

PROGRESS REPORT UPDATING THE OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN November 25, 2025

Project Overview

On July 22, 2025, Council approved the work program for the updating of the Official Community Plan. The work program commencing in late August 2025, included seven (7) phases over a twelve (12) month project timeline. A snapshot of the work program and the phases embarked on to date is included as **Attachment #1**.

An Official Community Plan sets the course for future development of Lytton, by establishing objectives, policies and an implementation plan with a focus on the type of community growth, where to accommodate new development, the provision of services and specific issues of concern to be addressed

The current OCP is more than twenty-five years old, and although its policies consider issues still present (economic development, housing and support facilities, tourism, financial considerations, and infrastructure improvements), the current OCP also needs to become in accordance with more recent amendments to the Local Government Act, impacts of the 2021 fire and the atmospheric river, changing demographics, Nlaka'pamux consultation and updated information, mapping, and community engagement.

2. Current Status

The updating of the Official Community Plan is now moving in the Phase 2, yet it is recognized that the goals of the prelaunch, and Phase 1 have not been achieved, specifically:

- A goal of the initial phase Pre-Launch Nlaka'pamux Outreach (see text box) was to have the Nlaka'pamux provide input on how they would like to be involved in the OCP Update prior to the October Launch meeting. There has not been any formal input from Nlaka'pamux governance, although some information was shared with Lytton First Nation staff as well as Kanaka Bar Stewardship Manager (specific to learning about their Climate Change Strategy and initiatives). Efforts to request direction are included in **Attachment #2**.

PHASE 1: WORK PROGRAM GOALS

Nlaka'pamux agrees that the outreach:

- *provides opportunities to participate in the Village's Official Community Plan update planning process.*
- *facilitates feedback on the OCP Update work program and direction on the preferred approaches for consultation*
- *creates awareness to be extensively involved throughout the update of the Village's OCP.*
- *Incorporates ongoing Nlaka'pamux consultation into the work program throughout the planning process.*

- The goals for the second phase Project Launch (second text box) have for the most part been fulfilled through the lead up and hosting of the October 27th community meeting (held at Parish Hall and online). The exception to this statement is that there have not been any project meetings specifically held with Nlaka’pamux communities, although as mentioned, the project team has reached out to staff and Council. In addition, no sessions have yet been held in the schools, yet considerable informal input was received from students at the Farmer’s Market outreach. This outreach will be proposed early in 2026, to allow students to respond to the draft vision, objectives and policy directions. Both schools have been notified of the project.
- The next steps in the work program for Phase 2 include: follow up with participants (in progress), prepare progress report to Council (this report), and reach out to community groups.

3. Key Achievements

The initial phases have provided awareness about the updating of the Official Community Plan to both the Lytton Community and Nlaka’pamux governments. Informal comments from community members involved in the Project Launch meeting were generally favourable.

4. Issues & Risks

The Village will continue to reach out to Nlaka’pamux on their input either on how to consult or specific comments on the developing OCP. It is important for Nlaka’pamux to be consulted on the planning process and the updated document.

There was a concern raised at the meeting regarding TRND involvement. Through the Local Government Act, the Regional District is required to be referred the OCP amendment bylaw prior to initial readings, which has been confirmed by the TNRD’s General Manager of Development Services.

5. Upcoming Tasks

The information provided in Attachment #3 is a summary of the engagement from the October 27th Project Launch meeting as well as input from online outreach. The input received will then be analysed then considered in the development of a OCP Update survey/workbook. The intent will be to test and progress the inputs received through the Project Launch outreach. The survey will be issued either late in 2025 or early January 2026, depending on staff workload.

Staff is also in the process of identifying technical expertise that is required, notably: Nlaka’pamux history of the area, environmental protection, and slope stability (steep and geotechnical status), and economic development. In reviewing the results from the project launch, staff is also interested in working with the community specific to settler history, the arts (and crafts), agriculture and green energy.

PHASE 2: PROJECT LAUNCH GOALS

Lytton Community (residents, businesses, property owners, community grounds and other interests)

- Are informed about the OCP update process and rationale
- Aware of how to find information, participate in engagement opportunities, and receive updates
- Understand how their input may shape the plan and the next steps in the process.
- Participate and share their input through OCP update activities
- Feel that they were heard and that there was accountability to their input in the OCP Update.
- Participate and share their input through OCP update activities

Nlaka’pamux (leaders, business, community members and organizations)

- Continue to be involved throughout the OCP update process
- Believe their feedback and direction has shaped the consultation plan
- Support involvement of community members in community meetings and other activities

The proposed survey and technical report will inform the draft policy directions.

6. Budget & Resource Update

Attachment #4 provides an overview of the budget allocation to date. One unforeseeable expense was IT for the presentations to ensure that the project launch meeting could be recorded and held virtually. There has been a slight budget allocation variance to enable monies for additional assistance to get additional input and expertise in the policy areas of the arts, agriculture, and green energy.

7. Next Steps

The input collected through the public engagement (informal, written submissions and the project launch questions) will be analysed by staff and will be the foundation of the upcoming survey. Staff is considering a dynamic design that will not only provide the information needed to proceed with draft policy directions but is also engaging for the greater community.

WORK PROGRAM

ATTACHMENT #1

Phase	Focus	Timing
		2025
Preparation	Pre-meetings	August through early September
Phase 1	Project launch	Late September through October
Phase 2	Technical investigations and reporting	September through January
		2026
Phase 3	Developing policy directions	Mid-January to late February
Phase 4	Drafting updated vision, objectives, policies	March through late April
Phase 5	Bylaw readings	Mid-May
	Public hearing	Early June
	Provincial approval	Early June
	Adoption	July
Conclusion	Public roll-out	August to September

The timing has been slightly edited since the late July schedule. In particular, the project launch occurred late in October (rather than early October), and the technical investigations will continue through to early 2026. The technical investigations were delayed by the timing of the project launch engagement to determine if additional information would be required and the geotechnical and environmental aspects are waiting for the LIDAR flight and data compilation. The environmental mapping may need to wait until the spring for ground truthing. These minor delays should not impact the overall timeline.

NLAKA'PAMUX OUTREACH STATUS TO DATE

ATTACHMENT #2

FORMAL NLAKA'PAMUX OUTREACH

- September 8th Village emailed administrator at NNTC.
- October 1st Village emailed letters to staff at Skuppah Band, Kanaka Bar Band, Siska Band, Lytton First Nation, and Cooks Ferry Band.
- On October 2nd, the Village emailed letters to Chief and Council, Skuppah Band, Kanaka Bar Band, Siska Band, Lytton First Nation, and Cooks Ferry Band.

Response:

NNTC – No response

Kanaka Bar:

- On October 17th, Kanaka Bar emailed the Village a letter with interest to discuss the development of this plan, the anticipated engagement timelines and how Kanaka Bar input will be implemented in its development.
- On November 6th, the Stewardship Manager with Kanaka Bar emailed requesting a meeting to be involved in the OCP update and the Village is in the process of setting up a meeting.
- A meeting has been arranged to learn more about the Kanaka Bar Climate Change Strategy for November 26th.

Lytton First Nation

- On October 2nd, several managers acknowledged receipt of the email and were checking with the Chief and Council on direction.

Skuppah

- October 2nd email response, that Village is welcome to engage the community, but Chief and Council are waiting for an MOU.

INFORMAL NLAKA'PAMUX OUTREACH

- Farmers Market
- Public Works Opening/River Festival

FORMAL OUTREACH

- Nlaka'pamux individuals participated in the project launch both in person and responded to the online questionnaire.

SUMMARY

The goal was to have the Nlaka'pamux community provide input on how they want to be involved in the OCP Update before the October Launch meeting. There have been comments from Lytton FN and Kanaka Bar and individuals; however, the goal has not been met.

The Village will continue to request input from Nlaka'pamux.

PROJECT LAUNCH OUTREACH COMPILATIONS

ATTACHMENT #3

The following slides are a compilation of the results provided at the October 27th launch (in-person and virtually) only. In addition, there were nine (9) online responses provided which have been recognized in the totals.

The next step is to fully analyse these results and identify key directions and themes to be tested in the survey to be administered either late in 2025 or early 2026. Even a cursory review of the findings, indicate clear community directions.

The nature of the questions and responses (individuals in most cases were able to respond with unlimited answers) are not statistically relevant but extremely effective in identifying key themes and trends. Note these results were grouped and compiled by the Director of Development (not Artificial Intelligence) as to better understand the community's directions.



The compiled results of “Where do you live” are as follows:

Location	Total	%
Lytton	25	65.8
Regional District (Botanie Valley, West Side, etc)	7	18.4
Nlaka’pamux *	3	7.9
Elsewhere (Lillooet, Victoria + Outside Lytton**)	3	7.9
Total	38	100

* Respondents indicated locations with the Band/but these could also be individuals within the Village that refer to the geographical area as the Nlaka’pamux Traditional Territory as all encompassing.

** a respondent indicating “Outside Lytton” could be the Regional District, Nlaka’pamux Traditional Territory or elsewhere.

What makes Lytton DIFFERENT OR BETTER than other places? Why is it a SPECIAL PLACE?



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In review of the slide above, there were over 38 unique responses. Similar responses were grouped, as follows:

What Makes Lytton Different or Better than other places? Why is it a Special Place?	Total	%
Community	15	20.3
Small Town	11	14.8
Nlaka'pamux (Traditional Territory + Ancient Village)	9	12.2
Two Rivers	8	10.8
Location	8	10.8
Climate (favourable)	7	9.5
Heritage*	7	9.5
Freedom/Power/Belief	3	4
Events	2	2.7
Culture	2	2.7
Other (suncatchers, its home)	2	2.7
Total	74	

*where the focus of heritage was not specified it was added both the Nlaka'pamux and Heritage

resilience

diversity

history

lifestyle

community

natural beauty

fresh air

climate

culture

weather

climate-for-growing-food

the beauty the weather the thrills

resilient people

community bond

sun

the people

natural beauty

community

recreation options

gatherings

diverselansscape

riverviewclimatenaturalbeauty

integrated communities

welcoming

strength

lines

mightyrivers

surroundings

communities

division

rivers-lakes-streams

expansion

mountainwater

weather-climate

culture:acceptance

beautiful

foodsovereignty

climate

%

Scenery and Beauty	9	11.1
Resilience/Strength	8	10.0
Natural Environment	8	10.0
Nlaka'pamux Communities/Voice	6	7.4
Culture/Traditional Knowledge	6	7.4
Rivers	6	7.4
Climate	6	7.4
Integrated Communities/People	5	6.2
Positivity/Welcoming	5	6.2
History	4	4.9
Land and Resources	3	3.7
Diversity	2	2.5
Recreation/Business Opportunities	2	2.5
Silos (not a strength)	2	2.5
Fresh Air	1	1.2
Room to Expand	1	1.2
Close to Urban Centres	1	1.2
Transient Nature	1	1.2
Healing and Wellness	1	1.2
Lifestyle	1	1.2
Trails	1	1.2
Small business/lack of competition	1	1.2
Other (lines)? (railway?)	1	1.2
Total	81	

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What do we most VALUE in Lytton? What should never change?

%

Friendliness/Inclusive	10	16.4
Helping	6	9.8
Walkable	5	8.2
Not Urban/Safe	5	8.2
Environment	4	6.6
Diversity	4	6.6
Climate	3	4.9
Natural Beauty	3	4.9
Nlaka'pamux and Settler History	2	3.3
Culture (Nlaka'pamux and Small Town)	2	3.3
Land Connection	2	3.3
Resilience	2	3.3
Freedom	2	3.3
Family	2	3.3
People Connection	1	1.64
Amenities	1	1.64
Youth Sports	1	1.64
Free Parking	1	1.64
Simple	1	1.64
Posts Office	1	1.64
Rafting	1	1.64
Marmots	1	1.64
Not much value now	1	1.64
Total	61	

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The following chart has provided the bulk totals provided by respondents but also allocate the responses in categories for Agriculture, Tourism, Downtown Business/Rest Stop, Remote Work and Light Manufacturing.

What are our Economic Opportunities?	Bulk Totals	Category Totals	%
Agriculture	4	18	14.4
Community Kitchen/Food Production	1		
Hemp	2		
Wineries	2		
Farmers Market +Food Production	8		
Desert Hills (like)	1		
Tourism	3	63	51
Outdoor Activities + Fitness	16		
Festivals and Special Events	8		
Cultural Tourism*	5		
Indigenous History/Tourism	7		
Agritourism	3		
Scenery/Ecology	3		
Angling	4		
Birdwatching	3		
Railways*	2		
Geocaching	2		
Gold Pan	2		
Museums	2		
River Activities	2		
Camping	1		
Downtown Businesses/Rest Stop	4	17	14
Cafes (coffee, ice cream)	6		
Charging Station	1		
Hotels	2		
Indoor Recreation/Pool	3		
Sports equipment sales, service rental	1		

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ATTACHMENT #3

What are our Economic Opportunities?

Arts and Crafts

Remote Workers

	Bulk Totals	Category Totals	%
Internet	4	4	3
Homebased Businesses	2		
Online Businesses/E-Commerce	2		
Education	6	6	5
better schools and/or academies considering interests such as: fire fighting, professional development, traditional knowledge, sustainability/self determination, and environmental stewardship			
Health Care	1	1	0.7
Housing	1	1	0.7
Infrastructure Renewal		1	0.7
Light Manufacturing	2	5	4
Tech Jobs	1		0.7
Community based enterprises (agriculture, arts, history, education, traditional knowledge and innovation)	1		0.7
Clean Energy	1		0.7
Total	124	124	

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What are our COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES? (Some key elements: housing, a “Village centre”, recreation, etc.)

Total	%
32	30.2

Housing (affordable, mix of housing types, families, elders, youth and price)

Community Hub (friendly gathering space, education, recreation)/Pool

Retail/Downtown Enhancement/Gathering Spaces

Farmers Market

Café/Restaurants

Grocery

Health Centre

Accommodation

Children and Youth Programs/spaces

Parks/Children's Playground

Music

Festivals

Disc Golf

Partnerships with Nlaka'pamux

Trails

Permissive Development Procedures

Flea Market

Outdoor Recreation

Health and Wellness Centre

Mini Golf

Museum

Water Park

Downtown BC Transit Stop (washrooms, snacks...)

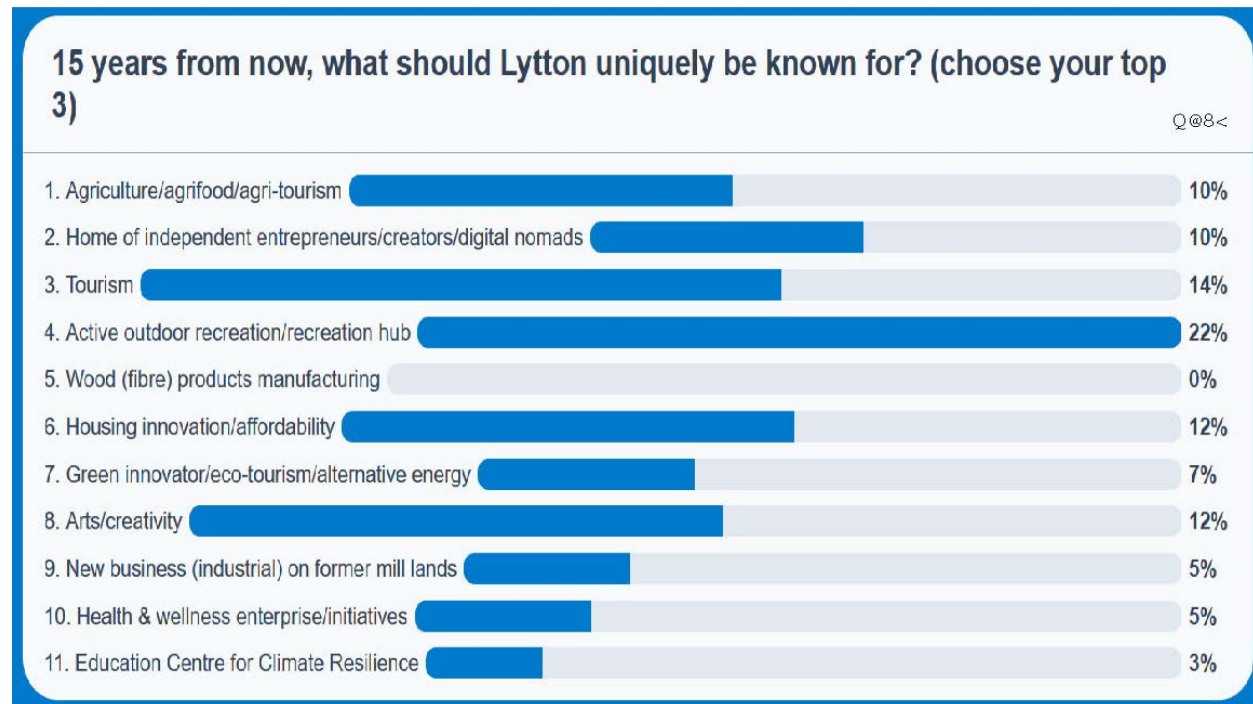
Public Art Spaces

Street basketball hoops

Programs to support employment, entrepreneurship, arts, culture, environmental stewardship, intergenerational learning)

Total

106



Note that these results are the TOP 3, with the in-person/virtual responses in percentages, while the online answers were numerical. Also, the online responses were open ended thus Indigenous Culture, Tourism and Residents and Neighbour responses were added.

Fifteen years from now, what should Lytton be UNIQUELY KNOWN FOR? Choose your top 3.	% Oct 27th	Online #
Active Outdoor Recreation/Recreation Hub	22	
Housing Innovation and Affordability	12	2
Arts/creativity	12	3
Agriculture/agrifood/agritourism	10	3
Home of independent entrepreneurs/creator/digital nomads	10	2*
Green innovator/eco-tourism/alternative energy	7	2
New business (industrial) on former mill lands	5	
Health and wellness enterprise/initiatives	5	1
Education Centre for Climate Resilience	3	2
Wood (fibre) products manufacturing	0	
Indigenous Culture		1
Tourism		1
Residents and Neighbours		1

*An online respondent provided this (cautionary?) link:
https://www.researchgate.net/publication/334584274_Digital_Nomads_and_Settler_Desires_Racial_Fantasies_of_Silicon_Valley_Imperialism

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Imagine Lytton 2035 has achieved not only the ambitions, but the exceptional? What BIG IDEAS did we step into?	Total	%
Interconnected and Partnerships (Nlaka'pamux)	8	11.0
Sustainable/Self Sufficient	7	9.6
Great Place to Visit and Live/Healthy Diverse Livable Community	5	6.8
Embrace Culture (Indigenous and Heritage)/Museum /Traditional Arts and Knowledge	4	5.4
Resort/Retreat	4	5.4
Inclusive and Open Minded	4	5.4
Community Food Hub/Community Root Cellar/Agricultural centre	4	5.4
Climate Resilient Building/Resilient Community	4	5.4
Small Independent Businesses/Coop Community	3	4.1
Housing	3	4.1
Green Tech/Tech	3	4.1
Centre for Healthy Living and Wellness Families/Outdoor Activity Hub	2	2.7
Truth and Reconciliation	2	2.7
A First Nations Community	2	2.7
No Tumbleweeds	1	1.4
Hang Gliding	1	1.4
Jobs	1	1.4
Mars Lander Platform	1	1.4
Permissive	1	1.4
Natural/Not Gentrified	1	1.4
Treed	1	1.4
River Tours	1	1.4
Parties	1	1.4
Zipline over the River	1	1.4
Totally Rebuilt	1	1.4

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Imagine Lytton 2035 has achieved not only the ambitions, but the exceptional? What BIG IDEAS did we step into?	Total	%
Excellent Restaurants	1	1.4
Farmers Market	1	1.4
Bridge to West Side	1	1.4
Canada's Desert Community	1	1.4
Drone Delivery	1	1.4
Solar array	1	1.4
Relocate Village to 3 Mile with LFN to run	1	1.4
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If you could do ONE SMALL THING to improve your community, what would it be? (think visible/tangible)

A word cloud of suggestions for improving a community. The words are arranged in a roughly circular shape, with 'pool' being the largest and most central word. Other prominent words include 'trees', 'plant', 'street-lights', 'water-fountain', 'hobo-hollow-useable-in', 'parties', 'miniwaterpark', 'laugh', 'firesmart', 'everywhere', 'involve', 'volunteer', 'differ', 'what', 'community', 'actually', 'is', 'keep', 'the', 'weeds', 'down', 'and', 'garbage', 'picked', 'up'. Smaller words include 'super-cool-outhouse', 'fundraise for grocery store', 'accessible washrooms', 'festive lights', 'street lights', 'campsites', 'start-a-garden-club', 'trails', 'summer-for-swimming', '-conditioned-out-house', 'landscaping', 'air', 'keep-it-clean', 'firesmart', 'greenspace', 'less divisive', 'inclusion', 'music-on-the-streets', 'water-trees', 'trees', 'bowling alley', 'water-fountain', 'hobo-hollow-useable-in', 'parties', 'miniwaterpark', 'laugh', 'firesmart', 'everywhere', 'involve', 'volunteer', 'differ', 'what', 'community', 'actually', 'is', 'keep', 'the', 'weeds', 'down', 'and', 'garbage', 'picked', 'up'.

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super-cool-outhouse fundraise for grocery store accessible washrooms
festive lights street lights campsites start-a-garden-club
trails summer-for-swimming -conditioned-out-house
landscaping air keep-it-clean firesmart
greenspace less divisive pool inclusion music-on-the-streets
water-trees trees plant trees street-lights bowling alley
water-fountain hobo-hollow-useable-in parties miniwaterpark
laugh firesmart everywhere involve volunteer
differ what community actually is
keep the weeds down and garbage picked up

If you could do ONE SMALL THING to improve your community, what would it be? (Think visible/tangible.)	Total	%
Pool	6	13.3
Trees	4	8.9
Nlalka'pamux Recognition (flags of Indigenous Communities/signs /art work	3	6.7
Improve Appearance	3	6.7
Super Cool Outhouse	3	6.7
Waterpark/Cooling Station	2	4.4
Fire Smart Community	2	4.4
Streetlights	2	4.4
Bowling Alley	1	2.2
Campsites	1	2.2
Central outdoor meeting space (for gathering, sharing, culture)	1	2.2
Define it?	1	2.2
Festival Lights	1	2.2
Grocery	1	2.2
Hobo Hollow Beach	1	2.2
Inclusive/Less Decisive	1	2.2
Trails	1	2.2
Greenspace	1	2.2
Walkable	1	2.2
Music	1	2.2
Parties	1	2.2
Water Fountain	1	2.2
Volunteers	1	2.2
Fast food	1	2.2
Bring back Rainbow Crosswalks	1	2.2
Mixed use buildings in downtown (retail on bottom, workforce housing ...)	1	2.2
Communication and collaboration	1	2.2
Unlikely to bring people back given the ongoing operation costs	1	2.2
Total	45	

What are our KEY ISSUES/CHALLENGES? What DO WE MISS about Lytton from its best days?



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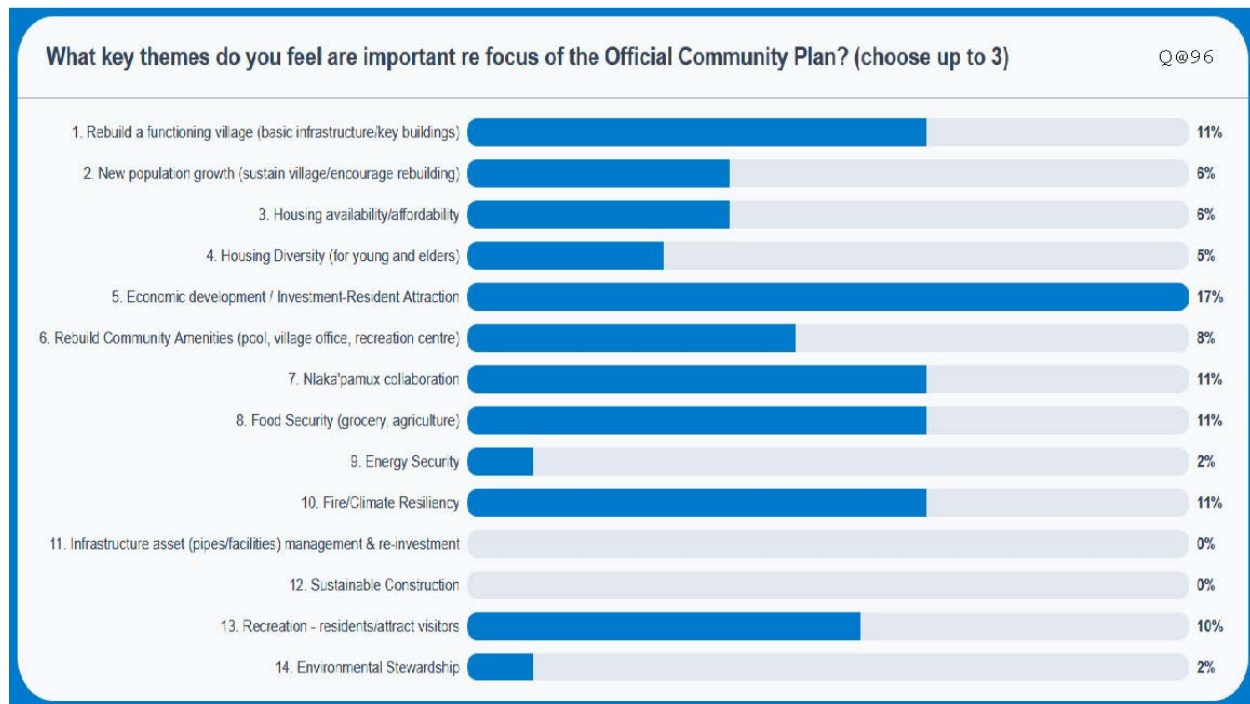
Return Businesses Downtown	10	11.0
Housing (affordable, worker, families, restrictions)	8	8.8
Places to Gather	8	8.8
Partnerships/Collaboration with surrounding communities/remove silos	6	6.6
Cost of Rebuilding/Money	5	5.5
People, Friends, Volunteers	5	5.5
Grocery Store	4	4.4
Attracting Families, Children	4	4.4
Workforce	4	4.4
Dogs/Weeds/Gravel	4	4.4
Getting Past Recovery /Weeds/Gravel	4	4.4
Investment/Economy/Industry	4	4.4
Health Care Centre	3	3.3
Division/Lack of Enthusiasm/Lack of inclusion	6	6.6
Hotel	2	2.2
Dogs	2	2.2
Post Office	1	1.1
Capacity	1	1.1
Walkability	2	2.2
Relaxed Fun Events	2	2.2
Drive In	1	1.1
No Land	1	1.1
Haywire	1	1.1
Paid Fire Department	1	1.1
Lack of recreation centre	1	1.1
Recreational drug and alcohol use (youth and young adults)	1	1.1
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Using single words, what is your VISION for the future of Lytton?



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Using single words, what is your VISION for the future of Lytton?	Total	%
Affordable	3	7.7
Collaboration	3	7.7
Regional Plan/Consultation	3	7.7
Destination	3	7.7
Walkable	3	7.7
Inclusive/Empowering	2	5.1
Prosperity/Thriving	2	5.1
Community (what is it)	2	5.1
Like Pre-Fire	2	5.1
Positivity and Optimism (volunteer, show up)	2	5.1
Healthy community and food offerings	2	5.1
Re-build	1	2.6
Recreation	1	2.6
Transparency	1	2.6
Communication	1	2.6
Still here despite the weather	1	2.6
Reconciliation/UNDRIP	1	2.6
Resilient	1	2.6
Sustainable	1	2.6
Guided/Leadership	1	2.6
Done For	1	2.6
Simple, uncluttered small country culture to match the surroundings	1	2.6
The people and the jobs	1	2.6
Total	37	



The online surveys did not include this question as it was intended in the live/virtual event to inform the discussion.

What key themes do feel are important re: focus of the OCP?	%
Economic development/Investment Resident Attraction	17
Nlaka'pamux Collaboration	11
Rebuild a functioning village (basic infrastructure/key buildings)	11
Fire/Climate Resiliency	11
Food Security (grocery, agriculture)	11
Recreation - residents/attract visitors	10
Rebuild Community Amenities (pool, village office, recreation centre)	8
Housing availability affordability	6
New population growth (sustain village/encourage rebuilding)	6
Housing Diversity (for young and elders)	6
Environmental Stewardship	2
Energy Security	2
Sustainable Construction	0
Infrastructure assets (pipes/facilities), management and reinvestment	0

TASK	BUDGET	FISCAL YEAR	2025	2026
Mapping				
Base Mapping	2,000	2025	2,000	
LiDAR	16,000	2025	13,000	
Public Meeting Displays	2,500	2025/26	1,250	
OCP Schedules	2,500	2026		2,500
Technical Reports				
Environmental RAPR	30,000	2025		30,000
Environmental IER	20,000	2025		20,000
Geotechnical Status	18,000	2025		18,000
Wildfire	2,000	2025		2,000
Parks and Trails Plan	4,000	2025/26	2,500	1,500
Economic Development (speaker)	5,000	2025	5,000	
Arts	3,000	2026		5,000
Green Energy	2,000			2,000
Agriculture	2,000	2026		2,000
History and Culture	5,000			5,000
Outreach				
Consultation	3,000	2025	1,000	2,000
Community Meetings	2,000	2026/26	1,000	1,000
Survey/Census	2,000	2025	2,000	
Logo + Promotions	3,000	2025	2,000	1,000
Displays	2,000	2025/26	1,000	1,000
Visioning and Objective Update				
Peer Review	1,000	2026		1,000
Policy Development				
Peer Review	8000	2026		8,000
OCP Document Design and Production	2000	2025		2,000
Sub Total	137,000		30,750	104,000
10% Contingency	13700		3,075	10,400
TOTAL	150,700		33,825	114,400