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“...the Okanagan Indian tribe made lightweight birchbark canoes for fishing and traveling on the rivers. Over land, Okanagan people usually just walked. (There were no horses in North America until colonists brought them over from Europe.) They sometimes used snowshoes to help them travel in the winter. Today, of course, Okanagan people also use cars... and non-native people also use canoes.”

(Native Languages of the Americas website © 1998-2015)

There is public transportation in the City of Penticton and a very limited bus service between the towns (Osoyoos, Oliver, Penticton, Summerland). If you live and work in the same town you might be able to go around on a bicycle. However, owning a car might still be necessary for shopping, visiting neighboring towns, taking your children to after-school activities, etc.

Driver's License

Service BC – Penticton: 40 Calgary Ave, Penticton, BC V2A 2T6; 250 487-4200; Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Public Transportation

Bus routes and schedules: <https://www.bctransit.com/south-okanagan-similkameen/home>

Transportation for People with Disabilities

HandyDART is a door-to-door shared transit service for people with disabilities. To register:

<https://www.bctransit.com/south-okanagan-similkameen/riderinfo/handydart/register>

Client Registrar, 301 Warren Ave., Penticton; 1-844-442-2212 x 2

Volunteer Drivers

There are a few volunteer drivers' programs funded by the Interior Health (public health) to help people get to/from hospitals at a low cost.

Better at Home Volunteer drivers are able to offer transport to and from appointments, social or recreational activities, when available. Advance notice required.

250-492-5814, 250-487-3376; mtischer@pdcrs.com <http://www.betterathomepenticton.com>

Volunteer Driver Program at Lower Similkameen Community Services Society provides transportation to Keremeos, Cawston, Olalla and Hedley clients who are not able to travel independently. 250-499-2352; <http://ttpwebhost.com/lscss/volunteerdriers>

Taxi

Taxi Service In Penticton, 260 Martin St; 250-488-9999
Eco Taxi, 102 Adamson Ct; 250-492-9999
Oliver Taxi, 439 Bank Ave; 250-498-0022
Osoyoos Taxi, 6203 BC-97; 250-495-7004
Summerland Taxi Ltd., 11209 Giants Head Rd; 250-494-6651
Naramata Taxi, 250-487-2928

Bicycle

Key rules:

- Ride on the road, not on pedestrian walks
- Obey the same rules as car drivers
- Use a helmet
- if riding at night – must have a light in front and a red reflector on the back.
- A good resource to learn about biking rules in BC: <http://www.bikesense.bc.ca/bikesense/ch4.htm>

Car Dealerships

<https://www.pentictonhyundai.com/en>
<https://www.subaruofpenticton.com>
<https://www.murraygmpenticton.ca>

Online Buy and Sell

<https://www.castanet.net/>
www.kijijj.ca

Facebook page: Penticton Buy & Sell

Car Rentals

Budget: 188 Westminster Avenue West, Penticton, 250-493-0212, <https://www.budget.com/en/locations/ca/bc/penticton/yf2>

Auto Mechanics

Online business directory: <https://infotel.ca/search/auto-mechanics/penticton-south-okanagan-and-similkameen-areas>