

**2008 COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPER OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER
KAMLOOPS INDIAN BAND, BC**



Kamloops Indian Band from British Columbia was the recipient of the Community Economic Developer of the Year Award. Also known as, the Tk'emlups Indian Band, Kamloops Indian Band has 1,079 members. It is 1 of the 17 bands composing the Secwepemc (Shuswap) Nation.

The band's reserve is located in South Central British Columbia and abuts the city of Kamloops (population 82,000). The Band has strengthened their community with childcare, education and health care facilities as well as other initiatives, and infrastructure. Businesses that Kamloops Indian Band has undertaken are;

Tk'emlups Petroleum, Mt Paul Industrial Park, Sun Rivers Golf Resort, Spiyu7ullucw ("Spew-lick") Ranch, Tk'emlups Forestry Corporation, Chief Louie Centre Landing, and the 7 Mile Business Park. If that's not impressive enough they have created approximately 200 direct jobs and over \$200 million in regional economic activity. They also pioneered the development of Indian property taxation authority.