

# SMITHERS , British Columbia

Set against the backdrop of the **Hudson Bay Mountain** and the vistas of the **Babine & Telkwa Mountain ranges**, the quaint little town of **Smithers**, is nestled in the **picturesque Bulkley Valley**. The surrounding **mountains and valleys** are dominated by **coniferous forests** of lodgepole pine, spruce and sub-arctic balsam fir. **Deciduous trees** include aspen, birch and cottonwood. To add to its **authentic alpine charm**, the town has adopted an 'alpine theme'. Main Street is lined with red brick sidewalks and alpine style rooflines on buildings and shops. Smithers is a **vibrant community** comprised of **Witsuwit'en First Nations**, second & third generations of **European settlers** (many Dutch & Swiss), along with new residents from all over the globe.

You will find outstanding **outdoor recreational** pursuits during all phases of the year. Surrounded by **mountains**, dotted with **lakes** and divided by **rivers** and **streams** the Bulkley Valley wants to be explored. The history of the **prospectors** can be found in the mountains in **old mines** and **artifacts**. Anglers can't resist the temptation of **trout, salmon** and **steelhead**.

Smithers is a **regional service center** for the entire Bulkley Valley and because of this, it offers many more amenities than you would normally see in a town of this size. The main industries are **forestry, logging, and tourism**. Coupled with a range of urban features such as **cultural pursuits** and **indoor recreation** opportunities, Smithers has **something for everyone!**

## Community Characteristics

<b>Population</b>	5351 (2016 Census) Serves ~20,000
<b>Demographics</b>	Average age is 39
<b>Access to the Community</b>	Highway 16 (370 kms) west of Prince George. Daily direct flights from Vancouver to Smithers Regional Airport
<b>Things to Do</b>	Fishing, hunting, awesome powder downhill & X-country skiing, 2 golf courses, snowmobiling, canoeing & kayaking, camping, Toboggan Creek Fish Hatchery, library, curling rink, 2 ice rinks, swimming pool, snowshoeing, hiking, mountain biking, rock climbing, horseback riding, river rafting, art gallery, museum, Bovill Square, historic walking tours, quaint downtown shopping, cafes, skateboard park, Fossil beds, and much more.
<b>Local activities</b>	Smithers Midsummer Music Festival, Bulkley Valley Fall Fair Exhibition, Schnai Day at Hudson's Bay Mountain, Tye Lake Triathlon, Telkwa BBQ & Demolition Derby

## Locum Support

<b>Welcome/Orientation Process</b>	Hospital and clinic tour EMR training
<b>Accommodation</b>	
<b><i>Prestige Hudson Bay Lodge</i></b>	
Amenities	Guest rooms or suites, on-site restaurant & bar/lounge, room service, non-smoking, wifi, parking, A/C, fitness centre
<b><i>Aspen Inn &amp; Suites</i></b>	
Amenities	Breakfast, wifi, parking, A/C, pool, restaurant, bar/lounge, shuttle service, concierge
<b><i>Smithers Guesthouse/B&amp;B</i></b>	
Amenities	Guestroom with Breakfast or Kitchenette unit, wifi, parking, hot tub, patio, BBQ, spectacular views



## Practice Environment

<b>Health Authority</b>	Northern Health
<b>Specialists</b>	Psychiatry & numerous visiting specialists in General Surgery, Urology, Obstetrician Gynecology, ENT, Orthopedics, Internal Medicine, Geriatric Psychiatry, Geriatrics, Rheumatology, & Dermatology. <b>*REQUIRED*</b> <a href="https://www.healthmatchbc.org">https://www.healthmatchbc.org</a>
<b>GP Opportunities &amp; Locum Coverage</b>	<b>*REQUIRED*</b> <a href="https://www.healthmatchbc.org">https://www.healthmatchbc.org</a> Supported by the <a href="#">Pacific Northwest Locum Network</a>
<b>Inter-professional team</b>	Primary Care Physician, Nurse Practitioner, Primary Care Nurse, Mental Health Clinicians, Home Care Nurse, LPN, Midwives
<b>EMR System</b>	Med Access, Intrahealth, Osler, MOIS
<b>Practice environment</b>	Monday to Friday in clinic. Hours vary. Obstetrics & ER available. Multiple offices in various clinics in the community. Overhead structure varies.
<b>Standard Set of Medical Equipment</b>	Otoscope-ophthalmoscope, tuning forks, reflex hammer, thermometers, peak flow meters, Doppler, BP monitor, cordless speculums.
<b>CME events</b>	Available periodically through PNW Division of Family Practice, & Practice Support
<b>Facilities</b>	Bulkley Valley District Hospital in Smithers with X-ray, Mammography, Ultrasound, 25 bed acute care ward, 24 Hour ER. Other supports include Residential & Extended care, Home & Community Care, Public & Mental Health & Addictions services, Assisted Living, & Hospice.
<b>Emergency Services</b>	24/7 ER with helipad, BC & Air Ambulance, Smithers Regional Airport
<b>Rural Subsidiary Agreement Designation</b>	A



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