

## Community Profile

Kimberley is an active, vibrant community that has transitioned from a mining town to a resort community, as well as a community chosen for its lifestyle by those that are able to work remotely or work away in the oil or mining industry. There is a mix of retirees, young families and everyone in between with great year-round recreational opportunities.

The population is approximately 8000 people. With the closure of the Sullivan Mine and Concentrator in December of 2001, employment opportunities still remain in the forest industry and the pulp mill at Skookumchuk, 35 miles north of Kimberley which employs 265 people, many living in Kimberley. Tech Cominco has coal mines in the Elk Valley that also employ many Kimberley residents.

Because of the many sports and recreation facilities available here, many families choose Kimberley as home. The music and arts also contribute a vibrant addition to community life.

Kimberley is noted by residents and visitors alike to be one of the friendliest communities ever visited or lived in. There are a substantial number of “part-time” residents that own vacation property in Kimberley that meld easily into the community activities.

### Housing

- Single family dwellings/rental houses/apartments/condominiums
- Pioneer Lodges – low income rental semi-detached homes
- Lions Manor – seniors apartments
- Valley View Lodge – seniors apartments
- Gardenview – assisted living for seniors
- The Pines – full care home for seniors
- Gatehouse Gardens – affordable housing for disabled adults

### Recreation

- 2 arenas, 1 in Kimberley, 1 in Marysville (South Kimberley)
- (Kimberley Dynamiters KIJHL Jr. B hockey team)
- 2 outdoor arenas
- Indoor and outdoor tennis courts
- 1 curling rink
- 1 indoor swimming pool with 5 lanes, a lazy river, Jacuzzi hot tub, and steam room
- Resorts of the Canadian Rockies (RCR) ski hill offering day and night skiing through the season and hiking/biking/huckleberry picking in the off season, located right within city limits
- Groomed Nordic ski trails, 3 km with lighting
- 4 baseball parks
- Skate board/bike park (right across the street from the church)
- 10 soccer fields in Kimberley and Marysville
- 3 - 18 hole golf courses: Bootleg Gap (also has an additional 9 hole Recreational course); Trickle Creek, rated 5<sup>th</sup> best in B.C., and the Kimberley Golf Club in Marysville.

- Kimberley Riverside Campground, within city limits but in a private, forested area bordering the St Mary's River, noted for its excellent fly fishing
- River Rafting on St Mary's River
- Parks – Rotary and Coronation, as well as Lions Park in Marysville.
- Rails to Trails – 20 mile paved biking/walking trail from Kimberley to Cranbrook. (former CP Railway)
- Network of hiking and biking trails in and around Kimberley continually being linked and developed. Major hiking area is the Kimberley Nature Park and the Lions/Rotary Nature trail between Kimberley and Marysville (4 miles). Numerous hiking clubs.
- Many area lakes for fishing, boating and camping, and natural hot springs as well. Wasa Lake is a favored swimming and boating lake 20 miles north of Kimberley.
- Big game hunting
- This area has over twenty 18 hole golf courses and numerous 9 hole courses

### **Culture**

- Center 64 – art exhibits, theater, music recitals
- Many local music festivals
- Library

### **Tourist Attractions**

- Bavarian Railway with mining interpretive center. Goes from down town, through the interpretive center to the ski hill and back. 1 1/2 hr. trip.
- Ski hill
- Golf courses
- Marysville Falls (spectacular in the spring)
- Kimberley Platzl (2 intersecting down town streets converted into a walking , shopping concourse)
- Rails to Trails
- So much outdoor recreation!
- Spartan Race, Black Spur, Round the Mountain, and other competitions
- Alpine and Nordic races
- July Fest
- Winter Fest
- Other festivals and activities throughout the year

### **Schools**

- 2 elementary - Kindergarten to Grade 3 (Marysville, Lindsay Park)
- 1 middle school – Grades 4 – 8 (McKim)
- 1 secondary – Grades 9 – 12 (Selkirk Senior Secondary)

- 1 private – Kimberley Independent (BC curriculum to Grade 8)
- College of the Rockies (Main campus in Cranbrook, satellite campus in Kimberley)
- Blarhmont Learning Centre – Strong Start Program
- Kimberley Alternate School

### **Shopping/Services**

- Many unique gift stores, some with local arts and crafts
- Quilting/fabric shop
- 2 hardware stores (Timbermart, Home Hardware)
- Clothing & Shoe stores - unique
- Shoppers Drug Mart
- 2 Large Grocery Stores - Mark Creek Market and Save-On Foods as well as Sprout Grocery (Organic/Fair Trade store)
- 6 gasoline stations
- Dollar Store
- 5 beauty Salons and 2 Day Spas
- 2 major car dealers (GM, Ford)
- 1 Real Estate office (Royal LePage)
- 5 hotels/motels and several B & B's
- Numerous condos at the Kimberley Alpine Resort (rent or purchase)
- Large number of specialty restaurants and cafes that draw people from other communities for their great food
- Cranbrook, a 20 – 30 minute drive, has big box shopping (Super Store, Wal-Mart, Home Depot, Canadian Tire, etc.)

### **Medical Services**

- Kimberley Medical Clinic has Doctors' offices, physiotherapy, lab, x-ray, home care and home support, nurse practitioner, public health nurse
- 1 large dental office with several dentists (several more in Cranbrook)
- 1 denturist, (1 in Cranbrook as well)
- East Kootenay Regional Hospital (Cranbrook) 20-30 minute drive
- 1 walk in clinic in Cranbrook
- 3 physiotherapists, 4 massage therapists, 3 chiropractors
- 1 Optometrist
- Accupuncturists

### **Churches**

- Kimberley Fellowship Baptist
- Summit Church (Four Square Gospel)
- Marysville Community Church
- Kimberley Community Church (Pentecostal and Lutheran combined)
- All Saints Anglican
- St Andrews Presbyterian
- Sacred Heart Roman Catholic
- United Church
- King's Chapel United Pentecostal (in Wycliffe between Kimberley & Cranbrook)

### **Service Clubs**

- Lions
- Rotary
- Masons
- Elks

### **Youth Clubs/Organizations**

- North Star Racers (downhill ski racers)
- Nordic Racers (cross country)
- North Star Figure Skating club
- Kimberley Speed Skating club
- Minor Hockey
- Minor Ball
- Minor Soccer
- Seahorse Swim Club
- Kimberley Dance Academy
- Rocky Mountain Riders
- Boy Scouts, Beavers, Girl Guides, Brownies
- Gymnastics club
- Martial Arts club
- Also mixed slow pitch leagues for adults

More information is available on the City of Kimberley website  
([www.City.Kimberley.bc.ca](http://www.City.Kimberley.bc.ca))