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South Okanagan-Similkameen is a popular travel destination during the summer months, so it may be challenging to find affordable rental opportunities during this season. However, if you compare the prices with Vancouver or Toronto, you will be pleasantly surprised. On average, you could rent a one-bedroom apartment for \$1000-1400 a month. There are a lot more options for off-season rental (October-April) and most of these places are furnished. One of such options is renting a room at a motel while you are looking for a more permanent housing. You could rent a one-bedroom suite for less than \$1000/month. If you have pets be prepared for a longer housing search journey and less options. If you are over 55 years old you will have more options. Below are some of the resources we thought you might find useful.

If you are ready to purchase, you have a number of options to choose from – houses, condos, town houses, duplexes, mobile homes, and land parcels. There are many real estate agencies in the area and you don't need to pay them a commission when you are buying, only when you are selling. If you are a first time home buyer, it will be beneficial to get some advice from a real estate agent to help you navigate the mortgage, get house inspection, look into government programs that support first time home buyers. Below we list a few online resources to get you started.

### **Rent**

#### **Online Rental Resources**

<https://www.castanet.net>

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

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

<http://chasevalley.ca/residential-rentals>

<https://www.pacificcoveproperties.com/apartments-for-rent/penticton>

<https://www.broadstreet.ca/cities/penticton>

#### **New Affordable Rental Buildings**

The Rise – rent geared to income, pets allowed: <https://renttherise.ca>

Backstreet Blvd – rent geared to income: <http://pdscl.org/housing-services>

#### **Low Income Housing Supports**

BC Housing (rental assistance, special program for seniors), 1-800-834-7149, [bchousing.org](http://bchousing.org)

**Facebook pages:**

Penticton and area house/apartment rentals

Penticton Buy & Sell

**Landlord/Tenant Supports:**

Tenant Resource & Advisory Centre (TRAC): <http://tenants.bc.ca>

**Purchase**

<https://www.realtor.ca/>

<https://www.royallepage.ca/en/>

<https://www.remax.ca>

*Note: You do not pay a commission to a real estate agent when you are purchasing a house, only when you are selling.*

“The Okanagan word for the winter house is qw’cí [pit house] and refers to the dome-like structure inside... qw’cí is built in alignment with the four directions and the entrance is facing east.” - Eric Mitchell, Builder, Elder, Okanagan Nation member.

“The 4 poles [of a pit house] represent our 4 food chiefs, skemxist - Chief Black Bear (Elder), siya? - Chief Saskatoon Berry (Youth), spih’em - Chief Bitter Root (Women), and n’titiyixw - Chief Spring Salmon (Men). The four also reflect four perspectives - Traditions, Innovators, Relationships, and Action.” 2009-2013 Penticton Indian Band Comprehensive Community Plan

**Emergency Housing**

Compass House (Shelter), 123 Nanaimo Avenue East, 250-490-9521

South Okanagan Similkameen Brain Injury Society (SOSBIS) Homelessness Partnering Program, 250-490-0613,

[www.sosbis.com](http://www.sosbis.com)

SOWINS shelter for women and children experiencing abuse: 250-493-7233 or 1-800-814-2033, <https://sowins.com/services/emergency-shelter/>