

Grubstake Pizza

SOME OF THE BEST PIZZAS IN THE ROCKIES

Officially in 1944, the City of Kimberly, British Columbia is known for its world class skiing, golfing, and eco tourism opportunities. However, tourists who visit Kimberly each year often overlook the City's rich mining heritage. In fact, the City's name originated from the Kimberley Mine in South Africa and Kimberley's Sullivan Mine was once the world's largest lead-zinc mine, until it closed in 2001.

The important role the Sullivan Mine played within the City's growth and heritage is still extremely resonant today. Museums, statues and interpretive centers all stand as current reminders of Kimberly's prospecting past. One of the more unique tributes to this history may be the small privately owned pizza parlour named *Grubstake Pizza*.

Opening in 1992, *Grubstake Pizza* was named after a mining term which meant the supplying of tools and funds to prospectors and would

be miners on the condition that the donor of the supplies had a percentage of any findings. Although you won't find any silver or gold at *Grubstake Pizza* you will find first class pizza that is handmade using fresh ingredients from a recipe developed and perfected for over 15 years.

Grubstake Pizza, which officially opened as *Grubstake Diner* in '92, originally catered mostly to the local mining population at the time. After moving locations and focusing business strictly to what they did best *Grubstake Pizza* remains tied to the City's history. Pizza options on the menu at *Grubstake* include the Prospector, the Shilo and Hungry Miner: a pizza that features pepperoni, salami, ground beef, ham & onion.

The foundation of the great pizza at *Grubstake* is the handmade crust, created fresh each and every day. Each pizza is topped with a special homemade tomato sauce and fresh toppings ranging from the more common pepperoni and bacon, to the sublime lemon pepper or Cajun

chicken and tuna. Once prepared, each pizza is baked in *Grubstake Pizza's* own clay lined, gas fired oven, creating a great tasting and memorable pizza anyone would enjoy.

Current owner Carly Marsh, who started working at *Grubstake Pizza* in 1995 and grew up in Kimberly, knows keeping a link with the past and present is an important part of her business. *Grubstake Pizza* currently supports a number of local charities and events, including Kimberly's local Community Swim program, the Kimberly Dance Academy and the local soccer program.

By backing the local community *Grubstake Pizza* has been able to grow their business and remain true to the people who have made them a success for the last 16 years. Carly Marsh and her team at *Grubstake Pizza* plan to continue providing both locals and tourist of Kimberly some of the best pizza in the Rockies while sharing a little bit of history along the way.

