



## **Transportation**

All transportation to and from each community is by private vehicle only. There is a taxi company in Merritt, however, it is very expensive to travel to the communities. Merritt also has a bus service but this does not extend to the Villages. There are two private air strips, which are located in Douglas Lake and Quilchena Ranch properties. In addition, there is a small public air strip for the town of Merritt. All commercial flights are routed through Kelowna or Kamloops. Greyhound Canada operates a bus depot in Merritt.

Although all three communities are located outside of the city centre (minimum of 20 minutes in good weather), the road conditions are considered good, weather permitting. Some of the roads through the reserves are paved and some are gravelled but maintained regularly. Accessibility to some areas in the winter and spring months may require four-wheel drive. Travel distance to health care providers can have serious implications for the provision of health care services and in some circumstances are considered a barrier.