Grande Cache

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Welcome

Welcome to our community! This profile is intended to provide you with basic information about our town. If you require additional information, please contact our representative in the *"Key Contacts for Business Development"* section found at the end of this profile.

Area Overview

The Town of Grande Cache gateway to the Willmore Wilderness Park, is a vibrant community of 3,800 people. The town was planned and built starting in 1969 in response to resource development. Accordingly, visitors will find a modern town in an unspoiled wilderness environment.

The early planners were very sensitive to the need to protect and maintain the natural splendour of the area and the integrity of the town's beauty. Accordingly, Grande Cache is located on the southwest shoulder of Grande Mountain overlooking the spectacular Front Ranges of the Canadian Rockies. Resource industries are located about 20 km from the municipal boundaries, so that the town retains its unspoiled scenic environment.

As a planned community, Grande Cache has uniformly modern facilities to serve both citizens and visitors. Grande Cache combines the best of both worlds; modern services and accommodations surrounded by pristine mountain wilderness.

Community Services

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Mr. Tony Yelenik, Reeve Ms Sally Rooson, Development Officer

Town Office Municipal Library

Provincial

- Community and Occupational Health
- Attorney General
- Solicitor General
- Forestry, Lands and Wildlife
- Family and Social Services
- Transportation and Utilities
- Native Counselling, Referral and Recreation

Federal

- Employment and Immigration
- Canada Canada Post Office
- Correctional Services Canada

Community Lifestyle

Recreation

Grande Cache is the gateway to the Willmore Wilderness Park, 4,464 square km of pure unspoiled mountain wilderness. Motorized vehicles are not allowed in the park. A

network of trails, most of which were established by natives, trappers and outfitters, provide access to the backcountry. Fast-flowing rivers and streams with waterfalls are found throughout the park.

The natural setting of the surrounding Grande Cache area provides opportunities for a wide range of recreational pursuits, including horseback tours, photography, canoeing, hiking, fishing, hunting, camping, white water paddling, mountain biking, hang gliding, jet boating, heli touring, cat skiing, cross-country skiing, ice climbing and wildlife viewing.

Grande Cache has a rich tradition of hunting and fishing. A variety of game fish are available to the sport-fishing enthusiast. Rainbow trout, brook trout, Dolly Varden [bull trout], Arctic grayling and Rocky Mountain whitefish populate the lakes and streams. As for hunting, you can choose to hunt on your own or use the services of several

outfitters and guides in the area. Elk, moose, mule deer, whitetail deer, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, grizzly bears, black bears, and wolf are all plentiful in the area.

Local recreation facilities include the Akasaka Recreation Complex [swimming pool, arena, curling rink, fitness room], tennis courts, ball diamonds, a golf course, Fireman's Park, Grande Cache Lake [day-use, boating, fishing], and Victor Lake [canoeing, fishing].

Nearby campgrounds include Hide-A-Way Camp, Blue Bridge Campground, Grande Cache Municipal Campground, Pierre Grey Lake Campground, and Mason Creek Day use area.

Community Organizations

Grande Cache has a wide range of community and recreational organizations, including the Bighorn Golden Age Club, Block Parents, Chamber of Commerce, Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Independent Order of Foresters, Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Lions Club, Royal Canadian Legion, TOPS, Catholic Women's League, Knights of Columbus, Pineview Alliance Women's Auxiliary, United Church Women, Centre Stage Dance Club, Palette Pals Art Club, Bridge Club, Dart League, Fish, Game and Gun Club, Grande Cache Saddle Club, Rocky Mountain Riding Association, Akasaka Figure Skating Club, Grande Cache Golf & Country Club, Grande Cache Karate Club, Grande Cache Mixed Slow-pitch Association, Minor Hockey Association, Muttoneer Hockey Club, the Otters Swim Club and ladies hockey.

Religious Services

- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
- Full Gospel Assembly
- Grande Cache United Church

- Holy Cross Parish
- Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness
- Mount Carmel Lutheran Church
- Pineview Alliance Church

Special Annual Events/Attractions

• Canadian Death Race

Hospitality

- New Comer's Package
- Meals on Wheels

Accommodation

- Acorn Motel
- Alpine Lodge Motel
- Best Western Getaway & Hotel
- Big Horn Motor Inn
- Grande Cache Hotel
- Inn on the Valley
- Misty Mountain Suites & Apartments
- Bed & Breakfast

Restaurants

A variety of restaurants are available in Grande Cache and they provide a good range of foods from hearty fare to specialty offerings with more adventurous taste buds. From meat and potatoes to pizza to fine dining, there are plenty of culinary options.

Economic Base

Forestry, power generation, Federal correction services and tourism define Grande Cache's economic base. Coal mining still plays an important role in the local economy, but the economic focus has shifted to the development of the huge tourism potential in the immediate area.

Economic Facts

Major Businesses Products/Services Maxim Power Corp. – H R Milner Station C&C Wood Products Ltd. Grande Cache Coal Corporation Correctional Service Canada

Financial Institutions Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce Alberta Treasury Branch [sub-office]

Education

Grande Cache is part of the Grande Yellowhead Regional School Division #35, headquartered in Edson [Tel: 780-723-4471].

Daycare/Nursery

Grande Cache Day Care and Family Day Home Program

Public Schools in Grande Cache include :

- Sheldon Coates Elementary School [K-3]
- Sunrise Christian Program [K-9]
- Summitview School [4-8]
- Grande Cache Community High School [9-12]

Emergency Services

Fire Protection

Grande Cache is served by a 35-member volunteer fire department, and has 3 pumper trucks [Tel: 911]. Correctional Services Canada provides back up.

Police Services

Grande Cache is served by a local detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police [RCMP] [Tel: 780-827-2222].

Ambulance Services

Grande Cache has a full time BLS service with 4 full time and several part time and casual personnel. Grande Cache utilizes 3 ambulances and 2 rescue trucks. [Tel: 911].

The Grande Prairie Ambulance Service provides Paramedic Air Ambulance to Edmonton [Tel: 911].

Health Care

Grande Cache Community Health Complex has 10 acute care beds, 5 physicians, an Aboriginal Health Liaison, Pallative/Pediatric/Pastoral care, Physiotherapy, X-ray facilities and laboratory.

The Health Unit maintains an office in the Provincial Building.

Other medical services include a medical clinic, a public health nurse, chiropractor, two physiotherapists and one dentist. The nearest full-time optometrist is located in Hinton

or Grande Prairie, but an optometrist has an office in town which is open one day per week.

Veterinary services are available one day per week; full time services are located in Hinton and Grande Prairie.

Key Contacts for Business Development

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Economic Development

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Location

The Town of Grande Cache is located in the Municipal District of Greenview #16, on the easterly edge of Willmore Wilderness Park. It is 140 km northwest of Hinton, and 180 km south of Grande Prairie, on Highway 40.

Post Secondary Education

The Yellowhead Education Consortium offers a wide variety of post-secondary programs linked to the University of Alberta and Athabasca, Northern Alberta Institute of Technology [NAIT], Grant MacEwan Community College and Grande Prairie Regional College.

Taxation

Mill Rates [2004]

Residential - Public 16.066 Non-Residential - Public 22.645

	Residential/Farmland	<u>Non-</u> Residential
2005		
Municipal Tax Rate	11.1410	15.1110
Education - Alberta School Foundation Fund Tax Rate	4.6320	6.9090
Seniors Lodge Accommodation Tax Rate	.3200	.3200

Transportation

Air Service

Grande Cache Municipal Airport, located 19 km from town, has a 5,000-metre runway and is operated on a 24-hour basis. The airport handles charter and emergency flight transportation.

Rail Service

Alberta Rail-Net serves Grande Cache under contractual arrangements. Passenger service is provided by Canadian National Railways to Hinton, which is the closest depot.

Highways

Grande Cache is connected to Hinton to the south, and Grande Prairie to the north, via Highway 40, the Bighorn Highway.

Trucking Firms & Hot Shot Services

BTS Byers Transportation Systems Inc.

- Grimshaw Trucking
- All-Ways Transfer & Hot Shot (Grande Prairie to Grande Cache)
- Advantage Hot Shot Services

Bus Services

Greyhound Canada

Couriers

- Loomis Courier
- Purolator Couriers
- Greyhound Courier
- Express Bomars Ventures

<u>Taxis</u>

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Utilities

Electricity

ATCO Electric Box 299 Grande Cache, Alberta T0E 0Y0 Tel: 800-668-2248

Natural Gas

Alta Gas Utilities Box 97 10023 - 99 Street Grande Cache, Alberta T0E 0Y0 Tel: 800-242-3447

Water Supply

Victor Lake and Grande Cache Lake are the Town's water sources. The water is filtered and chlorinated, then distributed through a modern piping system.

Waste Management

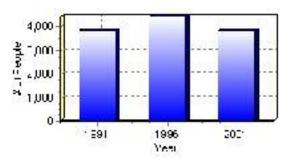
Sewage treatment is provided by a secondary wastewater treatment plant. The facility has the capacity for twice the current load.

Residential refuse is collected weekly, while the business sector is serviced 3 times a week. A modified landfill facility is located 1.5 km from town.

Population

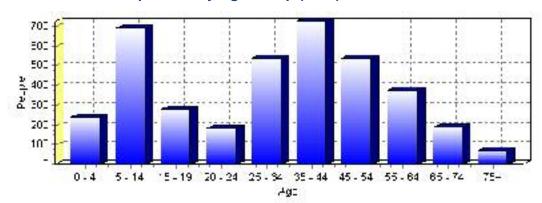
Total Population	
Population 2004*	3,828
Population 2003*	3,828
Population 2002*	3,828
Population 2001**	3,830
Population 2000*	4,441
Population 1996**	4,441
Population 1991**	3,842
Population % change 1991-1996	13.49%
Population % change 1996-2001	-16.01%
* Source: Official Population List, Alberta Municipal Affairs ** Source: Statistics Canada 1991, 1996, & 2001 Census	

Total Population 1991-2001



Population by Age and Gender	1996 Male	1996 Female	1996 Total	2001 Male	2001 Female	2001 Total
Age 0 - 4	190	180	370	130	110	240
Age 5 - 14	395	370	765	365	325	690
Age 15 - 19	195	190	385	135	145	280
Age 20 - 24	175	150	325	105	80	185
Age 25 - 34	445	355	800	275	260	535
Age 35 - 44	455	380	835	400	325	725
Age 45 - 54	330	260	590	290	245	535
Age 55 - 64	155	105	260	195	180	375
Age 65 - 74	40	30	70	115	75	190
Age 75 and older	10	20	30	35	35	70
Total All Persons	2,410	2,035	4,445	2,055	1,775	3,830

Source: Statistics Canada 1996 & 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding)

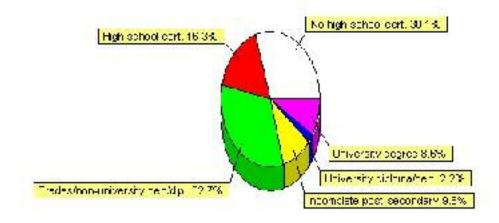


Grande Cache Population by Age Group (2001)

Education Statistics

Highest level of schooling for Population 20yrs and older		%
People without high school certificates	750	30.12%
People with high school certificates	405	16.27%
People with trades or non-university certificate or diploma	815	32.73%
People with post-secondary education (not completed)	245	9.84%
People with university diploma/certificate	55	2.21%
People with university degree	215	8.63%
Total Population 20 years and older	2,490	100.00%
Source: Statistics Canada 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding)		

Grande Cache Highest Level of Schooling 2001



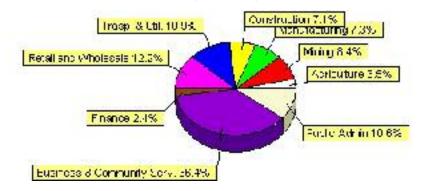
Population with Post Secondary Qualifications	1996	%	2001	%		
Agriculture and biological sciences	40	3.14%	35	3.23%		
Commerce, management and business administration	250	19.61%	185	17.05%		
Educational, recreational and counseling services	85	6.67%	135	12.44%		
Engineering and applied science tech. and trades	525	41.18%	375	34.56%		
Engineering and applied sciences	15	1.18%	40	3.69%		
Fine and applied arts	60	4.71%	35	3.23%		
Health professionals, science and technologies	160	12.55%	105	9.68%		
Humanities and related fields	10	0.78%	65	5.99%		
Mathematics and physical sciences	10	0.78%	20	1.84%		
Social sciences and related fields	95	7.45%	95	8.76%		
Other and/or no specialization	0	0.00%	10	0.92%		
Total people with post secondary qualifications	1,275	100.00%	1,085	100.00%		
Females with post-secondary qualifications	555	43.53%	465	42.86%		
Males with post-secondary qualifications	720	56.47%	620	57.14%		
Source: Statistics Canada 1996 & 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding)						

Labour Force

Labour force by activity	1996	2001			
In the labour force, both sexes	2,335	1,875			
Not in the labour force, both sexes	815	900			
Total population 15 and over	3,150	2,775			
Employed, both sexes	2,190	1,645			
Unemployed, both sexes	140	225			
Participation rate, both sexes	74.00%	68.00%			
Unemployment rate, both sexes	6.00%	12.00%			
Source: Statistics Canada 1996 & 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding)					

Labour Force by Industry Division	1996	% of total	2001	% of total
Agriculture	80	3.48%	65	3.53%
Mining	655	28.48%	155	8.42%
Manufacturing	170	7.39%	135	7.34%
Construction	90	3.91%	130	7.07%
Transportation. & Utilities	175	7.61%	200	10.87%
Retail and Wholesale	250	10.87%	225	12.23%
Finance	30	1.30%	45	2.45%
Business & Community Services	755	32.83%	670	36.41%
Public Administration	300	13.04%	195	10.60%
Total All Industries	2,300	100.00%	1,840	100.00%
Source: Statistics Canada 1996 & 2001 Census (numbers may	not add up	due to rounding)		

Grande Cache Labour Force By Industry - 2001



Labour Force by Major Occupational Groups	1996	%	2001	%
Management occupations	175	7.59%	175	9.51%
Business, Finances and administrative occupations	260	11.28%	155	8.42%
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	80	3.47%	80	4.35%
Health occupations	95	4.12%	30	1.63%
Occupations in social science; education; government and religion	165	7.16%	120	6.52%
Occupations in art; culture; recreation and sport	25	1.08%	45	2.45%

Sales and service occupations	515	22.34%	570	30.98%
Trades; transport; equipment operators and related occupations	605	26.25%	515	27.99%
Occupations unique to primary industry	250	10.85%	75	4.08%
Occupations unique to processing; manufacturing and utilities	120	5.21%	70	3.80%
Occupations not elsewhere classified	35	1.52%	35	1.90%
Total - All Occupations (major groups)	2,305	100.00%	1,840	100.00%
Females - All Occupations	885	38.39%	760	41.30%
Males - All Occupations	1,420	61.61%	1,075	58.42%

Income

Family Income (Number of Families)	1996	%	2001	%
less than \$19,999	55	5.05%	105	11.23%
\$20,000 - \$39,999	120	11.01%	215	22.99%
\$40,000 - \$59,999	240	22.02%	240	25.67%
\$60,000 and over	675	61.93%	345	36.90%
Total number of families	1,090	100.00%	905	96.79%
Average family income	\$68,634		\$60,937	
Median family income	\$65,576		\$59,375	
Source: Statistics Canada 1996 & 2001 Census (numbers may	not add up du	e to rounding)		

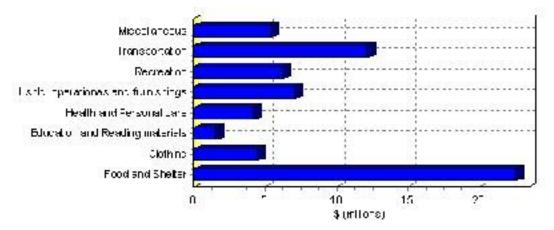
Household Income (Number of Households)	1996	%	2001	%
less than \$19,999	160	11.43%	215	16.17%
\$20,000 - \$39,999	185	13.21%	260	19.55%
\$40,000 - \$59,999	270	19.29%	265	19.92%
\$60,000 and over	225	16.07%	585	43.98%
Total number of households	1,400	100.00%	1,330	100.00%
Average household income	\$63,725		\$56,435	
Median household income	\$62,176		\$52,501	
Source: Statistics Canada 1996 & 2001 Census (numbers may not a	dd up due to	rounding)		

Family Expenditure

Expenditure Category	1992	% of total	1996	% of total				
Food and Shelter	\$16,101,065	35.84%	\$22,588,954	35.43%				
Clothing	\$3,309,670	7.37%	\$4,491,125	7.04%				
Education and Reading materials	\$1,139,815	2.54%	\$1,544,391	2.42%				
Health and Personal care	\$2,711,975	6.04%	\$4,175,699	6.55%				
Hshld. operationas and furnishings	\$5,018,065	11.17%	\$7,052,655	11.06%				
Recreation	\$4,190,865	9.33%	\$6,261,884	9.82%				
Transportation	\$9,096,355	20.25%	\$12,234,926	19.19%				
Miscellaneous	\$3,359,300	7.48%	\$5,413,814	8.49%				
Total Current Consumption	\$44,930,110	100.00%	\$63,763,448	100.00%				
Total # of Households	1,200		1,404					
Average Consumption per Household	\$37,442		\$45,416					
Source: Statistics Canada Family Expenditure Sur	Source: Statistics Canada Family Expenditure Survey 1992 & 1996 (numbers may not add up due to rounding)							

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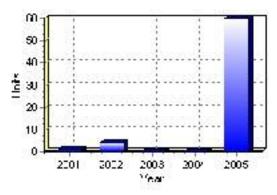
Grande Cache Family Expenditures (1996)



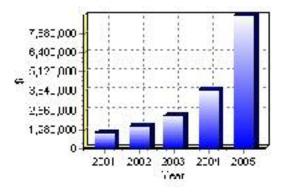
Building Permits

Total Building Permit Values	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Building Permits Value, Commercial	\$125,000	\$499,000	\$1,930,000	\$557,000	\$4,420,000
Building Permits Value, Industrial	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$190,000	\$0
Building Permits Value, Institutional	\$790,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,012,000	\$0
Building Permits Value, Residential	\$164,000	\$1,012,000	\$262,000	\$182,000	\$4,462,000
Building Permits Value, Total	\$1,079,000	\$1,511,000	\$2,192,000	\$3,941,000	\$8,882,000
Total Housing Starts	1	4	0	0	60
Source: Statistics Canada 2000-2004 Building Permits (numbers may not add up due to rounding)					

Total Housing Starts



Value of Building Permits



Dwellings

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Occupied Private Dwellings by Type	1996	% of total	2001	% of total
Apartments	200	14.29%	135	10.15%
Detached Duplexes	0	0.00%	5	0.38%
Movable Dwellings	95	6.79%	85	6.39%
Other single attached house	0	0.00%	5	0.38%
Row and semi-detached house	200	14.29%	165	12.41%
Single-detached house	905	64.64%	945	71.05%
Total number of occupied private dwellings	1,400	100.00%	1,330	100.00%
Private dwellings, owned	945	67.50%	955	71.80%
Private Dwellings, rented	465	33.21%	375	28.20%
Source: Statistics Canada 1996 & 2001 Census (numbers may	not add un d	ue to rounding)		

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Private Dwellings by Period of Construction	# of Dwellings	% of total	
Period of construction, before 1946	0	0.00%	
Period of construction, 1946 - 1960	15	1.13%	
Period of construction, 1961 - 1970	335	25.28%	
Period of construction, 1971 - 1980	680	51.32%	
Period of construction, 1981 - 1990	180	13.58%	
Period of construction, 1991 - 2001	115	8.68%	
Total number of private dwellings constructed	1,325	100.00%	
Source: Statistics Canada 2001 Census (numbers may not add up due to rounding)			

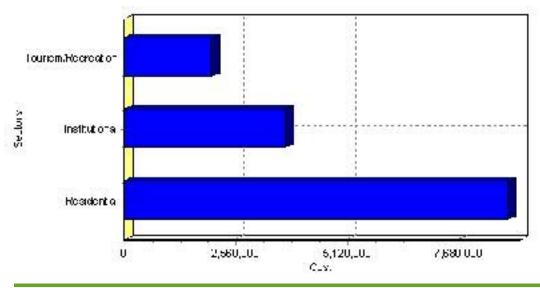
Projects

Summary of Projects in Grande Cache as of September 2006

Project Sector	Number of Projects	Project Cost
Residential	2	\$8,800,000
Institutional	1	\$3,700,000
Tourism/Recreation	1	\$2,000,000
Total	4	\$14,500,000

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Value of Projects by Sector (as of September 2006)



Project Status	Number of Projects	Project Cost
Proposed	4	\$14,500,000
Total	4	\$14,500,000

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Largest Projects in Grande Cache as of September 2006

Company Name	Project Description	Project Location	Project Cost	Construction Schedule	Status
Farnell Properties	Condominium Development	Grande Cache	\$5,800,000	-	Proposed
Evergreen Foundation	'Whispering Pines' Supportive Living Complex	Grande Cache	\$3,700,000	-	Proposed
Farnell Properties	Apartment Building	Grande Cache	\$3,000,000	-	Proposed
Town of Grande Cache	Recreation Centre Upgrades / Expansion	Grande Cache	\$2,000,000	-	Proposed

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