

DIVERSIFIED ECONOMY

An economy that includes agriculture, forestry, tourism, ranching, and manufacturing, combined with a strong service, retail and professional sector.

ROBUST SERVICE CENTRE HUB

The service hub for the South Cariboo with amenities that exceed those of municipalities ten times our size.

AFFORDABLE LIVING

Housing cost is 69% lower than the national average.

CONNECTIVITY

Reliable, high-speed connectivity.







The mutual respect and support we have received from both our fellow businesses along with the municipality, has helped us in building relationships and creating great advantages for a team based working environment that has been integral to our businesses success.

– Alisha Piccolo, Kranky's Garage

Hwy 97 brings over 1.5 million vehicles to our area annually

# 100 Mile Edge

- √ Business-friendly local government
- √ Competitive corporate taxes
- ✓ Diverse and stable local economy
- ✓ Strong health and social programs
- √ Favourable utility rates



A natural destination for those who enjoy fishing, hiking, heritage and much more.



GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

Centrally located on the only north-south route of BC with an annual vehicle count of over 1.5 million.



FAVOURABLE BUSINESS CLIMATE

A supportive and welcoming business environment.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

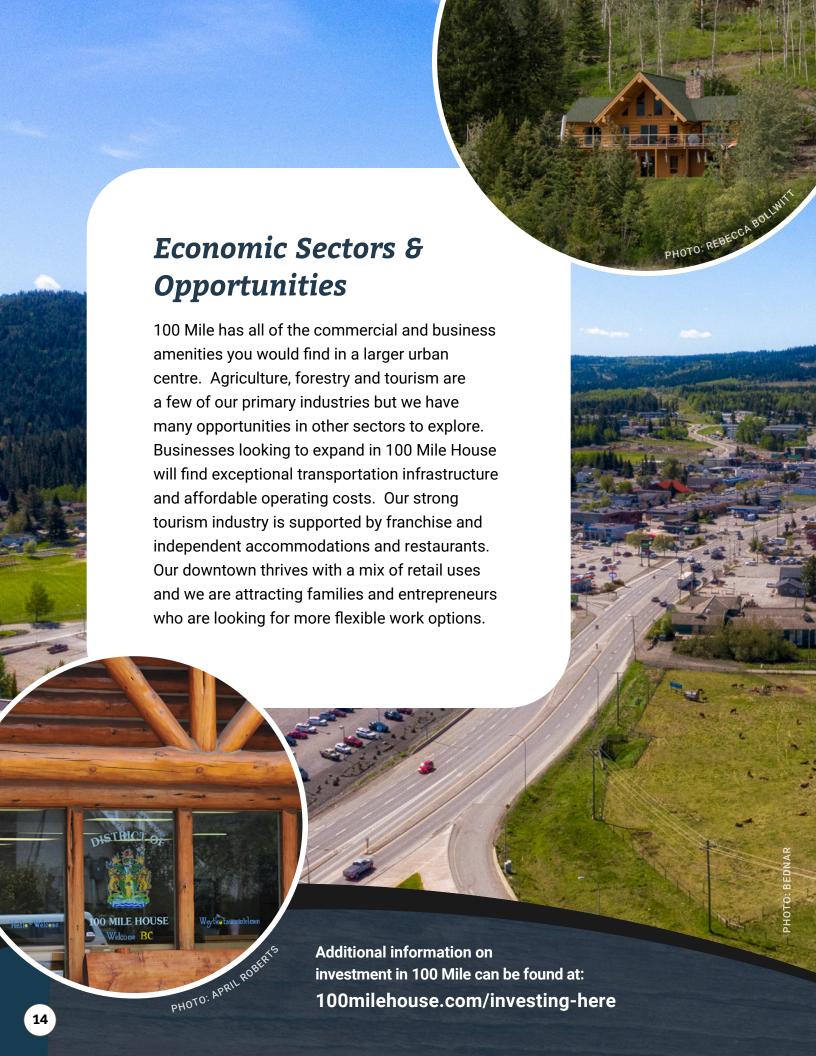
A strong sense of community support and volunteerism.



QUALITY OF LIFE A lifestyle that far exceeds many larger areas offering you more of the good life.







## **FORESTRY**

Since the 1940s, 100 Mile has been a key location in the South Cariboo region for a thriving forest industry. The industry has evolved over time, but the community is home to a community forest, multiple woodlots, and globally recognized log-home building companies known for their quality homes. The community also has a well-established service sector, supply chain, and skilled labor force experienced in wood products manufacturing that supports the industry. Serving the South Cariboo, the

Province of BC's Natural Resource District office manages approximately 1.24 million hectares, is located here.

100 Mile is
recognized as the
Handcrafted Log
Home Capital of
North America



#### **Opportunities**

- PHOTO: PAULSEN
- ✓ Bioenergy projects
- √ Value-added manufacturing
- √ Residual fibre processing
- ✓ Service sector

### **Opportunities**

- ✓ Organic Foods
- ✓ Specialty condiments
- ✓ Locally grown food
- ✓ Experiential and agritourism offerings



# AGRICULTURE 5



We take pride in our long history of supporting the agriculture industry and it continues to thrive, with a new generation of farmers choosing a rural lifestyle. 100 Mile boasts a diverse farming industry focused on food security, livestock raising, and hay crop production. Innovations in backyard and hobby farming, small-scale food production, and young people choosing to live closer to the land are helping to expand the sector. In the summer months, locals and visitors buy locally produced goods, creating new opportunities for agri-food processing and agri-tourism ventures.

## **TOURISM**

We are proud of our variety of attractions and activities, including outdoor recreation, cultural and historic sites, events and festivals. Centennial Park, complete with Bridge Creek Waterfall, is a hidden treasure of the Cariboo located right in the heart of 100 Mile and is one of the prettiest spots on earth. We are an all-seasons playground providing some of

all-seasons playgrou providing some of the best rainbow trout fishing lakes, plus many of the province's best fishing resorts, guest ranches and wilderness lodges.

## **Opportunities**

- ✓ Agritourism and Culinary
- √ Outdoor Adventure
- ✓ Family Friendly Entertainment
- √ Fishing Highway

  Programs and Events

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### **Opportunities**

- ✓ Activity and experienced based businesses
- ✓ Diverse retail offerings
- ✓ Businesses that complement the existing retail mix



## **RETAIL**



walkable downtown that offers all the amenities you need for a quick stop or to spend a relaxing day enjoying more of the good life.



Our area's
population increases
from 15,000 to
over 25,000 in the
summer

# VIRTUAL & REMOTE WORK

With a changing workforce environment, 100 Mile House is experiencing an influx of new residents looking for that perfect location that provides easy access to nature, time for family, and other perks like decreased commute time and a work-from-home option.

With our solid telecommunications infrastructure, easy highway access, proximity to larger centres, and a lower cost of living, we offer one of the best opportunities for this sector in the Province. This opportunity has the added benefit of bringing in a new mix of skilled workers and expanding our entrepreneurship base.

#### **Opportunities**

- √ The digital economy
- ✓ Home-based offices and businesses
- ✓ Independent agencies and start-ups
- ✓ Artistic and creativitybased ventures



# **Doing Business**

100 Mile is committed to providing friendly, knowledgeable and engaging services to make doing business here as easy and seamless as possible. Whether you're a new business owner, expanding an existing business, or exploring new markets, a wide range of support is available. We are a small, responsive office providing guidance on how to navigate municipal processes and offer many services including:

- ✓ Information and statistics
- √ Community and local government connections
- √ Information on programs and supports
- Networking opportunities

No matter what your business story is, we can help!







- √ Balancing budgets
- ✓ Retiring long-term debt
- √ Building reserve funds
- √ Maintaining competitive tax rates

\$21M invested in the past 5 years in infrastructure upgrades and rolling equipment

- $\checkmark$  \$10M +/- in utility system upgrades including a new Water Treatment Plant
- ✓ \$5M recent sidewalks and asphalt projects
- ✓ Complete fleet replacement over the past 8-10 years (\$1.2M in past few years alone)

#### **Municipal Services** - Infrastructure

Local government maintains and supports our community and economy in many ways, including:

- √ New roads and maintenance
- √ Snow removal
- √ Traffic control
- √ Water and sewer

Recent developments have helped secure over \$16 million of improvements in community infrastructure, ensuring these services are available for current and future businesses and residents.





#### **Municipal Permitting & Timelines**

**Average Time Associate Fees** Type of Permit for Approval **Building Permit** 0.6% plus 3 weeks for all permits once complete application is received other fees **Business License** up to 10 days \$80- \$120 / year **Development Permit** 6-8 weeks \$300-\$500 **OCP or Zoning Amendment** \$800 6-10 weeks **Subdivision Application** 3 months \$500 up to 4 lots + \$125 each additional lot

\$6.32

Industrial

per gross floor area

\$14.64

Commercial

per gross floor area

Source: District of 100 Mile House

# Building Permit Values & Housing Starts

Residential

\$1,217.76

per unit Low Density



Business

Licenses 463 (2022)

13% increase in

business

licenses

#### **Construction Values**

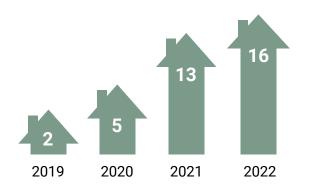
PHOTO: COLLEEN BOND

**Development** 

**Cost Charges** 

## \$9,793,824 2021 \$4,890,669 2020 \$2,736,165 2019 \$9,320,135

#### **New Housing Starts**



#### Property Tax 2022 Per \$1,000 Assessed Value

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Residential	Business	Major Industry	Light Industry
7.12746	16.45297	72.23684	18.99414
	•	•	Source: District of 100 Mile House

