

REBUILDING – ECONOMIC GROWTH - RELATIONSHIPS

Downtown Enhancement

Funding Considerations

27, January 2026



Downtown Enhancement

Background

2025 Initiatives to improve the function and appearance of downtown as a central meeting place:

- **Pocket Park Phase 1 improvements** installation of a shade structure (funded by Two Rivers Community Services Society, Canadian Healthy Communities Initiative, community donors and the Village). The Village also installed a temporary washroom.
- **Pocket Park Phase 2 improvements** a cooling mister, landscape plan, irrigation and new landscaping. The landscaping will be installed early in the Spring (following threat of frost).
- **Street Enhancements.** Feb 2024 Council directed staff to investigate the cost to rehabilitate Village of Lytton items damaged by the fire. Village staff salvaged and inventoried surviving streetlighting, picnic tables and benches

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2026 Project Descriptions

- **Pocket Park Phase 3:**
- Construct and install a permanent, accessible, timber frame washroom
- Construct and install a community/event bulletin board
- Purchase and install moveable seating

Streetlighting

- Replace and install 35 streetlights.

Street Furniture

- Refurbish four (4) picnic tables and twelve (12) benches.



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2026 Project Budget and Funding

	Quantity	Price/Unit	Total
Permanent+Accessible Washroom	1	\$62,000	\$62,000
Bulletin Board	1	\$8,000	\$8,000
Moveable Café Chairs	6	\$350	\$2,100
Picnic Table Refurbishment	4	\$500	\$2,000
Bench Refurbishment	12	\$400	\$4,800
New heritage-like streetlights	35	\$5,000	\$175,000
Streetlight Installation	35	\$1,200	\$42,000
TOTAL			\$295,900

The Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) has a Main Street Revitalization grant for capital work. The Village could use the \$100,000 insurance proceeds for the streetlights as matching funds.

Note the staff report indicated \$300,000 was available through NDIT, this is incorrect as it is only \$200,000 for this program. The proposed number of lights has been reduced from 50 to 35.

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Recommendations

THAT Council receive the Downtown Enhancement (Pocket Park and Streetlighting) Report dated January 27, 2026, for information and

THAT Council approve a contribution of \$100,000 from the Village Insurance Reserve Fund in support of the application submitted to the Northern Development Initiative Trust for the Downtown Enhancement of Community Spaces.