

Fun Facts about Kamloops...

Kamloops is home to:

- The first European baby girl in BC.
- The first female shop keeper in BC.
- The first Black alderman in North America.
- The only Canadian hero to have a squadron named after him
- The first Chinese mayor in North America.
- The first Italian Cabinet Minister in BC.
- The first Native Member of Parliament in Canada and first Native Cabinet Minister.

The annual average of sunny skies is 2,047 hours, with an annual rainfall of 217.9 mm.

Kamloops has a growing season of 166 days. The city area covers 311 sq km (120 sq miles)

One of only two places in Canada where the two national railways (CP and CN) intersect in city limits

We are 250 km (155 miles) north of the Washington border; 310 km (193 miles) northeast of

Vancouver and 4,387 km (2,726 miles) west of Toronto. Don't think I would want to try to walk to any of those places!

Kamloops comes from the Secwepemc word "T'Kumlups", referring to the flowing together of the North and South Thompson rivers.

Europeans arrived in Kamloops around 1811. In 1893, Kamloops was incorporated with less than 1,000 people. Today it has a population of nearly 85,000 and growing.

Riverside Park used to be owned by James McIntosh, one most influential men in Kamloops' early history. McIntosh was employed by HBC. He helped build some of Kamloops' first roads, developed hydro-electric

power for the town, and acted as magistrate. His property includes



The Old Courthouse, located on 1st and Seymour is owned by the City of Kamloops and is seeing new life as a home for the arts in Kamloops. Thursday nights at the courthouse is Bizarre Bazaar Artisan Showcase.

100 acres right on the river, which was sold to the city after his death.

Kamloops was once home to famous Canadian poet Robert

Service who wrote recognizable hits like "The Cremation of Sam McGee." He used to work at the Commerce Bank, which is now know as the Brownstone Restaraunt.

In 1888 the first electric light was installed on the corner of 1st and Seymour near City Hall.

For more info on the history of Kamloops visit the Kamloops Musuem and Archives.

“ There are strange things done ‘neath the midnight sun
By the men who moil for gold.
The arctic trails have their secret tales
That would make your blood run cold.
- written by famous Kamloopsian ”
Robert Service

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Reflections on the Summer

The summer is coming to an end and with it goes your Central Ambassador Patrol Team. As we finish our last week of patrol and tie up loose ends, we start looking back at what we have accomplished this summer. In hindsight, there are many things that illustrate the difference we have made in our city. Our active patrols, both on bike and on foot, have helped the downtown feel safer and more secure. Through the work of both the RCMP and Bylaws, and with a little help from the CAP team, we have noticed a marked improvement in the downtown core. Beyond that we have also

promoted the downtown by showcasing all that our great city has to offer. But these day to day activities only touch the surface of what we have occupied ourselves with this summer. The biggest event of the summer, Merchants' Market. I can think of no other festival that showcases our city in such a multifaceted way. Live at Lunch and Live at Nite are two programs that the CAP Team and KCBIA have put together and these programs have transformed Victoria street into a stage for local performers to share their talent for our community to enjoy. The Bizarre Bazaar and Quest Programs were also new

initiatives started this year which will continue to grow in coming years.

Each member of the CAP Team also undertook a project this year with the intent of improving our city. This year our projects included research on how our back alleys can be cleaned up and improved, informing business owners of graffiti and encouraging them to remove it, establishing media connections with local TV and Radio stations in order to promote our downtown, compiling a list of events and attractions for our city, and looking at street safety through improved design.

Looking back at the amount of work we have done, the obstacles we have taken in stride, and the initiatives we have begun, I feel proud of our accomplishments and honoured to be able to call myself a member of such a community orientated program. We would like to thank all the sponsors and supporters of this program especially the RCMP and Bylaw officers with whom we have worked closely. Without everyone's time, effort, and financial assistance, the Central Ambassador Patrol would not exist.

Thanks and we'll see you next summer! -by Dan Schwirtz

Lunch time with Georgia

The downtown core has seen many tourists stroll leisurely along her streets this summer, and the CAP team has had the privilege of helping many of these travelers find an ideal spot to eat. We're proud to be able to showcase streets lined with beautiful trees and talented musicians. However, as we have deliciously discovered, coming from out of town is not a prerequisite for enjoying the local cuisine. The CAP team can be found frequenting local restaurants and cafes on our days off and lunch breaks. Not only does downtown boast admirable dining variety, it's hard to beat for service and ambiance as well. One team favourite is Oops Café, which is loved not only for its unique iced tea and savory sandwiches, but also for

its personal service and relaxing vibe. In the words of Ambassador Natalie Lidster, eating at Oops Café may very well change your life! Other favourite lunch hour haunts include Fratelli Foods, Swiss Pastries and El Mariachi. Our team goal is to have sampled the food at every one of the thirty-nine restaurants downtown, which is an ambition my stomach eagerly embraces.

As I have discovered, even a thirty-minute lunch break is long enough to enjoy a meal downtown. Many restaurants are happy to take your order in advance in order to accommodate shorter breaks, and others offer such speedy service that lunch is easily managed in half an hour. So go ahead and give up the leftover tuna casserole for one day and enjoy lunch on the patio!

What we did this summer:

Took over 4,440,600 steps or walked a total of 3,328.79 km. **Biked 2,296.93 km.** Made over 3,000 deliveries to downtown merchants. **Responded to over 40 calls.** Did over 20 ICBC parking lots audits and checked 1,335 cars. **Provided 9 people with safe walks.** Helped many tourists from all over the world find what they were looking for. **Planned and organized numerous events and projects.** Only had two bike crashes, both on the last week of the job. **Had a fabulous time exploring Downtown!**

Language Lessons

Between the members of the CAP team we speak 7 languages, a skill that comes in quite handy when helping out tourists. Here are some helpful translations to ask if anyone needs a hand.

May I help you? English

Kann ich Ihnen helfen? German

Est-ce que je peux vous aider? French

Μπορώ να σας βοηθήσω? Greek

Kan ik u helpen? Dutch

Posso eu ajudar-lhe? Portuguese

Могу я помочь вам? Russian

Posso aiutarlo? Italian



Thanks for the Great Summer!

We'll see you next year!

