

## History of Osoyoos

- 10000-9000 BC First people arrive in the area.
- 1400's European settlement of North America begins.
- 1700's Horse comes to Okanagan.
- 1811 First European people in the Osoyoos area, David Stuart with Pacific Fur Company.
- 1846 Agreement of the 49<sup>th</sup> parallel as the western between Canada and U.S.A.
- 1851 John Carmichael Haynes was appointed by Colonial government as Custom Collector and Gold Commissioner in "Sooyoos".
- 1859 Gold discovered at Rock Creek.
- 1864 First bridge built to span the narrows on Osoyoos Lake (5 feet wide).
- 1865 First Custom's house built at "Sooyoos".
- 1883 General Sherman passed through "Sooyoos" with a large company of horse soldiers.  
Small-pox epidemic kills one in every three Aboriginal people.
- 1886 Indian Reserves were formed.
- 1888 Judge Haynes dies.
- 1899 Typhoid fever epidemic.
- 1907 First orchard planted in the Osoyoos area by Leslie Hill.
- 1914-18 WWI
- 1917 First school opens in Osoyoos.
- 1927 Irrigation for Osoyoos.
- 1930 Oliver Sawmills Ltd. is established (started in 1923 by Harry Fairweather).
- 1937 Osoyoos Gold Mine opens.

1939-45	WWII.
1940	Osoyoos Gold Mine closes.
1944	First train arrives in Osoyoos.
1946	Osoyoos sawmill fire.
1947	Osoyoos flood. First Osoyoos Cherry Carnival.
1948	BC Aboriginal people receive the right to vote in Provincial election.
1951	Osoyoos Elementary school opened.
1954	Osoyoos Junior Secondary School addition completed.
1958	Osoyoos Primary School opened.
1960	Aboriginal people receive the right to vote in Federal election.
1979	Osoyoos Secondary School opened.