

Headquartered in Smithers

Hy-Tech Drilling

Since 1991



Research developed in Smithers includes a patented drill design and specialized software to improve drilling operations and competitively position Hy-Tech in the drilling industry.

120 employees

Hy-Tech Drilling started in Smithers in 1991. Its operation now includes branch offices in Saskatoon and Red Lake, Ontario, along with an affiliate company in Portugal. Owner Harvey Tremblay says, "We could have our head office anywhere, but everything we need is right here or accessible. We're five minutes from the airport with planes landing daily. We have great local shipping companies to deal with and our employees think it's just a great place to live and raise their families."



Employees at Hy-Tech Drilling, based out of Smithers, BC, say it's one of the best places to work in Canada. The diamond drill company is in 32nd spot among 75 companies listed in a new national survey of good workplaces published in the Globe and Mail.

Smithers for Business Success and "Lifestyle"



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Businesses choose
Smithers as

Home



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Published by the Smithers District Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Smithers Economic Development Committee in celebration of the many businesses who choose Smithers as the headquarters for their business activity.

The businesses featured in this publication continue to grow and expand region wide, province-wide and in many cases globally. All have one thing in common - they've chosen Smithers for the lifestyle it offers. Their families and employees enjoy the amazing amenities including boundless outdoor activities; excellent education for their children in the performing arts and athletics; the scenery; cultural experiences and the people who live here.

The business longevity and success achieved by the businesses featured here displays the many opportunities for growth and expansion when a business chooses Smithers as its Headquarters.

The people in Telkwa and Smithers welcome you to experience the quality of life available and the many investment opportunities here in the Valley, a region that is strategically located and offers a resource-rich economy with many competitive advantages and incentives for business.

Besides the businesses featured in this publication there are many businesses that have enjoyed longevity and are worth mentioning to display their accomplishments:

SANDMAN INN: Northland properties was incorporated in 1963 — **in 1967 it opened its first Sandman Inn, in Smithers BC**, with 35 units. It currently has 35 properties in BC, Alberta & Manitoba

FRONTIER CHRYSLER: Celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2009. Frontier Chrysler now has over 22 employees.

HOSKINS FORD: Celebrated its 75th Anniversary in 2009 with over 20 employees.

CALDERWOOD REALTY: One of the three busy real estate offices, Calderwoods was established in 1939, now employing eight realtors.

INTERIOR NEWS: Covering the people and events of the Bulkley Valley for over a century.



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Northword Magazine

Spirit of the North

**Weekly newspaper—The Interior News
 4 local radio stations
 a Regional Magazine and a National Magazine**

Here in the Valley there's never lack of access to the latest news with the country sounds of CJFW; classic rock CFNR; local news and community events on the Peak, CBC Radio and broadcast locally, the alternative choice of CICK for local entertainers & local programming.

Northword Magazine is headquartered in Smithers. It's a regional magazine that covers northern BC from border to sea. Promoting northern culture this magazine puts a human face on northern life with great articles and stunning images. **Spirit of the North** is a national magazine published in the Valley. Amazing photography and articles from across Canada shows the vitality of our people and the magnificence of our country's beauty.



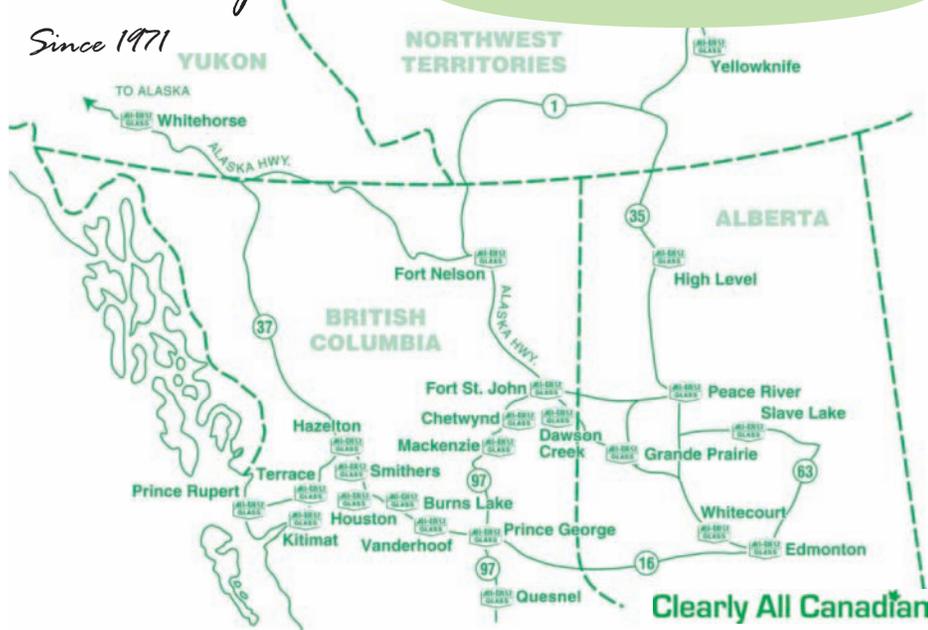
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All-West Glass

Since 1971

Now 24 Locations



Started out of one tiny glass shop in Smithers in 1971, All-West Glass has expanded to 24 locations in BC, Alberta, NWT and The Yukon and now employees 260 people. Staying true to their roots, their administration office is located in Smithers in the same building as the All-West Glass Smithers retail location. The company has grown into one of

the largest automotive, residential and commercial glass companies in Canada. www.all-westglass.com



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Rayz Board Shop

Since 1996



Now 2 Locations

You know Planet Earth, right? Find North America, then head over to the beautiful west coast aka: British Columbia. Nestled in the North Coast Interior is the quaint little mountain town of Smithers, and it's here that Rayz Board Shop has grown to meet the needs of an active clientele.

Rayz is the place for skateboards and skate paraphernalia expanding from 600 square feet to over 3000 sq ft (including mini ramp). Rayz supports many community projects like the local skate park, Rayz Freestyle Park on Hudson Bay Mountain and hosts the Spirit of the Mountains Festival Rail Jam annually. In 2009 Rayz opened its 2nd shop in Burns Lake, expanding everything wake, skate and snow to a second community.



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Bandstra Transportation

Since 1955



Now 7 Locations

Since 1955, experts at Bandstra Transportation have been handling freight and moving tasks. Based in beautiful Smithers, BC, Bandstra Transportation provides freight services throughout western Canada; as a member of the United Van Lines group of local and long distance moving companies, their moving services extend throughout North America and overseas. Bandstra Transportation provides full service for container-based moving services. The professional movers are always ready to provide careful and friendly service, wherever and whenever you need them. Visit www.bandstratransporation.com



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Central Mountain Air

Since 1987



Now 19 Destinations

Established in 1987 Central Mountain Air (CMA) is a Western Canadian privately owned and operated company offering scheduled and charter flights to over 19 British Columbia and Alberta communities.

CMA employs over 300 people including administrative, maintenance and flight personnel maintaining bases in Smithers, Vancouver, and Calgary with its headquarters in Smithers B.C.

CMA is one of three airlines servicing Smithers and area. To find out more about CMA visit www.flycma.com



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