
Aquatic Centre  
Arena & Curling Rink  
Weight Room  
Inside Playground
- 2 Grizzly Valley Saddle Club
- 3 Ball Diamonds
- Lion's Campground
- Monkman RV Park
- Golf Course Campground
- Boat Launch
- Golf Course
- Nordic Ski Trails
- Toboggan Hill
- Mountain Bike Park
- Playground
- Skateboard Park

## Points of Interest

- 1 Flatbed Pools
- 2 TR Trail & Bird Sanctuary

## Dinosaur Attractions

- Dinosaur Trackway
- M Dinosaur Discovery Gallery

200 m

Scale

TUMBLER RIDGE  
**GLOBAL  
GEO PARK**