



DISTRICT OF FORT ST. JAMES

Highway 16 from Prince Rupert to Prince George stretches nearly 800 kilometres in BC’s northern region. Where transportation options are available, residents need to find that information quickly and easily .

This document includes information on medical transportation, inter-city bus, and community-based services. It provides a single source of information on these and other related services, such as driver training programs and business licensing information for starting up a new service.



TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

- Refer to the “BE SAFE” guide (www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/crimeprevention/shreddocs/pubs/safe-community-besafe-guide.pdf) for personal safety tips for when you are walking or using public transportation.

Medical Transportation

- In the event of an emergency, dial **9-1-1** if you require an ambulance to transport you to a hospital.
- Northern Health Connections is a travel service program for patients needing to travel for out-of-town medical appointments in Northern BC. Call **1-888-647-4997**.
- The First Nations Health Authority Health Benefits Program helps provide coverage for health services to support BC First Nations, including access to medical transportation benefits through their home community’s health service office. For more information, call **1-855-550-5454**.

Inter-City Bus

- Greyhound Canada is the largest provider of inter-city bus transportation in Canada. Visit www.greyhound.ca or call **1-800-661-8747**.

Community-Based Services

- The District of Fort St. James website (www.fortstjames.ca) includes helpful transportation and travel information.

- The volunteer-based “Seniors Helping Seniors” program provides both delivery and transportation services for clients. For information on the program, call **250-996-8233**.

LICENSING SERVICES

Driver Licensing

- Approved driver training courses are designed to help you attain the driving skills, knowledge and attitudes you need to become a safe driver. You can also reduce your novice stage by six months and get two grade 11 credits. Visit www.dtcbc.com/resources/locations/glp-schools.asp for ICBC Approved Driver Training Course Locations.
- Information is also available on all driver training school locations licensed or registered by ICBC. See the Driver Training Industry of British Columbia website (www.th.gov.bc.ca/rpt/licence_new) or call **1-866-339-0363**.
- If you are unsure of the type of driver’s licence you need to operate a specific type of vehicle or passenger service, ICBC has information on Driver’s Licence Classes and Types. Contact ICBC to determine qualifications to operate shuttle services (**1-800-950-1498**). A commercial driver’s licence requires a safe driving record.

- Should you wish to apply for a licence to start up your own driver training school, or to teach a driver training course, see the Driver Training Industry of BC website (www.dtcbc.com/driving-schools) or call **1-866-339-0363**.

Business Licensing

- To operate a business in Fort St. James, you need a business licence issued by the District of Fort St. James. See Fort St. James Business Licensing (www.fortstjames.ca/business-licenses) or call **250-996-8233**.
- Visit the Passenger Transportation Branch website (www.th.gov.bc.ca/rpt/licence_new.htm) for information on the types of licences issued to operate various transportation services. In some cases, no provincial licence is required. Contact the Passenger Transportation Branch (**1-800-663-7867**) for more information.
- Speak to an Autoplan Broker about vehicle and liability insurance needed to operate a passenger transportation service. For the location nearest you, see the ICBC website (www.icbc.com) or call **1-800-663-3051**.