

# Profile of a Notary: Creston, BC

## Lorne D. Mann: Solid Reputation is Key

The town of Creston, population approximately 5,000, is on Highway 3, (southern main highway), approximately 68 miles from Cranbrook, 81 miles from Nelson, and 7 miles from the USA, in the centre of the Kootenays.

Kootenay Lake, about 15 miles north, offers all recreational aspects including swimming, world-class trout fishing, resorts, and bed and breakfast facilities.

The area population—about 11,000—is served by two privately owned sawmills and several logging businesses. Labatt Breweries British Columbia, which brews Kokanee beer and ale, is a major employer in the Valley. Orchards, dairy, hay farms and grain farms on the flats, and tourism allow for a very diversified economy.

The area has a Ramsar-designated wildlife centre of about 20,000 acres. Game and waterfowl are plentiful, so hunting is quite popular. Creston is very well served with a challenging 18-hole golf course in the valley and two more golf courses (18 holes and 9 holes) on the east shore of Kootenay Lake.

Hiking, biking, skiing, snowmobiling, and relaxing round out the privileges of being here. Creston has a very high “retiree” population due to a moderate climate. It currently attracts most of its new residents from Alberta. Home and property prices are very reasonable (about 50 percent of Lower Mainland prices). Many properties have natural views of the Creston flats and the surrounding mountains.

Lorne Mann’s mother’s family members (the Huscrofts) were early settlers who discovered the Creston Valley in their journey from the United States. Creston has been Lorne’s home for many years, except for three years in Calgary, studying computer science, and another year in Cranbrook, at the College of the Rockies for a Business Administration Certificate.

He worked in the family insurance agency for three years and would likely be there still if the local credit union hadn’t purchased the agency. The local Notary at the time, Ron Evans—one of Lorne’s special friends and mentor to this day—wanted a change, and offered Lorne his practice. Ron’s new calling involved selling and managing real estate.

enjoys an excellent reputation—which he calls his most important asset—in the Creston Valley.

Due to his large Notary practice, and a child who required extra care, Lorne’s community involvement has centred until recently around substantial cash donations to various groups in the valley. Creston has two Rotary clubs, the Lions, Eagles, etc., and many churches. Lorne is a director of Enterprise Facilitation, promoting small business in the Valley; he gives countless seminars to seniors’ groups, and continues to participate financially as much as he can.

Creston is well worth the drive. Lorne and his neighbours would love to see you there. ▲

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A Notary since June 15, 1989, Lorne has a general practice that focuses on conveyancing, subdivisions, municipal rights of way, business transfers, mortgages, Wills, and estate planning, with three full-time staff members and one part-time person.

For many years, Lorne has worked with the local municipality and the water districts, the sawmills, farmers, the businesses, and the general public. He



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