



Invest Castlegar

Castlegar and Area, with an estimated population of 12,500 is nestled beneath the magnificent peaks of the Selkirk and Monashee Mountain ranges, at the confluence of the mighty Columbia and Kootenay Rivers.

opportunity

- strategic location includes regional airport and post-secondary institution
- readily available assistance to potential investors
- affordable real estate and competitive property taxes
- potential growth areas include hospitality and tourism, call centres, value-added wood products, high technology, microbrewery, and high energy-dependent industry

lifestyle

- friendly atmosphere and breath-taking scenery
- trails for hiking and biking and championship golfing
- access to cross-country and alpine skiing
- world-class fishing, boating and water sports
- full service community recreation centre, museums, art gallery, and heritage parks



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where opportunity meets lifestyle.

Investment Success



Mario DiBella decided to return to the Kootenay Region in order to apprentice under his father. Natural beauty and friendly residents also acted as incentives to move back to the area. It soon became clear that a market niche focusing on customer service was not being filled and Mario decided to act on the opportunity.

Martech Electrical Systems Ltd.

Mario made his investment a reality by identifying a market niche, by starting out with a small investment and allowing the business to grow over time, and by surrounding himself with like-minded people. Now with between 70-200 employees, Martech Electrical continues to provide exceptional customer service in the field.

West Arm Truck Lines

West Arm Truck Lines is the premier freight service provider in Southern British Columbia and Alberta. West Arm provides overnight LTL service to all major centres in these areas. Well maintained, late model equipment and the most up to date computer technology allow the people of West Arm Truck Lines to deliver on commitments to their customers. The roots of the current company begin in 1952. On his return from WWII service with the RCAF, Alec Maclean started a freight service for the communities and industries along the West Arm of Kootenay Lake. Named for this heritage, West Arm Truck Lines was incorporated in 1967. Steady growth through expanded service, acquisition and partnership has resulted in an expansive direct regional service with terminals in Castlegar (head office remains in the West Kootenay), Vancouver, Kamloops, Kelowna, Cranbrook, Sparwood, Spokane, Calgary and Edmonton. Alliances with partner carriers gives West Arm the capability to pick up and deliver freight throughout North America and beyond.

