

Future Forward:

Lytton's Official Community Plan Update

The Village of Lytton respectfully acknowledges that we are located on the unceded traditional ancestral territory of the Nlaka'pamux.

Official Community Plan Workbook

In late October, the Village of Lytton invited residents, property owners, Nlaka'pamux governments, businesses and other community interests to provide feedback on future planning and development within the Village of Lytton through the update of the Official Community Plan (OCP).

This outreach provided an opportunity to document the **greater community's* aspirations and vision, with a strong focus on economic development. The Progress Report and engagement results have been compiled and are posted on the OCP Project web page: www.lytton.ca/OCP-update.

What is an Official Community Plan?

An Official Community Plan (OCP) is a guiding policy document that identifies a clear vision, objectives and policies that consider many aspects of planning and land use. In particular, the OCP considers how land use impacts future growth, housing supply, environmental, fiscal and community sustainability, transportation, parks, hazards, and servicing.

The current OCP was adopted in 1998 and needs to be updated to consider more recent amendments to provincial legislation, Nlaka'pamux engagement, impacts of the 2021 fire and atmospheric river events, and the changing Village demographics.

The next stage of the OCP's update process is to collect more detailed input on the directions of the document's vision and policies. This workbook has been prepared to receive comments from the community on the objectives and policy directions of the current OCP and incorporate ideas and comments received through the engagement.

**Greater community is defined in this workbook as considering communities that rely on Lytton as the regional centre, including the Nlaka'pamux and the Thompson–Nicola Regional District.*

This workbook considers the following:

1. What is a OCP Vision?
2. Key Traits for Lytton's the OCP Vision
3. Updating the OCP Directions
4. Directions for Nlaka'pamux Reconciliation and Relationships

The corresponding policies and actions will progress following the establishment of the OCP vision and updated directions, following engagement with the *greater community*.

Instructions

It is estimated that it will take approximately 20 to 40 minutes to complete the workbook. The workbook has been distributed within the Village door-to-door and is also available in hard copy for pick up at the Village Office and Parish Hall and online at: www.lytton.ca/OCP-update.

Completed workbooks can be:

- Dropped off at the Village Office or Parish Hall, or
- Scanned and emailed to planning@lytton.ca.

Alternatively, complete the fillable PDF workbook and email it to planning@lytton.ca. **Remember, you only need to complete one workbook (either by hand or online).**

The workbooks can be prepared individually or together with friends, colleagues or family (refer to Question #1).

The workbook is due January 30, 2026. Please direct any questions about the workbook to planning@lytton.ca.

Question #1

If this workbook was done by a more than one person, please indicate the number of individuals who participated. _____

Question #2

Please indicate the location of residence for all individuals involved in preparing this workbook:

<input type="checkbox"/> Village of Lytton	<input type="checkbox"/> Siska
<input type="checkbox"/> Lytton First Nation	<input type="checkbox"/> Nicomen
<input type="checkbox"/> Skuppah	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional District, specify_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Kanaka Bar	<input type="checkbox"/> Other locations, specify_____

1.0 What is an Official Community Plan Vision?

The current OCP does not include a vision. Including a vision in the OCP is valuable to Lytton, as it provides a descriptive and place-based statement about how a community strives to develop over the next 20 years. The vision is intended to be a touchstone to guide objectives, policies and actions. The vision should be unique to the Lytton community.

For reference, below please find several examples of visions contained within community plans for several locations throughout British Columbia:

- A. Town of Ucluelet** - Our built and natural environment reflects, above all, the value we place on the outstanding beauty and diverse natural habitat of this place, which support the well-being of all members of the community. Our residents and visitors enjoy a high quality of life built upon a sustainable, diverse and vibrant local economy.
- B. Village of Canal Flats** - Canal Flats is an affordable, family-friendly town building a new future in diverse housing options, quality of place initiatives, tourism and light industry development, and redevelopment of a unique work-live downtown. We will be a key employment centre in our Valley that reconnects people to nature ... and each other.
- C. Kanaka Bar Band** - We are committed to using its lands and resources to maintain a self-sufficient, sustainable and vibrant community.
- D. City of Powell River** - A Coastal city with a proud heritage, diverse local economy and a sustainable future - environmentally, socially and economically. With a superb natural setting, vast recreational opportunities, and vibrant arts & cultural services, we are a community for all ages. The pearl on the Sunshine Coast, we continue to work cooperatively with the Regional District and our Tla'amin Nation neighbours to foster a respectful community, inclusive for all.
- E. Lytton First Nation Tl'kemtsin** - A resilient, self-sufficient, and prosperous Nation grounded by a strong culture and language. We work together well and thrive with the teachings of our ancestors, the wisdom of our Elders, the strength of our leaders, and the guidance of our people.
- F. Village of Daajing Giids** - A hard working, healthy and sustainable community that welcomes the world. Daajing Giids (Queen Charlotte City) seeks to be a progressive, forward thinking community which strives to balance individual, environmental and economic needs within a safe, accessible and inclusive environment where we are free to live and prosper. Sensitive growth and development enables us to reduce our

footprint on the natural ecosystems while we endeavour to explore opportunities to use on Island alternative energy and agricultural sources. This meshes well with our interest in addressing climate change and in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

G. District of Tumbler Ridge - In 2041, Tumbler Ridge is a unique gem in the Peace Region. Visitors are enchanted by the vast natural beauty and rich geological history unique to Tumbler Ridge. A municipality brimming with community spirit welcomes visitors and newcomers alike, offering spectacular year-round festivals, recreational experiences and amenities. A third and fourth generation of residents grow up in Tumbler Ridge, supported by a safe community offering diverse housing and opportunities for young families. Tumbler Ridge is known for diversifying the local economy beyond natural resources and tourism, providing economic and employment stability for employees and investors alike. Tumbler Ridge thrives as a sustainable community that attracts visitors globally and where residents' daily needs are met locally.

Question #3

The visions above are not intended to be applied to Lytton, but rather to provide context. In reading other community visions, is there one vision that is preferred given its format, language or ability to visualize the community and its desired future? If so, please specify.

Question #4

Why do you like the vision identified in Question #3?

2.0 Key Traits for Lytton's OCP Vision

Official Community Plans are intended to project 20 years in the future, identifying a community vision, policies, and land use designations. The recent outreach documented insights from the *greater community* specific to community strengths, valued traits, and why Lytton is special.

Question #5 – Lytton's Preferred OCP Vision Traits

Below is a listing of community identified vision traits collected through the recent OCP engagement. Please review and mark the corresponding box for five (5) of the traits that are most important to highlight in Lytton's OCP's vision. No priority ranking is required.

<input type="checkbox"/> Diverse community	<input type="checkbox"/> Walkable
<input type="checkbox"/> Small town	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural environment
<input type="checkbox"/> Nlaka'pamux Territory, people and culture	<input type="checkbox"/> Land connection
<input type="checkbox"/> Two rivers	<input type="checkbox"/> Affordable
<input type="checkbox"/> Climate	<input type="checkbox"/> Collaborative within Nlaka'pamux
<input type="checkbox"/> Railway, forestry, rafting, and Gold Rush history	<input type="checkbox"/> A visitor destination
<input type="checkbox"/> Freedom/less regulation	<input type="checkbox"/> Thriving
<input type="checkbox"/> Scenic location	<input type="checkbox"/> Keep the same as pre-fire
<input type="checkbox"/> Resilience and strength	<input type="checkbox"/> Optimistic
<input type="checkbox"/> Regional service centre	<input type="checkbox"/> Inclusive
<input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming	<input type="checkbox"/> Healthy community
<input type="checkbox"/> Strategic location	<input type="checkbox"/> Reconciliation
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable
	<input type="checkbox"/> Transparent

Question #6

Are there any other traits that should be included (that are not listed in Question #5)? If so, please add below.

3.0 Updating OCP Objectives and Issues

The current OCP identifies the following specific issues and objectives which determined the plan's direction, emphasis, and policies.

Current OCP Objectives:

- **Future direction of Lytton** – The type of community Lytton should be in the future, the type of growth to be encouraged; and where this growth should be focused.
- **Accommodation of growth** – Efficient use of the existing land, compatible land use patterns, and an acceptable development program
- **Provision of services** – Provision of basic services, water, sewer, roads, drainage, and utilities; and provision of commercial, public and personal services and recreational facilities.

The above noted objectives will continue to be fundamental components in the updated OCP. The current OCP also includes issues of concern that provided direction to the document's policies.

Question #7 – Current OCP Issues

Below is a list of issues contained within the current OCP. Please review, and mark with an “x” whether each issue is highly relevant, relevant, or not relevant.

Example:

Highly relevant	Relevant	Not relevant	Current OCP Issues
	X		<i>Economic Development</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Adding commercial services downtown</i>

Highly relevant	Relevant	Not relevant	Current OCP Issues
			<i>Economic Development</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adding commercial services downtown
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adding commercial/industrial services along the Trans-Canada Highway
			<i>Housing</i>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding to housing and support facilities to encourage people to remain in Lytton
			<p>Stimulate Tourism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving and maintaining the appearance and attractiveness of the community
			<p>Economic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financing improvements and expansion of services
			<p>Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing priorities for infrastructure improvements and regulatory bylaws

Question #8 – NEW Community Issues

Below is a listing of new issues documented through the recent OCP engagement. Please review and prioritize the top five (5) issues in the community (1=highest priority).

If there is a specific issue(s) not listed, please include as “other”.

Top 5	NEW Community Issues
	Return of businesses downtown (bank, hotels, Village office, coffee shop, restaurant, pharmacy)
	Return of grocery store downtown
	Division in the community/lack of inclusion
	Return of regional services downtown (library, pool, health care centre, post office, etc.)
	Housing to meet community needs
	Places for the <i>greater community</i> to gather
	Cost of rebuilding for property owners/businesses
	Building partnerships, collaborating with surrounding communities, and removing silos
	Getting past recovery (beyond gravel parking lots, cracked sidewalks and weeds)
	Return of community events in Lytton
	Attracting new workforce, families and children to live in Lytton area

	Paid fire department
	The lack of land owned by the Village to meet community needs.
	Investment into the community, economic development drivers, and investment
	Recreational drug and alcohol use
	Other:
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Policy Priorities:

The current OCP includes specific economic, social and environmental objectives. It is important to update key objectives, as they will influence the OCP's policy directions and action plan.

Question #9 – Current OCP Economic Objectives

Below is a list of economic objectives from the current OCP. Please review, and mark with an “x” whether the objectives are highly relevant, relevant, or not relevant.

Highly relevant	Relevant	Not relevant	Current OCP Economic Objectives
			Increase the population in Lytton.
			Stimulate development in Lytton to expand the tax assessment base and provide employment opportunities.
			Encourage additional tourist and recreational commercial facilities providing activities naturally suited to the area (compatible with and enhancing the character and atmosphere of the community).
			Ensure that new development takes place in a logical and economical fashion, so unnecessary costs can be avoided.
			Ensure that the costs associated with new development are managed, to not place excessive financial burdens on the municipality and the taxpayers.

		Promote and maintain an economically viable downtown.
		Improve upon Lytton's function as a service centre for the surrounding area and reduce household expenditure leakage from the Lytton Trade Area.
		Maintain and enhance the telecommunications network to ensure that businesses and individuals have good access to current telecommunications technology.

Question #10 – NEW Economic Objectives

Below is a list of new economic objectives documented through recent community engagement. Please review, and mark with an “x” whether the objectives are highly relevant, relevant, or not relevant.

Highly relevant	Relevant	Not relevant	NEW Economic Objectives
			Enhance food production and the agricultural economy.
			Rebuild a functioning Village with businesses, infrastructure and services.
			Effectively manage infrastructure and key community buildings.
			Pursue new economic drivers such as energy, technology and tourism.
			Collaborate with Nlaka'pamux on economic development initiatives.
			Identify and engage owners of properties in the community that could accommodate significant economic development.
			Embrace arts and culture as a contributor to a healthy community.
			Nurture creative, and innovative local business investment.

		Attract educational institutions for local training and economic opportunities.
		Attract services that reestablish Lytton as a regional centre for government services, such as health care, ambulance, post office, etc.
		With Nlaka'pamux support, recognize both time-immemorial and post contact history and culture through museums, Traditional Knowledge sharing, and reconciliation.
		Ensure affordable taxation whereby taxpayers can realistically afford to operate and maintain facilities and services.
		Become a provincial learning centre for climate resilience and recovery.
		Provide a diversity of housing, including affordable, family, mixed density, multi-unit, and mixed-use commercial with residential above.
		Actively work to get the Visitor Centre re-established at the Community Hub.
		Investigate transportation improvements to minimize road closures.

Question #11 – Your Additional Economic Objectives

Are there any other economic objectives that should be included (that are not listed in Questions #9 or #10)? If so, please add below:

Question #12 – Current OCP Social Objectives

Below is a list of social objectives from the current OCP. Please review, and mark with an “x” whether you think the objectives are highly relevant, relevant, or not relevant.

Highly relevant	Relevant	Not relevant	Current OCP Social Objectives
			Preserve and enhance those aspects of life in Lytton which contribute positively to the rural, historical and cultural character and atmosphere of Lytton.
			Promote a range of housing opportunities to meet the needs and means of present and future residents.
			Increase the level of services available within the needs and financial capabilities of the community.
			Provide cultural and recreational facilities and public space in accordance with demand levels and willingness to pay on the part of the beneficiaries.
			Ensure the development of a land use pattern which minimizes potential land use conflicts.
			Facilitate lifelong educational and training opportunities for residents and businesses.

Question #13 – NEW Social Objectives

Below is a list of new social objectives documented through recent community engagement. Please review, and mark with an “x” whether the objectives are highly relevant, relevant, or not relevant.

Highly relevant	Relevant	Not relevant	NEW Social Objectives
			Ensure indoor leisure and recreational facilities meet community needs.
			Promote and embrace opportunities for outdoor leisure and recreational facilities to meet

		community needs, including parks, trails, public spaces, etc.
		Facilitate a safe, healthy and walkable community.
		Encourage informed relationships with the Regional District and provincial agencies.
		Ensure there are many places where the community feels comfortable to gather both public and private spaces such as coffee shops, gyms, etc.
		Facilitate new affordable housing for former residents returning to the community.
		Facilitate the return of the Health Care Centre downtown.
		Facilitate the return of the post office downtown.
		Facilitate the return of the library to the new Community Hub.
		Return the Visitor Centre to the new Village Office.
		Support and expand transportation networks and modes to support residents' mobility to destinations within and outside the community.
		Promote healthy and sustainable food systems and security.
		Improve partnerships and collaboration among the greater community.
		Respect and embrace Nlaka'pamux history and traditions.

Question #14 – Your Additional Social Objectives

Are there any other social objectives that should be included (that are not listed in Question #12 and #13)? If so, please add below.

Question #15 – Current OCP Environmental Objectives

Below is a list of environmental objectives from the current OCP. Please review, and mark with an “x” whether the objectives are highly relevant, relevant, or not relevant.

Highly relevant	Relevant	Not relevant	Current OCP Environmental Objectives
			Ensure that the environmental setting of Lytton is enhanced and preserved.
			Ensure a high standard of attractiveness and cleanliness in the community with particular attention to all entrances to the Village.
			Ensure the appropriate use of lands, which may be considered to be hazardous in nature

Question #16 – NEW Environmental Objectives

The OCP’s current environmental objectives listed in Question #15 focus on preserving the environmental setting and attractiveness/cleanliness of the community as well as protection from hazardous conditions. When 1998 OCP was adopted, community planning documents in B.C. were starting to incorporate policies related to sustainable and healthy communities. The recent community engagement identified new environmental objectives which introduced the importance of the local ecology, food security, climate change, resiliency, energy security, and protecting community water sources and systems.

Below is a list of new environmental objectives documented through recent community engagement. Please review, and mark with an “x” whether the objectives are highly relevant, relevant, or not relevant.

Highly relevant	Relevant	Not relevant	NEW Environmental Objectives
			Be stewards of environmental assets through protection and restoration of native species, habitat, and biodiversity.
			Ensure that new development areas minimize negative impacts on the natural environment.
			Minimize human–wildlife conflict.
			Proactively manage and make natural areas resilient to a changing climate.
			Explore energy security through renewable sources.
			Protect water quality in local water bodies.
			Protect water quantity in streams and groundwater.
			Protect the community’s air quality.
			Consider opportunities to reduce the impacts of extreme climate (for example, cooling stations, wind protection, and flood protection).
			Respect that the Nlaka’pamux are stewards of their Traditional Territory.
			Explore non-potable water for firefighting, irrigation, and other suitable uses.

Question #17 – Your Additional Environmental Objectives

Are there any other environmental objectives that should be included that are not listed above? If so, please add below.

4.0 Nlaka'pamux Relationships

Through the first phase of OCP engagement, the Village heard that updating the OCP must recognize that Lytton is located on the Traditional Territory of Nlaka'pamux and the importance of enhancing relationships surrounding communities. The following objectives have been drafted in response to community comments.

Question #16 – Reconciliation and Relationships

Below is a list of new Reconciliation and Relationships objectives documented in recent community engagement. Please review, and mark with an “x” whether the objectives are highly relevant, relevant, or not relevant.

Highly relevant	Relevant	Not relevant	NEW Reconciliation and Relationships Objectives
			Include the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as the framework for reconciliation.
			Build and strengthen relationships between the Village and the Nlaka'pamux for mutual respect and support.
			Work to establish collaborative agreements with the Nlaka'pamux governance.
			Recognize the importance of Nlaka'pamux history, language, and culture and provide opportunities to share throughout the <i>greater community</i> .
			Inventory and protect sites and viewscapes with cultural significance.
			Work with Nlaka'pamux on economic development opportunities for mutual benefit on fee simple lands within the Village.
			Work collaboratively and in partnership with Nlaka'pamux to address opportunities related to transportation, environmental protection, affordable housing, tourism, and economic development.

		Ensure that municipal facilities, functions, and programs are welcoming and accessible to Nlaka'pamux.
		Continue to ensure collaboration on emergency management and public (water and sewer) services.
		Ensure the Village policy documents accurately document the history of the Nlaka'pamux, per the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Question #17 – Your Additional Reconciliation and Relationships’ Objectives

Are there any other reconciliation and relationships’ objectives that should be included (that are not listed in Question #16?) If so, please add below.

5.0 General Comments

Question #18 – Additional Comments

Do you have any other comments about future planning and development of Lytton through the OCP Update process? If so, please add below.

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Enter for a chance to win a draw prize!

(Optional) If you would like to be entered into a draw for a chance to win a draw prize, please provide:

Your name:

Your email address:

Thank you

The results from this workbook will be compiled and included in an upcoming Progress Report to the Village of Lytton's Council.