



INVEST

"It has been demonstrated time and time again that the Kootenay region is an ideal place in which to invest, offering a true balance between lifestyle and economic vitality."

*Roy Heuckendorff, Executive Director
NELSON & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE*

"The Kootenay region provides exceptional recreational opportunities and an ideal place to raise a family."

*Ron Ross
EMCO ENGINEERING, INVESTOR*

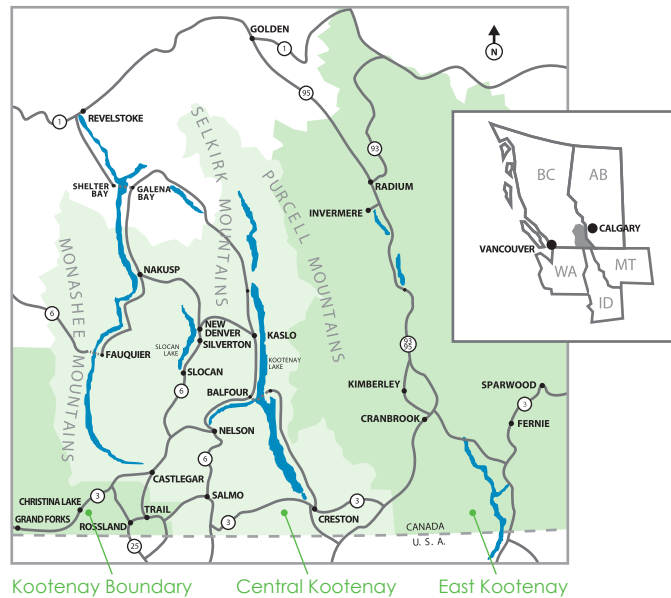
"Offering tremendous opportunity without sacrificing living or lifestyle, the Kootenay region offers everyone that balance. Enjoy both work and play!"

*Brian Baker
CRESTON VALLEY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY*

REGIONAL STATS

REGIONAL DISTRICT	POPULATION	ECONOMIC DRIVERS
East Kootenay	61,862	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hospitality & tourism • high technology • forestry
Central Kootenay	60,237	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • agriculture • hydro electric power • health & wellness • mining
Kootenay-Boundary	33,118	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • oil & gas extraction • manufacturing • arts & culture

where opportunity meets lifestyle



Kootenay Boundary Central Kootenay East Kootenay



WHY

"Small City - Big Community - Our friendly, welcoming neighborhoods and our clean, safe environment provide the perfect setting to start your new life. Centrally located and perfectly situated for trade movement. Welcome Home!"

*Audrey Maxwell-Polovnikoff,
CASTLEGAR & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE*

"The Kootenay region is a great place to live, to learn and to work. The combination of the high quality living and rich learning opportunities make working in the community all that much better."

*Mike Stolte
CENTRE FOR INNOVATIVE & ENTREPRENEURIAL LEADERSHIP*

"We came for the business. We didn't realize what a bonus the community would be for us, our families, and our clients. It has become a big part of the draw."

*Jeff Pensiero
BALDFACE LODGE, INVESTOR*



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WILDLIFE GENETICS INTERNATIONAL (WGI) INC.
High Tech Research



The move to this vibrant mountain community has proven more successful than we ever expected, reducing overhead and living costs while rewarding our employees with a combination of 'big city' career and unbeatable lifestyle.

www.wildlifegenetics.ca

LITTLE BEAR GOLF CLUB
Recreation



Castlegar area's natural beauty made it a choice location for the investment in a par 3 golf course for a group of Kootenay area businessmen.

www.littlebeargolf.com

KOOTENAY LAKE LOG STRUCTURES
Niche Manufacturing



Why do business elsewhere? We are surrounded by the resources we need, with an unbeatable quality of life.

www.handcraftedloghomes.ca

TURTLEBACK ADVENTURES INC.
Adventure Tourism



*"It doesn't get any better than this"
This is a testimonial from one of our clients and I think it sums up the Castlegar experience.*

www.turtlebackadventures.com

PACIFIC INSIGHT ELECTRONICS CORP.
High Tech Manufacturing



Building a business in Nelson has many benefits. One of them is that it is truly nice to know the people you work with. And that is a distinct advantage to working in a small community. Lifestyle is everything - and we are lucky to be able to do it here !!

www.pacificinsight.com

D-PACE INC.
High Tech International Consulting



There's a fairly large underground technology community here. We're still trying to find out who everyone is. Every time you go into a coffee shop you meet someone new in the technology field.

www.d-pace.com

WEST ARM TRUCKING LINES
Transportation and Shipping



This area has the feeling of being a bit more relaxed than some of the more densely populated centers to the East and West of us. But it still boasts a good cross section of companies providing all the goods and services essential to a quality lifestyle.

www.westarm.com

BALDFACE LODGE SNOWCAT SKIING
Adventure Tourism



Working on a project in Nelson is incredible. You can meet with your accountants in the morning, have lunch with clients, and then go biking with your lawyer in the afternoon.

www.baldface.net

MARTECH ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS LTD.
Professional Services



The economic development officer was helpful in providing us with information and he made it clear that Castlegar was open for business. The council and staff have been cooperative in helping expand our facilities to become a full service electrical provider.

PINE PROFILES INC.
Niche Manufacturing



We chose the Creston Valley for Pine Profiles because of the abundant wood supply, and the close proximity to large Canadian and US markets.

www.pineprofiles.com

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