

Invest Kootenay Lake

A gorgeous drive along the east shore of Kootenay Lake takes you through vibrant artisan communities, peaceful rural life, un-crowded beaches, prime recreation and fertile farmland. With a population of 2000, East Shore Kootenay Lake is a place where you can be at home for a day or a lifetime.



opportunity

- thriving artisan community
- accessible professional services & supports, including local credit union and high speed internet
- growth sectors include hospitality & tourism, health & wellness, arts & culture, niche-based manufacturing, agriculture, innovative building & alternative energies
- a highly motivated and skilled workforce
- 2900 ft. airstrip & the legendary scenic shoreline drive
- proximity to west coast, Alberta and the USA markets

lifestyle

- all season recreation haven including mountain biking, hiking, canoeing, sailing, hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and access to the Trans Canada Trail
- 2 golf courses, including 18-hole championship course
- historic buildings and rich local histories, including 5 community halls hosting regular community events
- safe, family-friendly communities with over 110 km of lake access providing countless beautiful, sandy beaches
- enviable micro-climate, brand new eco-school, and the annual Starbelly Jam Music Festival



We invite you to come and discover the advantages of doing business in Kootenay Lake

where opportunity meets lifestyle.

Investment Success

Wynndel Box & Lumber

In 1913, Monrad Wigen started a small box factory in Wynndel, with help from his father, O.J. Wigen. Horses delivered the logs to a small portable mill which produced the boxes and crates for the growing fruit farms in the Creston Valley, and railroad ties in the winter. The mill began to concentrate on producing a wide variety of fruit boxes, investing in the specialized equipment needed.

Since then, the mill has gone more into specialized lumber made from the locally available Engelmann Spruce and Lodgepole Pine. Michael Wigen, the 4th generation to run this mill, proudly displays some of the fascia, siding, panelling and trim the company ships across western Canada and into the U.S. One specialty is "pattern stock" – highly grained boards used for panelling and flooring. Proud of its work in sustainable forestry, the mill draws from the lands in the surrounding Purcell Mountains, some of BC's most productive forests. It employs 190 workers in specialties ranging from logging and trucking to running and repairing specialized European mill equipment.



Warren Clark Graphics



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In 1989, after 14 years running a business in Edmonton, good fortune led me and my family to the East Shore. At that time the "electronic cottage" notion was emerging as a possibility. For me it was a leap of faith and the support of my clients. The technology was crude to begin with. Fax made it possible to communicate somewhat instantly and the Greyhound meant I could deliver my work overnight to Calgary or Vancouver. I was determined to do what was necessary to make a viable home for our family in this safe and wonderful place. I had to perform as well as I did in the city. Distance was a challenge. Even so, I was available to my clients at all times. I dealt with problems right away and never missed a deadline. I worked very hard to make sure the service was never inconvenienced by the remoteness.

As the internet became more reliable, doing my work became easier. Now the seamless interface between my computer and high speed internet service makes it possible to work anywhere in the world in real time and continue to live in this lovely place. What I appreciate most about the East Shore is the community of amazing people who live here by choice and are passionate in doing so. There is a respect for privacy and individuality, but when needed, the community spirit is strongly present.