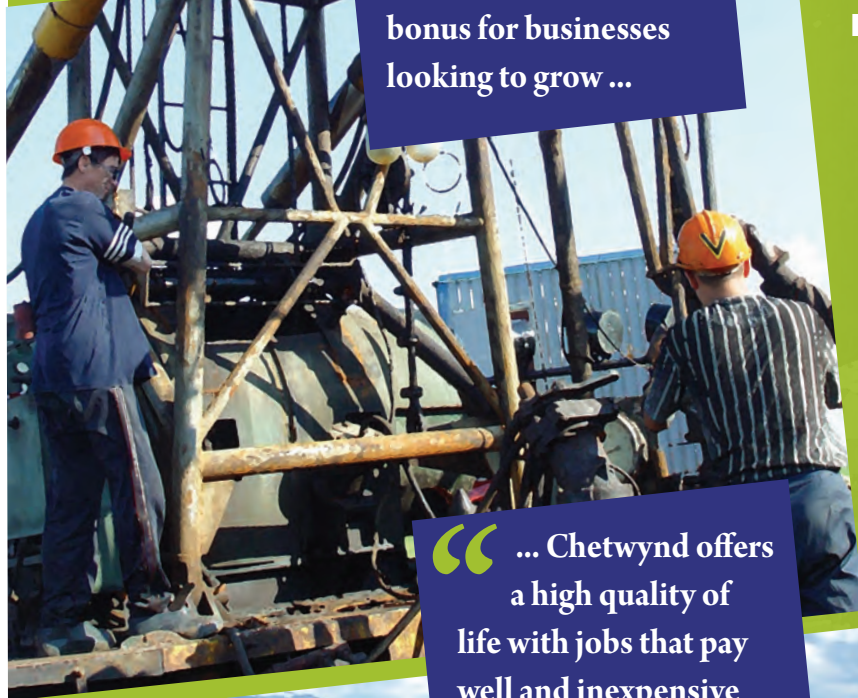


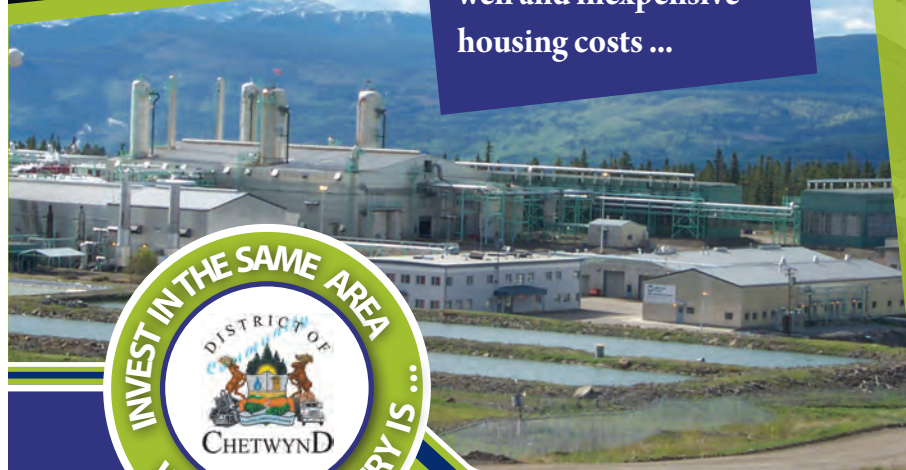
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Business-Friendly Climate

- ✓ diverse economy
- ✓ strong service centre: forestry, oil & gas, coal, wind and ranching
- ✓ near shale, tight, sour & natural gas zones
- ✓ industrial supply of water
- ✓ industrial land, light industrial & commercial spaces available
- ✓ centrally located: close to airport, rail & major highways
- ✓ local contract services available

High Quality of Life

- ✓ a four season playground with an abundance of activities for all ages
- ✓ recreation complex: curling rink, skating oval, ice area, skateboard park, sports fields, fitness centre, track, weight room, racket courts & climbing wall
- ✓ leisure pool: wave pool, sauna, hot tub
- ✓ developed mountain biking, hiking trails
- ✓ home to the annual Chetwynd International Chainsaw Carving Championship
- ✓ ... the most livable small community in BC (Smart Growth BC)



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High Quality of Life & Business-Friendly

The quality of life is high, and the business climate is friendly in the District of Chetwynd - B.C.'s entryway to Peace River Country.

A service centre for several major industries - forestry, oil and gas, coal, wind and ranching - Chetwynd is situated in the foothills

of the Rocky Mountains near the shale gas and tight gas zones of northeastern B.C.'s Montney formation. It's also close to the very challenging, high pressure, high volume sour gas found deep in the mountains. "To a large extent, there is still a lot of unexplored and yet-to-be-defined capacity for natural gas in the area, both in the Montney and the mountains," says Chetwynd Mayor Evan Saugstad, who in addition to the mayor's job, works as a community co-ordinator for Spectra Energy, a natural gas processor and transporter.

Highways 29 and 97 run right through Chetwynd, which operates a community airport and is situated on the CN Rail main line. Chetwynd is a three-hour drive north of the Prince George, two-and-a-half hours from Grande Prairie, and one-and-a-half hours from Fort St. John, all of which operate regional airports.

"We are a generally a lower cost environment, in terms of work and opportunities than Fort St. John or Dawson Creek," Saugstad says. There is good availability of industrial land and light industrial land in Chetwynd - a bonus for businesses looking to grow. Another major advantage is Chetwynd's strong service sector.

Three aboriginal communities - Saulteau First Nations, West Moberly First Nations and McLeod Lake Indian band each run several different companies that contract services to industry with a variety of construction and maintenance opportunities for business, including road work, lease, pipelines, gravel and trucking.

Chetwynd is home to two sawmills: one that is operating, and one that is temporarily shut down. Saugstad expects local sawmill production to increase dramatically in 2010, as mills in other parts of B.C. shut down due to a lack of good wood. For its part, Chetwynd still has an abundance of quality wood, including species not affected by the mountain pine beetle.

The community is also home to a pulp mill, which is temporarily closed; a sulphur pelletizing plant; and three coal mines (one operating, one closed and one under development). Increasing demand for coal could possibly bring another 300 jobs to area mines. The local economy is also includes a hydro-electric dam on Williston Lake, and numerous farms and ranches.

While the economy is currently at a low point, Saugstad expects local activity to pick up rapidly as demand for resources returns.

Among the new projects in the works: TransCanada Corporation is proposing to build a pipeline from a point approximately 40 kms to the east of Chetwynd, to their pipeline system in Alberta. This will substantially increase sweet gas production out of the Montney formation, including areas around Chetwynd.

An influx of approximately 1,200 workers will be working on regularly scheduled maintenance work at all of the major natural gas facilities in the region. The maintenance turnaround, which is scheduled once every three years, will take place over several weeks, beginning in the spring and peaking in

June 2010.

The Dokie Ridge Wind Project is currently being brought out of receivership, and will be the largest wind farm built in B.C. when completed next year. "We are looking forward to that project early in 2010, which will be a huge increase in opportunities for contractors and other employment opportunities in our region," District of Chetwynd Economic Development Officer, Ellen Calliou says. Additional wind projects proposed for the area are awaiting approval from B.C. Hydro's 2009 call for power bids.

Chetwynd offers a high quality of life with jobs that pay well and inexpensive housing costs. Typically, \$160,000 will buy a three-bedroom house. Municipal taxes are very reasonable. "Taxes being as low as they are really makes it quite appealing," Calliou says, noting that Chetwynd has one of the lowest residential tax bases in the region and the municipality has not raised residential tax rates for many years.

Chetwynd boasts an excellent recreational facility and for a smaller community, one of the best recreation programs anywhere; outstanding year-round outdoor recreation opportunities; schools, including a French immersion program at the elementary level; a hospital and local college.

Winters are broken up by frequent Chinook winds. Chetwynd receives little snow, but just an hour away, winter sport enthusiasts will typically find more than three metres of snow. "People come from all over Alberta and B.C. for snow machining," Saugstad

says. And for skiers, there is the Powder King Mountain Resort to the west that offers some of the best powder skiing in North America. Chetwynd offers excellent mountain biking and hiking trails, as well as good fishing and hunting.

"If one likes small towns and the north, there is no better place to live. The District of Chetwynd is debt-free and a very progressive community."

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