

Calling *All* Notaries!

Fort Nelson is in the Northern Rockies Regional District. We are a town worth finding.

Are you tired of smelly air, crowded everything, road rage, noise, and fighting for every client?

If you move to this wonderful town, you would be the only legal beagle from Fort St. John, BC, to Whitehorse, YT. How wonderful to have so much opportunity!

The people in Fort Nelson are extremely supportive of any professional who understands what a wonderful personal and professional life you can have in the North. What a joy to have a great adventure **and** an opportunity to give back to the clients who become your friends and to make an **extremely good living** while doing something really worthwhile.

From Fort Nelson, you can fly into the Rocky Mountains and be the only fisher on the lake. We are a community with brilliant blue skies, unpolluted rivers, and Northern Lights shows that will take your breath away. Even the Governor of California comes here to fish!

Fort Nelson is in the middle of one of the world's largest natural gas fields and it has not even started to be tapped. Over the last two years, 100 new houses have been built. In 2004 alone, 85 new companies moved to Fort Nelson to be part of our ever-expanding business centre.

Fort Nelson is located at the corner of BC, Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Alberta. The out-of-province notarization of documents is almost an industry in itself.

As for future opportunities, two gas pipelines are on the drawing board. We are the Main Street to Alaska. There is extremely serious interest in having the train go from Alaska to Canada via Fort Nelson. It is the only community equipped for servicing these endeavours. Each winter this town of 7000 swells with the addition of 15,000 to 20,000 oil, gas, and logging workers who are always in need of non-contentious legal advice or services that a BC Notary can provide. Fort Nelson is "growing," not booming, so your practice can grow with the town.

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Here are a few facts about Fort Nelson.

1. BC's most northern incorporated community
2. More millionaires per capita than any other town in BC
3. Second only to Victoria for the most sunlight per year
4. Fabulous golf course (You can golf till after 11 PM in the summer or start at 4 AM in the morning.)
5. Beautiful theatre (When was the last time you got to see Randy Bachman or John Kamura Parker with 200 of your best friends for under \$40 each?!)

6. Great pool, rec centre, curling rink, library, cross-country ski trails, even a skateboard park
7. Harley Davidson club
8. UNBC/Northern Lights College Campus
9. Northern Living Allowance expense on your Income Tax

And there's more. There is so much light here in June and July, you can go riding or walking all night long or just sit and listen to the quiet. You can see wildlife in your everyday life that most people just dream of seeing.

Winter does come but it is never dark all day and all night. We get an average of 2 to 3 feet of snow over the whole winter. It rarely gets colder than Prince George.

If you are not independent or if you constantly require urban amenities, we are not for you. It is four hours to the nearest McDonald's.

We have some crime, but you can leave your car running with your purse on the front seat at the post office and it will all be there when you come out! (Say *that* in the City!)



Fort Nelson is the type of community where neighbours watch out for neighbours; children play ball hockey in the street and walk to school by themselves with no fear; and the closest thing we have to gridlock is when four cars are waiting to cross the Highway.

Half the town is in the July 1st parade—and the other half watches. And then we have a town party. At Christmas, the Emergency Services crowd throws the Community Dinner. You get to enjoy Christmas Eve eats with 3500 of your neighbours—for free!

Seems like only yesterday—in 1997—that I was wondering if anyone would come into my “new” Notary office. Today, I am thinking about how much I will miss this wonderful little town and its fabulous folks. My spirit is worried as I leave them alone in the legal wilderness.

If you would like to have a grand adventure and learn more about the North and this wonderful little diamond-in-the-rough, please contact Linda Wallace at the Town of Fort Nelson: 250 774-2541, local



Photos courtesy of Fort Nelson & the Northern Rockies

Poplar Hills Golf Course has a fabulous view of the Northern Rocky Mountains.

#241; email: lwallace@northernrockies.org. She will fill your mailbox with all sorts of interesting information.

So, here's the choice: smelly, noisy, crowded urban sprawl or true adventure in a very nice place with fine people where you will get great pay to participate.

This is the North. We live hard and play hard and when you are here, you will be one of us.

See you soon? ▲

Dennise Cutts is relocating to Vanderhoof, BC.