



# THE FORGE

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*At The Forge you will find people hard at work, shaping and transforming Fort St. John - exchanging ideas, sparking innovation, and igniting change – in business, non-profit, and public sectors.*

## What is The Forge?

The Forge is where a partnership between the Community Development Institute (CDI) of the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) and the City of Fort St. John comes to life. Here, engaged and involved citizens are making a difference – developing plans for building social capacity, economic growth, and diversification.

The Forge has developed a comprehensive profile of the community including information about the population, economy, infrastructure, education, health, social services, environment, and local government services. We also completed a survey on the community's perspectives on quality of life. Non-profits are using our data in grant applications. Businesses are using it to develop plans. Government is using it to develop policies and programs.

## Research

## Dialogue

Over the coming months, The Forge will host numerous community dialogue sessions. We will address topics including housing, jobs, community programs, education, health, seniors, and youth issues.

With input from the community, the CDI team at The Forge will develop both economic and social development frameworks for the City of Fort St. John. These will focus on current and future opportunities to grow, strengthen, diversify the economy, and enhance quality of life and livability in Fort St. John. After the frameworks are developed, we will continue to work with the community to turn the opportunities into action.

## Community & Economic Framework Development

Interested in joining the discussion? Please see opportunities to get engaged through our Facebook page: The Forge – Community Development in Fort St. John, or at [www.TheForgeFSJ.ca](http://www.TheForgeFSJ.ca)