

# Invest Kaslo

Kaslo is a picturesque little village with a population of 1,032. The town site is the delta of the Kaslo River, which flows into Kootenay Lake. With tree-lined avenues and heritage houses at every turn, it is the quintessential small town of everyone's imagination.



## opportunity

- affordable and available land offering light industrial and commercial opportunities
- telecommunications infrastructure supporting emerging technology-based businesses
- growth sectors include tourism & hospitality, arts & culture, mining & forestry, resource-based niche manufacturing and agriculture

## lifestyle

- all season playground including world-class alpine skiing, back country hiking and skiing, snowmobiling, mountain biking, river rafting, canoeing and kayaking
- full service community centre and seniors activity centre, championship golf course, indoor aquatic centre, and Revelstoke Mountain Resort
- two national parks, three provincial parks, several municipal parks, hot spring developments, and an abundance of camping opportunities

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where opportunity meets lifestyle.

# Investment Success



After a life-changing accident kept Roy Honkanen from working away from home, he and his wife Leah were presented with a unique opportunity to manufacture 100% Pure Beeswax Candles from their property outside Kaslo. Their passion for quality natural products combined with their previous small business experience and desire to stay in the Kootenays made the venture a perfect fit. They modified an existing building on their 15 acres of land to create a small candle factory. Within a few years, the Honkanens purchased the other partners shares and combined manufacturing and distribution.

## Honey Candles

They have since expanded the business with an in-house sales and marketing team and have created a powerful website and catalogue. With further investment in production and branding, Honey Candles® are now North America's most reliable source for 100% pure beeswax candles. They have a staff of 14 whose commitment to creating natural candles in an eco-friendly environment has contributed to the success of Honey Candles Ltd.

## Hamill Creek Timber Homes

Dwight and Debbie Smith were drawn to the Kootenay Region from New Brunswick because of the area's natural beauty and friendly residents. Because they moved here for lifestyle, their investment followed by necessity. Dwight and Debbie noticed the region has some of the best timber in the world but much of this raw material was being shipped away. They decided to utilize Dwight's timber frame building skills and tap into the region's access to timber resources. The Smith's made their investment a success by identifying a market niche, slowly growing their business from their backyard to a full scale 45 person operation, and focusing on quality and detail of product. Now harvesting their own timbers, providing custom design, completely utilizing every piece of wood, and shipping to clients across North America, Hamill Creek Timber Homes exemplifies [Invest Kootenay's message of 'live here' work anywhere.](#)

