

Comox Valley Statistical Profile



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Strategic Location

History

The three Municipalities and the portion of the Regional District that comprise the Comox Valley are unique and distinctive from each other. Although the people, businesses and infrastructure are intertwined, each jurisdiction has its own history and cultural make up. The Comox Valley consists of approximately 1700 square km of land.

Courtenay was named after Rear Admiral George William Courtenay who sailed the HM Constance along the Coast of Vancouver Island over 150 years ago. Incorporated on January 1, 1915 the City, covers approximately 17.02 square km of land area.



Komuckway means "plenty" in the local Native tongue and there certainly is plenty of wildlife and natural resources in the Comox Valley. European settlers adapted the name to Komoux, then finally to Comox. Comox has long been a proud Military Town, with roots going back to it's first Navel Training Base in 1876. The Town of Comox was Incorporated on January 14, 1946 and is located directly East of Courtenay, extending out onto the Comox Peninsula that creates the Comox Harbor. The Comox land area is 14.20 square km.

Today Cumberland is considered a Historic Village, and is located approximately 9 km to the South West of Courtenay. It is the oldest of the three larger communities within the Comox Valley and celebrated its 100th anniversary in 1998. Cumberland covers about 29.74 Square km in land area. When coal was discovered here in the last century, the area suddenly enjoyed the popularity of a gold-rush town. Coal was a precious commodity needed to fuel the large fleet of British navy ships, which sailed the Pacific. Cumberland was formed and was soon swelling with entrepreneurial miners and get rich quick hopefuls. Chinese labour was hired and a thriving city was quickly established.

British Columbia's only military airbase is located in the Comox Valley next to the Town of Comox. Canadian Forces Base Comox was opened as a Royal Air force Base in 1942 and was officially constituted as a Royal Canadian Air Force aerodrome on May 1, 1943.

Strategic Location



Geography



Vancouver Island, situated off the West Coast of Mainland British Columbia has a population of approximately 702,000, is 450km in length (282 miles), and averages 90km in width (60 miles).

The Comox Valley is located approx. halfway up the East Coast of Vancouver Island, within the Regional District of Comox-Strathcona and the Vancouver Island/Coast Development Region.

The ground points are at sea level with a latitude of 49 deg. 41 min. 00 sec North and a Longitude of 124 deg. 56 min. 00 sec. West. The Comox Valley includes the City of Courtenay, the Town of Comox, the Village of Cumberland and the Comox-Strathcona Regional District electoral areas: A, B, C, & K.

Proximity to Markets

Area	Miles	Kilometers	Population
Campbell River	35	58	31,444
Cowichan Valley	98	157	80,295
Nanaimo	65	104	143,791
Alberni-Clayoquot	65	104	33,063
Fraser Valley	175	281	268,972
Greater Vancouver	113	182	2,180,737
Mount Waddington	172	277	13,562
Central Okanagan	359	577	173,026

Source: BC Stats Distance and Population Statistics

Metro Area	Miles	Kilometers	Population
Vancouver	111	178	2,180,737
Victoria	128	206	353,710
Seattle	249	401	572,600
Portland	423	680	1,950,000
Calgary	667	1,074	991,759
Edmonton	804	1,294	712,391

Source: Distance Charts (www.enorthernbc.com) & BC Stats

"Did you Know..... The Comox Valley has direct links to Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, Victoria and Seattle."



Strategic Location

Climate

"Did you Know..... The Comox Valley is ranked the 6th overall warmest region in Canada!"

Regional Weather Comparisons			
Location	Average Sunshine In Hours	Average Rainfall In mm.	Average Snowfall In CM
Comox Valley	1930.1	1091.4	91.4
Nanaimo	1844.5	1045	92.2
Victoria	2185.1	592.9	28.1
Vancouver	1919.3	1117.2	54.9

Source: Pacific Weather Center Vancouver 30 Year Averages.

Climate Highlights

- **2.38 Average Snow Days/Year (10 cm or more)**
- **0.73 Average Freezing Rain Days/Year**
- **0.01 Average Wind Chill Days/Year (-20 or less)**
- **6.0 Average Humidex Days/Year (above 30°)**

Mean Monthly Temperatures (°C)													
Temperature	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual
Mean Daily Temp.	2.5	4.0	5.4	6.2	12.3	15.0	17.4	17.1	13.9	9.2	5.4	3.4	9.5
Mean Daily Max.	5.2	7.1	9.1	12.5	15.9	19.7	22.5	22.1	15.6	12.9	6.3	5.2	13.4
Mean Daily Min.	-0.3	0.8	1.5	3.9	7.2	10.4	12.3	12.1	9.1	5.5	2.3	0.9	5.5

Source: CFB Comox Weather Services Unit 2003: 50 year averages

Strategic Location

Cost of Living

Household Expenditures						
	Comox Valley		BC		Canada	
Food	\$6,762	11%	\$7,516	11%	\$7,718	11%
Shelter	12,164	20%	13,425	20%	12,914	19%
Clothing	2,187	4%	2,684	4%	2,877	4%
Total Big Three	21,113	35%	23,625	35%	23,509	34%
Transportation	8,081	14%	8,916	13%	9,085	13%
Health & Personal Care	2,718	4%	2,816	4%	2,848	4%
Recreation, Reading & Education	4,593	8%	5,561	8%	5,587	8%
Taxes & Securities	13,230	24%	17,258	26%	18,439	27%
Other	9,135	15%	9,402	14%	9,557	14%
Total Expenditures	\$58,869	-	\$67,579	-	\$69,025	-

Source: 2007 Financial Post Canadian Demographics

Comox Valley Rental Market										
	Bachelor		1 Bedroom		2 Bedroom		3 Bedroom		Total	
	06	07	06	07	06	07	06	07	06	07
Private Apartment Vacancy Rates (%)										
Comox Valley	0	0	1.1	0.6	1.2	1.5	0.9	0.9	1.1	0.5
BC	1.1	1.1	0.9	1	1.5	1.4	2	2.8	1.2	1.2
Private Apartment Average Rents (\$)										
Comox Valley	399	423	523	539	617	648	604	661	577	599
BC	651	672	756	778	885	893	1,002	1,154	791	808
Private Row (Townhouse) Vacancy Rates (%)										
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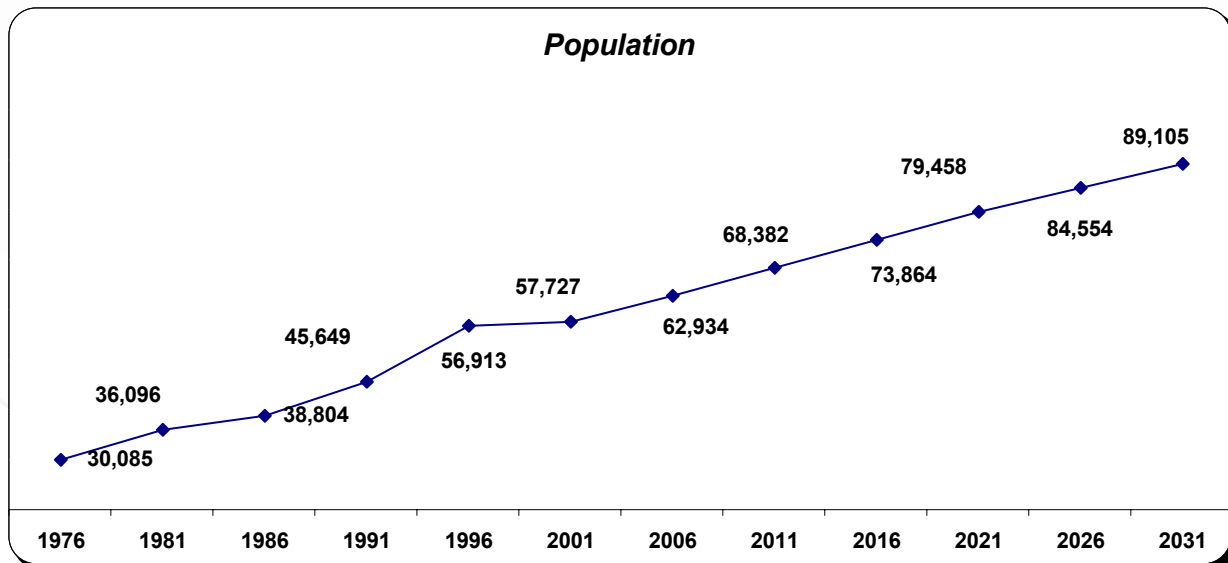
Source: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation 2007

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Population Projections

Population Projections				
	Population	Households	Person/	Median Age
1986	38,804	15,094	2.6	33.6
1991	45,649	17,651	2.6	35.9
1996	56,913	22,594	2.5	37.2
2001	57,727	24,170	2.4	40.5
2002	58,280	24,347	2.4	41.0
2003	59,321	25,164	2.4	41.4
2004	60,208	26,047	2.3	41.9
2005	61,668	27,109	2.3	42.2
2006	62,761	28,039	2.2	42.6
2011	68,382	32,093	2.1	43.5
2016	73,864	35,259	2.1	43.5
2021	79,458	37,691	2.1	43.4
2026	84,554	39,761	2.1	44.5
2031	89,105	42,149	2.1	45.9

Source: BC Stats P.E.O.P.L.E. Run 31, May 2006



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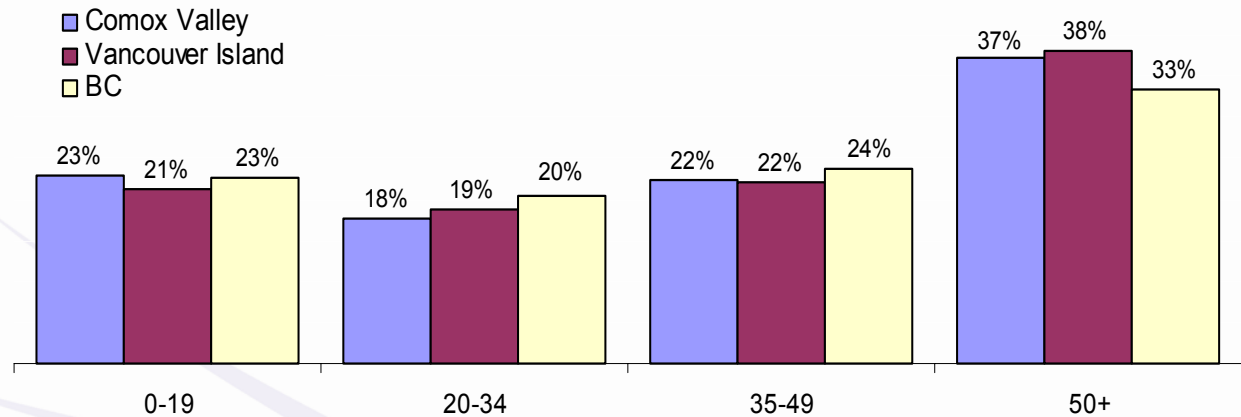
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Age Distribution

Age Distribution			
	Comox Valley	Vancouver Island	BC
<1	497	6,069	40,871
1-4	2,093	24,392	165,868
5-9	3,165	34,443	224,433
10-14	4,027	42,675	259,065
15-19	4,610	48,247	280,438
20-24	4,656	53,159	307,379
25-29	3,578	44,086	284,925
30-34	2,827	39,855	286,723
35-39	3,521	45,352	317,317
40-44	5,176	56,019	352,310
45-49	5,409	59,895	355,818
50-54	4,968	58,118	327,302
55-59	4,456	53,773	291,771
60-64	3,460	40,549	214,721
65-69	3,051	32,781	167,880
70-74	2,749	28,440	143,374
75-79	2,047	25,062	121,528
80-84	1,482	20,596	90,205
85-89	797	12,223	51,500
90+	365	6,397	27,024
Total	62,934	732,131	4,310,452

Source: BC Stats—Population

Age Distribution



Source: BC Stats—Population

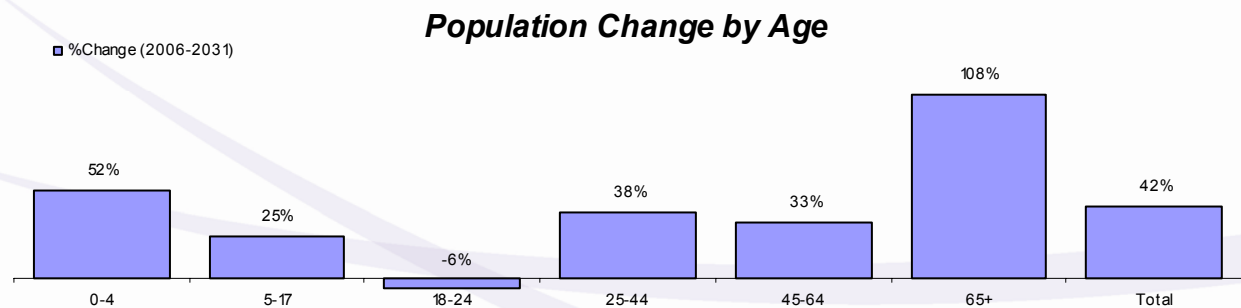
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Historical Population by Gender & Age							
Year	Gender	<19	20-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Total
1986	M	5,653	4,588	4,023	3,110	2,073	19,447
1986	F	5,463	4,602	3,838	3,071	2,383	19,357
1986	T	11,116	9,190	7,861	6,181	4,456	38,804
1991	M	6,482	4,662	5,100	3,734	2,796	22,774
1991	F	6,300	4,643	5,127	3,511	3,294	22,875
1991	T	12,782	9,305	10,227	7,245	6,090	45,649
1996	M	8,037	5,212	6,954	4,616	3,477	28,296
1996	F	7,772	5,172	7,228	4,488	3,957	28,617
1996	T	15,809	10,384	14,182	9,104	7,434	56,913
2001	M	7,689	4,220	7,072	5,259	4,260	28,500
2001	F	7,367	4,430	7,423	5,268	4,739	29,227
2001	T	15,056	8,650	14,495	10,527	8,999	57,727
2006	M	7,419	5,466	6,839	6,351	4,958	31,033
2006	F	6,973	5,595	7,267	6,533	5,533	31,901
2006	T	14,392	11,061	14,106	12,884	10,491	62,934

Source: BC Stats P.E.O.P.L.E. Run 31, May 2006

Population Projection by Age							
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Total
1986	2,834	7,309	3,747	12,210	8,248	4,456	38,804
1991	3,143	8,591	3,228	14,502	10,095	6,090	45,649
1996	3,519	10,952	4,042	17,551	13,415	7,434	56,913
2001	2,732	10,616	5,075	15,064	15,241	8,999	57,727
2006	2,598	9,892	6,476	15,084	18,346	10,365	62,761
2011	3,184	9,164	6,217	16,909	21,154	11,754	68,382
2016	3,715	9,434	5,618	19,476	21,789	13,832	73,864
2021	3,980	10,600	5,137	21,603	21,820	16,318	79,458
2026	3,997	11,793	5,283	21,870	22,537	19,074	84,554
2031	3,944	12,341	6,077	20,863	24,357	21,523	89,105

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Source: BC Stats— Population



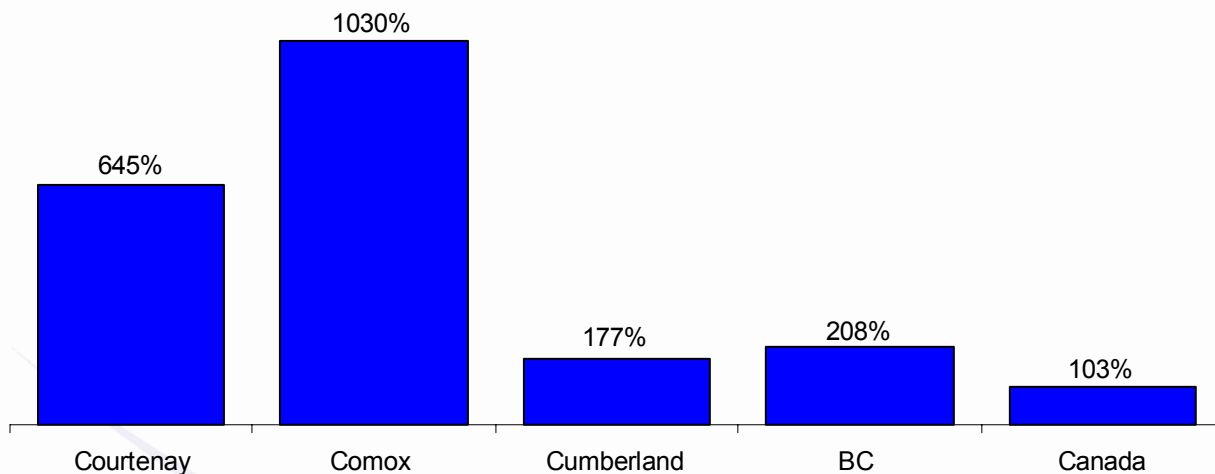
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Historical Population

Historical Population Change										
	Courtenay		Comox		Cumberland		BC		Canada	
1921	810	N/A	-	N/A	1,179	N/A	-	N/A	8,788,000	N/A
1931	1,219	50%	-	N/A	907	-23%	694,300	N/A	10,377,000	18%
1941	1,737	42%	-	N/A	885	-2%	817,800	18%	11,507,000	11%
1951	2,553	47%	714	N/A	971	10%	1,165,200	42%	13,648,000	19%
1956	3,025	18%	1,151	61%	1,039	7%	1,398,500	20%	16,080,800	18%
1961	3,485	15%	1,756	53%	1,303	25%	1,629,100	16%	18,238,247	13%
1966	4,913	41%	2,671	52%	1,277	-2%	1,873,700	15%	20,014,880	10%
1971	7,152	46%	3,980	49%	1,718	35%	2,240,472	20%	21,961,999	10%
1976	7,917	11%	5,481	38%	1,735	1%	2,533,791	13%	23,449,791	7%
1981	9,225	17%	6,764	23%	1,992	15%	2,823,933	11%	24,820,393	6%
1986	9,974	8%	7,093	5%	1,912	-4%	3,004,104	6%	26,101,155	5%
1991	11,959	20%	8,452	19%	2,276	19%	3,373,464	12%	28,031,394	7%
1996	18,016	51%	11,460	36%	2,640	16%	3,874,276	15%	29,610,757	6%
2001	19,103	6%	11,660	2%	2,732	3%	4,078,447	5%	31,021,251	5%
2006	22,533	18%	13,008	12%	2,881	5%	4,310,452	6%	32,623,490	5%

Source: Statistics Canada 2007—Population and demography

50 Year Historical Population Change (56 to 06)



Source: BC Stats—Population

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Households

Household Family Estimates			
	Comox Valley	BC	Canada
Husband-wife families	83.7%	84.3%	84.2%
Single parent families	16.3%	15.7%	15.8%
Avg. # of persons per family	2.8	2.9	3.0
Avg. # of Sons/Daughters at home	1.0	1.1	1.2

Source: 2007 Financial Post Canadian Demographics

Household Projections			
	Comox Valley	Vancouver Island	BC
1986	15,094	224,718	1,157,724
1991	17,651	250,422	1,278,538
1996	22,594	288,384	1,484,937
2001	24,170	302,790	1,594,071
2002	24,347	304,250	1,617,407
2003	25,164	310,490	1,656,646
2004	26,047	318,127	1,702,061
2005	27,109	327,331	1,749,427
2006	28,039	335,784	1,797,475
2007	28,857	342,601	1,835,217
2008	29,689	349,258	1,872,434
2009	30,456	356,050	1,910,275
2010	31,283	363,223	1,948,855
2011	32,093	369,786	1,986,696
2016	35,259	399,452	2,166,461
2021	37,691	421,639	2,311,457
2026	39,761	440,581	2,436,130
2031	42,149	460,119	2,558,163

Source: BC Stats—Household Estimates and Projections July 2006

Population Density

Population Density					
	KM	Miles	Pop.	P/KM	P/M
Comox	15.16	9.41	12,136	800.53	1,289.69
Courtenay	26.68	16.58	21,940	822.34	1,323.28
Cumberland	29.13	18.10	2,762	94.82	152.60
CSRD Area	1,611.08	1,001.79	21,714	13.48	21.68
Comox Valley	1,682.05	1,045.18	58,552	34.81	56.02
Vancouver Island	32,134	19,967.14	756,957	23.56	37.91
BC	924,815.43	574,653.67	4,113,487	4.45	7.16
Canada	9,017,698.92	5,603,338.33	31,612,897	3.51	5.64

Source: Statistics Canada 2007—Population and demography

Demographics

Migration

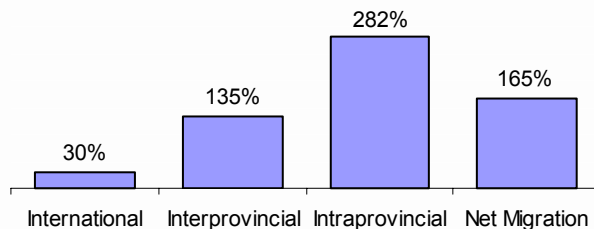
Immigration Statistics	
Immigrant Status	
Canadian citizenship	97%
Citizenship other than Canadian	3%
Non-immigrant population	
Born in province of residence	52%
Born outside province of residence	37%
Period of Immigration	
Before 1961	40%
1961-1970	18%
1971-1980	17%
1981-1990	11%
1991-1995	8%
1996-2001	6%

Source: Statistics Canada 2001—Ethnic Diversity

Immigrants Places of Birth	
United Kingdom	41%
United States	14%
Germany	11%
Viet Nam	4%
Netherlands	4%
China, People's Republic of	2%
Philippines	1%
Russian Federation	1%
Poland	1%
Ireland, Republic of (EIRE)	1%
Generation Status	
1st generation	16%
2nd generation	25%
3rd generation+	58%
Age at Immigration	
0-4 years	12%
5-19 years	27%
20 years and over	61%

Source: Statistics Canada 2001—Ethnic Diversity

Change in Migration (2000-2005)



Source: BC Stats Migration

"Did you Know..... That 58% of total Immigrants to the Comox Valley come from Europe."

Migration											
	Comox-Strathcona				Vancouver Island				British Columbia		
	Inter-National	Inter-Prov.	Intra-Prov.	Net Mig.	Inter-National	Inter-Prov.	Intra-Prov.	Net Mig.	Inter-National	Inter-Pov.	Net Mig.
2000-01	31	(362)	55	(276)	(5)	(1,023)	675	(353)	34,184	(8,286)	25,898
2001-02	(81)	(249)	(75)	(405)	1,217	955	1,472	3,644	34,287	(8,556)	25,731
2002-03	(78)	167	417	506	337	369	1,530	2,236	29,154	(1,037)	28,117
2003-04	14	678	635	1,327	390	1,689	2,336	4,415	29,627	7,865	37,492
2004-05	15	671	529	1,215	614	2,901	2,413	5,928	35,842	8,214	44,056
2005-06	16	551	529	1,096	959	3,027	2,413	6,399	37,942	3,779	41,721

Source: BC Stats 2007—Migration Components for Regional Districts

Demographics

Ethnicity

Aboriginal Origins	
North American Indian single origin	0.51%
North American Indian & non-Aboriginal Origins	3.21%
Métis single origin	0.18%
Métis and non-Aboriginal origins	1.00%
Inuit single origin	0.00%
Inuit and non-Aboriginal origins	0.02%
Other Aboriginal multiple origins	0.19%

Source: Statistics Canada 2001—Aboriginal Peoples

Visible Minority	
Chinese	1.09%
South Asian	0.09%
African American	0.25%
Filipino	0.38%
Latin American	0.22%
Southeast Asian	0.43%
Korean	0.07%
Japanese	0.28%

Source: Statistics Canada 2001

Marital Status

Family Structure			
	CSRD	BC	Canada
Total census families	30,440	1,161,420	8,896,840
Married Couple families	21,195	844,430	6,105,910
Common-Law families	4,630	141,825	1,376,870
Lone-parent families	4,610	175,160	1,414,065
Female lone-parent	3,570	139,770	1,132,290
Male lone-parent	1,045	35,395	218,775
Average number of persons per:			
Census family	2.8	2.9	2.9
Married-couple families	2.8	3.0	3.1
Common-law families	2.7	2.6	2.8
Lone-parent families	2.6	2.5	2.5
Female lone-parent family	2.6	2.5	2.5
Male lone-parent family	2.4	2.4	2.4

Source: Statistics Canada 2006—Community Profiles Families and Households

Marital Status (Aged 15+)			
	Comox Valley	BC	Canada
Single Never Married	26.69%	28.61%	30.20%
Married & Common Law	58.29%	56.31%	60.29%
Separated Legally Married	2.97%	2.97%	2.69%
Widowed	5.67%	5.69%	6.20%
Divorced	6.38%	6.43%	0.61%

Source: 2007 Financial Post Canadian Demographics

Labour Force

Labour Force Activity

Labour Force Breakdown	
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting	11.2%
Mining & oil & gas extraction	1.5%
Utilities	0.3%
Construction	6.1%
Manufacturing	7.3%
Wholesale trade	2.0%
Retail trade	12.5%
Transportation & warehousing	4.1%
Information & cultural industries	1.7%
Finance & insurance	2.5%
Real estate & rental & leasing	1.7%
Professional, scientific & technical services	4.0%
Management of companies & enterprises	0.1%
Administrative & support	3.9%
Educational services	6.9%
Health care & social assistance	10.5%
Arts, entertainment & recreation	2.4%
Accommodation & food services	9.3%
Other services (except public administration)	5.0%
Public administration	7.0%

Source: BC Stats—Selected 2001 Census Characteristics —Labour force breakdown

Occupation Breakdown									
	Comox Valley			BC			Canada		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
Management	10%	8%	9%	13%	8%	11%	13%	8%	11%
Business, Finance, Administration.	6%	23%	14%	9%	28%	18%	9%	28%	18%
Natural & Applied Science	8%	2%	5%	9%	2%	6%	10%	3%	7%
Health	3%	10%	6%	2%	9%	5%	2%	9%	5%
Social Science, Gov. Serv. & Relig'n	2%	6%	4%	3%	6%	4%	2%	6%	4%
Education	3%	5%	4%	2%	5%	4%	2%	5%	4%
Arts, Culture, Recreation & Sport	3%	4%	4%	3%	4%	3%	2%	3%	3%
Sales & Service	25%	36%	30%	20%	32%	26%	19%	29%	24%
Trades, Transportation & Equipment	22%	2%	13%	25%	2%	14%	26%	2%	15%
Primary Industries	12%	3%	8%	6%	2%	4%	6%	2%	4%
Processing, Manufacturing, Utilities	5%	1%	3%	7%	3%	5%	9%	5%	7%

Source: 2007 Financial Post Canadian Demographics

Labour Force

Income Estimates

Income Estimates			
	Comox Valley	BC	Canada
Avg. Household Income	59,136	69,968	72,015
Avg. Family Income	68,162	78,470	81,104
Per Capita Income	25,920	28,388	28,782
Avg. Employment Income Male (PT)	40,207	46,218	47,382
Avg. Employment Income Male (FT)	53,595	60,781	60,548
Avg. Employment Income Female (PT)	25,182	29,582	29,858
Avg. Employment Income Female (FT)	37,604	43,174	42,303

Source: 2007 Financial Post Canadian Demographics

Sources of Income						
	Employment	Pension	Investment	Self-Employed	Tax-exempt	Other
Courtenay	60%	19%	6%	5%	4%	7%
Comox	57%	24%	7%	4%	2%	6%
Cumberland	65%	15%	3%	3%	7%	8%
BC	66%	12%	9%	5%	3%	5%

Source: Stats Canada 2001—Income, pensions, spending and wealth

Benefit Recipients Percentage								
Age	Basic Income Assistance				Employment Insurance			
	Cumberland	Courtenay	Comox	BC	Cumberland	Courtenay	Comox	BC
Under 19	5.2	9.0	2.4	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
19-24	7.0	7.6	2.7	2.5	6.3	5.7	5.1	2.7
25-54	4.4	5.0	1.5	2.1	4.0	4.6	4.0	3.6
55-64	2.4	1.9	0.4	1.0	3.2	2.2	2.3	1.6
19-64	4.4	4.8	1.4	2.0	4.1	4.4	3.7	3.1

Source: BC Stats 2006—Basic Income Assistance and EI

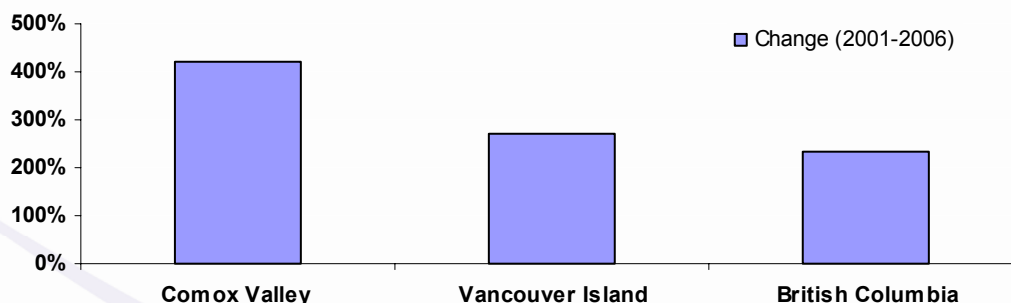
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Building Permit Values

Building Permits Values (\$000)								
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total								
Comox Valley	30,764	26,514	35,662	48,267	72,808	86,077	110,300	150,224
Vancouver Island	771,618	581,533	632,039	769,212	993,416	1,098,416	1,459,871	1,705,703
British Columbia	4,695,501	4,491,997	4,954,772	5,659,415	6,394,238	7,938,727	10,191,099	11,541,116
New Residential								
Comox Valley	12,749	10,736	17,153	33,457	46,763	66,035	98,560	135,329
Vancouver Island	357,746	304,971	349,563	504,062	643,673	859,834	1,033,514	1,230,543
British Columbia	2,591,740	2,403,140	2,829,874	3,888,147	4,514,185	5,868,937	6,978,962	7,624,109
Industrial								
Comox Valley	180	1,775	288	30	5,376	2,491	218	1,300
Vancouver Island	32,257	29,713	34,805	16,469	33,629	18,529	20,651	31,442
British Columbia	319,145	295,525	221,353	230,119	244,024	328,050	346,203	358,196
Commercial								
Comox Valley	9,120	2,823	10,977	13,489	17,151	12,054	11,010	11,451
Vancouver Island	179,898	147,561	145,090	155,208	202,547	139,120	257,370	281,931
British Columbia	1,142,105	1,297,270	1,171,233	1,116,741	1,129,623	1,228,027	1,886,405	2,491,401
Institutional/Government								
Comox Valley	8,715	11,180	7,244	1,291	3,518	5,497	512	2,144
Vancouver Island	201,717	99,288	102,581	93,473	113,567	80,933	148,336	161,787
British Columbia	642,511	496,062	732,312	424,408	506,406	513,713	979,529	1,067,410

Source: BC Stats 2007—Economic Statistics: Construction and Housing

Building Permit Value Growth



Source: BC Stats 2007—Economic Statistics: Construction and Housing

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Property Land Values

Assessed Property Land Values				
	1991	1996	2001	2006
Comox Valley				
Total RES	\$1,562,589,791	\$3,775,379,575	\$3,550,053,181	\$6,842,448,611
Utilities	\$202,013,531	\$222,583,942	\$197,466,800	\$218,258,581
Major Industry	\$1,874,251	\$5,609,500	\$6,365,800	\$0
Light Industry	\$5,544,200	\$13,395,947	\$15,991,247	\$24,024,647
Business/other	\$393,867,585	\$743,183,443	\$816,986,272	\$1,158,693,476
Rec/Non-profit	\$28,499,800	\$84,169,300	\$89,161,600	\$136,884,900
Farm	\$22,616,911	\$23,631,590	\$23,012,900	\$23,795,241
Total	\$2,295,849,366	\$4,991,867,829	\$4,847,911,440	\$8,573,426,105
Courtenay				
Total RES	\$335,424,250	\$938,485,300	\$893,462,689	\$1,859,628,836
Utilities	\$7,184,940	\$18,967,400	\$22,663,700	\$27,114,306
Major Industry	\$1,874,251	\$5,065,900	\$5,898,700	\$5,679,700
Light Industry	\$314,100	\$1,796,500	\$1,743,200	\$1,926,000
Business/other	\$136,393,484	\$358,513,852	\$371,670,936	\$584,857,600
Rec/Non-profit	\$6,337,200	\$26,310,800	\$27,048,400	\$34,612,400
Farm	\$80,910	\$14,590	\$95,100	\$662,342
Total	\$487,609,135	\$1,349,154,342	\$1,322,582,725	\$2,514,481,184
Comox				
Total RES	\$292,110,650	\$631,986,300	\$627,882,551	\$1,221,733,330
Utilities	\$2,554,773	\$6,619,400	\$8,421,100	\$9,995,800
Major Industry	\$0	\$49,900	\$40,200	\$35,300
Light Industry	\$102,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Business/other	\$52,204,700	\$226,121,791	\$269,746,430	\$363,664,100
Rec/Non-profit	\$6,818,400	\$18,853,600	\$18,144,900	\$29,366,600
Farm	\$30,594	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$1,704
Total	\$353,821,117	\$883,632,691	\$924,236,881	\$1,625,021,804
Cumberland				
Total RES	\$45,037,570	\$106,693,300	\$96,712,400	\$187,702,807
Utilities	\$870,220	\$2,142,400	\$2,555,100	\$3,627,175
Light Industry	\$454,200	\$1,224,200	\$4,585,800	\$6,235,400
Business/other	\$10,473,500	\$26,666,900	\$27,654,300	\$41,679,600
Rec/Non-profit	\$410,900	\$983,000	\$1,096,000	\$1,751,000
Farm	\$11,360	\$11,300	\$11,300	\$11,360
Total	\$57,503,017	\$137,995,100	\$132,977,000	\$244,879,442
Comox Strathcona Regional District A,B,C,K				
Total RES	\$890,017,321	\$2,098,214,675	\$1,931,995,541	\$3,573,383,638
Utilities	\$191,403,598	\$194,854,742	\$163,826,900	\$177,521,300
Major Industry	\$0	\$493,700	\$426,900	\$753,000
Light Industry	\$4,673,900	\$10,375,247	\$9,662,247	\$15,863,247
Business/other	\$194,795,901	\$131,880,900	\$147,914,606	\$168,492,176
Rec/Non-profit	\$14,933,300	\$38,021,900	\$42,872,300	\$71,154,900
Farm	\$22,494,047	\$23,604,000	\$22,904,800	\$23,119,835
Total	\$1,396,916,097	\$2,621,085,696	\$2,468,114,834	\$4,189,043,675

Source: Comox Valley BC Assessment Office—Roll Totals Summary 2007

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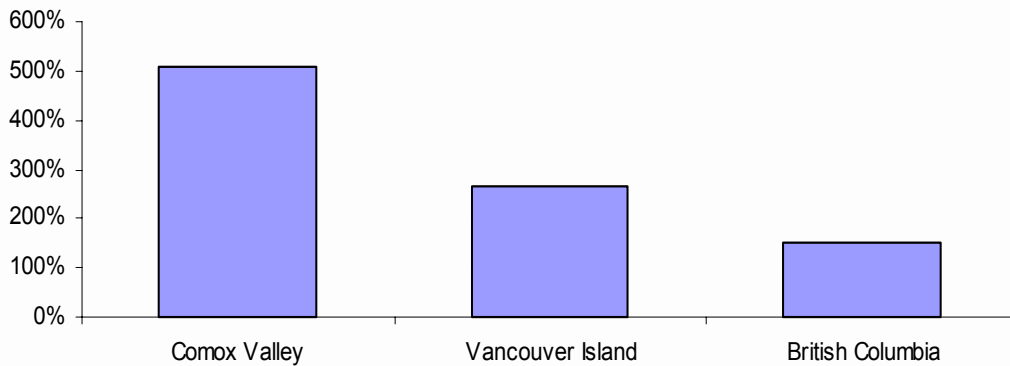
Housing Starts

Housing Starts											
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Courtenay	282	242	84	78	55	103	241	268	334	472	471
Comox	91	119	107	20	28	47	42	92	159	114	87
Cumberland	31	10	16	3	1	2	5	6	12	33	62
CSRD A,B,C,K	113	117	70	56	29	35	68	86	173	94	65
Comox Valley	517	488	277	157	113	187	356	452	678	713	685
Vancouver Island	3,703	3347	2096	2164	1471	1988	2576	3643	4868	4864	5397
British Columbia	27,641	29,351	19,931	16,309	14,418	17,234	21,625	26,174	32,925	34,667	36,443

Source: BC Stats 2007—Economic Statistics: Construction and Housing: Housing Starts

“Did you Know..... The Comox Valley had over 4,100 housing starts in the past decade.”

Housing Start Change (00-06)



Source: BC Stats 2007—Economic Statistics: Construction and Housing: Housing Starts

Building and Development

Commercial Real Estate

Office Lease Rates				
	2003	2004	2005	2006
Central Courtenay	\$9.32	\$9.52	\$10.28	\$10.49
East Courtenay	\$9.13	\$9.13	N/A	\$5.00
North Courtenay	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$8.50	\$9.25
Comox	\$12.00	\$12.67	\$11.67	\$15.67
Cumberland	N/A	N/A	\$15.00	N/A

Source: Vancouver Island Real Estate Board 2006

Office Vacancy Rates		
	2001	2005
Office	4.00%	7.20%
Retail	7.00%	9.90%
Warehouse/Light Industrial	11.00%	5.50%

Source: Comox Valley BC Assessment Office 2006

Square Foot Rental Rates								
	Central Courtenay		South Courtenay		East Courtenay		Comox	
	2001	2005	2001	2005	2001	2005	2001	2005
Office	4.50-12.00	6.50-12.00	4.50-13.00	6.50-12.50	4.50-12.50	6.50-14.00	5.00-11.75	7.50-13.00
2 nd Floor	3.50-9.00	4.50-9.00	3.50-9.50	5.00-9.50	3.50-8.00	5.00-8.00	4.00-8.50	6.00-8.50
Restaurant	7.75-14.50	7.50-20.00	5.50-20.00	7.50-20.00	5.50-13.00	7.50-20.00	6.50-14.75	7.50-14.75
Commercial	4.75-11.00	6.75-14.00	4.75-13.00	6.75-16.00	5.00-9.50	6.00-10.00	5.00-11.75	7.00-13.00
Warehousing	2.75-6.50	3.25-7.00	2.75-6.50	3.25-7.00	3.75-6.75	4.25-8.00	3.00-7.50	3.50-7.50
Light Industrial	4.25-7.75	3.25-8.00	3.25-9.50	3.25-8.00	3.75-10.00	3.75-10.00	N/A	N/A

Source: Comox Valley BC Assessment Office 2006

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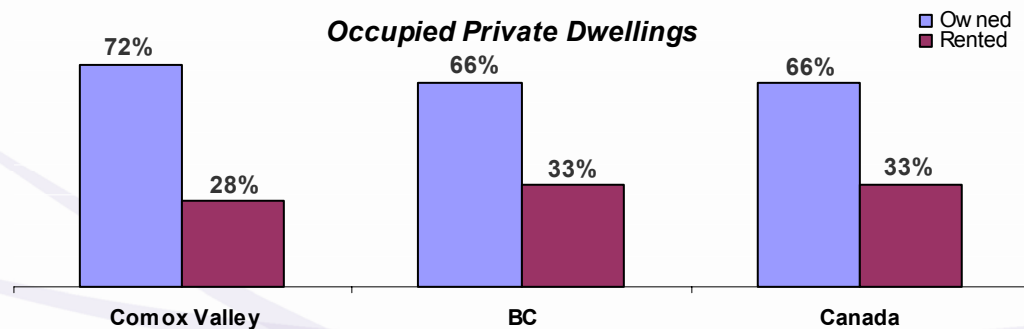
Residential Real Estate

Real Estate							
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total Unit Sales							
Comox Valley	509	694	776	969	983	902	972
Vancouver Island	3,072	3,842	4,472	5,148	5,535	5,470	5,584
British Columbia	53,454	68,105	82,725	93,126	96,316	106,290	96,695
Average Days on Market							
Comox Valley	144	134	75	76	50	59	70
Vancouver Island	121	96	80	61	49	57	77
Average Single Family House Price							
Comox Valley	\$144,000	\$142,903	\$156,962	\$169,153	\$211,308	\$236,325	\$278,803
Vancouver Island	\$146,355	\$147,383	\$159,051	\$175,364	\$207,437	\$235,648	\$274,699
British Columbia	\$216,989	\$220,952	\$238,758	\$259,835	\$288,967	\$332,137	\$390,760

Source: BC Stats and Vancouver Island Real Estate Board 2007

Occupied Private Dwellings			
	Comox Valley	BC	Canada
Single-detached house	69%	55%	57%
Semi-detached house	9%	3%	5%
Row houses	6%	6%	5%
Apartment 5 story's or greater	0%	7%	9%
Apartment Fewer than 5 story's	12%	20%	18%
Apartment, detached duplex	1%	6%	4%
Movable dwellings	3%	3%	1%

Source: 2007 Financial Post Canadian Demographics



Source: 2007 Financial Post Canadian Demographics

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Development Cost Charges

The Comox Valley has an average development cost charge of \$9,142 per unit for single residential units, 6,721 for multi-family residential units, 29.35 per square foot for commercial units and 71,469 per acre for industrial units.

Development Cost Charges (DCC) Total (\$)				
	Residential Single Per Unit	Residential Multi-Family Per Unit	Commercial Per Square Foot	Industrial Per Acre
Cumberland	7,754	5,225	N/A	49,923
Courtenay	12,907	9,279	7.84	59,319.11
Comox	9,738.97	7,239.11	62.22*	114,912.93
Comox-Strathcona	6,172	5,144	18.00	61,722
Nanaimo	13,410.79	86.75*	53.58*	14.44*
Victoria	5,018.82	35.85*	23.18*	4.91*

Source: City of Courtenay, Town of Comox, Village of Cumberland, CSRD, City of Nanaimo & City of Victoria 2004
 * Per Square Meter of Gross Building Floor Area

Comox-Strathcona Regional District				
	Residential Single	Residential Multi-Family	Commercial	Industrial
Sanitary Sewer	2,470	2,058	7.20*	24,695
Water	3,702	3,086	10.80*	37,027
Total	6,172	5,144	18.00*	61,722

Source: Comox-Strathcona Regional District Summary of Development Cost Charges 2007
 * Per Square Meter of Gross Building Area



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Detailed Development Cost Charges

City Of Courtenay				
	Residential Single	Residential Multi-Family	Commercial	Industrial
Highways	3,769	2,313	5,036	17,893
Storm Drainage	1,071	321	448	7,370
Sanitary Sewer	3,234	2,663	875.90	15,786.75
Water	4,135	3,429	1,120.35	18,269.36
Parkland Acquisition	698	553	0	0
Total	12,907	9,279	7,480.25	59,319.11

Source: City of Courtenay, Summary of Development Cost Charges 2007

Town of Comox				
	Residential Single	Residential Multi-Family	Commercial	Industrial
Highways	1,352.51	828.18	50.74*	18,533.73
Storm Drainage	3,432.35	2,282.51	6.66*	95,041.86
Sanitary Sewer	968.66	807.21	2.91*	807.21
Water	636.15	530.13	1.91*	530.13
Parkland Acquisition	3,349.30	2,791.08	0	0
Total	9,738.97	7,239.11	62.22*	114,912.93

Source: Town of Comox, Summary of Development Cost Charges 2007
 * Per Square Meter of Gross Building Area

City Of Cumberland			
	Residential Single	Residential Multi-Family	Industrial
Highways	1,152	691	4,586
Storm Drainage	2,495	1,622	38,630
Sanitary Sewer	1,780	1,424	2,967
Water	2,244	1,424	3,740
Parkland Acquisition	83	64	0
Total	7,754	5,225	49,923

Source: Village of Cumberland, Summary of Development Cost Charges Bylaw No. 655

Business Activity



Major Employers

The top four employers include 19 Wing CFB Comox with over 1430 employees, School District 71 with over 1400 employees, St. Josephs Hospital with over 1049 employees and Mt. Washington Ski Resort with over 950 employees in the winter months.

The top three retail employers include the Real Canadian Superstore with over 300 employees, Wal-Mart with 218 employees and Home depot with 120 employees. These top three major retail employers account for almost 650 jobs for the Comox Valley.

The top three tourism employers include Mt. Washington Alpine Resort with 950 winter staff, Crown Isle with 150 staff, and the King Fisher Resort with 209 employees respectively.

The top six public sector employers include: the CFB Comox with over 1430 employees, School District 71 with over 1400 employees, St. Joseph’s Hospital with 1049 employees, 466 employees at North Island College, 300 at the City of Courtenay and 90 with the Local RCMP. These public sector employers account for over 4,000 jobs in the Comox Valley.

Major Employers	
CFB Comox	1430
School District 71 **	1400
St. Josephs Hospital **	1049
Mt. Washington Ski Resort*	950
North Island College **	466
City Of Courtenay	300
Superstore	300
Wal-Mart	218
King Fisher Resort and Spa	209
Thrifty Foods	190
Safeway	180
Crown Isle Golf Course	150
Home Depot	120
RCMP **	90
Canadian Tire	80

Source: CVEDS 2007
* During peak operating season
** Includes professionals and support staff



Business Activity

Business Growth

Courtenay	
Taco DelMar	2006
Tomato Tomato	2006
Old House Village Suite & Hotel	2006
Hot Chocolates	2006
Best Western Hotel	2006
Industrial Plastics and Paint	2005
Fluid Bar & Grill	2005
Filis (Italian Restaurant)	2005
Island Ink Jet	2005
Boston Pizza	2005
Atlas Café	2005
Anco Motel	2005
Coast Westerly Hotel	2005
Courtenay Art Gallery	2005
London Drugs	2004
Howard Jonhson	2004
Winners	2004
Payless Shoes	2004
Home Depot	2003
Shoppers Drug Mart	2003
Staples	2003
Sports Mart	2003
Star Bucks	2003
Thrifty Foods	2003
Whitespot	2003
Safeway	2003
Marks Work Warehouse	2003
Rogers Video	2003
Future Shop	2002
Island ink Jet	2001
Wal-Mart	2001

Source: CVEDS 2007

Comox	
Comox Airport	2006
Berwick Retirement	2006
Quay 1 and 2	2006
Comox Pharmarcy	2006
Bosley's Pet Food Store	2005
Co-op Gas Station	2005
Comox Harbour Authority	2005
Downtown Comox Re-Vitalization	2005
Movie Gallery	2005
Comox Airport	2005
Pharmasave	2005
Little Ceasars Pizza	2005
Extra Foods	2004
Comox Airport	2004
Gone Hollywood Video	2003
CFB Comox	2003
Cheveron and Sud City	2002
Quality Foods	2001
M&M Meats	2001
Tim Hortons	2001
McDonalds	2001
CFB Comox	2001

Source: CVEDS 2007

CSRD A,B,C,K	
Coastal Trek	2006
TF Specialty Saw Mill	2005
Mount Washington Alpine Resort	2004
Mount Washington Alpine Resort	2002
Natural Glacier Waters	1999

Source: CVEDS 2007

Cumberland	
Island Timberframe	2005

Source: CVEDS 2007

Business Activity

Retail Activity

Retail Sales					
	Comox Valley		Van Isle	BC	Canada
	(\$ Millions)	%	%	%	%
Supermarkets	97.4	17%	20%	18%	17%
Convenience and Specialty Foods	13.6	2%	1%	2%	2%
Beer, Wine, Liquor	18.4	3%	4%	5%	4%
Furniture	11.5	2%	2%	2%	2%
Home Furnishings	10.6	2%	2%	2%	1%
Computer & Software	3.6	1%	0%	1%	0%
Home Electronics & Appliances	20.2	4%	3%	4%	3%
Home Centres, Hardware, Etc.	46.4	8%	6%	6%	6%
Gas Stations	59.7	10%	10%	9%	9%
New/Used Cars, RV's, Parts	150.5	26%	23%	24%	26%
Pharmacies, Personal Care	42.3	7%	6%	6%	7%
Clothing	17.8	3%	3%	4%	4%
Shoes, Clothing Accessories, Jewellery	6.6	1%	1%	1%	1%
Department & other General Merchandise	29.5	5%	10%	11%	12%
Sporting, Hobby, Music & Book	22.5	4%	3%	4%	3%
Miscellaneous	23.2	4%	4%	3%	3%
Total Retail Sales (\$ Millions)	573.80	100%	9,501.20	55,446.40	404,301.80

Source: 2007 Financial Post Canadian Demographics

Retail Sales Estimate			
	Comox Valley	BC	Canada
Retail Sales Estimate (\$000)	573,920	55,506,500	404,301,570
Per Household	24,900	31,400	30,800
Per Capita	10,900	12,700	12,300
# of Establishments	474	32,434	231,513

Source: 2007 Financial Post Canadian Demographics

Business Activity

Business Start Ups and Fail-

Business Incorporations							
	1996	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Comox	40	25	27	39	32	45	46
Courtenay	130	91	137	132	140	159	198
Cumberland	0	2	4	1	0	2	5
Other	8	11	26	9	15	18	18
Comox Valley	178	129	194	181	187	224	267
Comox-Strathcona RD	356	261	302	308	304	365	440
Vancouver Island	2,573	2,401	2,512	2,605	3,062	3,715	3,863
British Columbia	23,237	19,474	20,987	22,531	24,703	30,937	33,273

Source: BC Stats 2007—Economic Statistics: Formations and Failures

Business Bankruptcy Rates (Per 1000 Establishments)								
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Comox Valley	9.45	5.93	2.67	2.90	2.82	3.78	2.73	2.16
British Columbia	4.62	4.05	3.30	3.60	3.51	3.14	2.71	2.35
Canada	7.24	5.47	5.07	4.92	4.44	4.12	3.60	3.34

Source: BC Stats 2007—Economic Statistics: Formations and Failures

“Did you Know..... The Comox Valley had 45 Business Bankruptcies in the past decade.”

Business Bankruptcies						
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Comox Valley	9	9	8	8	6	5
British Columbia	1,100	1,106	1,002	922	786	586

Source: BC Stats March 2007—Economic Statistics: Formations and Failures

Business Inventory						
	1996	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Comox-Strathcona	3,834	3,876	3,876	3,947	3,888	4,019
Vancouver Island/Coast	24,325	25,600	25,830	26,059	26,024	26,644
British Columbia	149,315	157,421	157,652	158,470	158,421	162,732

Source: BC Stats 2007—Businesses, number of (PDF)

Business Activity

Taxation

Local Property Taxes (per \$1,000.00 of Assessed Property Value)			
	Residential	Industry	Business
City of Courtenay	7.6565	33.1077	24.7359
Town of Comox	6.6595	31.5447	26.8438
Village of Cumberland	8.4329	32.9884	17.6659

Source: Municipal Bylaws for Courtenay, Comox and Cumberland 2007

Corporate Income Tax/Franchise Tax			
	Small Business	Manufacturing	Non-Manufacturing
Federal	13.12%	22.12%	22.12%
Provincial	4.50%	13.50%	13.50%
Total	17.62%	35.62%	35.62%

Source: Government of British Columbia & Canada Revenue Agency 2006

Personal Income Tax		
	Federal	Provincial (State)
Capital Gains	8.00% - 14.50%	3.03% - 7.35%
Earned Income	16.00% - 29.00%	6.05% - 14.70%
Unearned Income	3.33% - 19.58%	1.19% - 12.00%

Source: Government of British Columbia & Canada Revenue Agency 2006

Infrastructure

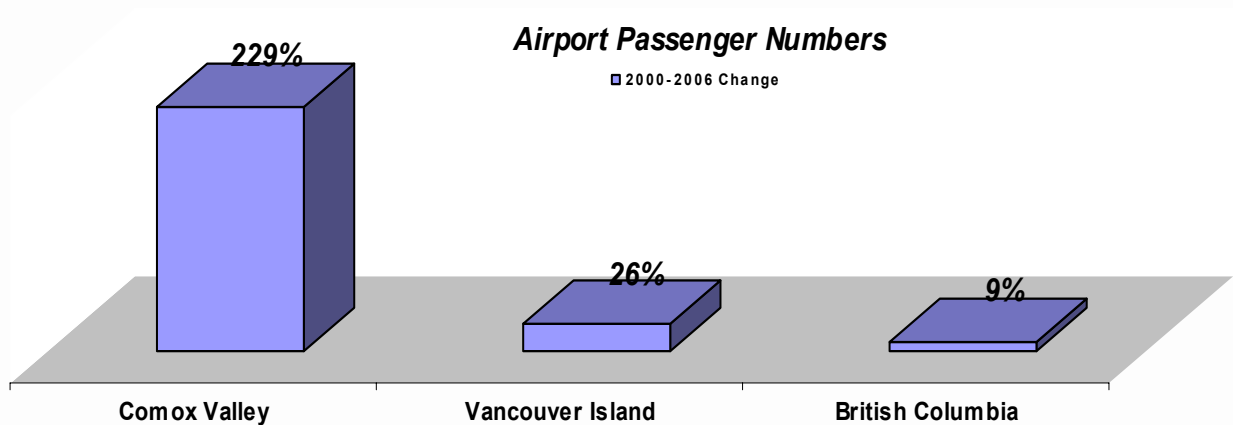
Transportation

Air

Comox Valley Airport Commission

1250 Knight Road, Comox BC
Phone: (250) 897-3123
www.comoxairport.com

“Did you Know..... Comox Airport has more yearly passengers than both Campbell River and Nanaimo Airports combined.”



YQQ Comox Airlines

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- **West Jet** (www.westjet.com)
- **Canadian Regional Airlines** (www.totalpilot.com)
- **Air Canada Jazz** (www.flyjazz.ca)
- **Central Mountain Air** - (www.flycma.com)
- **Transat Holidays** - (www.transatholidays.com)

Infrastructure

Transportation

Air Transport

Comox Valley Air Transportation Change						
86-91	91-96	96-01	01-06	86-96	96-06	86-06
46%	20%	136%	81%	75%	327%	650%

Source: Transport Canada & Tourism BC 2007

“Did you Know..... That the Comox Airport’s runway is 10,000ft in length which makes it the second longest runway in BC after the Vancouver International Airport.”

Comox Valley Airport Statistics								
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	% Chg	5 year Chg
January	6,133	10,024	10,243	12,286	15,751	16,937	7%	64%
February	5,772	10,241	10,077	12,483	14,428	16,260	11%	65%
March	9,998	11,478	11,893	13,437	17,378	18,180	4%	45%
April	10,553	11,215	12,322	13,774	14,996	17,301	13%	39%
May	10,883	12,537	12,461	13,695	17,074	19,059	10%	43%
June	12,251	12,304	13,263	14,947	16,628	19,104	13%	36%
July	15,508	15,980	18,619	20,199	21,033	23,641	11%	34%
August	15,939	17,707	20,400	20,554	23,742	25,930	8%	39%
September	11,340	12,560	15,200	17,209	18,073	20,714	13%	45%
October	11,376	10,964	14,300	16,166	16,860	20,499	18%	45%
November	9,727	9,626	11,200	12,734	14,544	17,619	17%	45%
December	12,450	12,790	16,400	17,155	19,161	23,454	22%	88%
Totals	131,930	147,426	166,378	184,879	209,668	238,698	14%	81%

Source: Tourism British Columbia 2007

Infrastructure

Transportation

Rail

Via Rail

899 Cumberland Road, Courtenay BC
 Ph: (888) 842-7245
 Fax: (514) 871-6104
 www.viarail.ca

<i>Via Rail Schedule</i>
Courtenay to Victoria Departs 1:00pm Arrives 5:30pm
Victoria to Courtenay Departs 8:15am Arrives 12:50pm

Highway



“Did you Know..... That the 17th Street & 5th Street Bridge have traffic counts of over 3,100 & 1,900 vehicles per hour.”

<i>Comox Valley Accident Stats</i>		
	Per Year	Per Million
17th Street Cliffe Ave	15.8	1.45
Ryan Road Highway 19A	7.8	0.61
Ryan Rd Lerwick Rd	7.6	0.98
Ryan Rd Back Rd	6.4	0.63
Ryan Rd Old Island Highway	6.0	1.06
29th Street Cliffe Ave	5.2	0.83
Highway 19A Headquarters Rd	5.0	0.98
Ryan Rd Sandwich Rd	4.2	0.37
17th Street Comox Rd	3.6	0.38
17th Street Fitzgerald Ave	3.4	0.63

Source: RCMP 2007

Infrastructure



Transportation

Transit

Comox Valley Transit & Handy Dart Services

1635 Knight Road, Comox BC.
Office: (250) 339-5426
Fax: (250) 339-2797

Conventional System Transit Info: (250) 339-5453
HandyDART System Transit Info: (250) 339-5442

Water

Buckley Bay Ferry Terminal

6866 Island Highway, Fanny Bay BC
Ph: (250) 335-0323 or (888) 223-3779
Fax: (250) 335-0028
www.bcferries.com

Little River Ferry Terminal

1300 Ellenor Road, Comox BC
Ph: (250) 890-7800 or (888) 223-3779
Fax: (250) 339-1046
www.bcferries.com

Comox Valley Fare Information	
Cash Fares	
Adult/College Student	\$1.50
Senior*	\$1.25
Student to Gr. 12**	\$1.25
Child age 5-11	\$1.25
Child under 5 years	no charge
10 Tickets	
Adult/College Student	\$13.50
Senior*	\$11.25
Student to Gr. 12**	\$11.25
Monthly Passes	
Adult	\$45
Senior*	\$36
Student to Gr. 12**	\$22
College Student***	\$36
College Semester Pass	\$115

Source: BC Transit 2007

BC Ferries Fee Schedule						
	Comox—Powell River			Buckley Bay—Denman Island		
	Peak	Off Peak	Fuel Surcharge	Peak	Off Peak	Fuel Surcharge
Adult	9.05	8.80	1.25	6.05	5.75	0.9
Group Rate	7.70	7.50	1.25	5.15	4.9	0.9
BC Student	4.55	4.40	n/a	Free	Free	n/a
Permanently Disabled-BC Resident	4.55	4.40	n/a	3.05	2.9	n/a
Child (age 5-11)	4.55	4.40	1.25	3.05	2.9	0.9
Under 5	Free	Free	n/a	Free	Free	n/a
Passenger Vehicle & Trailer	30.85	26.80	4.55	14.5	12.6	2.4
Oversize	48.75	44.00	9.50	20.75	18.75	4.9
Motorcycle	15.45	13.40	4.55	7.25	6.3	2.4
Motorcycle with Sidecar/trailer	23.15	20.10	4.55	10.9	9.45	2.4
Stowage (kayaks, canoes, etc.)	3.50	3.50	n/a	1.75	1.75	n/a
Bicycle	2.50	2.50	n/a	Free	Free	n/a
Comercial Vehicles (Per Foot)	2.85 - 5.15		0.49/foot	1.15-2.10		n/a
Bus (Per Foot)	2.2	1.95	0.30/foot	1.15	1.1	0.29/foot

Source: BC Ferries 2007



Infrastructure

Police

Courtenay RCMP
 800 Ryan Road, Courtenay BC
 Ph: (250) 338-1321 or: (800) 222-TIPS
 www.comoxvalleycrimestoppers.bc.ca

	Population/ Police	Total Cost	Cost per Capita
Courtenay	848	3,203,859	147
Comox	1,234	957,851	75
RCMP	782	369,920,929	159
Ind. Forces	555	307,803,381	257

Source: Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General—Municipal Police Forces Cost Report

	Courtenay					Comox					BC				
	'02	'03	'04	'05	'06	'02	'03	'04	'05	'06	'02	'03	'04	'05	'06
Crime Rates	233	238	208	184	152	85	70	66	56	44	122	131	131	124	118
Work Load/Officer	188	196	176	154	132	112	94	81	72	57	104	113	111	103	96
Total Offences	4,500	4,911	4,398	4,004	3,421	1,008	847	811	715	566	480,488	518,657	527,112	508,511	421,441
Violent Crimes	410	442	394	475	*	63	68	77	69	*	49,988	50,399	50,389	51,671	*
Sexual Offences	29	20	27	31	*	5	8	18	3	*	3,851	3,742	3,727	3,794	*
Non-Sexual Assaults	352	404	333	423	*	53	58	55	64	*	41,233	41,876	41,796	42,941	*
Property Crimes	1,914	1,996	1,759	1,762	*	406	298	282	298	*	269,147	289,113	283,356	265,246	*
Break & Enter (B&E)	284	335	306	311	*	68	37	58	57	*	50,436	53,519	52,884	49,611	*
Residential B&E	165	191	135	147	*	37	21	26	23	*	25,865	26,483	25,267	23,400	*
Misch.& Prop. Dam.	745	978	840	592	*	255	232	221	174	*	60,803	64,551	62,294	61,727	*
Motor Vehicle Thefts	102	130	93	125	*	21	14	18	17	*	35,999	39,491	37,755	34,800	*

Source: Ministry of Safety and Solicitor General—Appendix D: Jurisdictional Crime Trends 1996-2005

* Information not available for 2006 onwards

Fire

Courtenay Fire Department

650 Cumberland Road, Courtenay BC
 Ph: (250) 334-2513
 Fax : (250) 897-1361

Comox Fire Department

1870 Noel Avenue, Comox BC
 Ph: (250) 339-2432
 Fax : (250) 339-1988

19 Wing Comox Fire Department

CFB Comox
 Lazo

Cumberland Fire Department

2679 Dunsmuir Road, Cumberland BC
 Ph: (250) 336-2531
 Fax : (250) 336-2321

Union Bay Fire Department

5471 Island Highway South, Union Bay BC
 Ph: (250) 335-2511
 Fax : (250) 335-1178

Infrastructure



Tourism

Tourism Vancouver Island

203-335 Wesley Street, Nanaimo BC
 Ph: (250) 382-3551
 Fax: (250) 382-3523
www.vancouverisland.travel

Tourism Comox Valley

201H -2435 Mansfield Drive, Courtenay BC
 Ph: (250) 334-6199
 Fax : (250) 334-6194
www.discovercomoxvalley.com

Comox Valley Visitor Info Centre

2040 Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay BC
 Ph: (250) 334-3234
 Fax: (250) 334-4908
www.comoxvalleychamber.com

Cumberland Visitor Information Centre

2755 Dunsmuir Avenue, Cumberland BC
 Ph: (250) 336-8313
 Fax: (250) 336-2455
www.cumberlandbc.org

Hotel Room Statistics			
	Revenues (\$000)	Properties reporting	Room Count
Comox Valley			
2000	6,202	13	585
2001	6,717	12	566
2002	5,934	12	528
2003	4,954	12	515
2004	7,133	13	525
2005	8,847	14	540
Vancouver Island			
2000	245,309	597	18,153
2001	258,235	598	18,151
2002	268,454	599	17,770
2003	272,990	604	18,005
2004	295,245	626	18,570
2005	310,117	624	18,603
British Columbia			
2000	1,442,085	2,422	93,726
2001	1,473,983	2,473	97,013
2002	1,506,188	2,493	97,337
2003	1,486,681	2,499	96,919
2004	1,592,176	2,555	100,362
2005	1,690,093	2,565	101,914

BC Stats 2007—Tourism Industry

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Communications

Newspapers

Comox Valley Record
765 McPhee Avenue, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 338-5811
www.comoxvalleyrecord.com

Comox Valley Echo
407D 5th Street, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-4722

Business Vancouver Island
2345-B Delinea Place, Nanaimo BC
Tel: (250) 758-2684 or (866) 758-2684
Fax: (250) 758-2668
businessvi.ca

Business Examiner
818 Broughton Street, Victoria BC
Phone (250) 381-3926
Fax (250) 381-5606
www.businessexaminer.net

Television/Radio Stations

Coast Radio 98.9 Magic FM
1625A McPhee Avenue, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-2421
www.coastradio.com

Shaw Cable
1591 McPhee Avenue, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-0888
Fax: (250) 334-3640
www.shaw.ca

The Eagle CKLR 97.3 FM
801B 29th Street, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 703-2200

Telecommunications	
Number of Internet Providers:	9
Number of Local Service Providers:	3
Number of Long Distance Service Providers:	4
Provider:	Telus
Service Characteristics of the Office	
Switch Technology	Digital
Fiber Service Provided	Yes
100 Mbps LAN Service Available	No
Monitoring	Remotely
ISDN Available	Yes
ADSL Available	Yes
ADSL Available from this Switch	Yes
Central Office on Self-Healing Fiber Ring	No
Dual Feed from Two Separate Switching Offices	No
Multiple Route Diversity	No

Source: Telus, Shaw Cable



Infrastructure

Utilities

Water Availability
Courtenay
Major Sources: Comox Lake
Comox
Major Sources: Comox Lake (Puntledge River)
Cumberland
Major Sources: Perseverance Creek, Cumberland Creek

Source: City of Courtenay, Town of Comox, & Village of Cumberland

“Did you Know..... The Comox Valley has over 21 Licensed Hazardous Waste Haulers Serving the Area.”

Water Treatment	
Provider	Regional District of Comox Strathcona
Rated Capacity (Mgd)	15
Average Daily Demand (Mgd)	3.2
Peak Demand (Mgd)	13
Chemical Breakdown of Water	Detailed analysis available
Cost per 1000 Gallons (Industrial)	1.68
Cost per 1000 Gallons (Residential)	Annual Fee - \$136 CDN
Water Connection Fee	\$1,200 CDN 3/4' connection

Source: Regional District of Comox Strathcona

Landfill Location's		
Location	Capacity Left at Current Site	Plans for New Capacity
Campbell River	Approx. 2014 Volume left: 825,249 cubic meters	Yes
Nanaimo	Approx. 2006 Volume left: 437,500 cubic meters	No
Pigeon Lake (Cumberland)	Approx. 2019 Volume left: 1,245,990 cubic meters	Yes

Source: Campbell River Regional Landfill, Nanaimo Regional Landfill, Pigeon Lake Regional Landfill

Sewer Treatment			
	Courtenay	Comox	Cumberland
Provider	Regional District	Regional District	Village of Cumberland
Type of Service	Activated Sludge Process	Activated Sludge Process	Secondary
Rated Capacity (Mgd)	4.89	4.89	1
Average Daily Demand (Mgd)	3.83	3.83	0.58
Peak Demand (Mgd)	7.8	7.8	0.95
Cost per 1000 Gallons	Annual Fee - \$72 CDN	Annual Fee - \$72 CDN	Annual Fee - \$60 CDN
Sewer Connection Fee	\$1,200	\$1,200 CDN 3/4' connection	\$700

Source: City of Courtenay, Town of Comox, Village of Cumberland

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Education

North Island College Fast Facts	
Students Enrolled in Credit Courses	3,669
Students Enrolled in Short Duration Courses	4,810
Students of Aboriginal Ancestry Enrolled	968*
Student Tuition per Course	\$238.50
Number of Credit Programs Offered	70
Number of Individual Courses Offered	800
Number of Employees	466

Source: North Island College 2007
* Self disclosing

North Island College
2300 Ryan Road, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-5000
Fax: (250) 334 5018
www.nic.bc.ca

North Island Distance Education School
#110-1742 Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250)898-8999 or (800) 663-7925
Fax: (250) 898-8883

Grade School Head Count	
K	560
GRADE 1	642
GRADE 2	589
GRADE 3	655
GRADE 4	680
GRADE 5	644
GRADE 6	737
GRADE 7	783
GRADE 8	753
GRADE 9	727
GRADE 10	853
GRADE 11	734
GRADE 12	798
Total	9,197

Source: SD71 2007

Comox Valley School District # 71
607 Cumberland Road, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-5500
Fax: (250) 334-4472
www.sd.71.ca

Excel Career College
#203-1995 Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-2452
www.excelcareercollege.com

Spott Shaw
#9-468 29th Street, Courtenay BC
Tel: (250) 897-0097
Fax: (250) 897-1889
www.sprottshaw.com

Level of Schooling 20+						
	Comox Valley		BC		Canada	
Less than Grade 9	1,997	5%	215,842	6%	2,485,651	10%
Grades 9-13 with Certificate	8,370	19%	588,397	18%	4,238,188	17%
Grades 9-13 w/o Certificate	5,426	12%	411,108	12%	3,424,770	14%
Trade Certificate or Diploma	6,384	14%	428,494	13%	2,889,493	12%
Non Univ. w/o Certificate or Diploma	3,267	7%	240,633	7%	1,573,422	6%
Non Univ. with Certificate or Diploma	7,782	18%	560,113	17%	4,025,496	16%
Univ. w/o Degree	3,031	7%	306,460	9%	1,741,547	7%
Univ. with Degree	4,987	11%	588,751	18%	4,192,199	17%

Source: 2007 Financial Post Canadian Demographics



Infrastructure

Health

St. Joseph's General Hospital

2137 Comox Avenue, Comox BC
Ph: (250) 339-1409
Fax: (250) 339-1432
www.sjghcomox.com

Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA)

1952 Bay Street, Victoria BC
Ph: (250) 370-8699 or (877) 370-8699
Fax: (250) 370-8750
www.viha.ca

Glacier View Lodge

2450 Black Road, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 338-1451
Fax: (250) 338-1115

Comox Valley Nursing Centre

961 England Avenue, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 338-1711
Fax: (250) 338-9985

Cumberland Health Centre

2696 Windermere Avenue, Cumberland BC
Ph: (250) 336-8531
Fax (250) 336-2100

“Did you Know..... That North Island College offers a Baccalaureate of Science Degree in Nursing.”

Health Professionals Inventory	
Community Physicians	48
General Practitioners	43
Pediatricians	2
Nurses	500
Emergency Physicians	5
Specialists	45
Psychiatric Nurses	15
Dentists	26
Walk in Clinics	2

Source: *Comox Valley Social Planning 2004*

Infrastructure

Recreation

Resorts

Crown Isle Golf Resort
339 Clubhouse, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 703-5050
www.crownisle.com

Kingfisher Oceanside Resort & Spa
4330 Island Highway South, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 338-1323 or (800) 663-7929
Fax: (250) 338-0058
www.kingfisherspa.com

Mt. Washington Alpine Resort
1 Strathcona Parkway, Mount Washington BC
Ph: (250) 338-1386 or (888) 231-1499
www.mountwashington.ca

Golfing

Mulligans Golf Centre
4985 Cotton, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 338-2440

Glacier Greens Golf Course
351 Knight Road, Lazo BC
Ph: (250) 339-6515

Longlands Golf Course
1239 Anderton Road, Comox BC
Ph: (250) 339-6363

Sunnydale Golf Club
5291 N Island Highway, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-3342

Comox Golf Club
1718 Balmoral Avenue, Comox BC
Ph: (250) 339-4444

Pacific Playgrounds Golf Course
2084 Saratoga, Black Creek BC
Ph: (250) 337-8212

General

Comox Valley Sports Centre
3001 Vanier Drive, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-9622
Fax: (250) 334-1042

Lewis Park Complex
489 Old Island Highway, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 338-5371

Comox Valley Exhibition Association
4835 Headquarters Road, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 338-8177
Fax: (250) 338-8177

Lerwick Aquatic Centre
377 Lerwick Drive, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-2527
Fax: (250) 334-2587

Comox Recreation Commission
1855 Noel Avenue, Comox BC
Ph: (250) 339-2255
www.comoxrecreation.com

Cumberland Recreation Institute
266 Dunsmuir Avenue, Cumberland BC
Ph: (250) 336-2231
Fax: (250) 336-2321

Infrastructure



Cultural & Social Amenities

Museums

Courtenay and District Museum

360 Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-3611
Fax: (250) 334-4277
www.courtenaymuseum.ca

Comox Air Force Museum

19 Wing Comox, Lazo BC
Ph: (250) 339-8162
www.comoxairforcemuseum.ca

Cumberland Museum and Archives

2680 Dunsmuir Avenue, Cumberland BC
Ph: (250) 336-2445
cumberland.museum.bc.ca

Comox Archive and Museum Society

1729 Comox Avenue, Comox BC
Ph: (250) 339-2885
www.comoxmuseum.ca

Libraries

North Island College Library

2300 Ryan Road, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-5037
Fax: (250) 334-5291
library.nic.bc.ca

VI Regional Library -Courtenay

300 6th Street, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-3369

VI Regional Library -Cumberland

2724 Dunsmuir Avenue, Cumberland BC
Ph: (250) 336-8121

VI Regional Library -Hornby Island

5527 Island Highway, Union Bay BC
Ph: (250) 335-2433

VI Regional Library -Comox

1729 Comox Avenue, Comox BC
Ph: (250) 339-2971

VI Regional Library -Union Bay

1765 Sollans Road, Hornby Island BC
Ph: (250) 335-0044

Theatres

Rialto Movie Theatre

2665 Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 338-5550

Sid Williams Theatre Society

442 Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 338-2420 or (866) 898-TIXX (8499)
Fax: (250) 338-7720
www.sidwilliamstheatre.com

Infrastructure



Government

Municipal

City of Courtenay

830 Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-4441
Fax: (250) 334-4241
www.city.courtenay.bc.ca

Town of Comox

1809 Beaufort Avenue, Comox BC
Ph: (250) 339-2202
Fax: (250) 339-7110
comox.ca

Regional District of Comox-Strathcona

600 Comox Road, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-6008
Fax: (250) 334-4358
www.comoxstrathcona.ca

Village of Cumberland

2673 Dunsmuir Avenue, Cumberland BC
Ph: (250) 336-2291
Fax: (250) 336-2321
cumberland.ihostez.com

Provincial

MLA Stan Hagen

437 5th Street, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 703-2422

Service BC

2500 Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 897-7500

Federal

MP Catherine Bell

491A 4th Street, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 338-9381
catherinebellmp.ca

Human Resources Development Canada

130 19th Street, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-4151
Fax: (250) 754-3841
www.hrsdc.gc.ca

Other

Comox Band

3320 Comox Road, Comox BC
Ph: (250) 339-4545
Fax: (250) 339-7053

Infrastructure



Business Services

General

Comox Valley Chamber of Commerce

2040 Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-1100
Fax: (250) 334-4908
www.comoxvalleychamber.com

Cumberland Chamber of Commerce

2755 Dunsmuir Avenue, Cumberland BC
Ph: (250) 336-8313
Fax: (250) 336-2455
www.island.net/~cumbcham

Invest Comox Valley Business Information Centre

#102-2435 Mansfield Drive, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-2427 or (877) 848-2427
Fax: (250) 334-2414
www.businesscomoxvalley.com

Networking

Business Network International Olympic Gold

Meeting: Every Thursday 6:30am– 8:30am
Location: Best Western Hotel
1590 Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay
www.bni.ca

Rotary Club of Comox

Meeting: Every Thursday 6:30pm
Location : D'Esterre House
1801 Beaufort Avenue, Comox
www.comoxrotary.bc.ca

Home Based Business Association (HBBA)

Meeting: 1st Thursday of each month 6:00pm– 9:00pm
Location: Crown Isle Golf Resort
399 Clubhouse Drive, Courtenay
www.cvhbba.com

Comox Valley Women's Business Network

Meeting: 2nd Thursday of each month 6:00pm
Location: Best Western Hotel
1590 Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay
www.cvwbn.org

Business Network International Sea to Sky

Meeting: Every Wednesday 6:30am– 8:30am
Location : Plates Eatery
2601 Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay
www.bni.ca

Rotary of Strathcona Sunrise

Meeting: Every Wednesday 7:00am
Location : Best Western Hotel
1590 Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay
strathconasunrise.bc.ca

Rotary Club of Cumberland Centennial

Meeting: Every Tuesday 7:00am
Location : Miners Café and Bakery
2699 Dunsmuir Avenue, Cumberland
www.cumberlandcentennial.rotary-site.org