

discover TERRACE^{BC}



Your **connection** to
business & community

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The hub of northwestern British Columbia

Welcome to Terrace, British Columbia—a vibrant community nestled on the banks of the Skeena River, surrounded by the towering Coastal Mountains, and grounded in the deep historical roots of the Ts'msyen people.

Terrace is in a strategic location to serve the region's growing resource industries including mining developments in the Golden Triangle, the LNG sector, aluminium smelting, forestry, tourism and more. The city is also a service, government, education, health and transportation hub - creating a strong backbone for investment.

Terrace not only offers a balanced lifestyle, it is an attractive community to invest in.

Strategically located at the heart of the region's resource industries including expanding mining, LNG and other resource sectors - Terrace's position as a service, government and transportation hub opens the doors to opportunity. This guide is an invitation to explore what Terrace, BC has to offer — inside, you'll find stories, resources, and useful links that showcase the WOW of Terrace and help you navigate your next steps as you make Terrace home.

We invite you to Discover Terrace – we think you'll love it here!



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welcome to TERRACE BC



LIVE IN TERRACE

A lifestyle that lets you breathe — and belong.

- Adventure in every direction
- Affordable living
- Accessible health care
- Four seasons of fun
- Modern amenities, small-town charm

INVEST IN TERRACE

Opportunity meets lifestyle

- Strategic location
- Thriving small business community
- High demand for new ventures
- Ready workforce & training opportunities
- Digital-ready region

Why choose Terrace?

Terrace is more than a home, it's a lifestyle

There's a reason people come to Terrace for a short time but end up staying a long time. Tucked into the heart of the Coastal Mountains, this northern BC mountain town blends spectacular outdoor adventure with the energy of a connected, growing city.

Whether you're here for those epic weekends backcountry snowmobiling in the winter, the lakeside summertime camping trips, or if you are simply looking to live in a place where work-life balance can really exist, it doesn't take long to discover why Terrace is such an incredible place, to live, work and explore.

The commute is short, the surroundings are spectacular and there are loads of events, organizations, groups and clubs for interests of all kinds.

A balanced lifestyle

It's not unusual for people to get off work on a weekday and head out for a twilight round of golf or take the kayak out for an evening paddle - our proximity to breathtaking natural spaces right in the city and within a short drive, makes balance possible.

Terrace is your basecamp for unforgettable experiences. In the winter, you can go from your house to the cross-country ski trails in less than half an hour and ski into the night on the lit trails. In the summer, locals love to gather at the picnic site at Lakelse Lake for a picnic and a swim in the lake.

Small town feel, urban amenities

Terrace is also the service hub of the northwest, serving a population of about 8 0,000 when factoring in neighbouring communities. That means our community offers an array of services, local restaurants, shops, boutiques and cafes including larger, commercial enterprises.

Take the time to **Discover Terrace**
- we think you'll love it here!



Honouring the Land & Its People

We respectfully acknowledge that we live, work, and play on the traditional territories of the Ts'msyen Peoples—in particular, the territories of the Kitselas and Kitsumkalum First Nations. Their connection to these lands goes back more than 10,000 years. Their deep stewardship of these lands and waters continues to guide and inspire life in the Terrace area today.

Kitsumkalum



kitsumkalum.com

Located just west of Terrace, **Kitsumkalum** territory stretches through and beyond the city.

Its iconic longhouse-style buildings greet travelers crossing the **Kalum River**, offering a reminder of the Nation's deep roots and vibrant cultural identity. Kitsumkalum people are known as "**The People of the Robin**."

Kitsumkalum is leading major business and infrastructure ventures through its **KEDC (Kitsumkalum Economic Development Corporation)**, including:

- **Kalum Quarry**
- **Kalum Tempo Gas Bar & Car Wash**
- **Ownership of Skeena Sawmills**
- **Forestry, resource management, and tourism planning initiatives**

To explore current Kitsumkalum business ventures, visit: kitsumkalum.com

Kitselas



kitselas.com

Kitselas Nation is home to two main communities: Git'aws (about 10 km east of Terrace near the Kitselas Canyon National Historic Site) and Kulspai, located in Thornhill just across the Skeena River from Terrace.

In 2025, **Kitselas members voted in favour of Treaty**, moving toward self-governance and expanding opportunities for economic and cultural development.

Kitselas is:

- **Co-owner of the Skeena Industrial Development Park** alongside the City of Terrace, adjacent to the Northwest Regional Airport.
- Home to an active **economic development branch, lands department, and major infrastructure projects** focused on housing, land use planning, and business expansion.

To explore current Kitselas economic initiatives, visit: kitselas.com

Did you know?

The word **Ts'msyen** means "*People of the Skeena*", in **Sm'algyax**, the language of the Ts'msyen people.

Learn more about the language at:

smalgyax.ca



community of Thornhill

Just across the Skeena River from Terrace lies Thornhill - a friendly, laid-back community where neighbours still wave hello.

It's the kind of place where you can wrap up your day with a round of golf at the Skeena Valley Golf & Country Club, grab a cold beer on the patio of a local pub, and pick up takeout from a Thornhill favourite restaurant — or settle in for a cozy sit-down meal.

Surrounded by nature, Thornhill gives you front-door access to some of the region's best-loved trails, great fishing holes, and weekend hikes. Thornhill is home to newcomers, people raising families, running businesses and many who love the location.

Residents enjoy a strong sense of community, and close proximity to both outdoor adventure and essential services.

Thornhill has elementary and primary schools, parks, playgrounds and a range of accommodations from cute cabin properties to recognizable national hotel chains. Check out some of the boutique businesses in Thornhill and don't forget to try the water - locals say it's the best tasting water around!

Thornhill is also home to a number of commercial businesses with ample room to accommodate new investment and business development.



Visit the Regional District of Kitimat Stikine for more information about residential areas, such as Thornhill, located just outside the City of Terrace.



Sustainable TERRACE BC



We care deeply about this place—our wild spaces, clean water, and strong communities. Tourism Terrace believes tourism can help protect what makes Terrace special, not harm it.

Our goal is simple: help visitors enjoy this place while keeping it healthy for the future.

As part of the community we invite visitors and locals alike to explore with care, learn about local values, and join us in looking after Terrace’s land, water, and people



Make the pledge for a sustainable Terrace!

“I pledge to explore Terrace responsibly, leaving no trace and respecting its natural beauty, wildlife, and community.”

I will:

- Help preserve Terrace’s unique environment for future generations.
- Follow the Visitor Code of Conduct.
- Support local businesses and eco-friendly services.
- Travel safely and leave spaces as I found them.
- Respect Indigenous lands and practices.



Honor and respect our Indigenous environment and wilderness.

Reduce your ecological footprint.

Hot dogs & s’mores!
Do you know the fire rating? Be prepared.

Did you pack everything?
Did you tell someone where you were going?

Protect our wildlife. Leave natural spaces as you found them



GreenStep Sustainable Tourism
Bronze Certified
DESTINATION 2023-2026

We are GreenStep Certified!

GreenStep certification showcases our commitment to sustainable tourism. It is recognized by the Global Sustainable Tourism Council and signifies that we have met their rigorous standards. We have undergone a comprehensive assessment and review process to achieve Sustainable Tourism Bronze Certification.



Building a More **BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN**



The Terrace Downtown Improvement Area Association (TDIA) is a non-profit organization driven by a mission: to make downtown Terrace a vibrant, safe, walkable, and beautiful destination for residents, businesses, and visitors alike. From façade-improvement and landscaping grants to public art partnerships, the TDIA supports projects that bring colour, energy, and connection to the heart of the city.

Terrace is open for business and welcomes new start-ups whether it's supporting the resource sector, opening a new retail outlet or providing new services for the community you'll find available commercial spaces for lease, unique opportunities and a welcoming, entrepreneurial community.





Local roots, lasting Impact

With funding from a dedicated tax levy collected from property owners in the downtown business improvement area, TDIA invests in projects that breathe new life into the core.

Recent initiatives include:

- A voice for advocating for downtown businesses
- Advocating for Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
- Holiday lighting installations that transform downtown streets and George Little Park into a seasonal wonderland
- Façade improvement grants, empowering business owners to refresh building exteriors and add curb appeal
- Landscaping support, enhancing green spaces and public walkways
- Public art partnerships, including some of the vibrant murals and public art pieces now found across downtown
- A role in contributing to the vision for the 4600 Block Revitalization Project.

It's not just about aesthetics—these initiatives make shopping and downtown exploration more of an enjoyable experience and creates a welcoming and inviting atmosphere. When there's pride of place, people want to stay a little longer for the one-of-a-kind boutiques, the cozy cafés, and the stories behind each storefront.

This all translates into building the local economy, supporting small business people and offering unique services to residents and visitors alike. The grant programs administered through the TDIA in partnership with funding organizations such as the Northern Development Initiative Trust, are having a tangible effect on downtown property and business owners.

“ *The business facade improvement program has provided some much needed support in making substantial improvements to the look and feel of our building* **”**





Tourism Terrace isn't just about showcasing the beauty of the region — it's an organization that markets, promotes and fosters partnerships to help grow the area's tourism potential.

As the official destination management organization for Terrace and its surrounding region, Tourism Terrace works shoulder-to-shoulder with local business owners, event organizers, accommodations, and tourism operators to build a vibrant tourism sector that helps drive the regional economy and provide business opportunities to serve our visitors.

Tourism is an economic driver

Our 2022 Value of Tourism Study showed that Terrace's tourism sector generates more than \$84 million annually to the regional economy. It's huge value for a community of roughly 18,000 people. That number underscores the economic muscle of tourism in Terrace: it supports jobs, sparks innovation, and opens doors for entrepreneurs, health-care professionals, artists, and families who see Terrace as more than a destination but as home.

Terrace offers a world of possibilities for entrepreneurs that want to serve the growing tourism industry in the northwest.

Sustainability focused

With our GreenStep sustainable tourism certification, and our ongoing strategic planning, Tourism Terrace is constantly harnessing fresh ideas. We're not just promoting Terrace — we're shaping the future of a place where life, work, and adventure are in balance and there's plenty of opportunity.

Beyond running the Visitor Centre and employing strategic marketing techniques, we develop creative partnerships and programs like the annual shop local initiative. We have received grant funding to help tourism operators invest in improving digital access and online exposure for services. We back major community events such as Riverboat Day and train local operators in front line customer service and discovery programs.

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BUSINESS
DIRECTORY



EVENTS
CALENDAR



PLAN
YOUR VISIT



VISIT
TERRACE



EXPLORE
THE WOW



Home sweet home

Moving to a new community can be a daunting – but Terrace has a way of making people feel comfortable and welcome. Thinking about making Terrace your home? Check out the resources below to connect with the people that make moving to a new city that much easier. Whether you're looking for that perfect starter condo, a home with some northwest coast charm or if you want a fixer-upper, you'll find a variety of options.

Finding or Building Your Home in Terrace

Whether you're searching for the perfect house or planning to build from the ground up, Terrace offers a range of options to help you settle into the community.

Looking to buy a home in Terrace? The MLS® system is a great place to start your search, with updated listings of homes for sale in the area. Local Realtors® are knowledgeable and ready to help you find the right fit, whether you're a first-time buyer or upgrading for more space.

Want to build the home of your dreams? Terrace is home to a variety of experienced homebuilding contractors and a Development Services department that provides guidance on zoning, permits, and building codes to make your project a success.



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OFFICIAL COMMUNITY
PLAN CITY OF TERRACE



Education & Childcare

A talented and skilled workforce

Moving to a new community with your family comes with big questions. What school can the kids go to? Are there daycares? Can my graduating teen go to college or university in Terrace? Can I work on my post-graduate degree remotely?

The good news is, Terrace is a family-friendly community with a range of child care options from infants to school age, choices for both private and public school from K-12 and beyond to post-secondary. Even the City of Terrace offers a before and after school program and offers non-instructional day programming for school-aged kids.

Coast Mountains School District #82 oversees public education from kindergarten to Grade 12. Students in Terrace have the option to also attend French Immersion

from Kindergarten through Grade 12. There is also a Francophone school for students from K-9. There are private schools, and active homeschooling community.

Terrace is also home to trades training centres and post-secondary institutions. Coast Mountain College offers an array of trades training programs including red seal trades such as carpentry, electrical and heavy duty mechanic. It also offers business, early childhood education, nursing and university credit transfer programs. The University of Northern BC has a campus in Terrace and offers students the opportunity to finish a selection of undergraduate programs right here in Terrace.



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MOUNTAIN
COLLEGE**



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NORTHERN BC**



**COAST
MOUNTAINS
SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

Your Health, Your Community

Comprehensive Care Close to Home

Terrace is the regional hub for a wide range of healthcare services that support residents' physical, mental, and emotional well-being — whether you're seeking a family doctor, walk-in clinic, maternity care, mental health support, or dental services.

Ksyen Regional Hospital, is a state-of-the-art facility serving the entire northwest region. The hospital includes expanded emergency and trauma services, updated diagnostic tools, modern maternity and surgical suites.

For general health and primary care, Terrace is home to public health, home and community care, mental wellness programs, long-term care, and Indigenous health initiatives.

Public Health programming includes immunizations, prenatal and postnatal care, nutrition consultation, and sexual health services.

Women's Health Clinic provides compassionate, inclusive care for women and gender-diverse people, including reproductive and sexual health, trauma-informed care, and preventative health screening.

Terrace is also home to Foundry Terrace - a walk-in youth health and wellness services for people aged 12–24. Services include mental health counselling, peer support, substance use services, employment help, and more — all under one roof.



Ksyen Regional Hospital

Ksyen Regional Hospital, formerly known as Mills Memorial Hospital, is a cornerstone of healthcare in Terrace. The facility, which opened in November 2024, is more than twice the size of its predecessor and features modern amenities designed to enhance patient care and comfort.

Key features include private patient rooms, a larger emergency department with two trauma bays, six stretcher bays, pediatric care spaces, and four operating rooms. The hospital is equipped with the latest diagnostic imaging

technology, including MRI, CT, and SPECT-CT machines.

As a Level III trauma center, Ksyen Regional Hospital plays a critical role in providing emergency and specialized care to the region. Its affiliation with academic institutions ensures that it remains at the forefront of medical education and practice.

For more information on healthcare services in Terrace, visit NorthernHealth.ca.



Your office - redefined

Independent work, northern lifestyle



With the rise of the gig economy, hybrid and remote work options for professionals, Terrace is the perfect base for independent contractors and consultants who just need a computer and an internet connection to get the job done. With reliable broadband access and breathtaking surroundings, Terrace is a rising destination for remote workers and digital entrepreneurs. High-speed connectivity, flexible co-working spaces, and plenty of third spaces like cafés and libraries make it easy to plug in. Whether you're freelancing, consulting, or building a startup, Terrace offers the amenities and lifestyle balance that modern professionals crave.



Vibrant and local

A hub for entrepreneurs and shoppers

More and more, people are shopping local, and in Terrace the small business community is well connected, supported and open to new ventures. With about 80,000 people living in the northwest, Terrace draws shoppers from dozens of surrounding communities. As the shopping hub of the northwest Terrace is perfectly situated for small businesses to thrive.

New to entrepreneurship? Community Futures 16/37 offers small business resources and start-up advice. Northern Development Initiative Trust offers a variety of granting programs for businesses in the north. The Terrace Downtown Improvement Area (TDIA) provides marketing and security grants, Visit Terrace drives the annual Shop

Local campaign and hosts a comprehensive business directory on its web site. Terrace's Chamber of Commerce supports entrepreneurs through networking and advocacy. From boutique shops, to independent restaurants to being home to the largest Farmers Market in the north, Terrace offers a prime location, a large market and lots of options for sole proprietors, franchises and small business.



EAT LOCAL



SHOP LOCAL



STAY LOCAL

Get Active in TERRACE^{BC}

Recreation, parks, and programs for all seasons

Terrace offers a welcoming, active lifestyle with year-round access to modern facilities, fitness programming, and outdoor adventures. The City of Terrace operates two indoor ice sheets, an aquatic centre with a lap pool, hot tub, sauna, and steam room, plus a weight room and gym space — all located at the Terrace & District Aquatic Centre and Sportsplex. Programs include swimming lessons, fitness classes, skating, and drop-in sports for all ages and abilities.

Outside, you'll find over 40 parks and green spaces, accessible and inclusive playgrounds, and well-maintained walking trails. Terrace is also a destination for world-class mountain biking, with a growing network of trails developed by TORCA (Terrace Off Road Cycling Association).

The City's recreation team offers seasonal program guides with everything from kids' day camps and youth nights to seniors' yoga and aquafit. You can register in person or online.

Learn more at terrace.ca/parks-recreation and explore the wild side of Terrace at visitterrace.com/explore/outdoor-adventures/.



**CITY OF TERRACE
RECREATIONAL
PROGRAMS**



**AQUATIC
CENTRE & GYM**



**TERRACE
SPORTSPLX**



**INDOOR
RECREATION**



**OUTDOOR
ADVENTURES**





Strategic location

YXT: Your gateway to industry, community and opportunity

Northwest Regional Airport Terrace-Kitimat (YXT) is the busiest airport in northwestern BC, serving as a critical hub for passenger travel and the movement of goods and workers.

Its ability to handle large aircraft, including the Boeing 747, combined with multiple daily flights on three commercial carriers, makes YXT essential for connecting the region to major Canadian cities such as Vancouver, Calgary and Edmonton.

In 2023, YXT welcomed 264,000 passengers, surpassing Prince George Airport in traffic and highlighting its role as a growing center of activity. The airport's dual asphalt

runways, ensure it can accommodate large aircraft and support the logistical needs of industrial projects fueling the resource economy such as servicing the mining sector, LNG developments, and forestry related industry.

Recent infrastructure upgrades, including an \$18.5 million terminal expansion and runway resurfacing, means that YXT is equipped to meet increasing demand.

For anyone considering relocating to northern British Columbia, Terrace offers a unique blend of economic opportunity and quality of life, with YXT providing seamless connectivity for work and travel.



Strategic location for business

Terrace is the pivotal service and economic hub of northwestern British Columbia, strategically located at the crossroads of Highways 16 and 37. A CN Rail line connects Terrace with the rest of the country making our physical location the go-to community for shopping, expediting, medical, government services and services for the resource industry.

This prime positioning offers seamless connectivity to major industrial and transportation centers. Kitimat, home to the LNG and aluminium smelting industry is 55 km south of Terrace. And 148 km to the west is the Port of Prince Rupert, one of North America's deepest natural harbors and a critical gateway to Asian markets.

Terrace is also an anchor community for the proposed North Coast Transmission Line which will travel through the community and to the north to service a number of proposed major projects.



A Thriving Hub for Business & Investment

As the service centre of the northwest, Terrace offers a robust public sector with well-compensated roles in healthcare, education, social work, and early childhood education. The city's strategic location and infrastructure support a dynamic small business environment, bolstered by organizations like the Terrace Chamber of Commerce and the Terrace Downtown Improvement Area.

For larger-scale industrial ventures, the Skeena Industrial Development Park near the airport presents significant

opportunities for growth and investment. Key sectors include forestry, mining, green energy, tourism and the service industry.

Terrace's strategic location makes it the ideal location for new businesses servicing the growing resource and tourism sector. Commercial enterprises such as expediting, logistics and lab sample storage and warehousing all offer entrepreneurial opportunities.



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