



A GUIDE TO MOVING TO  
**TUMBLER RIDGE**  
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# Welcome!!

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.

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# 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, and to have a comfortable work-life balance. A **SUPPORTIVE AND PROGRESSIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT** provides residents and businesses with **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 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 34 accessible 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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# GET OUT AND EXPLORE!

Tumbler Ridge is a dream destination for outdoor enthusiasts no matter what sort of adventure you're looking for: from high-energy to easygoing. Home to accessible year-round recreational opportunities for all ages, interests and abilities, the possibilities are as diverse as the landscapes in which they appear.

Take your pick of activities in each season. Would you like to hike, swim, mountain bike, fish, 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 GLOBAL GEO PARK

## What is a Global Geopark?

A UNESCO Geopark is a UNESCO designated area, with sites and landscapes of international geological significance. Tumbler Ridge is the second of three Global Geoparks in North America (Stonehammer in New Brunswick and Percé in Quebec are the other two), and the first Global Geopark in western North America.

The **Tumbler Ridge UNESCO Global Geopark** is a designated area recognized by the UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) Global Geoparks Network. This prestigious designation was awarded in 2014 in recognition of our internationally significant geological heritage. At present, there are 140 UNESCO Global Geoparks in 38 countries.

Tumbler Ridge and its area is made up of 34 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, unexplored 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!

## Online Resources:

Check out the **Tumbler Ridge UNESCO Global Geopark's** website for information on the many geosites and destinations just waiting for you to explore! [www.TumblerRidgeGeopark.ca](http://www.TumblerRidgeGeopark.ca)

For some great drone videos of the TRUGG check out **Above Tumbler Ridge** on YouTube! [www.youtube.com/AboveTumblerRidge](http://www.youtube.com/AboveTumblerRidge)

The **Wolverine Nordic & Mountain Society (WNMS)** is a non-profit group that aims to promote and develop all aspects of people-powered outdoor recreation in the Tumbler Ridge area. Check out their website for trail information, events and more! [www.wnms.ca](http://www.wnms.ca)

# ABOUT TUMBLER RIDGE

Founded in 1983 as an “instant” community to serve nearby metallurgical 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 2016 census was 39.3, which is slightly lower than the provincial median of 43.

The community has begun to see many indications of growth including school enrolment and business licensing. Conuma Coal Resources has restarted mining operations and CN Rail has reopened its rail line. All this and more have resulted in significant population growth since the 2016 census and continues to make Tumbler Ridge an attractive location for new residents and families.

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 2,500 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.

**For more facts and statistics about Tumbler Ridge such as demographics, housing, utilities and more please visit:**

**<https://townfolio.co/bc/tumbler-ridge/overview>**



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# PROPERTY & LAND

Real estate in Tumbler Ridge is some of the most affordable in British Columbia. One and two bedroom condo's range from \$20,000 to \$65,000, while mobile homes go from \$25,000 to a high of \$150,000. If you are looking to buy a single family home, the prices range from \$95,000 to \$300,000 with the average price of around \$170,000.

## PRIVATE OPPORTUNITIES

The affordability of property in Tumbler Ridge, coupled with low residential and commercial taxes and unrivaled business start-up and relocation opportunities are our main calling cards to you as a future resident!

Our dedicated local realtors will be happy to work with you:

### Century 21 Realty

140 - 230 Main Street, Tumbler Ridge  
Telephone: 250-242-2100  
[www.century21.ca](http://www.century21.ca)

### Black Gold Realty Ltd.

Suite 3 230 Front Street, Tumbler Ridge  
Telephone: 250-242-7230  
[www.blackgoldrealty.ca](http://www.blackgoldrealty.ca)

## DISTRICT LAND

The District of Tumbler Ridge has many exciting and affordable municipally-owned commercial, industrial and residential properties for sale. Most of these properties have existing infrastructure either onto the site or to its property line. Please take your time to explore many of these opportunities on our municipal Land Sale Database (<https://listings.districtoftumbleridge.ca/listings/>) where you will find details pertaining to each property. You can also contact the Director of Economic Development and Tourism directly to set-up a no obligation District property-search appointment, or to arrange a site visit.

## CROWN LAND

Tumbler Ridge has substantial areas of Crown land (provincially owned) within its District boundaries that may be suitable and desirable as development opportunities. The District of Tumbler Ridge is currently working to secure some of this Crown Land to expand rural residential and acreage opportunities in the community. If there isn't suitable or sufficient land available from the municipality or private sector, Crown land could be the solution for your needs. All inquiries should be directed to the Integrated Land Management Bureau in Fort St. John at 250-787-3433.



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Our public school system in Tumbler Ridge has an elementary school (grades K-6) and high school (grades 7-12) with modern facilities and programs.

There are also exceptional educational opportunities in place for small children, 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 and mature students.

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.

**Tumbler Ridge Children's Center Society - Preschool/Daycare**  
Executive Director - Raelene Bielecki  
Phone: 250-242-4503  
Website: [www.trccs.ca](http://www.trccs.ca)

**Tumbler Ridge Elementary School SD 59 (TRE)**  
Principal - Kim Ferguson  
Phone: 250-242-5281  
Website: [www.sd59.bc.ca/schools/tumbler-ridge-elementary](http://www.sd59.bc.ca/schools/tumbler-ridge-elementary)

**Tumbler Ridge Secondary School SD 59 (TRSS)**  
Principal - Ryan McGuire  
Phone: 250-242-4227  
Website: <http://trss.sd59.bc.ca/>

**Northern Lights College Tumbler Ridge Campus**  
Administrator - David Szucsko  
Phone: 250-242-5591 or Toll Free 1-866-463-6652  
Website: [www.nlc.bc.ca/About-NLC/Campuses/Tumbler-Ridge](http://www.nlc.bc.ca/About-NLC/Campuses/Tumbler-Ridge)

We are currently working to expand our daycare & preschool opportunities. Further information can be sought on our website [InvestTumblerRidge.ca](http://InvestTumblerRidge.ca) or by contacting our Director of Economic Development & Tourism, John Powell at 250-242-4242 / [jpowell@dtr.ca](mailto:jpowell@dtr.ca)

# EDUCATION & CHILD CARE

## Early Childhood Educators (ECE), teaching support staff and licensed daycare providers:

Tumbler Ridge has a young population with a significantly lower median age than the province – 39 years of age compared to 43 years. Our school population has grown substantially (26% increase in 2018 at TRE alone) and our preschool and child care facilities are already at capacity.

### Opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- ECE qualified staff (and those working towards this qualification). Qualified staff would create the additional capacity that is currently needed;
- Teaching support staff and teachers-on-call;
- Licensed daycare providers to provide quality child care for working families.



# BUSINESS START UPS & EMPLOYMENT

## LOOKING TO START YOUR OWN BUSINESS? WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

The prospect of starting a business or taking over an existing business is an exciting time. For most people, however, it is also a little daunting and overwhelming. Tumbler Ridge's Economic Development Office and other District departments are committed to helping you navigate through the steps, finding the resources and information you need and connecting you to the right people. At no cost to you, we are a discreet and confidential local business resource and sounding board for you to utilize- regardless of the stage you're at with your idea.

## 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** ([tumblerchamber.com](http://tumblerchamber.com)) and small business support networks including **Love Tumbler Ridge** ([lovetumbleridge.com](http://lovetumbleridge.com)), **Community Futures** ([communityfutures.biz](http://communityfutures.biz)) and **Futurepreneur** ([futurapreneur.ca](http://futurapreneur.ca)).
- 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.
- Extremely low residential and commercial tax rates - check out our website for more information:  
[investtumbleridge.ca/property-and-land/taxes-and-incentives/](http://investtumbleridge.ca/property-and-land/taxes-and-incentives/)
- Tumbler Ridge is a pilot community in the BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) Entrepreneur Immigration (EI) Regional Pilot. The program supports regional communities to attract entrepreneurs with a desire to start businesses, create jobs and settle in regional centres, and contribute to their local economy. The Regional Pilot is intended for entrepreneurs who are starting a new business. Entrepreneurs wishing to purchase existing businesses are able to register/apply under the Entrepreneur Immigration category of the program.



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# OPPORTUNITIES: TOURISM & TOWN CENTRE

Tumbler Ridge has unrivaled recreational and tourism business growth potential. There are opportunities for growth in accommodation, restaurant and retail sectors; more specialists in outdoor recreation and education, photography, art courses and wildlife viewing as well as guides and businesses that support and build upon our UNESCO Global Geopark designation.

Tumbler Ridge is rapidly becoming a year-round destination and a destination of choice for active and outdoorsy people who are looking for exceptional experiences in unspoiled wilderness terrain. Recognizing how we are quickly getting discovered, Tumbler Ridge has made a strategic decision to focus substantial resources to expanding our tourism industry sustainably. We are developing tools and resources to support those interested in starting their own tourism business locally. Tumbler Ridge is well suited to ambitious, yet lifestyle and family-oriented workers and entrepreneurs that are looking to take advantage of our expanding tourism story. Once you have experienced all that we have to offer we are confident that you to will want to make Tumbler Ridge your new home.

## BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Businesses that provide visitors with unforgettable experiences while in Tumbler Ridge are certainly our greatest untapped entrepreneurial opportunity at present. Since Tumbler Ridge was awarded world-class status as North America's second UNESCO Global Geopark in 2014, tourism has grown by almost 700%. Yet, potential tourism service providers have been slow to tap into this rapidly growing sector.

The international significance of Tumbler Ridge's geology, concentration of waterfalls and substantial paleontological finds has created incredible experiential business opportunities for entrepreneurs in the tourism sector. Opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- **Outdoor equipment and clothing sales and rental suppliers**
  - **ATV / snowmobile repairs and services**
  - **Wilderness adventure operators**
- **Tour guide operators including outdoor education providers**
  - **Retailers**
  - **Arts and culture experience providers**
  - **Experiential accommodation and food providers**
- **Tourism-focused freelance professionals and consultants**

*Congratulations to Tumbler Ridge, SnoRiders' 2019 SledTown ShowDown Champion! Voters around Western Canada deemed Tumbler Ridge the most worthy destination to take their snowmobiles for a ride. In Round 6, the finals, Tumbler Ridge galvanized Western Canada to amass 51,553 votes, to outlast Flin Flon, Manitoba, 51,296 votes, in an epic final showdown.*  
[www.snoriderswest.com](http://www.snoriderswest.com)



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# OPPORTUNITIES: VIRTUAL WORKERS

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

Technological advancements have provided entrepreneurs, freelancers, stay-at-home parents and company employees alike, with opportunities to escape city living without compromising their career prospects. Unobtainable house prices, pollution and traffic congestion are realities of 21st century city living and many people are recognizing that urban living is no longer a necessary compromise that they have to make to build a successful career.

Tumbler Ridge has a growing number of creative people who are able to work flexible hours in order to live in their perfect environment and to engage in their chosen outdoor and sporting passions. The Economic Development Office, municipal government and others are working collaboratively to enhance the infrastructure and strengthen our support networks to ensure that these people can continue to thrive in Tumbler Ridge.

Work is currently underway to modernize our existing fibre optic network and to expand it into every residential, commercial and industrial neighbourhood in Tumbler Ridge. This means that every home or downtown office space will be able to provide supporting services to our expanding tourism, clean energy, conferencing and natural resources industries as well as to other sectors that aren't directly affiliated with Tumbler Ridge.

Virtual workers can work anywhere they choose as long as they have access to technology and communication networks as well as reliable transportation connections to airports. Existing virtual workers in Tumbler Ridge work in an array of sectors that are not typically associated with Tumbler Ridge. Many of these virtual workers are spouses/ partners of employees in the natural resources and energy sectors who have relocated for work.

**TUMBLER RIDGE CAN READILY ACCOMMODATE MANY SECTORS INCLUDING:**

- ANIMATORS AND VIDEO GAME DEVELOPERS
- BUSINESS DEVELOPERS
- CALL CENTRE WORKERS
- COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY CONSULTANTS
- CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES
- DATA ENTRY
- EDITING / WRITING SERVICES
- EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROFESSIONALS
- FINANCIAL ADVISORS
- GRAPHIC DESIGNERS
- HEALTHCARE SUPPORT STAFF
- HR SERVICES
- LAWYERS
- MARKETERS
- ONLINE SURVEY CONSULTANTS
- VIRTUAL RESEARCHERS
- ONLINE TRAINING PROGRAM DEVELOPERS
- RESEARCHERS
- SALES ROLES
- SOCIAL MEDIA/ BLOGGERS
- TRANSCRIPTION WORKERS
- VIRTUAL ASSISTANTS



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# OPPORTUNITIES: RENEWABLE ENERGY

The mountains around Tumbler Ridge provide some of the best conditions in British Columbia for wind energy generation. In fact, our community already hosts numerous renewable energy companies and several large wind energy developments, including the largest wind farm in BC.

With over a billion dollars of renewable energy investment in Tumbler Ridge in recent years, the area is quickly becoming a key player in British Columbia's green energy sector. The mountains around Tumbler Ridge are perfectly situated to take advantage of the prevailing winds off the Rockies which means we are blessed with the ideal conditions to accommodate substantial further investment in the wind energy sector.

Massive investments in Tumbler Ridge in recent years include Capital Power's 142 MW Quality Wind facility and Pattern Energy's 185 MW Meikle Wind facility – BC's biggest wind farm. With clean energy being the way of the future, further opportunities await for future projects in Tumbler Ridge.

In addition to further construction projects, there are significant associated research and development (R&D) opportunities to be had in Tumbler Ridge. Not only do we already possess the skilled labour force and ideal prototype test areas, we also have large tracts of affordable, undeveloped and appropriately zoned land to accommodate your R&D facility. Most of these areas are either already fully serviced or have services to the parcel boundary.

Other key players in the local wind and renewable energy sectors include Boralex, Natural Forces and BC Hydro. New construction would provide many employment opportunities, as well as potential partnerships with local sub-contractors and First Nations.



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# OPPORTUNITIES: MEDICAL & ALTERNATIVE HEALTH

## HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS WANTED!

Tumbler Ridge Community Health Centre, is a Northern Health diagnostic and treatment centre that is home to medical, optometric, ambulance, public health, social services and emergency care. We also have a well maintained runway and helicopter services in Tumbler Ridge to quickly evacuate medical emergencies to larger centres. To complement existing services, we are currently seeking additional nurses (all specialties), counsellors and paramedics. Please contact Northern Health ([www.northernhealth.ca](http://www.northernhealth.ca)) directly to inquire about these opportunities.

As an innovative community, Tumbler Ridge, in partnership with Northern Health have found creative solutions to facilitate the growth and diversification of health and wellness services in the community. As such, the health centre complex already hosts a number of private health care providers that include a part-time optometrist, chiropractor, child speech pathologist and full-time Registered Massage Therapist (RMT). We also have a full-time dentist and other specialist providers.

### Tumbler Ridge Medical Clinic

220 Front Street • Tumbler Ridge, BC • V0C2W0 • Phone: 250-242-4251

### Tumbler Ridge Dental Services

87 Wolverine Avenue • Tumbler Ridge, BC • V0C2W0 • Phone: 250-257-1378



In addition to several “mainstream” Northern Health medical opportunities in Tumbler Ridge, our growing population of active, outdoorsy residents and visitors are seeking independent, alternative health practitioners such as physiotherapists and naturopaths. There is high and sustained demand for such services. Northern Health have demonstrated an open minded and collaborative approach to working with the municipality to accommodate a diverse range of health practitioners.

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# TUMBLER RIDGE FAQ'S

**There are a lot 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)) is the main internet provider at present.

## **Why won't my cell phone 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? How about gas stations?**

You'll find protective gear at Northern Metalic and Home Hardware, where you'll also find gloves, boots, etc. KC's Dollar Store and the Visitor Information Centre also have a limited selection of items. Groceries can be purchased at Fresh Mart 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. Chevron is the only gas station in town. There is also a Co-op cardlock on the outskirts of town, but you will need to be a member to access it.

To access the bigger stores such as Walmart, Costco, Canadian Tire, etc. most people travel to Dawson Creek (117 km via HWY 52) or Grande Prairie, AB (206 km via HWY 52/43). There are a few backroad options to get to Grande Prairie (The Hourglass/Kelly Lake Road, and the Boundary Road). Please be advised the backroads are mostly gravel and can be very rough at times, and not advised in small cars.

## **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. Visit Town Hall (305 Iles Way) to arrange delivery of your bear resistant garbage can.

## **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. The transfer station along with the T.R. Bottle Depot are both open Tuesdays through Saturdays. The TR Bottle Depot is located at 107 Commercial Park (250-242-0091).

## **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, where do I pick it up?**

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).

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

There are services and activities for all age groups. For young kids, the library offers a variety of programs, while Strong Start is held weekdays at the high 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 swimming, dance 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 groups and organizations for other ways your kids (and you!) can get involved in the community.

## **How can I learn more about exploring Tumbler Ridge?**

Your best place to go for information about the Tumbler Ridge area is the Visitor Information Centre (265 Southgate). 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) and [www.TumblerRidgeGeopark.ca](http://www.TumblerRidgeGeopark.ca).

## **What about Daylight Savings Time (DST)?**

Part of the Peace River Regional District of BC (including Tumbler Ridge) is on Mountain Time and does not observe DST. This means that the region's clocks are the same as those in Calgary and Edmonton in the winter, they are the same as those in Vancouver in the summer.

## **What are the winters like?**

The winter months in Tumbler Ridge can get quite harsh. Snowfall usually begins around October and ends around April. Temperatures can drop dramatically, and it is common to have days of -20 to -30 C, with wind chills that can make it feel even colder. Vehicles should have proper winter tires and be equipped with a winter emergency kit (booster cables, blankets, etc). Vehicles should also be equipped with a block-heater (most people plug their vehicles in overnight in the winter) - if you don't know what a block heater is ask a local or an automotive shop.

## **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. The Report All Poachers and Polluters (RAPP) 24-hour hotline should be used to report wildlife-human interactions where public safety may be at risk. To report a violation call 1-877-952-7277 or #7277 on the TELUS Mobility Network.

## **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 (250-242-4242).

**We can't possibly hope to answer all your questions here.  
Go to [DistrictOfTumblerRidge.ca](http://DistrictOfTumblerRidge.ca) & [InvestTumblerRidge.ca](http://InvestTumblerRidge.ca) to find out more.**

# COMMUNITY NUMBERS

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 Director of Economic Development and Tourism 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 Director of Community Services and Facilities, Joy McKay, 250-242-4246 / [jmckay@dtr.ca](mailto:jmckay@dtr.ca), to find out more about community organizations and happenings in Tumbler Ridge.

<b>FACILITY</b>	<b>(AREA CODE 250)</b>
Airport .....	242-5915
Animal Control & Bylaw.....	242-3939
Aquatic Centre.....	242-5255
Canada Post.....	242-4100
Community Centre.....	242-4246
District of Tumbler Ridge .....	242-4242
Doctor's Office.....	242-4251
Fire Department .....	242-3939
Food Bank.....	242-7404
Northern Lights College.....	242-5591
Public Library .....	242-4778
RCMP.....	242-5252
TR Elementary School.....	242-5281
TR Museum.....	242-3466
TR Secondary School.....	242-4227
TR Youth Centre.....	242-4246 (ext. 237)
Visitor Information Centre .....	242-3123
Willow Hall.....	242-3800

Tumbler Ridge has a great number of community groups and organizations including:

Adult Community Choir, C.O.P.S, Chamber of Commerce, Children's Centre Society, Community Garden, Curling Club, Emergency Social Services, Family Assistance Program, Fellowship Baptist Church, Figure Skating Club, Forever Young Society, Golf & Country Club, Good Food Box, Grizzly Valley ATV Club, Grizzly Valley Saddle Club, Health Centre Foundation, Holistic Health & Healing Group, Holy Cross Catholic Church, HUB International Insurance, Junior Canadian Rangers, Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Lions Club of Tumbler Ridge, Mid-Winter Review (Drama), Minor Hockey, New Life Assembly Church, Old-timer's Hockey, Ornithology Group, Rec Hockey, Red Hat Society, Rippers Quilt Guild, Royal Canadian Legion 286, Search & Rescue, Sportsman Association, Success By Six, T.O.P.S, The Red Hat Society, Theatre on the Ridge, TR Cares, TR Community Arts Council, TR Days Society, TR Global Geopark Society, TR Hospice & Respite Society, TR Mountain Bike Association, TR Museum Foundation Society, TR Ridge Riders Snowmobile Association, United Way of Northern BC, Victim Services, Wolverine Nordic & Mountain Society, Work In Progress, Youth Soccer

More information on Tumbler Ridge groups and organizations can be found online or by contacting the Community Centre front desk at 250-242-4246.

# HOW TO GET HERE

Tumbler Ridge is surrounded by spectacular wilderness, but it is also very accessible. Road access is on highway 52 from Dawson Creek and highway 29 from Chetwynd.

There are regularly scheduled air services into Dawson Creek, Fort St. John, Prince George and Grande Prairie, Alberta, that brings visitors from cities across Canada and the US.



The Centre is located at 265 Southgate.  
 Toll-free: 1-877-SAW-DINO  
 Phone: (250) 242-3123  
 Email: info@visittumbleridge.ca  
 Open Year-round.



- LEGEND**
- Visitor Centre
  - Town Hall
  - Church
  - RCMP
  - Fire Hall
  - Medical Clinic
  - Schools
  - College
  - Cemetery
  - Hiking Trails
- Community Services**
- Hotel / Motel
  - Gas / Convenience Store
  - Grocery Store
  - Drugstore
  - Hardware Store
  - Dollar Store
- Recreation Facilities**
- Community Centre
  - Library
  - Aquatic Centre
  - Arena & Curling Rink
  - Weight Room
  - Inside Playground
  - Grizzly Valley Saddle Club
  - Ball Diamonds
  - Lions Campground
  - Monkman RV Park
  - Golf Course Campground
  - Boat Launch
  - Golf Course
  - Nordic Ski Trails
  - Toboggan Hill
  - Mountain Bike Park
  - Skateboard Park
  - Playground
- Points of Interest**
- Flatbed Pools
  - TR Trail & Bird Sanctuary
- Dinosaur Attractions**
- Dinosaur Trackway
  - Dinosaur Discovery Gallery

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