

# GHOST TOWNS

of NorthWest BC

**Alice Arm**

**Anyox**

**Kitsault**

**Dorreen**

**Port Essington**

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Anyox  
Alice Arm  
Kitsault

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Pearse Island

Dorreen

Kitselas Canyon

Terrace

Port Essington

Digby Island  
Prince Rupert

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# Alice Arm

## Then

- Named after Alice Mary Tomlinson, wife of Reverend Robert Tomlinson
- Four Scandinavian prospectors, Ole Evindsen, Ludwig Eik, Ole Pearson, and E. Carlson discover silver deposits in 1910 up the Kitsault River Valley
- 1917 Dolly Varden Silver Mine starts production
- By 1919, a 23 km long narrow gauge railway was built up the Kitsault Valley by the Dolly Varden Mining Company.
- 1923 -27 the railway was utilized for logging operations
- Approximately 20 million ounces of silver were produced between 1919 and 1959 by a few different owners of the property
- One room Alice Arm school was built in 1922 for up to 60 students
- Mid 1940's the railway was replaced by a road
- The Anyox Smelter processed some of the Dolly Varden Mine Silver
- Had a Post office, hotel , store etc

## Alice Arm

### NOW

- Mineral exploration still occurring up the Kitsault River Valley by Dolly Varden Silver Ltd
- Jeff Wolrige and Anyox Electric have a few water licenses up the valley
- A portion of a dam that provided power in the past still remains at the outlet of Kitsault lake
- The town consists of mainly summer cottages
- Two year round residents

## Alice Arm



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## Alice Arm



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Title: Alice Arm





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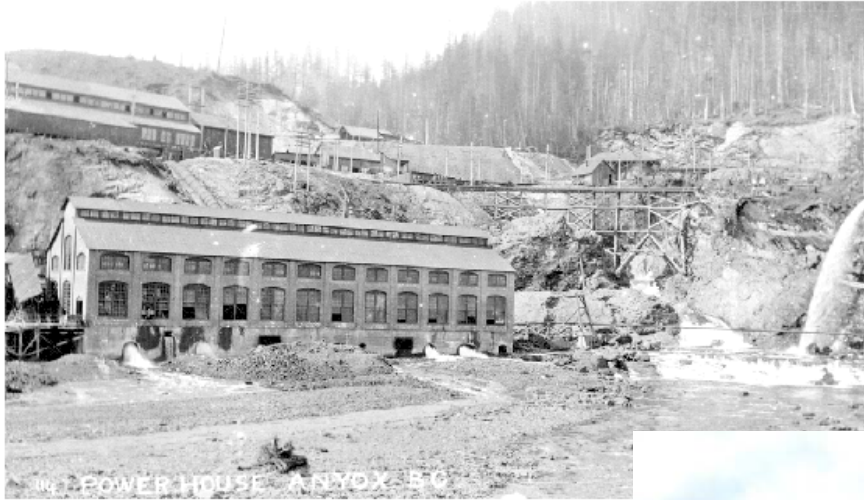


## Anyox - Then

- Anyox, an anglicized version of the Nisga'a word Anyoose, meaning "hidden water".
- Brought into production in 1914 by Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Co., Ltd.
- Company town – single resource
- Anyox good fortune
  - 3 million gold vein
  - Special blue clay
- Eastwood multiple-arched type with a length of 208 m and a maximum height of 42 m - One of the largest in Canada
- Modern and self-sufficient town was built around the mine to accommodate over 2500 people
- Deadly Sulphurous fumes
- "Stolen" light bulbs
- Great Depression & demise in 1935
- The fire of 1942

## Anyox - Now

- Very remote with few visitors
- Anyox Hydro Electric wants refurbish the dam and start generating power – 30 MW
- LNG aspirations
- Educational Travel Tours
  - Dam
  - Powerhouse – Regional District Heritage site
  - Cemetery
  - Slag pile
  - Coke plant
  - General store



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THE BEAVER HOUSE ANYOX B.C.

**Title:** The powerhouse at Anyox.

## Anyox Powerhouse before and after

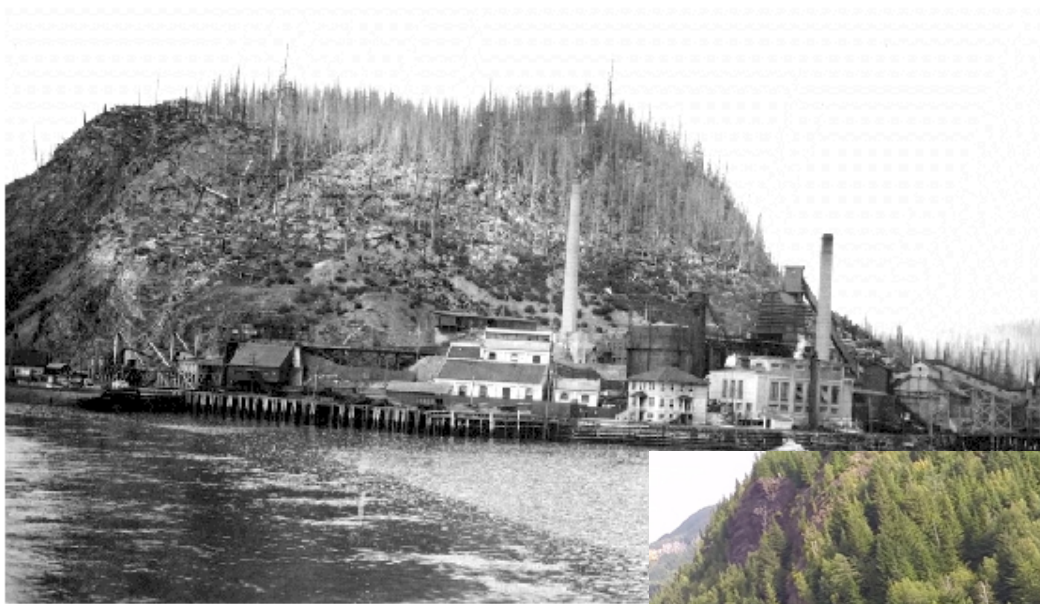




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## Anyox Coke Plant before and after

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# Anyox



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Title: Anyox

## Anyox

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Title: 600 Tons of Copper, Granby Consolidated Smelting ...









**Anyox Cemetery**

## Kitsault

- Modern day ghost town
- Two operating phases
  - 1968-72 – 500 residents – Silver City
  - 1981-82 – 1200 residents
- 2004 – bought by Indian-American businessman Krishnan Suthanthiran for \$5.7 million
- Amenities
  - Rec centre – gymnasium, fitness centre
  - Apartments 210 units, 92 houses
  - Swimming Pool, hot tub
  - Library
  - Movie theatre
  - Shopping centre
  - Pub
  - Curling Rink
  - Racquet ball courts
  - Hospital



## Kitsault Now

- Very exclusive
- Maintained
- Avanti molybdenum mine
- LNG export terminal
- Research centre
- Wellness Centre and retreats
- Documentary
- Krishnan Suthanthiran
  - President, Proud American Party - [www.proudamerican.net](http://www.proudamerican.net)
  - President and founder of the *Best Medical* group of companies  
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