



VILLAGE OF LYTTON COMMUNITY HUB

# Community Engagement Summary

Report to Council

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# COMMUNITY HUB PROJECT

## Project Overview



- In August 2024, the Village of Lytton applied for funding through **Infrastructure Canada's Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB) Program** for a Community Hub.
  - The program funds inclusive community, culture, and recreation centres that are accessible, open to the public, climate-resilient, and built to Net Zero carbon standards.
- The proposed **Community Hub** will replace community infrastructure lost during the 2021 fire.

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## Proposed components



The Community Hub will be located at **320, 400, and 420 Fraser Street.**

### Proposed **Community Hub components:**

- Community-sized pool/ fire reservoir
- Festival/gathering/local markets/recreation space and related storage
- Accessible bathrooms
- Library\*/ Museum
- Multi-purpose room/ Net Zero learning space
- Multi-purpose space/ future flex space

*\* If the TNRL decides to rebuild a library in Lytton*

# Community engagement January 2025



- **Mailout to property owners**
- **Survey** (January 13 to 31, 2025)
  - 43 responses
  - 6 comment cards
- **Open house**
  - 50 attendees in afternoon
  - 20 attendees in evening

A flyer for the Community Hub Project Open House. The top half features an aerial photograph of a proposed development site with various colored overlays representing different areas like parking, playground, and building footprints. The text "Village of Lytton" appears in the top left and top right corners. A large, semi-transparent white box in the center contains the text "Community Hub Project" in blue and "OPEN HOUSE" in bold black. The bottom half of the flyer has a solid green background with white text providing the date, time, and location of the event.

**Village of Lytton**

**Community Hub Project  
OPEN HOUSE**

**Thursday, January 30, 2025**  
1 to 3 p.m. or 5 to 7 p.m.

 **Parish Hall**  
140 7th Street  
Lytton

# Is there anything missing?



**Half of the respondents said "Yes".**

## **1. Fitness and recreation centre (10 references)**

Gym/fitness centre to encourage an active lifestyle, especially for winter use

- *"A fitness centre would be beneficial to everyone's health, no matter what your age is."*

## **2. Parking with security and electric vehicle (EV) charging stations (6 references)**

More parking spaces with security and EV charging stations

- *"Parking area needs security (cameras, personnel, etc.)."*
- *"EV chargers can generate revenue for the facility."*



# Missing components



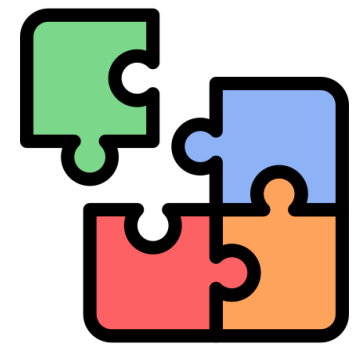
## 3. Covered or indoor pool (5 references) vs. outdoor pool (4 references)

Indoor covered pool for year-round use and accessibility

- *"I believe the pool should be an indoor facility. Pro: year-round access."*
- *"An indoor pool will ensure access even in extreme weather conditions."*

Contrasted with preference for an outdoor pool for fire protection and emergency use

- *"A pool also offers a much-needed supplemental water reservoir for fire protection."*
- *"Hoping the plan is for an outdoor summertime pool so that it can remain sustainable."*



# Missing components



## 4. Community kitchen (4 references)

Commercial-grade community kitchen that could be used for festivals or events or rented out

- *"...I believe a large kitchen in the hub would be a benefit for revenue generation."*

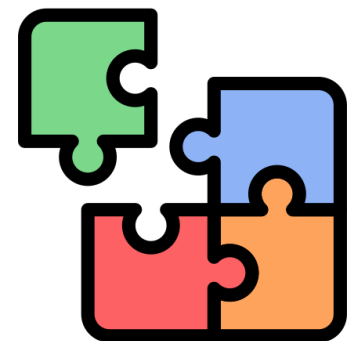
## 5. Inclusion of the museum (6 references) and library\* (6 references)

Support for including the museum and library:

- *"We need pool, museum, library."*

Contrasted with support for prioritizing other components

- *"Museums and Libraries don't make sense in place of a fitness center..."*





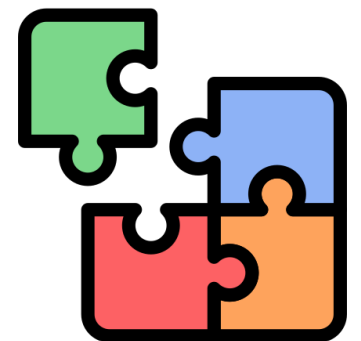
# Missing components



## 6. Other components

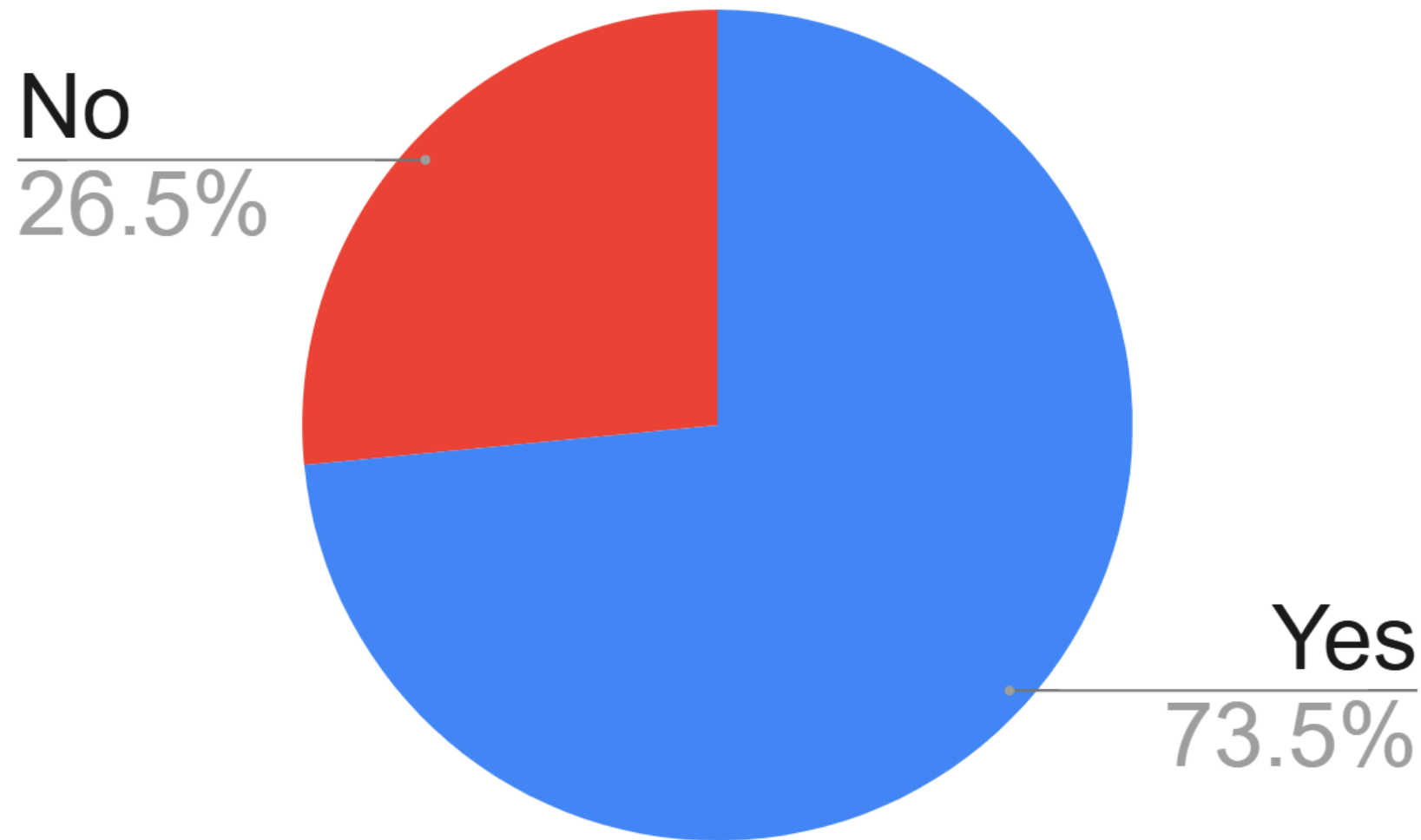
Suggestions:

- Waterslide to bring money into the community
- Community garden
- Additional electrical hookups for markets and events
- Quiet place/room with a spiritual theme
- Visitors Centre [which is included in current plans for rebuilding the Village Office]
- Commercial tenants or private-public partnerships
- *"Has a private, public relationship been explored? Tim Hortons, Subway, KFC, retail space."*





Do you support proceeding with the project (once federal funding requirements are met)?



# 6 General themes

## 1. Support for the Community Hub

The Hub is seen as an essential replacement for lost community spaces and a place for people to come together.

- *"100% support. A community hub for various events, a pool where many memories will be made. A positive place for people to look forward to and a safe place to gather."*
- *"This Hub is essential for the community to gather, recreate, and be together."*
- *"We need to have a community facility that we can all be proud of."*



# General themes



## **2. Improved recreational opportunities for health and well-being of community**

The swimming pool is a key priority for recreation and water safety training.

Some respondents advocated for a fitness centre to provide a safe, accessible exercise option for all ages.

- *"The pool is 10,000% a top priority..."*
- *"A fitness center would be beneficial to everyone's health, no matter what your age is."*
- *"Elders, children and youth desperately need things to do in the community. Critical for mental health, addiction, etc."*





# General themes



## 3. Economic growth and attracting residents and visitors

Some residents believe the Hub can serve as a regional attraction that supports tourism, while also supporting growth of the Village.

- *"It will cost money, but without any amenities, we will never be able to attract newcomers, which we need to help our tax base."*
- *"This Hub is essential not only for current residents of the area but also to attract newcomers who will help grow our village!"*

Suggestions included adding EV chargers to encourage longer visits from travellers.

- *"I think there should be EV chargers—at least one set in the parking lot. This would bring people to stop for at least 40 minutes in town."*



# General themes



## 4. Financial viability, operations, and maintenance

Several respondents saw the value of the project outweighing any concerns about financial viability.

- *"The value it will bring to the community far outweighs the increase in tax dollars to maintain (which compared to other communities is minimal)."*

There were several suggestions for revenue generation.

- *"The site could host food processing businesses renting kitchen space."*
- *"The site where the hub is located is large enough to fit a large number of divergent activities and potentially generate many income streams."*



# General themes



## 4. Financial viability, operations, and maintenance continued

Other respondents expressed skepticism about how the project will sustain itself long-term, given Lytton's small tax base and have concerns about staffing.

- *"Tax base too small to support something of this size."*
- *"How will it be maintained, and by who?"*
- *"Before the fire, the pool was rarely open due to staffing and funding issues."*
- *"Not enough population to support cost to maintain and operate."*





# General themes



## 5. Partnerships and collaboration

Several respondents commented about to the importance of inclusion of surrounding First Nations in project.

- *"The partnership involving the surrounding First Nations community needs to be up front and centre. Their role cannot simply just be 'committee members' but active partners that lead and govern the project."*

Several respondents also highlighted the need for regional collaboration to support financial viability.

- *"This project is only sound with FINANCIALLY VESTED operational partners. TNRD library, LFN/VOL museum collaboration, and perhaps visitor center (collab with museum staff?) could be established."*



# General themes



## 6. Proceeding with the project

Some respondents expressed a desire to move ahead with an expedite the project.

- *"Let's work together and get this done well."*
- *"Want to move forward with the project, not hold it up from proceeding."*

Some respondents also had questions about providing input as the project proceeds and suggested facilitating future planning discussions.

- *"Will there be opportunity to give further input as the project plan develops?"*



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## Next steps



- Once the federal requirements have been met, staff will bring a resolution to Council to get direction to proceed.
- After this, the Village can move ahead with additional planning (e.g., hiring an architect to develop design plans and contracting construction).
- Planning will include developing operational plans.
- Timelines for planning and construction have not been confirmed.







Questions?