

## Sparwood, British Columbia

[www.sparwood.bc.ca](http://www.sparwood.bc.ca)

<http://www.hellobc.com/sparwood.aspx>



Sparwood is a family-oriented community situated in the South-Eastern corner of BC. The Rocky Mountain community is nestled in the heart of BC`s Elk Valley. The location offers exceptional lifestyle opportunities that include world-class skiing, fishing, hiking and hunting or simply spending time in the great outdoors.

Sparwood was founded on a coal mining heritage and prides itself on being a hard working community. Hard working families and great folk make Sparwood one of the world`s great places to live.

The coal mines have created one of the strongest resource-based economies in British Columbia and Sparwood continues to be the source of coal that is exported all over the world. The residents and coal mines take great pride in knowing that their backyard Utopia has remained largely unspoiled, with all mines in the Elk Valley taking radical steps at reclamation to ensure that they restore the natural beauty of the area to its pre-mining splendor.

### *Weather*

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High in the mountains, temperatures tend to be lower and precipitation higher than those of the relatively low elevation communities of the Rocky Mountain Trench. In the winter this makes for great skiing and snowmobiling conditions!

July and August high temperatures average 23°C, it is important to be prepared for cool nights and rapidly changing conditions. In January and February, expect temperatures in the vicinity of -10°C.

#### *Average Yearly Precipitation*

Average Monthly Rainfall: 22 mm

Most rainfall occurs between April and September

#### *Average Yearly Temperatures (°C)*

Average during Winter Months: -11°C

Average during Summer Months: 25°C

#### *Additional Information*

For further information about annual climate data for Sparwood, please use the following links to visit [The Weather Network](#) or [Environment Canada](#)

### **Location**

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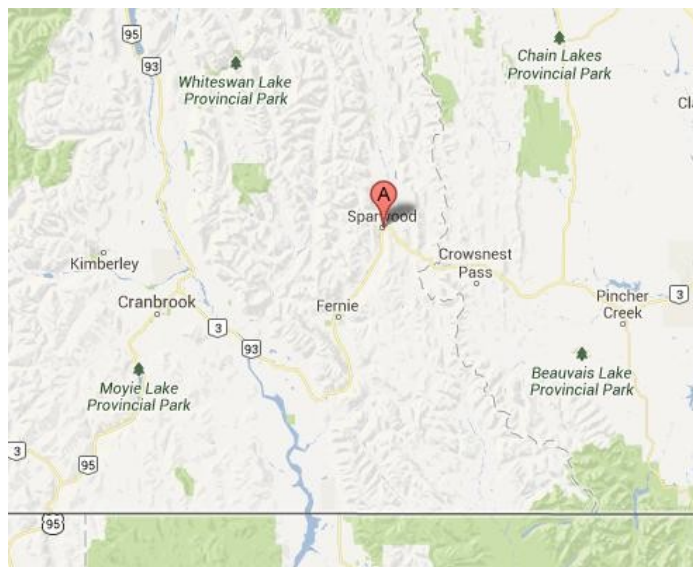
Sparwood is located on Highway 3 in the BC Rockies, 30km north of Fernie and approximately 18 km west of the Alberta/BC border. Within commuting distance and less than one hour north on Highway 43 (34 km) is the community of Elkford.

Sparwood's close proximity to Fernie provides residents access to some of best downhill skiing in North America at the Fernie Alpine Resort. Access to affordable, family-oriented ski packages is also available in Elkford at the Wapiti Ski Hill.

Sparwood is also less than three hours south west of Calgary and in close proximity to Montana and Washington in the USA. The nearest United States border crossing is located at Roosville, bordering the State of Montana, and is 98km to the south west by road. Many residents enjoy making weekend trips to the larger cities to take advantage of cheap border prices and outlet stores.



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### **Driving Distances**

Fernie, BC..... 30km (approx. 22 min.)  
Calgary, AB..... 263km (approx. 2 hours 44 min.)  
Roosville Border Crossing.....98km (approx. 1 hour 11 min.)

### **Transportation**

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#### *Airport*

The closest international airport (133km from Sparwood) is the Canadian Rockies International Airport which serves direct flights to Vancouver and Calgary. The Calgary International Airport in Alberta and the Glacier Park International Airport in Montana are 308km and 218km from Sparwood, respectively. Sparwood is also home to an airstrip 8km north of town for private aircraft use.

#### *Public Transit*

Elk Valley Transit System provides public transit service to, from, and within Sparwood and it also connects the community to the neighbouring towns of Elkford and Fernie. For a bus schedule and map, visit the [BC Transit Website](#). Greyhound Canada also operates two buses per day to eastern and western destinations.

### **Health Services**

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Interior Health is responsible for delivering programs and services to residents



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across BC's southern interior which includes Sparwood. A Primary Health Care Centre is located in Sparwood and is home to an interdisciplinary healthcare team that provides a large range of services.

*Sparwood Primary Health Care*

570 Pine Avenue

VOB 2G0

For more information on healthcare services in Sparwood, BC visit [Interior Health](#).

For information on provincial health insurance (required for all permanent residents in B.C.), visit [Medical Services Plan of B.C.](#)

## ***Education***

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### **Schools**

There are two elementary schools and one secondary school in Sparwood.

*Frank J Mitchell Elementary School*

A Kindergarten to Grade Seven elementary school enrolling approximately 200 students. F. J. Mitchell is a school with excellent academic, athletic, and cultural programs.

*Mountain View Elementary School*

Staff/Parents/Guardians at Mountain View pride themselves in being the best at doing the most for their students. It is a learning community that works together as a family and team to pursue the growth and development of students. The school recognizes that students are unique individuals with varying abilities and inner gifts to be enhanced.

*Sparwood Secondary School*



Known as both an academic school and a school for athletics. Sparwood Secondary offers a wide range of electives as well as a high number of academic subjects. Our student population is around 300 and we are a Grade Eight to 12 school.

Public elementary and secondary schools in the Sparwood area are part of School District 5. You can visit their website for more information - <http://www.sd5.bc.ca/>

### **Universities and Colleges**

There are several colleges and universities in Mainland, BC.

- British Columbia Institute of Technology - [www.bcit.ca](http://www.bcit.ca)
- Douglas College - [www.douglas.bc.ca](http://www.douglas.bc.ca)
- Kwantlen College - [www.kwantlen.bc.ca](http://www.kwantlen.bc.ca)
- Langara College - [www.langara.bc.ca](http://www.langara.bc.ca)
- Ridge Meadows College - [www.rmcollege.ca](http://www.rmcollege.ca)
- Simon Fraser University - [www.sfu.ca](http://www.sfu.ca)
- Trinity Western University - [www.twu.ca](http://www.twu.ca)
- University of British Columbia - [www.ubc.ca](http://www.ubc.ca)
- University of the Fraser Valley - [www.ufv.ca](http://www.ufv.ca)

### ***Accommodation***

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For current real estate and rental information we found these sites to be the most helpful:

#### **ReMax - Elk Valley Realty - Rick Pater**

106-101 Red Cedar Drive, Box 1505  
Sparwood, B.C. Canada V0B 2G0  
Toll Free: 1-800-661-4662

[www.sparwoodrealestate.ca](http://www.sparwoodrealestate.ca)

#### **Royal LePage 4 Seasons Realty Ltd. - Frank Hughes**

120 Spruce Ave, P.O. Box 1856  
Sparwood, B.C. Canada V0B 2G0 Toll  
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## **District of Sparwood Rental Directory**

For other agents who also have listings in Sparwood, please visit; <http://www.sparwoodrealestate.ca/sparwood-residential> <http://www.openrealestate.ca/british-columbia/sparwood/>

## ***Taxes***

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British Columbia has some of the lowest tax rates among Canadian provinces. To see how taxes compare across Canadian provinces and territories, visit: <http://www.taxtips.ca/taxrates/taxcomparison/taxcomparison2012.htm>

For detailed information on taxes in BC, visit:

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/theme.page?id=4DE87E7EE0859251309F8142B9BD4824>



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