

Hazelton in fact holds many memories of the old Northwest frontier. These memories dwell in many of the historic buildings of Old Hazelton, recalling the riverboat era and the days of the Hudson's Bay Company.

A new era was ushered in at Hazelton with the decision to build the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway through northern British Columbia.

The railway was projected to follow the Zymoetz Valley to the Skeena, but the province forced the company to instead follow the Bulkley Canyon to the existing community of (New) Hazelton. The GTP, which relied on townsite sales for profit, followed this direction only to a point and bypassed Old Hazelton in favour on creating their own town. Anticipating the route of the railway, entrepreneur Robert Kelly established a settlement that became known as New Hazelton, while the Grand Trunk Pacific established their own settlement at what became known as South Hazelton. Today the three communities are collectively known as "the Hazeltons."

Old Hazelton was incorporated as a village in 1956, and according to the 2014 Village door to door survey, 229 people reside within the Village of Hazelton municipal boundaries.

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The below table provides population statistics. This information was collected during the 2014 door to door survey.

