

History of Okanagan Falls

- 10000-9000BC First people arrive in area.
- 1400's European settlement of North America begins.
- 1700's Horse comes to Okanagan.
Prior to the European coming to the area, OK Falls is an important trading and meeting centre for Aboriginal people in the Okanagan.
- 1811 David Stuart, earliest known European explored the Similameen for the Northwest Fur Co.
- 1846 Agreement of the on the 49th parallel as the western boundary between Canada and the U.S.A.
- 1871 BC joins the Dominion of Canada.
- 1876 Michael Morgan, first European to settle in OK Falls area.
- 1883 Small Pox epidemic kills one out of every three Aboriginal people.
- 1886 Indian Reserves were formed.
- 1893 OK Falls town site established.
The Naramata, first steamship to operate on Skaha Lake, was launched. It operated between Penticton and "Dogtown".
First newspaper published, "Okanagan Mining Review".
- 1896 First school opened.
- 1899 Typhoid epidemic.
- 1908 Governor General Earl Grey visits OK Falls. Stays at the Alexandra Hotel.
- 1914-18 WW I.
- 1919 Vaseaux Lake Migratory Bird Sanctuary established.
- 1933 First Library in OK Falls started by the Women's Institute.
- 1939-45 WW II.
- 1949 BC Aboriginal people receive the right to vote in Provincial elections.

- 1956 Kettle Valley Railway abandoned, stops running to OK Falls.
- 1960 Aboriginal people given the right to vote in Federal elections.
- 1961 Kenny McLean wins World Bronc Riding Championship.
- 1971 Weyerhaeuser Mill established.