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**Site Number:**  
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**CSD (1991): 5955003**

**Site Name: Tumbler Ridge, British Columbia**

**Principal Researcher(s): Greg Halseth**

**Assistant Researcher(s):**

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**Field Log: Wednesday, March 18th, 1998**  
**Afternoon:**

- Tumbler Ridge itself is off the highway through to Monkman Provincial Park.
- Drove into Tumbler Ridge and toured around to orient myself.
- As I was driving in on the highway between Chetwynd and Tumbler Ridge, I was stopped by Highway Patrol because they thought my muffler was too loud... something I hadn't noticed myself. I was told later that Highway Patrol comes from out of town and often stops people on very minor infractions.
- Bullmoose mine is on the north side of Tumbler Ridge (TR)
- Quintette mine is on the south side of TR toward Monkman Park
- Just south of the Bullmoose turnoff, the road and trees are black due to coal transport to the rail stop
- There is a large campground open year round just outside of TR
- All services are in the downtown area; neighborhoods surround the area.
- There are two gas stations; gas prices are more that five cents per litre more expensive than in Chetwynd
- The townsite including the neighborhoods are very well planned; there are sidewalks and ample lighting on all the streets. According to locals, there is less than a 15 minute walk to downtown f om any neighborhood in town
- Downtown architecture is very new, matched, and brightly colored; seems almost like a resort town
  
- Interview with ambulance attendant, Patti Nixon, at her home (Wednesday evening)
- Ambulance service is inefficient, air ambulance doesn't work in the winter, one hour drive to

**nearest hospital**

- Lost four EMA2's due to volunteers moving out of town, now down to one; have four EMA1's and one EMA2. Health centre in Tumbler Ridge is a diagnostic and treatment centre, so EMA2's are necessary; however, policy has changed this year to up EMA1's abilities to EMA2 level.
- EMA Training sessions are expensive as equipment is shipped up from Vancouver every time there is a training session. Training personnel are from both Vancouver and North. Training sessions alternate between towns, so one time it may be in Tumbler Ridge and another in Mackenzie
- Every year, the municipality, first aid staff from the mines, ambulance and health personnel plan a "mock" disaster to keep up their training. Often, highschool seniors volunteer as victims.
- Ambulance service is mainly volunteer; employees are paid when they are called out. Some ambulance attendants have alternated on-call and work out of town on oil rigs, and other work sites for a more steady income.
- Most ambulance attendants are women

**Thursday, March 19th, 1998**

**Thursday Morning:**

- Interview with Chambre of Commerce Jane Pepper, Executive Director
- All businesses left in town are essential businesses only, most go to Dawson Creek for other purchases and necessities
- Chambre of Commerce office is also the Business Info Centre, Job Bank, and Tourist Information centre
- Interview with Peter Thomas, Director of Community Services  
Very large community centre, has aquatic centre, racquetball courts, arena, curling rink, youth centre, meeting rooms, arts council office, restaurant/lounge, indoor playground, weight room, daycare, library, volleyball courts, tennis courts, and basketball court, teen drop-in centre
- Interview with Norma Everett, Municipal Clerk & Admin. Assistant to Council (Mayor Paul Kealy unavailable to speak most weekdays as also holds a full time job)
- Municipality has put together website (Norma and Leslie Ford) (<http://www.district.tumbler-ridge.bc.ca/muniserve.htm>)
- Municipality has its own server

**Thursday Afternoon**

- Used library internet to email Greg Halseth, perused local newspapers (only copies I could find in town that were available for perusal)
- Spoke with Northern Lights College/UNBC admin assistants about available programs
- Spoke with Al and Edna Koals (Business Owners and active Chambre of Commerce Members)
- Spoke with Staff Sergeant at RCMP
- Called Glenda Nykirk, Women's Resource Group contact; however, unavailable.
- Spoke with Quintette Union office. Future uncertain as Quintette's contract is finished and the first 276 layoffs will occur on May 1st.

**Friday, March 20th, 1998**

- Drove out to Quintette Mine (15 minute drive south of Tumbler Ridge)
- Spoke with the administrative assistant and received pamphlets and brochures.
- Mine will most definitely close down within the next two years, layoffs throughout this year and only support personnel and administration will be left.

- Interview with Colleen Hoopel, Family Support Society
- Provide Family Counselling, Parental Counselling/Parenting Seminars, Youth Counselling, Temporary Shelters, free of charge
- Noted a large problem with youth drug abuse (cocaine & marijuana) and with alcoholism in general in town
- Interview with Levonne Christensen, Women's Safe House Program
- Women go to them usually through the police, RCMP very cooperative there and town is set up so that RCMP response time is very short to domestic abuse calls.
- They have three families that take in women/children for up to five days as a place to stay
- If situation requires a safe home/shelter, women are driven to Dawson Creek shelter as Tumbler Ridge is too small to have a shelter
- Most women end up at the shelter and then end up returning to Tumbler Ridge back to relationship or to an apartment

- Spoke with Health Centre Personnel (administrative assistant to Physicians and office administrator for Health Centre)
- Feels that health centre is very short staffed...have lost a nurse in January due to cutbacks and nurses are now run off their feet
- Physicians take leave in the summer to return to South Africa at which point locums are brought in, sometimes female

- Drove to Bullmoose Mine, spoke with "Dave" who gave me a mine tour and some pamphlets
- Said that many administrative employees commute from Dawson Creek and are not too concerned with Bullmoose layoffs next year (Bullmoose will be shutting down in 1999 as their contract is up as well)
- Other factors in mine closures are that Bullmoose cannot compete with Asian prices and that coal reserves are running out.
- Bullmoose mine is smaller than Quintette
- There is a concern that when Quintette closes down this year, the train will no longer run through Tumbler Ridge to service Bullmoose as it isn't economically viable.

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**Position of Centroid:**

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**What boundaries are meaningful for residents?**

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**Distribution of population within CSD boundary:**

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**Meaning of CSD boundaries to local contacts:**

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**Relevance of CSD boundary - for the community:****Relevance of CSD boundary - for daily activities:****Relevance of CSD boundary - where people live:****Relevance of CSD boundary - where people work:****Relevance of CSD boundary - other:**

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**4.1 - SITE HISTORY**

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**- Major events & stories:****1981 - Town Hall built****1983 - Town incorporation (Town Hall opens)****1990... 1993 - Teck Corporation took over Bullmoose & Quintette mines and downsized... teck had 50% buy-back for employees' homes then bought some homes back entirely & rented houses back to employees.**

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**5.2.1 - SERVICES**

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**WATER****- municipal water to everyone: yes****- municipal water to some: no****- sewage collection and disposal: yes - Sewage is on a lagoon system with an emergency lagoon. All is then treated to irrigate the golf course.**

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**GARBAGE COLLECTION yes****- open garbage dump: no****- sanitary landfill: no - Garbage shipped to Chetwynd. Transfer station only. On regional system. All recycling done by Iceman Junior A Hockey Team.**

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## **SIDEWALKS**

- sidewalks throughout village/town: yes
  - sidewalks in center of community only: no
  - cable TV: yes
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## **INTERNET ACCESS**

- to everyone willing to pay: yes
  - free through community centre: no - Available through community library
  - specific institutions/individuals: yes - Town hall has its own server, as well as Northern Lights College
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## **LOCAL NEWSPAPER**

- daily:
  - weekly:
  - monthly: other - There are two local newspapers, bimonthly. "Community Connections" and "Tumbler Ridge Observer." Both papers have a relatively small circulation and as a result, I could only find back issues in the library to peruse
  - newsletter (no regional or area news):
  - national newspaper: yes - Vancouver Sun and the Province are available, not the Globe and Mail
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## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- paid, full time professionals: other - There is one part time paid chief
  - volunteers: yes
  - approximate response time to centroid:
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## **POLICE**

- **RCMP:** yes
  - **provincial:** no
  - **municipal:** no
  - **number of personnel:** 5 - There are four employees and one staff sergeant
  - **approximate response time to centroid:**
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## **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

- **911:**no
  - **road ambulance service:**yes - One part time unit chief and fire volunteers
  - **approximate response time to centroid:**
  - **air ambulance service:** other - Air ambulance is in the summer only as it is not economically viable to maintain it in the winter. The helicopter pad in town is not built to air ambulance standards, so in extreme emergency cases, the grocery store parking lot has been cleared out for the helicopter to land
  - **approximate response time to centroid:**
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## **ROADS**

**(type and condition):** 5. paved; no potholes; shoulders; painted lines; snow clearance; salting/sanding

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## **6.1 - SOCIAL SERVICES / EDUCATION**

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### **Elementary school**

- **distance from centroid (km):**
- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
- **special transportation needs:**
- **wheelchair access:** yes

- **comments:** There are two elementary schools

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### High school

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:** yes

- **comments:** There is one secondary school

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### Technical school

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:**

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### University

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:** yes

- **comments:** The UNBC has elevator access and double doors without automatic button for wheelchairs and courses are only available through the Internet.

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### Extension courses

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:yes

- comments:

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### **Other institutions**

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: yes

- comments: Northern Lights College, same office as UNBC

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## **6.2 - SOCIAL SERVICES / HEALTH**

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### **Hospital**

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:yes

- comments: Hospital is actually called a Diagnostic and Treatment Centre as major surgery cannot be performed there. There are 2 holding, 1 emergency/minor operating bed and examining room

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### **Blood/urine testing facility**

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):



- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:** yes

- **comments:** All the medical services are in the Diagnostic and Treatment Centre

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### **X-ray facility**

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:** yes

- **comments:** All the medical services are in the Diagnostic and Treatment Centre

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### **Baby delivery facility**

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:**

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### **CT scan facility**

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:** n/a

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**Nursing home**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments: n/a
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**Doctor(s)**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access: yes
  - comments: Two General Practitioners; there were three but one left. Both are male. Sometimes female locums in summer who are very busy
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**Nurse(s)**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access: yes
  - comments: Three nurses one full time two part time. They rotate shifts to have 24 hour on call service. Lost one nurse due to cutbacks in January
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**Dentist(s)**

- distance from centroid (km):
- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- **special transportation needs:**
  - **wheelchair access:** yes
  - **comments:** Dentist office in Diagnostic and Treatment Centre
- 

### **Dental Surgeon(s)**

- **distance from centroid (km):**
  - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
  - **special transportation needs:**
  - **wheelchair access:** n/a
  - **comments:** Go to Alberta for oral surgery usually
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### **Optometrist(s)**

- **distance from centroid (km):**
  - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
  - **special transportation needs:**
  - **wheelchair access:**
  - **comments:** Visiting optometrist from Dawson Creek once a week
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### **Home care / visits**

- **distance from centroid (km):**
  - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
  - **special transportation needs:**
  - **wheelchair access:** n/a
  - **comments:** Public Health office has home care visits to six patients who are all elderly
-

**VON**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments: n/a
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**Social worker(s)**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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**Other (specify)**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access: yes
  - comments:
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**6.3 - SOCIAL SERVICES / LEGAL**

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**Lawyer**

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: n/a

- comments: One lawyer had an office in Tumbler Ridge, but only commuted 1-2 days/week. Now most go to Dawson Creek for legal services

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### Notary

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:n/a

- comments: No notary; however some use a local citizen with legal experience.

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### Citizenship court

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: yes

- comments: Had citizenship court every July 1st in town hall. Now all court sessions occur once/month nine months/year at the community centre. All court proceedings occur there.

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## 6.4 - SOCIAL SERVICES / FINANCIAL

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### Bank

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:** yes

- **comments:** One bank - Royal Bank. One of the first buildings in Tumbler Ridge

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### **Credit Union**

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:** n/a

- **comments:**

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### **ATM**

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:** yes

- **comments:** ATM is in the Royal Bank. It does have 24 hour access

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### **Micro-financing group**

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:** n/a

- **comments:**

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**Insurance office**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access: yes
  - comments: Barton Insurance. Also performs the driver's exams
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**6.5 - SOCIAL SERVICES / CARE**

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**Daycare**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access: yes
  - comments: Private business that operates out of the community centre
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**Seniors / retirement home**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access: n/a
  - comments:
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**6.6 - SOCIAL SERVICES / GOVERNMENT**

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**E.I. office**

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: yes

- comments: Job bank is at the Chambre of Commerce. HRDC counselor is at Northern Light College and is available 4 hours/week. A counselor used to work full time, but lost her hours due to cutbacks

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**Revenue Canada office**

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: n/a

- comments:

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**Auto insurance office**

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: Available at Barton Insurance

- comments: yes

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**Welfare office**

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):



- special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access: n/a
  - comments:
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### **Town hall**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access: yes
  - comments:
- 

### **Band council**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access: n/a
  - comments: There is a Metis Association that meets privately
- 

## **6.7 - SOCIAL SERVICES / LOCAL**

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### **Food bank**

- distance from centroid (km):
- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
- special transportation needs:
- wheelchair access: yes

- **comments:** Service available through the Salvation Army

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### **Clothing exchange / depot**

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:** yes

- **comments:** Available once in awhile depending on stock at the community centre

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### **Secondhand stores**

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:** yes

- **comments:** Available through the Salvation Army

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### **Drop-in centre**

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:** yes

- **comments:** Youth Centre Only. Open daily until 10:00pm weekdays, and Sunday until midnight Friday and Saturday. Membership only

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### **Halfway house**

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: n/a

- comments:

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### **Counseling services**

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: yes

- comments: Available at the Health Center and at TR Family Support Society

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### **Family distress**

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: yes

- comments: TR Family Support Society

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### **Women's shelter**

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: yes

- comments: T R Family Support Society will place women in host families' homes for up to five days. If transition homes are necessary, women are sent to Dawson Creek. - See SafeHouse Project

**handout**

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**Alcohol / drug abuse**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access: yes
  - comments:
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**6.8 - SOCIAL SERVICES / PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

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**Bus**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access: no
  - comments: Private service connects from Greyhound at Dawson Creek Thursday thru Saturday only.
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**Freight train**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access: n/a
  - comments: Freight service through Canadian Freightways
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**Passenger train**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access: n/a
  - comments: Will give passenger tours only in the summer (1 hour train tour)
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**Scheduled air service**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access: n/a
  - comments: No scheduled service
- 

**Small plane**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access: n/a
  - comments: Air ambulance and private use in the summer only.
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**Connecting flights**

- distance from centroid (km):
- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: n/a

- comments:

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### Helicopter

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: yes

- comments: Helicopter pad near downtown; private use only.

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### Boat

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: n/a

- comments:

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### Regular ferry / taxi

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: n/a

- comments:

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### On demand

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access: n/a
  - comments:
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### **Car taxi**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access: no
  - comments: One taxi service, only has a "couple" of cars
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### **Other (specify)**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments:
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## **6.9 - SOCIAL SERVICES / FACILITIES**

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### **Curling**

- distance from centroid (km):
- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- **special transportation needs:**
  - **wheelchair access:** yes
  - **comments:** In community centre
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### **Municipal indoor pool**

- **distance from centroid (km):**
  - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
  - **special transportation needs:**
  - **wheelchair access:** yes
  - **comments:** In community centre
- 

### **Municipal outdoor pool**

- **distance from centroid (km):**
  - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
  - **special transportation needs:**
  - **wheelchair access:** n/a
  - **comments:**
- 

### **Municipal indoor skating rink**

- **distance from centroid (km):**
  - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
  - **special transportation needs:**
  - **wheelchair access:** yes
  - **comments:** In community centre
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**Municipal outdoor skating rink**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access: yes
  - comments: Sponsored by fire department in highschool field
- 

**Community playing field**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access: yes
  - comments: Several including all three school fields as well as five baseball diamonds
- 

**Community gym**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access: yes
  - comments: Rockpit" community gym in community centre
- 

**Community centre**

- distance from centroid (km):
- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
- special transportation needs:

- **wheelchair access:** yes

- **comments:** Wheelchair accessibility "controversy" top and bottom floors though connected inside by stairs, must be access separately through outside doors by wheelchair. See attached Community Directory attached, p.8.

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### **YM/YWCA**

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:** n/a

- **comments:**

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### **Municipal athletic club**

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:** yes

- **comments:** See 6.9.7

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### **Private athletic club**

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**n/a

- **comments:**

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**Commercial athletic club**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access: n/a
  - comments:
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**Theatre**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access: yes
  - comments: Community centre and highschool both have stages and local productions - Community centre stage is mobile
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**Cinema**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access: n/a
  - comments:
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**Museum**

- distance from centroid (km):
- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: no

- comments: Museum is in a rail car; too narrow for wheelchair access and no ramp

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### Library

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: yes

- comments: In community centre

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### Parks

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: yes

- comments: Very many including "tot lots" neighborhood parks, baseball diamonds and Monkman Provincial park (90 km away)

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### Other (specify)

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

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### Community organized teams (juniors / children)

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments: no
- 

### **Community organized teams (adults)**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments: Iceman Jr. A Hockey League, Curling Club, Ridgeriders snowmobilers, gun club, old-timer hockey league, saddle club, dart club, Nordic & Mountain club
- 

### **Municipal art programmes**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access:
  - comments: yes - TR Community arts council, TR Community Gallery
- 

### **Private art programmes**

- distance from centroid (km):
- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
- special transportation needs:
- wheelchair access:

- **comments:** yes - Choral Society, TR Actors, Musicians and Performers, TR Pottery Club

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## 6.10 - SOCIAL SERVICES / VOLUNTEER & SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

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### Religious groups

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:** Salvation Army Christian Fellowship, Holy Cross RC Parish, World Hope Ministry, New Life Assembly (Pentecostal), TR Fellowship Baptist Church, St. Paul's (Presbyterian Anglican, United, Lutheran), Jehovah's Witnesses

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### Rotary club

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:** n/a

- **comments:**

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### Historical society

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:** n/a

- **comments:**

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**Other 1**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access: yes
  - comments: Lions Club
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**Other 2**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access: n/a
  - comments: Literacy Group - home visit
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**Other 3**

- distance from centroid (km):
  - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
  - special transportation needs:
  - wheelchair access: n/a
  - comments: Cancer Society - out of private home
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**Other 4**

- distance from centroid (km):
- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- **special transportation needs:**
  - **wheelchair access:** n/a
  - **comments:** Post-Polio support - out of private home
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### **Other 5**

- **distance from centroid (km):**
  - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
  - **special transportation needs:**
  - **wheelchair access:** n/a
  - **comments:** Women's resource Group - meets at a rotating place
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### **Services named by citizens as unavailable:**

Air ambulance

Oral surgeon

Cinema

Direct transportation route (road/highway) to Prince George)

Midwifery

**Publicly funded programmes specific to community:** Community has its own Internet access through the library.

### **Accessibility Codes:**

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## **7.0 - ECONOMIC FORTUNES**

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**List of businesses w/ number of employees:** There were so many businesses, I put a list of all the licenses as a separate attachment and indicated the home based businesses with a green tick. Quintette Mine has 896 employees, down to 620 in May. Bullmoose Operating has 425 employees.

### **List of home-based businesses w/ activity:**

### **List of businesses that ship goods out of area:**

Bullmoose Operating, Coal, Train, Prince Rupert -> Asia

Quintette Operating, Coal, Train, prince Rupert -> Asia



### Major suppliers and locations for each business:

**Information from Chamber of Commerce:** The Chambre of Commerce reports that there are essential businesses left in town now and other businesses are home based. Please refer to the TR Community

Directory page 69 for a history of business development. Essential businesses will stay around until population does not support them any longer.

### Degree of Optimism Perceived:

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## 8.0 - RESOURCE BASE & AMENITIES

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### Special environmental and/or resource features:

Well-planned community... aesthetically pleasing  
Snowmobile trail network (attracts 'out of town' enthusiasts)  
Many coal deposits/reserves  
Monkman Provincial Park nearby: hiking, fishing  
possible natural gas reserves  
Hunting moose

\* see TR Pamphlet & Trail Guide

**Negative features:** Location: not situated on thru highway route

**Local strategies or projects engaged or planned:** Because both mines will finish operating within the next couple of years, Tumbler Ridge is receiving some indeoendant & hired consultants' proposals/reports for the possibilities on using the townsite for other/future endeavors.

Some ideas include tapping into natural gas & turning Tumbler Ridge into a retirement community.

Willow furniture-making group.

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## 9.0 - DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIAL CHANGE

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**Current population:**

**Net migration (in/out/net):**

**Current Number of Households:**

**Average family Size:**

**Age Structure:**

**Language:**

**Religion:**

**Literacy levels:**

**Social changes (population, characteristics, problems):** Numbers of residents have declined in the past 2 years.

Young people who came to Tumbler Ridge in 1982-83 had children who are now teenagers (there is a large population of teen-aged children in TR).

As a result, a teen drop-in centre now exists as the only community organized activity youth utilize (due to no theatre, youth clubs, except sports).

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**EXTRA INFORMATION (when available)**

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