

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 Naval 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 49deg. 41min. 00sec North and a Longitude of 124deg. 56min. 00sec. 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	78	126	2,116,581
Victoria	136	219	78,057
Seattle	199	320	528,454
Calgary	675	1,086	1,079,310
Edmonton	787	1,266	1,034,945

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

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



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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.	3.0	4.2	5.8	8.6	12.1	15.0	17.6	17.6	14.2	9.3	5.5	3.4	9.7
Mean Daily Max.	5.6	7.2	9.5	12.8	16.5	19.4	22.4	22.5	18.8	12.9	8.4	5.9	13.5
Mean Daily Min.	0.4	1.1	2.2	4.3	7.6	10.6	12.7	12.7	9.5	5.6	2.6	0.8	5.8

Source: 2008 Environment Canada—Canadian Climate Normals 1971-2000



Strategic Location



Cost of Living

Average Household Expenditures						
	Comox Valley		BC		Canada	
Food	\$7,171	12%	\$7,794	11%	\$7,863	11%
Shelter	12,851	21%	13,924	20%	13,192	19%
Clothing	2,315	4%	2,781	4%	2,927	4%
Total Big Three	22,337	36%	24,499	35%	23,982	34%
Transportation	8,540	14%	9,219	13%	9,271	13%
Health & Personal Care	2,873	5%	2,917	4%	2,907	4%
Recreation, Reading & Education	4,847	8%	5,777	8%	5,708	8%
Taxes & Securities	14,025	23%	17,877	26%	18,823	27%
Other	9,629	15%	9,759	14%	9,774	14%
Total Expenditures	62,251	100%	70,048	100%	70,465	100%

Source: 2008 Financial Post Canadian Demographics

Comox Valley Rental Market										
	Bachelor		1 Bedroom		2 Bedroom		3 Bedroom		Total	
	07	08	07	08	07	08	07	08	07	08
Private Apartment Vacancy Rates (%)										
Comox Valley	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.8	0.5	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.5	0.9
BC	1.1	0.7	1.0	0.9	1.4	1.6	2.8	1.3	1.2	1.1
Private Apartment Average Rents (\$)										
Comox Valley	423	458	539	571	648	675	661	688	599	629
BC	672	679	778	801	893	921	1,154	1,071	808	833
Private Row (Townhouse) Vacancy Rates (%)										
Comox Valley	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.8	0.6	1.3	0.8	0.4	0.6	1.0
BC	1.1	0.7	1.0	0.9	1.5	1.6	2.2	2.5	1.2	1.2
Private Row (Townhouse) Average Rents (\$)										
Comox Valley	423	458	539	571	647	677	725	755	614	646
BC	672	679	777	800	890	924	1,119	1,098	816	842

Source: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation 2008

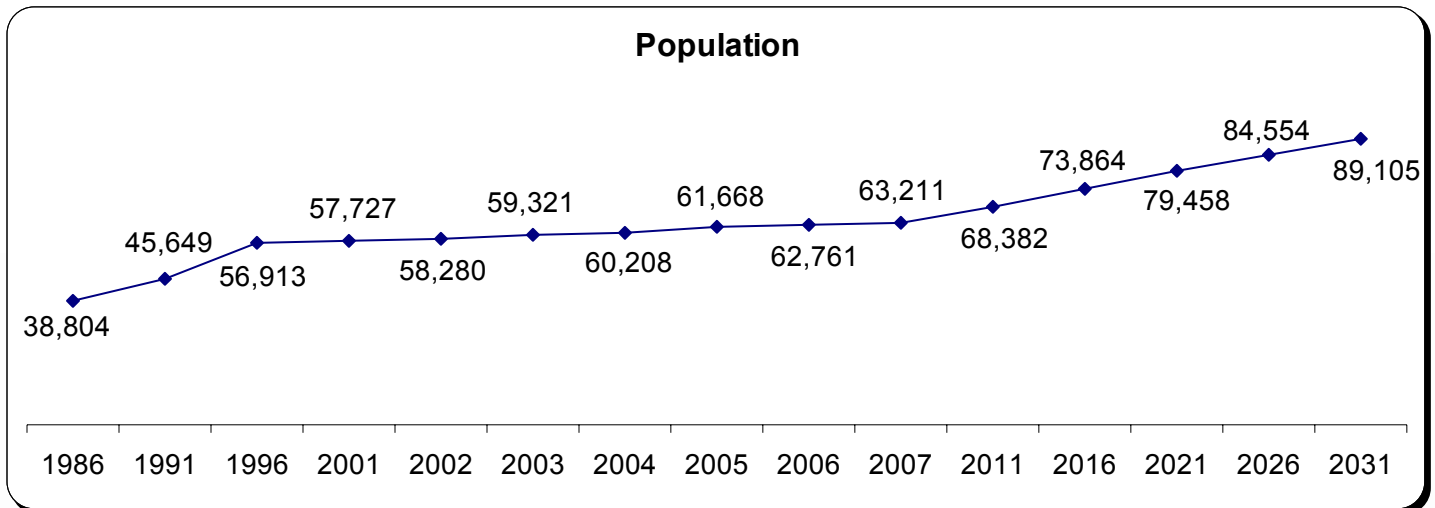


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Population Projections

Population Projections				
	Population	Households	Person/Household	Median Age
1986	38,804	15,094	2.57	33.6
1991	45,649	17,651	2.59	35.9
1996	56,913	22,594	2.52	37.2
2001	57,727	24,170	2.39	40.5
2002	58,280	24,347	2.39	41.0
2003	59,321	25,164	2.36	41.4
2004	60,208	26,047	2.31	41.9
2005	61,668	27,109	2.27	42.2
2006	62,761	28,039	2.24	42.6
2007	63,211	27,358	2.31	44.8
2011	68,382	32,093	2.13	43.5
2016	73,864	35,259	2.09	43.5
2021	79,458	37,691	2.11	43.4
2026	84,554	39,761	2.13	44.5
2031	89,105	42,149	2.11	45.9

Source: BC Stats P.E.O.P.L.E. Run 32, 2007



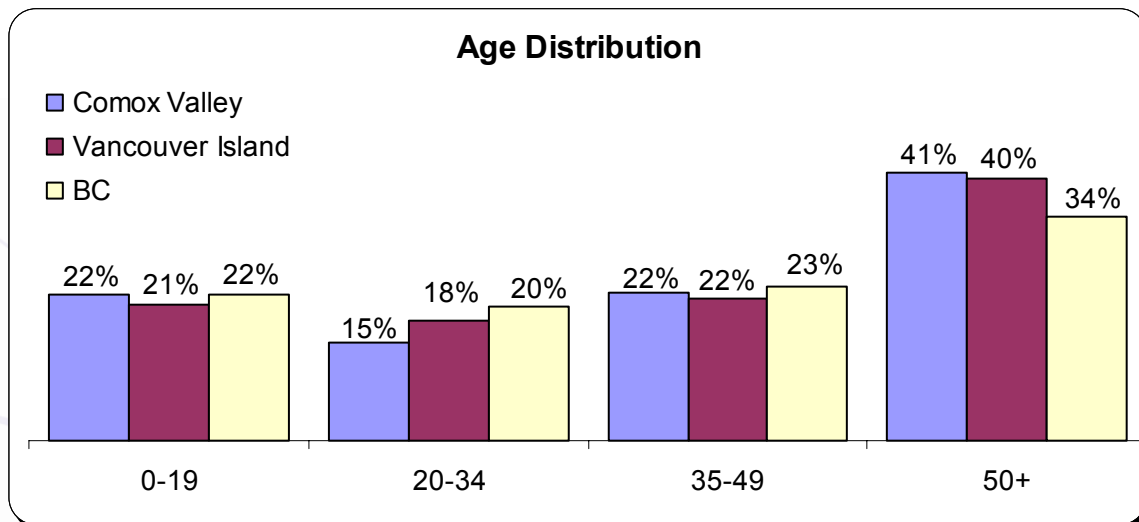
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Age Distribution

Age Distribution			
	Comox Valley	Vancouver Island	BC
<1	473	6,084	42,306
1-4	2,177	25,314	168,047
5-9	3,179	34,354	221,514
10-14	3,955	41,088	257,628
15-19	4,336	47,799	283,934
20-24	3,409	50,122	310,438
25-29	2,883	43,603	295,672
30-34	3,234	41,783	288,396
35-39	3,826	47,361	320,113
40-44	5,057	54,337	346,562
45-49	5,488	60,716	360,837
50-54	5,269	61,090	337,182
55-59	5,110	57,690	297,037
60-64	4,381	48,028	232,773
65-69	3,430	35,265	174,758
70-74	2,840	29,018	145,018
75-79	2,159	25,643	123,486
80-84	1,528	20,698	91,215
85-89	909	13,037	55,046
90+	422	6,596	28,294
Total	64,065	749,626	4,380,256

Source: BC Stats—Population 2007



Source: BC Stats—Population 2007

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Historical Population by Gender & Age							
Year	Gender	0-19	20-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Total
1986	Male	5,653	4,588	4,023	3,110	2,073	19,447
1986	Female	5,463	4,602	3,838	3,071	2,383	19,357
1986	Total	11,116	9,190	7,861	6,181	4,456	38,804
1991	Male	6,482	4,662	5,100	3,734	2,796	22,774
1991	Female	6,300	4,643	5,127	3,511	3,294	22,875
1991	Total	12,782	9,305	10,227	7,245	6,090	45,649
1996	Male	8,037	5,212	6,954	4,616	3,477	28,296
1996	Female	7,772	5,172	7,228	4,488	3,957	28,617
1996	Total	15,809	10,384	14,182	9,104	7,434	56,913
2001	Male	7,689	4,220	7,072	5,259	4,260	28,500
2001	Female	7,367	4,430	7,423	5,268	4,739	29,227
2001	Total	15,056	8,650	14,495	10,527	8,999	57,727
2006	Male	7,104	4,581	6,921	6,950	5,186	30,742
2006	Female	6,781	4,460	7,312	7,295	5,736	31,584
2006	Total	13,885	9,041	14,233	14,245	10,922	62,326
2008	Male	7,002	4,841	6,830	7,229	5,651	31,553
2008	Female	6,718	4,684	7,256	7,705	6,179	32,542
2008	Total	13,720	9,525	14,086	14,934	11,830	64,095

Source: BC Stats P.E.O.P.L.E. Run 32, 2007

Population Projection by Age							
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Total
2001	2,732	10,616	5,075	15,064	15,241	8,999	57,727
2006	2,622	9,721	4,675	14,745	19,641	10,922	62,326
2008	2,598	9,383	5,200	14,623	20,461	11,830	64,095
2011	2,729	9,093	5,637	14,832	21,732	12,968	66,991
2016	3,068	8,975	5,532	16,776	22,118	15,583	72,052
2021	3,574	9,440	5,197	18,440	22,365	18,122	77,138
2026	3,852	10,457	5,126	19,708	22,271	20,760	82,174
2031	3,961	11,512	5,413	20,353	22,702	23,050	86,991
2036	3,953	12,245	5,974	20,270	24,876	24,014	91,332

Source: BC Stats P.E.O.P.L.E. Run 32, 2007

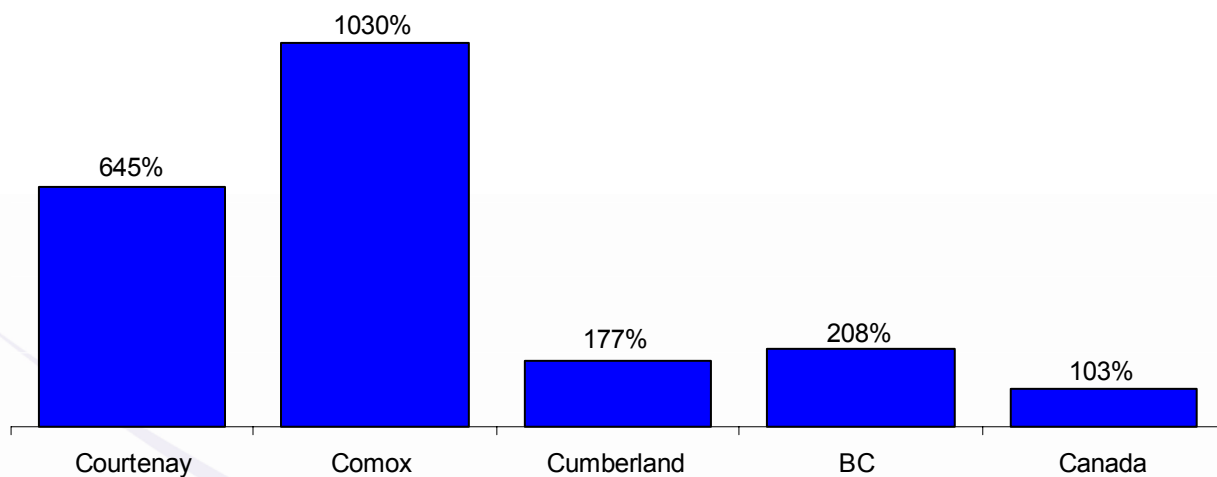
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Historical Population

Historical Population Change										
	Courtenay		Comox		Cumberland		BC		Canada	
1921	810	-	-	-	1,179	-	-	-	8,788,000	-
1931	1,219	50%	-	-	907	-23%	694,300	-	10,377,000	18%
1941	1,737	42%	-	-	885	-2%	817,800	18%	11,507,000	11%
1951	2,553	47%	714	-	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	
Families in Private households	16,043	100%	1,240,522	100%	9,367,336	100%
Husband-Wife families	13,611	85%	1,055,500	85%	7,896,004	84%
Single Parent families	2,432	15%	185,022	15%	1,471,332	16%
Avg. # of persons per family	2.7		2.9		2.9	
Avg. # of Sons/Daughters at home	0.9		1.0		1.1	

Source: 2008 Financial Post Canadian Demographics

Household Projections			
	Comox Valley	Vancouver Island	BC
1986	15,094	216,533	1,157,724
1991	17,651	241,757	1,278,538
1996	22,594	278,789	1,484,937
2001	24,170	293,065	1,594,071
2002	24,611	297,309	1,618,065
2003	25,093	302,017	1,642,790
2004	25,617	307,188	1,668,236
2005	26,182	312,821	1,694,402
2006	26,790	318,920	1,721,300
2007	27,358	323,974	1,754,208
2008	28,078	330,025	1,789,685
2009	28,916	336,929	1,829,848
2010	29,763	344,357	1,871,208
2011	30,615	351,467	1,913,711
2016	34,489	382,488	2,111,767
2021	37,066	402,909	2,251,479
2026	39,141	420,571	2,370,879
2031	41,106	437,246	2,483,703
2036	43,103	453,582	2,590,719

Source: BC Stats—Household Estimates and Projections June 2008

Population Density

Population Density					
	Kilometres	Miles	Population	Pop./km	Pop./mile
Comox	15.16	5.85	13,139	866.65	2,245.98
Courtenay	26.68	10.30	23,911	896.21	2321.46
Cumberland	29.13	11.30	3,018	103.60	267.08
CSRD Area	20,013.48	7727.20	108,795	5.44	14.08
Comox Valley	1,740.19	671.89	63,817	36.67	94.98
Vancouver Island	33,196.70	12,817.23	745,165	22.45	58.14
BC	924,815.43	357,079.40	4,428,356	4.79	12.40
Canada	9,017,699	3,481,814.74	31,612,897	3.51	9.08

Source: BC Stats 2008

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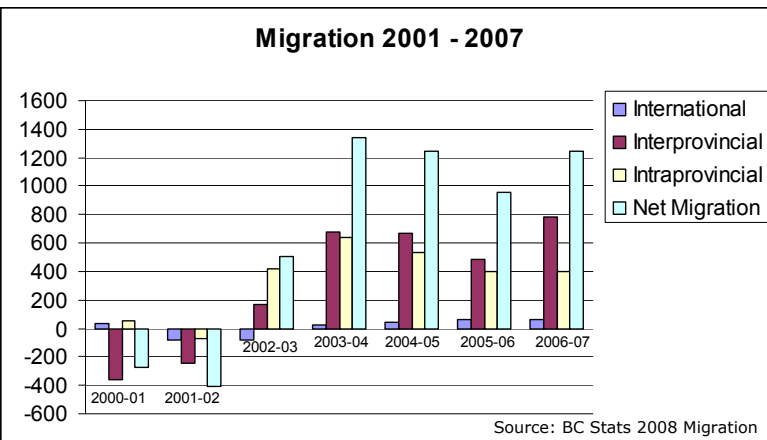
Migration

Immigration Statistics			
Immigrant Status			
Canadian citizenship	46,620		
Citizenship other than Canadian	1,235		
Non-immigrant population	42,405		
Period of Immigration			
Before 1961	3,650	29.0%	
1961-1970	2,975	23.6%	
1971-1980	2,220	17.6%	
1981-1990	1,390	11.0%	
1991-2000	1,590	12.6%	
2001-2006	765	6.1%	

Source: Statistics Canada 2008—Census 2006

Immigrants Places of Birth		
	Total Immigrants	Very Recent Immigrants
Total	12,590	765
United States of America	1,665	120
Central America	130	35
Caribbean and Bermuda	135	10
South America	165	-
Europe	8,340	235
Western Europe	2,195	70
Eastern Europe	495	35
Italy	235	10
Southern Europe	265	10
United Kingdom	4,530	100
Northern Europe	620	10
Africa	380	55
Asia and the Middle East	1,370	240
West Central Asia and Middle East	75	-
China, People's Republic of	125	20
Hong Kong, Spec. Admin. Area	35	-
Eastern Asia	175	50
Southeast Asia	815	135
Philippines	370	105
Southeast Asia (excl. Philippines)	450	30
Southern Asia	145	30
India	115	25
Southern Asia (excl. India)	30	-
Oceania (incl. Australia, NZ)	400	70
Generation Status		
1st generation	12,910	15.3%
2nd generation	18,640	22.1%
3rd generation+	52,645	62.5%
Age at Immigration		
0-4 years	1,495	11.9%
5-14 years	2,265	18.0%
15-24 years	3,285	26.1%
25-44 years	4,800	38.1%
45 years and over	740	5.9%

Source: Statistics Canada 2008—Census 2006



Source: BC Stats 2008 Migration

Migration				
Comox-Strathcona				
	Inter National	Inter Provincial	Intra Provincial	Net Migration
2000-01	31	(362)	55	(276)
2001-02	(81)	(249)	(75)	(405)
2002-03	(78)	167	417	506
2003-04	24	678	635	1,337
2004-05	40	671	529	1,240
2005-06	66	490	396	952
2006-07	66	786	396	1,248

Source: BC Stats 2008—Migration Components for Regional Districts

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Ethnicity

Aboriginal Origins	
North American Indian single response	5,065
Métis single response	1,885
Inuit single response	30
Multiple Aboriginal responses	40
Aboriginal not included elsewhere	240

Source: BC Stats 2008—Profile of Diversity

Visible Minority	
Chinese	700
South Asian	275
Black	415
Filipino	505
Latin American	220
Southeast Asian	455
Korean	105
Japanese	275
West Asian	10
Arab	10
Not Included Elsewhere	35
Multiple Visible Minority	50

Source: BC Stats 2008—Profile of Diversity

Marital Status

Family Structure			
	CSRD	BC	Canada
Total census families	30,440	1,161,420	8,896,845
Married Couple families	21,200	844,430	6,105,910
Common-Law families	4,630	141,825	1,376,865
Lone-parent families	4,615	175,165	1,414,060
Female lone-parent	77%	80%	80%
Male lone-parent	23%	20%	20%

Source: Statistics Canada 2008—Census 2006

Marital Status (Aged 15+)			
	Comox Valley	BC	Canada
Single Never Married	9,112	967,576	7,462,625
Married & Common Law	28,378	2,205,301	16,464,640
Separated Legally Married	1,451	100,152	685,895
Widowed	3,054	211,386	1,624,685
Divorced	3,552	229,833	1,550,781

Source: 2008 Financial Post Canadian Demographics

Labour Force

Labour Force Activity

Labour Force Breakdown		
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting	4775	9.2%
Mining & oil & gas extraction	770	1.5%
Utilities	235	0.5%
Construction	4175	8.1%
Manufacturing	3355	6.5%
Wholesale trade	985	1.9%
Retail trade	6860	13.3%
Transportation & warehousing	2030	3.9%
Information & cultural industries	770	1.5%
Finance & insurance	1190	2.3%
Real estate & rental & leasing	1060	2.0%
Professional, scientific & technical services	2255	4.4%
Management of companies & enterprises	35	0.1%
Administrative & support	2135	4.1%
Educational services	3485	6.7%
Health care & social assistance	5205	10.1%
Arts, entertainment & recreation	1070	2.1%
Accommodation & food services	4629	8.9%
Other services (except public administration)	2295	4.4%
Public administration	3440	6.7%

Source: Statistics Canada 2008—Census 2006

Occupation Breakdown												
	Comox Valley				BC				Canada			
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female	
Management	1,464	59%	1,026	41%	166,169	65%	91,311	35%	1,245,041	65%	675,324	35%
Business, Finance, Administration	876	24%	2,844	76%	107,490	26%	307,140	74%	873,813	27%	2,366,725	73%
Natural & Applied Science	1,155	85%	207	15%	116,469	81%	27,013	19%	929,476	79%	253,493	21%
Health	373	23%	1,244	77%	28,357	23%	93,600	77%	194,205	21%	739,427	79%
Social Science, Gov. Serv. & Religion	279	28%	735	72%	33,515	33%	66,638	67%	227,993	32%	490,803	68%
Education	446	44%	575	56%	31,669	36%	55,189	64%	237,497	35%	433,158	65%
Arts, Culture, Recreation & Sport	412	49%	424	51%	37,300	48%	40,117	52%	226,651	46%	268,100	54%
Sales & Service	3,489	44%	4,494	56%	253,304	42%	347,041	58%	1,800,506	43%	2,409,575	57%
Trades, Transportation & Equipment	3,054	93%	223	7%	315,716	94%	20,348	6%	2,454,765	93%	186,686	7%
Primary Industries	1,583	81%	381	19%	72,706	74%	25,019	26%	560,986	76%	175,019	24%
Processing, Manufacturing, Utilities	656	79%	171	21%	82,475	75%	28,140	25%	826,736	67%	410,117	33%

Source: 2008 Financial Post Canadian Demographics

Labour Force

Income Estimates

Income Estimates			
	Comox Valley	BC	Canada
Avg. Household Income	62,744	72,642	73,392
Avg. Family Income	71,347	81,100	82,566
Per Capita Income	27,554	29,343	29,174
Avg. Employment Income Male (PT)	42,755	47,977	48,410
Avg. Employment Income Male (FT)	56,484	63,078	61,305
Avg. Employment Income Female (PT)	26,541	30,714	30,483
Avg. Employment Income Female (FT)	40,083	44,794	42,937

Source: 2008 Financial Post Canadian Demographics

Benefit Recipients Percentage								
Age	Basic Income Assistance				Employment Insurance			
	Cumberland	Courtenay	Comox	BC	Cumberland	Courtenay	Comox	BC
Under 19	1.7	3.8	0.6	2.0	-	0.0	0.0	0.0
19-24	-	3.4	1.3	1.2	0.0	5.0	3.6	1.9
25-54	1.4	2.0	0.4	1.2	5.2	3.4	2.6	2.6
55-64	-	0.4	0.4	0.5	3.1	1.7	1.4	1.2
19-64	1.3	1.9	0.5	1.1	-	3.3	2.4	2.3

Source: BC Stats 2008—Basic Income Assistance and EI

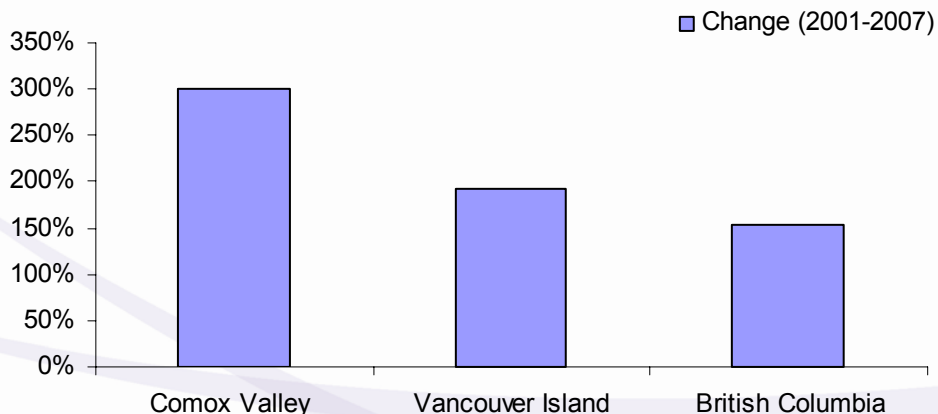
Building and Development

Building Permit Values

Building Permits Values (\$000)							
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total							
Comox Valley	35,662	48,267	72,808	86,077	110,300	150,224	143,065
Vancouver Island	632,039	769,212	993,416	1,098,416	1,459,871	1,701,684	1,841,152
British Columbia	4,954,772	5,659,415	6,394,238	7,938,727	10,191,099	11,541,532	12,544,691
New Residential							
Comox Valley	17,153	33,457	46,763	66,035	98,560	135,329	97,585
Vancouver Island	349,563	504,062	643,673	859,834	1,033,514	1,227,171	1,316,201
British Columbia	2,829,874	3,888,147	4,514,185	5,868,937	6,978,962	7,620,696	8,611,723
Industrial							
Comox Valley	288	30	5,376	2,491	218	1,300	2,070
Vancouver Island	34,805	16,469	33,629	18,529	20,651	31,411	30,109
British Columbia	221,353	230,119	244,024	328,050	346,203	358,843	323,893
Commercial							
Comox Valley	10,977	13,489	17,151	12,054	11,010	11,451	19,764
Vancouver Island	145,090	155,208	202,547	139,120	257,370	281,755	229,434
British Columbia	1,171,233	1,116,741	1,129,623	1,228,027	1,886,405	2,493,684	2,647,905
Institutional/Government							
Comox Valley	7,244	1,291	3,518	5,497	512	2,144	23,646
Vancouver Island	102,581	93,473	113,567	80,933	148,336	161,347	265,408
British Columbia	732,312	424,408	506,406	513,713	979,529	1,068,309	961,170

Source: BC Stats 2008—Economic Statistics: Construction and Housing

Building Permit Value Growth



Source: BC Stats 2008—Economic Statistics: Construction and Housing

Building and Development

Property Land Values

Assessed Property Land Values						
	1991	1996	2001	2006	2007	2008
Comox Valley						
Total RES	\$1,562,589,791	\$3,775,379,575	\$3,550,053,181	\$6,842,448,611	\$8,249,123,418	\$9,523,937,112
Utilities	\$202,013,531	\$222,583,942	\$197,466,800	\$218,258,581	\$227,137,372	\$246,778,625
Major Industry	\$1,874,251	\$5,609,500	\$6,365,800	\$6,468,000	\$325,500	\$39,800
Light Industry	\$5,544,200	\$13,395,947	\$15,991,247	\$24,024,647	\$26,855,997	\$32,316,900
Business/other	\$393,867,585	\$743,183,443	\$816,986,272	\$1,158,693,476	\$1,273,605,303	\$1,408,992,590
Rec/Non-profit	\$28,499,800	\$84,169,300	\$89,161,600	\$136,884,900	\$175,078,900	\$196,715,300
Farm	\$22,616,911	\$23,631,590	\$23,012,900	\$23,795,241	\$24,914,076	\$25,116,909
Total	\$2,217,006,069	\$4,867,953,297	\$4,699,037,800	\$8,410,573,456	\$9,977,040,566	\$11,433,897,236
Courtenay						
Total RES	\$335,424,250	\$938,485,300	\$893,462,689	\$1,859,628,836	\$2,257,259,241	\$2,708,494,500
Utilities	\$7,184,940	\$18,967,400	\$22,663,700	\$27,114,306	\$27,720,206	\$30,334,600
Major Industry	\$1,874,251	\$5,065,900	\$5,898,700	\$5,679,700	\$0	\$0
Light Industry	\$314,100	\$1,796,500	\$1,743,200	\$1,926,000	\$2,306,000	\$4,908,900
Business/other	\$136,393,484	\$358,513,852	\$371,670,936	\$584,857,600	\$661,966,900	\$747,677,100
Rec/Non-profit	\$6,337,200	\$26,310,800	\$27,048,400	\$34,612,400	\$41,986,800	\$47,934,700
Farm	\$80,910	\$14,590	\$95,100	\$662,342	\$667,213	\$788,283
Total	\$487,609,135	\$1,349,154,342	\$1,322,582,725	\$2,514,481,184	\$2,991,906,360	\$3,540,138,083
Comox						
Total RES	\$292,110,650	\$631,986,300	\$627,882,551	\$1,221,733,330	\$1,501,295,481	\$1,708,908,053
Utilities	\$2,554,773	\$6,619,400	\$8,421,100	\$9,995,800	\$10,369,200	\$10,980,300
Major Industry	\$0	\$49,900	\$40,200	\$35,300	\$37,500	\$39,800
Light Industry	\$102,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Business/other	\$52,204,700	\$226,121,791	\$269,746,430	\$363,664,100	\$400,318,300	\$440,445,700
Rec/Non-profit	\$6,818,400	\$18,853,600	\$18,144,900	\$29,366,600	\$38,890,700	\$40,286,200
Farm	\$30,594	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$1,704	\$46,002	\$46,002
Total	\$353,821,117	\$883,632,691	\$924,236,881	\$1,624,796,834	\$1,950,957,183	\$2,200,706,055
Cumberland						
Total RES	\$45,037,570	\$106,693,300	\$96,712,400	\$187,702,807	\$239,115,807	\$302,906,907
Utilities	\$870,220	\$2,142,400	\$2,555,100	\$3,627,175	\$3,664,275	\$4,093,875
Light Industry	\$454,200	\$1,224,200	\$4,585,800	\$6,235,400	\$7,431,600	\$8,886,500
Business/other	\$10,473,500	\$26,666,900	\$27,654,300	\$41,679,600	\$48,871,415	\$52,417,900
Rec/Non-profit	\$410,900	\$983,000	\$1,096,000	\$1,751,000	\$3,328,700	\$3,791,700
Farm	\$11,360	\$11,300	\$11,300	\$11,360	\$11,360	\$11,360
Total	\$57,257,750	\$137,721,100	\$132,614,900	\$241,007,342	\$302,423,157	\$372,108,242
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	\$4,251,452,889	\$4,803,627,652
Utilities	\$191,403,598	\$194,854,742	\$163,826,900	\$177,521,300	\$185,383,691	\$201,369,850
Major Industry	\$0	\$493,700	\$426,900	\$753,000	\$288,000	\$0
Light Industry	\$4,673,900	\$10,375,247	\$9,662,247	\$15,863,247	\$17,118,397	\$18,521,500
Business/other	\$194,795,901	\$131,880,900	\$147,914,606	\$168,492,176	\$162,448,688	\$168,451,890
Rec/Non-profit	\$14,933,300	\$38,021,900	\$42,872,300	\$71,154,900	\$90,872,700	\$104,702,700
Farm	\$22,494,047	\$23,604,000	\$22,904,800	\$23,119,835	\$24,189,501	\$24,271,264
Total	\$1,318,318,067	\$2,497,445,164	\$2,319,603,294	\$4,030,288,096	\$4,731,753,866	\$5,320,944,856

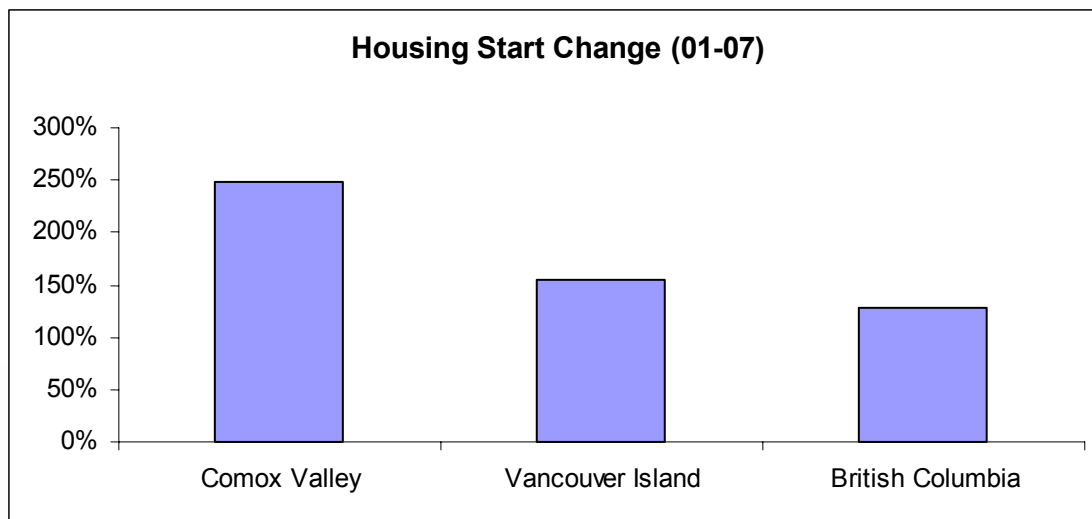
Source: Comox Valley BC Assessment Office - Roll Totals Summary - (excluding Forest managed and unmanaged) April 2008

Building and Development

Housing Starts

Housing Starts								
	1996	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Courtenay	282	103	241	268	334	472	471	324
Comox	91	47	42	92	159	114	87	210
Cumberland	31	2	5	6	12	33	62	58
CSRD A,B,C,K	113	35	68	86	173	94	65	58
Comox Valley	517	187	356	452	678	713	685	650
Vancouver Island	3,602	1,929	2,640	3,626	4,868	4,775	5,331	4,932
British Columbia	27,641	17,234	21,625	26,174	32,925	34,667	36,443	39,195

Source: BC Stats 2008—Economic Statistics: Construction and Housing: Housing Starts



Source: BC Stats 2008—Economic Statistics: Construction and Housing: Housing Starts

Building and Development



Residential Real Estate

Real Estate							
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total Unit Sales							
Comox Valley	694	776	969	983	1012	908	1,054
Vancouver Island	3,842	4,472	5,148	5,535	6,098	5,164	5,837
British Columbia	68,105	82,725	93,126	96,316	106,290	96,696	102,892
Average Single Family House Price							
Comox Valley	\$142,903	\$156,962	\$169,153	\$211,308	\$236,325	\$293,254	\$329,280
Vancouver Island	\$147,383	\$159,051	\$175,364	\$207,437	\$235,648	\$290,833	\$329,133
British Columbia	\$220,952	\$238,758	\$259,835	\$288,967	\$332,137	\$390,760	\$438,975

Source: BC Stats and Vancouver Island Real Estate Board 2007

Occupied Private Dwellings			
	Comox Valley	BC	Canada
Single-detached house	15,192	867,409	7,324,404
Semi-detached house	2,262	54,770	633,626
Row houses	1,413	123,991	751,383
Apartment 5 story's or greater	16	129,607	1,200,532
Apartment Fewer than 5 story's	3,110	370,483	2,413,236
Apartment, detached duplex	416	181,070	712,451
Movable dwellings	941	46,007	172,957

Source: 2008 Financial Post Canadian Demographics

Building and Development



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 Family 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 2008 * Per Square Meter of Gross Building Floor Area

Comox-Strathcona Regional District				
	Residential Single Family	Residential Multi-Family	Commercial	Industrial
Sanitary Sewer	2,470	2,058	668.90*	9,993.75**
Water	3,702	3,086	1,003.35*	14,984.36**
Total	6,172	5,144	1672.25*	24,978.11**

Source: Comox-Strathcona Regional District Summary of Development Cost Charges 2008 * per 1000 sq. ft. ** per acre

Building and Development

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

Retail Activity

Retail Sales				
	Comox Valley		BC	Canada
	(\$ Millions)	%	%	%
Supermarkets	85.1	13.5%	16.6%	15.5%
Convenience and Specialty Foods	13.8	2.2%	1.7%	2.2%
Beer, Wine, Liquor	22	3.5%	4.8%	3.7%
Furniture	11.6	1.8%	2.3%	2.5%
Home Furnishings	16.3	2.6%	1.8%	1.4%
Computer & Software	3.2	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%
Home Electronics & Appliances	16.8	2.7%	3.7%	3.0%
Home Centres, Hardware, Etc.	40	6.4%	6.5%	6.4%
Gas Stations	73.9	11.8%	10.6%	10.1%
New/Used Cars, RV's, Parts	165.2	26.3%	22.7%	24.9%
Pharmacies, Personal Care	51.8	8.2%	5.9%	7.0%
Clothing	21.3	3.4%	4.2%	4.3%
Shoes, Clothing Accessories, Jewelry	6.9	1.1%	1.3%	1.4%
General Merchandise	48.7	7.8%	10.8%	11.7%
Sporting, Hobby, Music & Book	23.7	3.8%	4.2%	2.8%
Miscellaneous	28	4.5%	2.9%	2.6%
Total Retail Sales (\$ Millions)	628.3	100%	57263.7	423179.4

Source: 2008 Financial Post Canadian Demographics

Retail Sales Estimate			
	Comox Valley	BC	Canada
Retail Sales Estimate (\$000)	628,000	57,263,700	423,179,400
Per Household	26,900	32,200	31,900
Per Capita	11,800	13,000	12,700

Source: 2008 Financial Post Canadian Demographics

Business Activity

Business Start Ups and Failures

Business Incorporations								
	1996	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Comox	40	25	27	39	32	45	46	35
Courtenay	130	91	137	132	140	159	198	201
Cumberland	0	2	4	1	0	2	5	6
Other	8	11	26	9	15	18	18	28
Comox Valley	178	129	194	181	187	224	267	270
Comox-Strathcona RD	356	261	302	308	304	365	440	452
Vancouver Island	2,573	2,401	2,512	2,605	3,062	3,715	3,863	3,983
British Columbia	23,237	19,474	20,987	22,531	24,703	30,937	33,273	34,036

Source: BC Stats 2008—Economic Statistics: Formations and Failures

Business Bankruptcy Rates (per 1000 businesses)								
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Comox Valley	2.67	2.90	2.82	3.78	2.73	2.16		
British Columbia	3.3	3.6	3.6	3.1	2.7	2.4	1.7	1.3
Canada	4.9	4.9	4.4	4.0	3.5	3.4	2.9	2.6

Source: BC Stats/Industry Canada 2008

Business Bankruptcies							
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Comox Valley	9	9	8	8	6	5	2
British Columbia	1,100	1,106	1,002	922	786	586	470

Source: BC Stats 2008—Economic Statistics: Formations and Failures

Business Inventory								
	1996	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Comox-Strathcona	3,834	3,876	3,876	3,947	3,888	4,019	4,138	4,121
Vancouver Island/Coast	24,325	25,600	25,830	26,059	26,024	26,644	27,530	26,984
British Columbia	149,315	157,421	157,652	158,470	158,421	162,732	167,845	168,473

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

Business Activity

Taxation

Local Property Taxes <i>(per \$1,000.00 of Assessed Property Value)</i>			
	Residential	Major Industry	Business
City of Courtenay	\$6.9974	\$28.2510	\$22.2364
Town of Comox	\$4.1906	\$18.2614	\$17.9673
Village of Cumberland	\$5.2241	\$9.8490	\$10.4108

Source: Municipal Bylaws for Courtenay, Comox, and Cumberland 2008

Corporate Income Tax/Franchise Tax			
	Small Business	Manufacturing	Non-Manufacturing
Federal	11.00%	19.50%	19.50%
Provincial	3.50%	11.00%	11.00%
Total	14.50%	30.50%	30.50%

Source: Government of British Columbia & Canada Revenue Agency 2008

Personal Income Tax		
	Federal	Provincial (State)
Capital Gains	7.50% - 14.50%	2.62% - 7.35%
Earned Income	15.00% - 29.00%	5.24% - 14.70%

Source: Government of British Columbia & Canada Revenue Agency 2008

Infrastructure

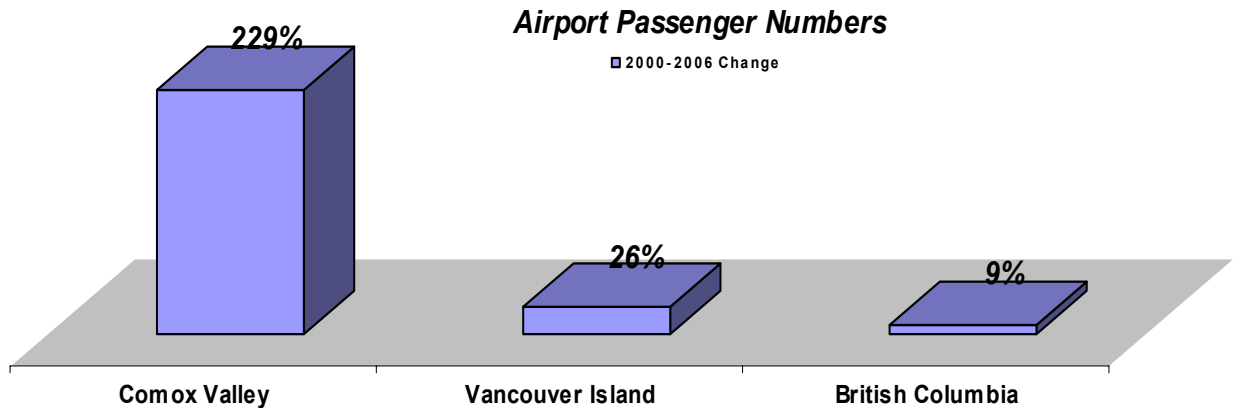
Transportation

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

- **Pacific Coastal Airlines** (www.pacific-coastal.com)
- **West Jet** (www.westjet.com)
- **Air Canada Jazz** (www.flyjazz.ca)
- **Central Mountain Air** - (www.flycma.com)
- **Transat Holidays** - (www.transatholidays.com)
- **Sunwing Vacations** - (www.sunwingvacations.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

Via Rail Schedule

Courtenay to Victoria
Departs 1:15pm
Arrives 6:00pm

Victoria to Courtenay
Departs 8:00am
Arrives 12:45pm

Highway

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

Comox Valley Accident Stats		
	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

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**	\$25
College Student***	\$36
College Semester Pass	\$115

Source: BC Transit 2008

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

BC Ferries Fee Schedule				
	Comox—Powell River		Buckley Bay—Denman Island	
	Peak	Off Peak	Peak	Off Peak
Adult	11.15	10.90	7.55	7.25
Group Rate	9.50	9.30	6.45	6.20
BC Student	5.60	5.40	Free	Free
Permanently Disabled-BC Resident	5.60	5.40	3.80	3.65
Child (age 5-11)	5.60	5.45	3.80	3.65
Under 5	Free	Free	Free	Free
Passenger Vehicle & Trailer	38.30	33.90	18.30	16.25
Oversize	63.00	57.75	27.75	25.75
Motorcycle	19.15	17.45	9.15	8.15
Motorcycle with Sidecar/trailer	28.75	25.45	13.75	12.20
Stowage (kayaks, canoes, etc.)	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Bicycle	2.00	2.00	Free	Free
Commercial Vehicles (Per Foot)	3.65		1.65	
Bus (Per Foot)	2.75	2.45	1.65	1.50

Source: BC Ferries 2008



Infrastructure

Police

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

Police Forces Cost Report 2006			
	Population per Officer	Total Cost	Cost per Capita
Courtenay	867	3,472,750	\$154
Comox	1,301	1,133,965	\$87
RCMP	775	395,273,916	\$167
Ind. Forces	546	329,754,915	\$273

Source: Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

Crime Statistics															
	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	341	63	68	77	69	48	49,988	50,399	50,389	51,671	52,497
Sexual Offences	29	20	27	31	14	5	8	18	3	2	3,851	3,742	3,727	3,750	36,54
Non-Sexual Assaults	352	404	333	423	311	53	58	55	64	46	41,233	41,876	41,796	43,013	43,798
Property Crimes	1,914	1,996	1,759	1,762	1,534	406	298	282	298	215	269,147	289,113	283,356	264,906	245,013
Break & Enter (B&E)	284	335	306	310	221	68	37	58	57	40	50,436	53,519	52,884	46,549	46,900
Residential B&E	165	191	135	147	106	37	21	26	23	19	25,865	26,483	25,267	23,394	22,399
Vandalism	745	978	840	592	467	255	232	221	173	132	60,803	64,551	62,294	61,624	61,896
Motor Vehicle Thefts	102	130	93	125	109	21	14	18	17	20	35,999	39,491	37,755	34,364	29,401

Source: Ministry of Safety and Solicitor General—British Columbia Policing Jurisdiction Crime Trends 1997-2006

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) 335-2345
 Fax : (250) 335-2505

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Tourism

Tourism Vancouver Island

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

Tourism Comox Valley

102-2435 Mansfield Drive, Courtenay BC
 Ph: (250) 334-2427 ext. 228
 Fax : (250) 334-2414
www.discovercomoxvalley.com

Comox Valley Visitor Centre

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

Cumberland Visitor Centre

2680 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
2006	10,518	16	609
2007	12,129	14	497
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
2006	324,624	633	18,460
2007	351,473	609	18,460
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
2006	1,815,312	2,542	102,556
2007	1,966,282	2,495	100,624

BC Stats 2008—Tourism Industry

Infrastructure



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

Television/Radio Stations

98.9 Jet FM
1625A McPhee Avenue, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-2421
www.jetfm.ca

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	Annual Fee - \$72	Annual Fee - \$60
Sewer Connection Fee	\$1,200	\$1,200 CDN 3/4' connection	\$700

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

Infrastructure

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

Sprott 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	2,063	5%	219,814	7%	2,515,481	10%
Grades 9-13 with Certificate	5,524	13%	413,374	12%	3,480,108	14%
Grades 9-13 w/o Certificate	8,580	21%	597,373	18%	4,297,654	17%
Trade Certificate or Diploma	6,468	16%	432,123	13%	2,952,451	12%
Non Univ. w/o Certificate or Diploma	3,295	8%	243,907	7%	1,605,421	6%
Non Univ. with Certificate or Diploma	7,772	19%	566,373	17%	4,120,774	16%
Univ. w/o Degree	2,949	7%	309,501	9%	1,778,696	7%
Univ. with Degree	4,691	11%	597,634	18%	4,301,120	17%

Source: 2008 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
<http://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
www.cumberlandbc.net

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

Service Canada

130 19th Street, Courtenay BC
Ph: (250) 334-4151
Fax: (250) 754-3841
www.servicecanada.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.cumberlandbc.org

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

Rotary Club of Comox

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

Rotary of Strathcona Sunrise

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

Home Based Business Association (HBBA)

Meeting: 1st Thursday of each month 6:30pm– 9:00pm
Location: Silver Room, Crown Isle Resort Centre
399 Clubhouse Drive, Courtenay
www.cvhbba.com

Rotary Club of Cumberland Centennial

Meeting: Every Tuesday 7:00am
Location : Gatehouse Bistro
3273 Third Street, Cumberland
www.cumberlandcentennial.rotary-site.org

Comox Valley Women's Business Network

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