

Grimshaw

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Welcome

Welcome to Grimshaw. Our friendly community warmly embraces newcomers into the area, making them feel like Grimshaw has always been their lifelong home. If your stay is for years or just a few days, our skilled and courteous staff can assist you. The following information contained in this profile is provided to assist you in learning more about our community, please contact our representatives from the "Key Contacts" section for additional information.

Area Overview

The Town of Grimshaw's location at the start of the Mackenzie Highway [Mile Zero] has made the town an important transportation route. The Mackenzie Highway provides a vital supply route to northern communities starting at Grimshaw to its destination at Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories.

The Town also serves as a major service and supply centre for the exploration of oil and gas in the Mackenzie Region. The agriculture and forestry sectors are also well served by Grimshaw's advantageous location as a transportation hub.

With the Mackenzie Region's growing attraction as a tourism destination area, Grimshaw stands at the door of opportunity for future growth.

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Provincial

- Agriculture Financial Services Corporation Parks and Recreation [Queen Elizabeth Prov. Park]

Federal

- Canada Post Office
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Community Lifestyle

Recreation

The Town of Grimshaw has many recreation and culture facilities available to accommodate most indoor and outdoor recreational pursuits. (ie) Outdoor Swimming Pool, Arena, Curling Rink, Family Fitness Centre, 6 Ball Diamonds, SK8 "N" Bike Park, Parks and Playgrounds, R.V. Park, and a Seniors Drop In Centre. Some programs include; Summer Fun, Adult Wellness Clinic, and Awesome Afterschool Program. There are also many facilities for recreation within close proximity of the town, such as golf courses and camping facilities.

The Hidden Lake Mile Zero Campground is located in Grimshaw. It features 25 RV stalls with power and water services. Shower, washroom and laundry facilities on site.

Besides the many community parks in Grimshaw there is Queen Elizabeth Provincial Park, located 5 km northwest of Town, and Wilderness Park, located 5 km to the northeast. Both parks offer recreation/event facilities.

Community Organizations

There are many local community groups and organizations, some of which are the Royal Purple Ladies, Slow-Pitch, Minor Hockey, Grimshaw Figure Skating Club, Tai Kwon Do, Royal Canadian Legion and Ladies Auxiliary, Ham Radio Club, Jazz Dancing, Women's Institute, Curling Club, Grimshaw & District Agricultural Society, Girl Guides, Gators Swim Club, Lac Cardinal Regional Pioneer Village Museum Society, Grimshaw Rotary Club, and many more.

Religious Services

- First Baptist Church
- Grace United Church
- Holy Family Roman Catholic Church
- Mile Zero Evangelical Fellowship
- St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

Special Annual Events/Attractions

- Volunteer Week Celebrations - April/May
- Senior Citizens Week - May
- All Night Slo Pitch Tournament - June
- Canada Day Celebrations - July 1
- North Peace Stampede - August
- Annual Trucker's Reunion - 3rd Weekend in August
- Terry Fox Run - September

Hospitality

Accommodation

- Grimshaw Hotel
- Mile Zero Motor Inn
- Dee Jay Motel

Restaurants

- Sammy's Restaurant
- Hong Kong Restaurant
- Farmers Restaurant
- Mile Zero Motor Inn - Wok & Grill
- Kentucky Fried Chicken
- Grimshaw Pizza

Economic Base

The Town of Grimshaw's economic base is tied to the three pillar industries of Alberta, namely agriculture, energy and forestry.

The agricultural area surrounding the Town has 93 frost free days and 2,060 hours of sunshine annually. The main commodities are wheat, barley, canola, oats, peas, sheep, bison, elk, beef, swine and honey. As well, the area around Grimshaw contains vast reserves of oil and natural gas, and much of the construction and supply needs are provided by companies located in Grimshaw. Daishowa Canada Ltd. operates a pulp mill 48 km northeast of Grimshaw.

Economic Facts

Major Businesses Products/Services

- Daishowa Canada Ltd. - Pulp and Paper
- La Prairie Group Contractors - Highway Maintenance and Construction
- Mullen Trucking Ltd.
- Estabrook Equipment Sales & Rentals - Construction Industry
- River Valley Contracting - Water & Sewer Construction, Seismic Line
- QCL - Construction Industry
- Mile Zero Motor Inn - 43 Rooms, Restaurant, Lounge
- Grimshaw Berwyn & District Community Health Centre
- United Farmers of Alberta - Farm Supply Store
- Grimshaw Jr/Sr High School
- Kennedy Elementary School
- Holy Family School
- Junction Motors - Dealership, Service Centre, and Registries Office

Financial Institutions

- Agriculture Financial Services Corporation
- Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce
- Alberta Treasury Branch
- Commonwealth Credit Union

Education

Grimshaw is part of the Peace River School Division #10, headquartered in Peace River [Tel: 780-624-3601], and the North Peace Roman Catholic Separate School Division #43, also headquartered in Peace River [Tel: 780-624-3956].

Public

- Public schools in Grimshaw include Kennedy Elementary School [K-6] and Grimshaw Junior/Senior High School [7-12].

Separate

- Holy Family Elementary School provides education services from Grades K to 9
- Senior high school students are bussed to Glenmary School [7-12] in Peace River.

Daycare/Nursery

- Rainbow's End Day Care

Emergency Services

Police, Ambulance and Fire services can be accessed by dialing **911**.

Fire Protection

Grimshaw is served by a 22-member volunteer fire department, and has 2 fire trucks and a rescue unit . Fire services can be accessed by dialing 911.

Police Services

Grimshaw is served by a 5-member local detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police [RCMP] [Tel: 780-332-4666].

Ambulance Services

Ground ambulance service is provided by Peace Regional Emergency Medical Services (PREMS). Advanced Life Flight provides air ambulance services to Grimshaw. Ambulance services can be accessed by dialing 911.

Health Care

Grimshaw is in the Peace Country Health Region. The Peace River Community Health Centre has 30 acute care beds. The Grimshaw Berwyn & District Community Health Centre has emergency (24 hour), laboratory, radiology services, including long term continuing care beds.

The medical clinic is located in the Town's downtown core. Dental services are also available in Grimshaw.

Key Contacts for Business Development

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Location

The Town of Grimshaw is located in the Municipal District of Peace #135 in northwest Alberta. The Town is Mile Zero of the Mackenzie Highway and is at the junction of two major transportation routes, Highway 2 heading south to Grande Prairie, and Highway 35 [Mackenzie Highway] heading north to the Northwest Territories. Secondary Highway 685 is also accessible from Grimshaw, which runs west to Fort St. John and connects to the Alaska Highway. Grimshaw is 26 km from Peace River, 174 km from Grande Prairie, and 513 km from Edmonton

Post Secondary Education

Grande Prairie Regional College is located 174 km south of Grimshaw in Grande Prairie, NAIT College in Fairview is located 45 km west and its Peace River Campus is located 22 km east.

Several of Alberta's universities offer credit courses in the region through various delivery modes, including teleconferencing. The University of Calgary, and Athabasca University offer a wide range of courses to meet the interests of Peace Region residents.

Taxation

Mill Rates [2006]

Residential/Farmland 17.9794

Non-Residential 19.9876

	<u>Residential/Farmland</u>	<u>Non-Residential</u>
2005		
Municipal Tax Rate	14.7648	14.7648
Education - Alberta School Foundation Fund Tax Rate	4.9897	7.1209
Education Opted Out Tax Rate	4.9897	7.1209
Seniors Lodge Accommodation Tax Rate	.2753	.2753

Transportation

Air Service

- The Town of Grimshaw owns a 912 metre grass airstrip used for light aircraft, which is only open during the summer months.
- Commercial air service is provided via the Peace River Airport, 16 kilometres northeast of Grimshaw.
- Peace Air offers scheduled flights to Edmonton, Calgary and a number of other centres in Alberta and British Columbia, and also offers charter service. Budget, Avis and Tilden vehicle rentals are available at the airport.
- Local charter services are provided by: Northern Air Charter (Tel: 780-624-1911); Highland Helicopters Ltd. (Tel: 780-624-5555); and Ultra Helicopters Ltd. (Tel: 780-332-2995).

Rail Service

- The Mackenzie Northern Railway runs rail service to Grimshaw.

Highways

- Grimshaw is located at the junction of two major Alberta transportation routes, Highway # 2 and the Mackenzie Highway # 35. Highways 2A and 685 provide alternate access.

Trucking Firms

- K & F Trucking Ltd.
- Lorette Truck Service Ltd.
- Mullen Trucking Ltd.
- LAG Trucking

Bus Services

- Greyhound Canada offers passenger, cargo, and courier service from Grimshaw to all desiantions in northern and southern Alberta. Tags Food and Gas on Highway 2 acts as agent for Greyhound Canada. Couriers Greyhound Canada in Grimshaw offers courier service. Purolator Courier Ltd. has a drop off point in Grimshaw at Beyond 2000. Loomis also provides courier service, picks up and delivers to any business.

Utilities

Electrical Power

Atco Electric, Ltd.
 Box 2429
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Telephone

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Water Supply

The Town of Grimshaw's water is supplied by reservoir and a community well, and is distributed via a piped system. The water supply undergoes chlorination and fluoridation treatment. The reservoir capacity is 5,908 cubic metres. The usage rate is a flat fee of \$10.00 per month, plus \$4.00 per 1000 gallons metered.

Waste Management

The Town of Grimshaw's sewage is on a pipe collection system and is disposed of in retention ponds. The treatment system consists of eight anaerobic cells and five aerobic cells. The usage fee for metered premises is a flat rate of \$10.00 per month for residential and commercial. \$30.00 per month for industrial and restaurants. For schools, hospitals, hotels and motels the rate is based on 50% of the water consumed per month.

Grimshaw is part of the Long Lake Regional Waste Management System. Residential garbage is picked up weekly at a flat rate of \$10.00 per month. In addition, there is a recycling fee of \$1.85 per month. A \$5.00 monthly fee applies to commercial, industrial and institutional for the Long Lake Regional Waste Management Services. Industrial/commercial garbage pickup is on a 2-3 times a week schedule by private contractor.

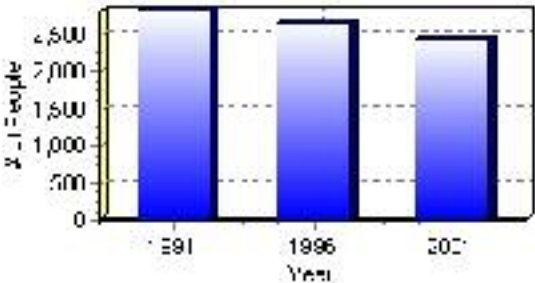
Population

Total Population

Population 2004*	2,435
Population 2003*	2,435
Population 2002*	2,435
Population 2001**	2,435
Population 2000*	2,661
Population 1996**	2,661
Population 1991**	2,812
Population % change 1991-1996	-5.67%
Population % change 1996-2001	-9.28%

* Source: Official Population List, Alberta Municipal Affairs
** Source: Statistics Canada 1991, 1996, & 2001 Census

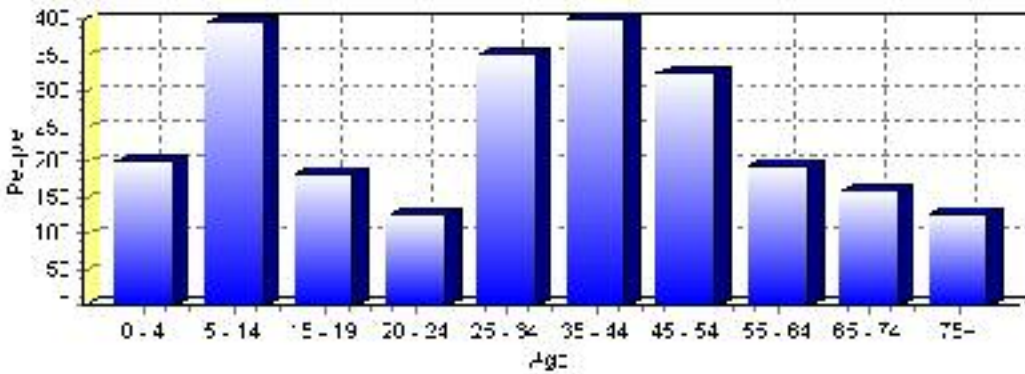
Total Population 1991-2001



Population by Age and Gender	1996 Male	1996 Female	1996 Total	2001 Male	2001 Female	2001 Total
Age 0 - 4	125	105	230	115	85	200
Age 5 - 14	255	220	475	205	190	395
Age 15 - 19	95	115	210	100	85	185
Age 20 - 24	100	85	185	60	65	125
Age 25 - 34	230	230	460	160	190	350
Age 35 - 44	225	215	440	220	180	400
Age 45 - 54	145	130	275	160	165	325
Age 55 - 64	80	80	160	100	95	195
Age 65 - 74	60	75	135	60	100	160
Age 75 and older	30	50	80	60	70	130
Total All Persons	1,355	1,305	2,660	1,225	1,210	2,435

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

Grimshaw Population by Age Group (2001)

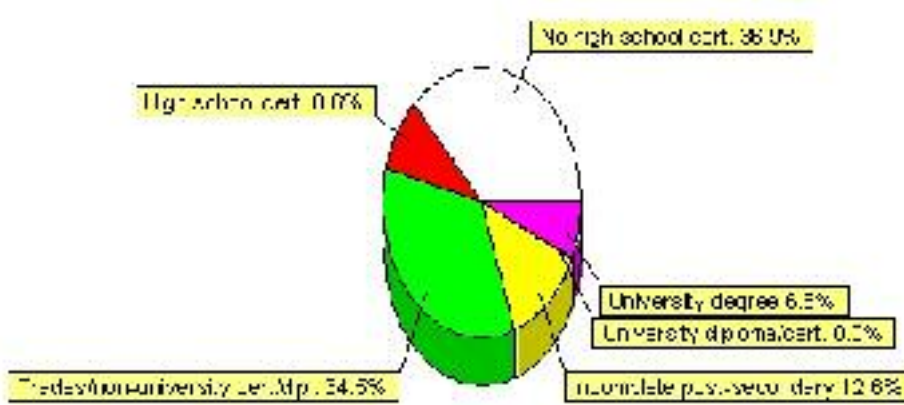


Education Statistics

Highest level of schooling for Population 20yrs and older	2001	%
People without high school certificates	600	36.92%
People with high school certificates	140	8.62%
People with trades or non-university certificate or diploma	560	34.46%
People with post-secondary education (not completed)	205	12.62%
People with university diploma/certificate	0	0.00%
People with university degree	110	6.77%
Total Population 20 years and older	1,625	100.00%

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

Grimshaw Highest Level of Schooling 2001



Population with Post Secondary Qualifications	1996	%	2001	%
Agriculture and biological sciences	10	1.38%	85	12.41%
Commerce, management and business administration	180	24.83%	120	17.52%
Educational, recreational and counseling services	60	8.28%	80	11.68%
Engineering and applied science tech. and trades	305	42.07%	220	32.12%
Engineering and applied sciences	10	1.38%	10	1.46%
Fine and applied arts	25	3.45%	45	6.57%
Health professionals, science and technologies	85	11.72%	65	9.49%
Humanities and related fields	40	5.52%	10	1.46%
Mathematics and physical sciences	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Social sciences and related fields	10	1.38%	40	5.84%
Other and/or no specialization	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total people with post secondary qualifications	725	100.00%	685	100.00%
Females with post-secondary qualifications	335	46.21%	360	52.55%
Males with post-secondary qualifications	390	53.79%	325	47.45%

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

Income

Family Income (Number of Families)	1996	%	2001	%
less than \$19,999	50	7.94%	50	9.35%
\$20,000 - \$39,999	185	29.37%	135	25.23%
\$40,000 - \$59,999	150	23.81%	220	41.12%
\$60,000 and over	245	38.89%	165	30.84%
Total number of families	630	100.00%	570	106.54%
Average family income	\$52,124		\$58,207	
Median family income	\$48,299		\$53,145	

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

Household Income (Number of Households)	1996	%	2001	%
less than \$19,999	205	21.47%	175	18.72%
\$20,000 - \$39,999	280	29.32%	195	20.86%
\$40,000 - \$59,999	190	19.90%	265	28.34%
\$60,000 and over	100	10.47%	295	31.55%
Total number of households	955	100.00%	935	100.00%
Average household income	\$44,868		\$50,701	
Median household income	\$39,630		\$47,456	

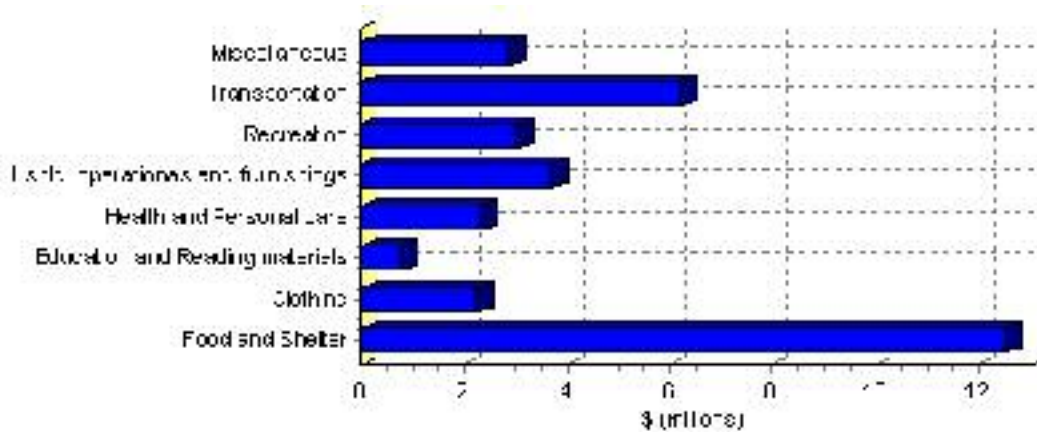
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Family Expenditure

Expenditure Category	1992	% of total	1996	% of total
Food and Shelter	\$10,873,915	36.93%	\$12,553,456	37.18%
Clothing	\$2,035,010	6.91%	\$2,247,135	6.65%
Education and Reading materials	\$640,280	2.17%	\$770,645	2.28%
Health and Personal care	\$1,819,945	6.18%	\$2,326,340	6.89%
Hshld. operations and furnishings	\$3,246,380	11.02%	\$3,722,550	11.02%
Recreation	\$2,464,890	8.37%	\$3,023,114	8.95%
Transportation	\$6,021,410	20.45%	\$6,235,303	18.47%
Miscellaneous	\$2,336,410	7.93%	\$2,888,885	8.56%
Total Current Consumption	\$29,446,760	100.00%	\$33,767,428	100.00%
Total # of Households	950		959	
Average Consumption per Household	\$30,997		\$35,211	

Source: Statistics Canada Family Expenditure Survey 1992 & 1996 (numbers may not add up due to rounding).

Grimshaw Family Expenditures (1996)

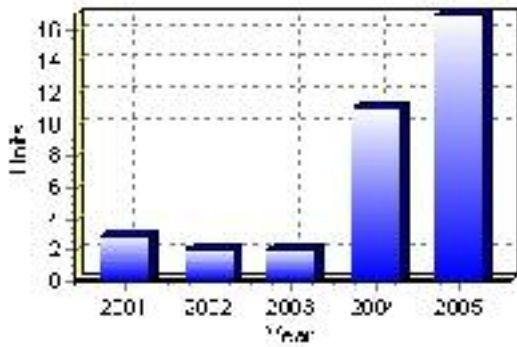


Building Permits

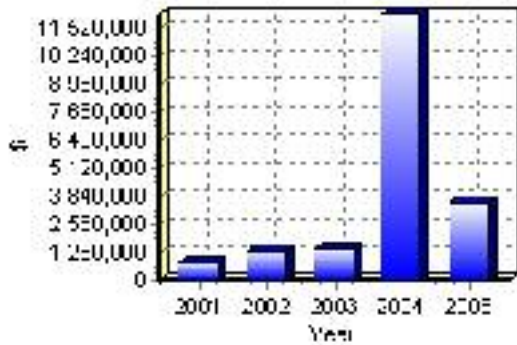
Total Building Permit Values	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Building Permits Value, Commercial	\$400,000	\$760,000	\$360,000	\$6,956,000	\$195,000
Building Permits Value, Industrial	\$0	\$180,000	\$628,000	\$20,000	\$1,242,000
Building Permits Value, Institutional	\$23,000	\$0	\$70,000	\$3,900,000	\$0
Building Permits Value, Residential	\$432,000	\$395,000	\$413,000	\$1,247,000	\$2,149,000
Building Permits Value, Total	\$855,000	\$1,335,000	\$1,471,000	\$12,123,000	\$3,586,000
Total Housing Starts	3	2	2	11	17

Source: Statistics Canada 2000-2004 Building Permits (numbers may not add up due to rounding)

Total Housing Starts



Value of Building Permits



Dwellings

Occupied Private Dwellings by Type	1996	% of total	2001	% of total
Apartments	30	3.13%	15	1.60%
Detached Duplexes	0	0.00%	5	0.53%
Movable Dwellings	50	5.21%	65	6.95%
Other single attached house	0	0.00%	15	1.60%
Row and semi-detached house	75	7.81%	60	6.42%
Single-detached house	795	82.81%	780	83.42%
Total number of occupied private dwellings	960	100.00%	935	100.00%
Private dwellings, owned	690	71.88%	710	75.94%
Private Dwellings, rented	270	28.13%	220	23.53%

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

Private Dwellings by Period of Construction	# of Dwellings	% of total
Period of construction, before 1946	25	2.70%
Period of construction, 1946 - 1960	135	14.59%
Period of construction, 1961 - 1970	125	13.51%
Period of construction, 1971 - 1980	360	38.92%
Period of construction, 1981 - 1990	190	20.54%
Period of construction, 1991 - 2001	90	9.73%
Total number of private dwellings constructed	925	100.00%

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

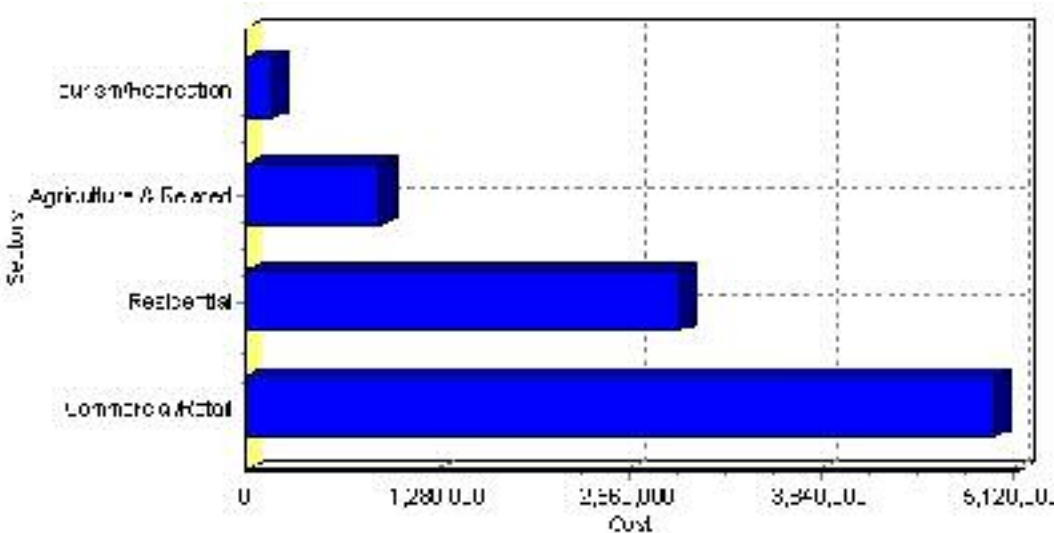
Projects

Summary of Projects in Grimshaw as of September 2006

Project Sector	Number of Projects	Project Cost
Commercial/Retail	1	\$5,000,000
Residential	2	\$2,900,000
Agriculture & Related	1	\$900,000
Tourism/Recreation	1	\$176,210
Total	5	\$8,976,210

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Value of Projects by Sector (as of September 2006)



Project Status	Number of Projects	Project Cost
Completed	1	\$400,000
Proposed	1	\$5,000,000
Under Construction	3	\$3,576,210
Total	5	\$8,976,210

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Largest Projects in Grimshaw as of September 2006

Company Name	Project Description	Project Location	Project Cost	Construction Schedule	Status
Town of Grimshaw	Strip Mall	Grimshaw	\$5,000,000	-	Proposed
Mackenzie Village Development Corp.	'Mackenzie Village' CONDOMINIUM COMPLEX	Grimshaw	\$2,500,000	2006-2006	Under Construction
Johnny's Sausage & Meats	Provincial Meat Processing Facility	Grimshaw	\$900,000	2006-2006	Under Construction
1012774 Alberta Ltd.	6 UNIT CONDOMINIUMS	Grimshaw	\$400,000	2006-2006	Completed
Town of Grimshaw	MACKENZIE HIGHWAY PARK	Grimshaw	\$176,210	2006-2006	Under Construction

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