

## RELOCATION & VISITOR RESOURCE GUIDE

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***Good for Life...Good for Work...Good for Play***

*Okanagan Falls Economic Development (Area D), Regional District Okanagan Similkameen (RDOS) acknowledges that our workplace is within the ancestral, traditional, and unceded territorial lands of the Syilx People of the Okanagan Nation.*

*Okanagan Falls Economic Development is dedicated to building an economically sustainable community based upon collaboration, partnerships and mutual respect for all people of all backgrounds through community programs, projects, and services.*



**Welcome to Okanagan Falls**, our invitation to you is to come grow with us, discover endless entrepreneurial opportunities, experience an exceptional quality of life, and just settle down to enjoy this quiet rural recreational paradise with its four distinct seasons.

Okanagan Falls with a population of approximately 4000 is located on the sunny shores of Skaha Lake, amidst breathtaking scenery consisting of rocky outcroppings, rolling vineyards, orchards and ranch lands.

Our residents enjoy one of the mildest climates in Canada with its long hot summers and mild winters. Annual hours of sunshine: 2,032 Avg. temperatures: July avg. high: 28C; July avg. low: 12C January avg. high: +1C; January avg. low: -4C Average annual rainfall: 250mm; Annual avg. snowfall: 73mm.

As an unincorporated area, the Regional District Okanagan Similkameen (RDOS) and Province of BC primarily provide core services. Okanagan Falls Area D has identified the need to implement a community engagement process in 2021 to explore and analyse the cost benefits of Incorporation. Currently, the Okanagan Falls Community Association (OKCA) in collaboration with the RDOS have a request into the Province for funding approval to carry out this review.

## Okanagan Falls

**Visitor Information Centre**  
*(Seasonal – May to October)*

- *Experienced & Friendly Ambassadors.*
- *Knowledgeable & Welcoming Staff.*
- *Maps, Brochures, & Visitor Guides*
- *Trails, Wine Touring & Lake Activities.*
- *For more information Visit [www.visitokfalls.com](http://www.visitokfalls.com) or [www.okfalls.ca](http://www.okfalls.ca)*

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**f** The Heart of Wine Country

## **LOCAL COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LINKS**

Okanagan Falls Economic Development Office [www.okfalls.ca](http://www.okfalls.ca)

Okanagan Falls Visitor Centre [www.visitokfalls.com](http://www.visitokfalls.com)

Okanagan Falls Community Association [facebook.com/okfallscommunity](https://facebook.com/okfallscommunity)

Okanagan Falls Irrigation District <https://www.okanaganfallsirrigationdistrict.ca/>

Okanagan Falls & Skaha Lake Winery Assoc. [www.theheartofwinecountry.ca](http://www.theheartofwinecountry.ca)

South Skaha Housing Society [www.southskahahousingsociety.ca](http://www.southskahahousingsociety.ca)

South Okanagan Chamber of Commerce [www.sochamber.ca](http://www.sochamber.ca)

South Okanagan Immigrant Centre Society [www.soics.ca](http://www.soics.ca)

Penticton WorkBC Centre <https://workbccentre-penticton.ca/>

Oliver WorkBC Centre <https://workbccentre-oliver.ca/>

Skaha Matters Community News <http://www.skahamatters.com/newsletters.html>

## **REGIONAL DISTRICT OKANAGAN SIMILKAMEEN (RDOS) LINKS**

<https://www.rdos.bc.ca/assets/PLANNING/AreaD/EconomicDevelopment/EcDevandRecoveryPlan.pdf>

<https://www.rdos.bc.ca/development-services/planning/what-we-do/?CMSPreview=1&SubsiteID=7>

<https://rdosregionalconnections.ca/>

<https://www.rdos.bc.ca/newsandevents/rdos-news/electoral-area-news/area-d-skaha-east-and-ok-falls/>

## **AREA D FACTS, ZONING MAPS & DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

[AREA D Key Facts \(003\).pdf](#)

<https://www.citypopulation.de/en/canada/britishcolumbia/ /UA1562 okanagan falls/>

## **RDOS OCP AREA D ZONING BYLAW MAP**

<https://www.rdos.bc.ca/assets/bylaws/planning/AreaD/2603-B.pdf>

## **REAL ESTATE MARKET INFORMATION**

Whether you are in the market for a waterfront luxury home, an estate property, a hobby farm on acreage or a quaint heritage cottage-style home, you are sure to find the right property in this area. Okanagan Falls and the surrounding communities continue to offer some of the most affordable housing in the valley.

The combination of suitable and appropriately zoned land availability, attractive land prices and highly competitive tax rates has made Okanagan Falls an increasingly viable option for manufacturing companies.

For a small town, it boasts a number of community services that meet the needs of families and businesses alike. Amenities include a recreation center, elementary school, ECE Mini School, before and after school care, and a library. Commercial services include financial, professional services, restaurants, and retail outlets.

Local business and residential taxation in Okanagan Falls is significantly lower than in other communities within the region. All the while maintaining access to high quality services.

**South Okanagan Real Estate Board** [www.soreb.org](http://www.soreb.org)

**Avery Industrial Park** <https://averyindustrialpark.ca/>

**Locke Property Management** <https://lockeproperties.ca/>

## **SCHOOLS**

- OK Mini School Society (ECE / Before & After School Care) – 250-497-5576
- Okanagan Falls Elementary School [www.sd53.bc.ca](http://www.sd53.bc.ca)
- South Okanagan Secondary School [www.sd53.bc.ca](http://www.sd53.bc.ca)
- Penticton Secondary [www.sd67.bc.ca](http://www.sd67.bc.ca)

## **PARKS & RECREATION**

Okanagan Falls offers an outstanding variety of summer and winter outdoor adventure with miles of hiking trails, world class rock climbing, pristine public and provincial parks, fishing, kayaking, sailing, horseback riding, golfing, skiing, wildlife viewing, beautiful estate vineyards, festivals and the list goes on.

The waterfront and its facilities, together with the areas parks and trail networks show pride of maintenance and upgrades making them more user safe and accessible for visitors and residents. To the north of Okanagan Falls, Skaha Bluffs Provincial Park is widely regarded as one of the top rock climbing locations in British Columbia.

Whatever your lifestyle, this is an area that truly has much to offer. [www.okfalls.net](http://www.okfalls.net)

## **TRANSPORTATION**

For those commuting for business or pleasure, the Penticton Regional Airport is only a short 15 minutes drive from Okanagan Falls. WestJet and Pacific Coastal Airlines offer route flights to Calgary and Vancouver on a regular basis throughout the week.

Our relatively new regional transit service with stops between Osoyoos and Kelowna contribute to the social, economic, and environmental sustainability of the region by providing affordable transportation that connects people to work, school, and regional services.

<https://www.bctransit.com/south-okanagan-similkameen/schedules-and-maps/route-overview?route=21>

## **ECONOMY & INFRASTRUCTURE**

Our region as a whole is an extremely important wine producing and agriculture area lush with orchards of apricots, cherry, peach, and apple trees. Throughout the summer months, local shops, farmers markets and roadside stands abound with local produce as they come in season.

Tourism is a vitally important year round component of the economy of Okanagan Falls, Twin Lakes, Apex Mountain Resort, and the Okanagan Valley as a whole. Tourism related investment opportunities and entrepreneurial start up ventures exist throughout the area.

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Our local business owners enjoy the same access to infrastructure as companies in any major center in the province. Easy access to excellent communication, electrical, gas, and municipal services allow local companies to compete on a global scale. High-speed connectivity is available from cable suppliers, DSL services, or wireless connections from local ISPs. Fortis BC supplies electricity and gas in the area.

### **Okanagan Falls Sanitary Sewer Service Area Map**

<https://www.rdos.bc.ca/assets/PUBLICWORKS/Utilities/Sewer/OK-Falls/OKFalls-ServiceArea.pdf>

### **Okanagan Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant**

<https://www.rdos.bc.ca/public-works/engineering-reportsstudies/projects/sewer-systems-and-liquid-waste-management/okanagan-falls-wastewater-treatment-plant/>

## **OKANAGAN NATION INDIGENOUS BUSINESS & INVESTMENT LINKS**

Osoyoos Indian Band [www.oib.ca](http://www.oib.ca) / [www.oibdc.ca/oibholdings.html](http://www.oibdc.ca/oibholdings.html)

Penticton Indian Band [www.pib.ca](http://www.pib.ca) / Corp Website [www.kulgroup.ca](http://www.kulgroup.ca)

## **OKANAGAN FALLS BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

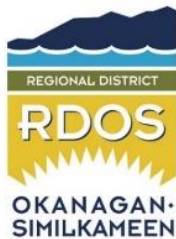
- Canada Post <https://www.canadapost.ca/cpc/en/home.page>
- Interior Savings Credit Union <https://www.interiorsavings.com/>
- Johnson Meier Insurance Group <https://jmins.com/locations/>
- Pharmasave: 250-497-8050 <https://pharmasave.com/okanagan-falls/>
- Okanagan Falls Centre of Dentistry – 778-515-6505
- Physician: Dr. James Robertson – 250-497-8703
- Naturopath: Dr. Tamara Brown – 250-497-6681
- Veterinarian: Central Ridge Vet – 250-497-7808

## **RDOS ELECTORAL AREA “D” SERVICE LINKS**

<https://www.rdos.bc.ca/assets/admin/InventoryOfServices/AreaD.pdf>

- 9-1-1 Emergency Call System
- Animal Control
- Apex Mountain Solid Waste Transfer Station
- Building Inspection
- Destruction of Pests (Weeds and Insects)
- Economic Development Electoral Area "D"
- Transit System Service
- Emergency Planning
- Environmental Conservation Service
- Fire Protection – Okanagan Falls, Kaleden,
- General Government Administration (includes Director salaries and Corporate Office expenses)
- Geographic Information System/Mapping and Information Services
- Grant in Aid Provision
- Heritage Conservation
- Heritage Hills Street Lighting
- Illegal Dumping
- Land Use Planning/Subdivision Servicing
- Landfills
- Mosquito Control
- Noise Control
- Noxious Weeds
- Okanagan Basin Water Board
- Okanagan Falls Sewer System
- Okanagan Regional Library
- Recreation Commissions – Okanagan Falls, Kaleden
- Recycling/Garbage Pickup

- Regional Economic Development
- Regional Growth Strategy– Sub regional
- Regional Trails
- Rural Projects – Electoral Area “D”
- Septic Disposal
- Solid Waste Management Plan
- South Okanagan Transit System Service
- Starling Control
- Sterile Insect Release Program
- Sun Valley Water Service
- Untidy/Unsightly Premises
- Victim Assistance
- Contribution Service Wastewater Management Plan



**For more information on any of these services, please call the RDOS at 250-492-0237 or visit [www.rdos.bc.ca](http://www.rdos.bc.ca)**



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*With Us*

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