



OCP Workbook Key Findings

Overview

This report is intended to summarize the key findings and themes of the recently conducted OCP Workbook exercise with residents of the Village of Lytton. A total of 36 responses were collected. Amongst these responses, residents of Lytton have a somewhat united vision for the path forward for Lytton’s development and future. Key themes across the workbooks include wildfire and emergency preparedness, revitalizing the services and facilities in downtown Lytton, and maintaining a collaborative, community-oriented planning process.

Question 1: Indicate individuals who participated (if more than one person completed the workbook)

Most responses did not indicate that there was more than one person completing the workbook. Only six people of the 36 responses indicated that there were more than one person completing the workbook. Four indicated there were two people participating, and two indicated there were three people participating.

Question 2: Indicate location of residence

For those that responded, **most participants resided in the Village of Lytton (12).** Other locations recorded included the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (3), and Kamloops (3).

Lytton First Nation	Village of Lytton	Skuppah	Kanaka Bar	Siska	Nicomen	Regional District	Other Location
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						Electoral Area 1 (x2)	Kamloops (x3)
						TNRD (x3)	Kelowna
							New Westminster
							North Bend (x2)
							Pemberton

Question 3 and 4: 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? Why?

Most participants completed this section (29 of 36). Of those that responded, **the most popular community vision was Powell River**. After Powell River, the Town of Ucluelet and Kanaka Bar Band were also popular choices.

Across responses, the characteristics that most participants shared in their vision for Lytton was a community that were: **forward-thinking, economically diversified, environmentally grounded, supports seniors, works collaboratively with First Nations and regional partners, and builds long-term intergenerational stability through sustainable growth.**

The City of Powell River's community vision:

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?min.Nation.neighbours.to.foster.a.respectful.community?inclusive.for.all;

Question 5 and 6: Please review and mark five traits that are most important to highlight in Lytton's OCP's vision. Are there any missing traits?

This question was completed by 35 of 36 participants. The five most marked traits in this section are as follows:

1. **Sustainable** (16 votes)
2. **Two Rivers** (15 votes)
3. **Climate** (11 votes)
4. **Welcoming** (11 votes)
5. **A Visitor Location** (10 votes)

The next five most selected traits of Lytton include:

6. **Scenic Location** (9 votes)
7. **Inclusive** (9 votes)
8. **Walkable** (9 votes)
9. **Resilience and Strength** (9 votes)
10. **Railway, Forestry, Rafting, and Gold Rush History** (9 votes)

Question 6 asks participants to indicate if there were any missing traits in the provided list. This question was completed by only 13 participants, however, some recurring themes of those that did respond include:

- A desire for more concrete economic foundations (industry and agriculture/food production)
- More explicit water security protections

Question 7: Current OCP Issues

This question was completed by all participants. All issues were marked highly in their relevance. The evaluation for each of the current OCP issues is as follows:

1. Adding commercial services downtown: **Highly.Relevant** (30 votes)
2. Adding commercial/industrial services along the Trans-Canada Highway: **Relevant** (16 votes)
3. Adding housing and support facilities to encourage people to remain in Lytton: **Highly.Relevant.**(27 votes)
4. Improving and maintaining the appearance and attractiveness of the community: **Highly.Relevant** (17 votes)
5. Financing improvements and expansion of services: **Relevant** (18 votes)
6. Establishing priorities for infrastructure improvements and regulatory bylaws: **Highly.Relevant.**(18 votes)

There are some areas where current OCP issues were scored more evenly across their rankings. Areas that are seemingly less relevant to the community (based on this ranking skew) include:

- Adding commercial/industrial services along the Trans-Canada Highway (6 votes for Not.Relevant)
- Stimulating tourism (4 votes for Not.Relevant)

Question 8: New Community Issues

This question was completed by 35 of 36 participants. Of the issues evaluated, the five most ranked issues are (1 is most important, 5 is least important):

1. Return of **grocery store** downtown
2. Return of **businesses** downtown (bank, hotels, Village office, coffee shop, restaurant, pharmacy)
3. Return of **regional services** downtown (library, pool, health care centre, post office, etc.)
4. **Housing** to meet community needs
5. Attracting **new workforce, families and children** to live in Lytton area

Following the five most highly ranked issues, the next five issues are the 6-10th most highly ranked:

6. **Building partnerships, collaborating** with surrounding communities, and **removing silos**
7. Getting past **recovery**
8. **Cost of rebuilding** for property owners/businesses
9. **Investment into the community**, economic development drivers, and investment
10. **Division** in the community/lack of inclusion

Question 9: Current OCP Economic Objectives

This question was completed by all participants. The evaluation for each of the current OCP issues is as follows (note: some prompts have been shortened for conciseness purposes):

1. Increase the population in Lytton: **Relevant** (16 votes)
2. Stimulate development in Lytton and provide employment opportunities: **Highly. Relevant** (26 votes)
3. Encourage additional tourist and recreational commercial facilities: **Highly. Relevant.**(18 votes)
4. Ensure that new development takes place in a logical and economical fashion: **Relevant** (20 votes)

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5. Ensure that the costs associated with new development do not place excessive financial burdens on the municipality/taxpayers: **Highly.Relevant** (25 votes)
6. Promote and maintain an economically viable downtown: **Highly.Relevant** (23 votes)
7. Improve upon Lytton's function as a service centre and reduce household expenditure leakage from the Lytton Trade Area: **Highly.Relevant** (17 votes)
8. Maintain and enhance the telecommunications network: **Highly.Relevant-Relevant** (Tied, 16-16)

There are some areas where current OCP economic objectives were scored more evenly across their rankings. Areas that are seemingly less relevant to the community (based on this ranking skew) include:

- Maintaining and enhancing telecommunications (4 votes for Not.Relevant)
- Promoting and maintaining an economically viable downtown (4 votes for Not.Relevant)

Question 10 and 11: New OCP Economic Objectives

This question was completed by all participants. All issues were marked highly in their relevance. The evaluation for each of the current OCP issues is as follows (note: some prompts have been shortened for conciseness purposes):

1. Enhance food production and the agricultural economy: **Relevant** (16 votes)
2. Rebuild a functioning Village with businesses, infrastructure and services: **Highly.Relevant** (30 votes)
3. Effectively manage infrastructure and key community buildings: **Highly.Relevant** (19 votes)
4. Pursue new economic drivers such as energy, technology and tourism: **Relevant** (17 votes)
5. Collaborate with Nlaka'pamux on economic development initiatives: **Highly.Relevant** (19 votes)
6. Identify and engage owners of properties in the community that could accommodate significant economic development: **Highly.Relevant** (18 votes)
7. Embrace arts and culture as a contributor to a healthy community: **Relevant** (19 votes)
8. Nurture creative, and innovative local business investment: **Highly.Relevant** (18 votes)

9. Attract educational institutions for local training and economic opportunities:
Relevant (17 votes)
10. Attract services that reestablish Lytton as a regional centre for government services: **Highly.Relevant** (30 votes)
11. With Nlaka'pamux support, recognize both time-immemorial and post contact history and culture through museums, Traditional Knowledge sharing, and reconciliation: **Relevant** (22 votes)
12. Ensure affordable taxation: **Highly.Relevant** (22 votes)
13. Become a provincial learning centre for climate resilience and recovery:
Relevant (15 votes)
14. Provide a diversity of housing: **Highly.Relevant** (22 votes)
15. Actively work to get the Visitor Centre re-established at the Community Hub:
Relevant (14 votes)
16. Investigate transportation improvements: **Relevant** (13 votes)

Question 11 prompts participants to add any additional economic objectives for Lytton. Although only 12 of 36 participants completed this question, themes emerging from relevant answers include:

- Support specifically for small, locally owned businesses
- Regional & First Nations partnerships
- Tourism & festival growth
- Green construction, renewable energy

Question 12: New OCP Economic Objectives

This question was completed by 34 of 36 participants. Most issues were marked highly in their relevance. The evaluation for each of the current OCP issues is as follows (note: some prompts have been shortened for conciseness purposes):

1. Preserve and enhance aspects of life in Lytton that contribute to its character and atmosphere: **Highly.Relevant** (17 votes)
2. Promote a range of housing opportunities to meet the needs and means of present and future residents: **Highly.Relevant** (26 votes)
3. Increase the level of services available: **Highly.Relevant** (24 votes)
4. Provide cultural and recreational facilities and public space: **Relevant** (19 votes)
5. Ensure the development of a land use pattern which minimizes potential land use conflicts: **Relevant** (15)

6. Facilitate lifelong educational and training opportunities for residents and businesses: **Relevant** (15 votes)

There are some areas where new OCP economic objectives were scored more evenly across their rankings. Areas that are seemingly less relevant to the community (based on this ranking skew) include:

- Facilitate lifelong educational and training opportunities for residents and businesses. (12 votes for Not.Relevant)
- Ensure the development of a land use pattern which minimizes potential land use conflicts. (6 votes for Not.Relevant)
- Preserve and enhance the characteristics and atmosphere of Lytton. (5 votes for Not.Relevant)

Question 13 and 14: New Social Objectives

This question was completed by 35 of 36 participants. The evaluation for each of the current OCP issues is as follows (note: some prompts have been shortened for conciseness purposes):

1. Ensure indoor leisure and recreational facilities meet community needs: **Relevant** (17 votes)
2. Promote opportunities for outdoor leisure and recreational facilities: **Relevant** (16 votes)
3. Facilitate a safe, healthy and walkable community: **Highly.Relevant/Relevant** (16 votes)
4. Encourage informed relationships with the Regional District and provincial agencies: **Relevant** (17 votes)
5. Ensure there are places where the community feels comfortable to gather (public and private spaces): **Relevant** (18 votes)
6. Facilitate new affordable housing for former residents returning to the community: **Highly.Relevant** (18 votes)
7. Facilitate the return of the Health Care Centre downtown: **Highly.Relevant** (25 votes)
8. Facilitate the return of the post office downtown: **Highly.Relevant** (23 votes)
9. Facilitate the return of the library to the new Community Hub: **Relevant** (19 votes)
10. Return the Visitor Centre to the new Village Office: **Relevant** (14 votes)

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11. Support and expand transportation networks and modes to support residents' mobility to destinations within and outside the community: **Relevant** (16 votes)
12. Promote healthy and sustainable food systems and security: **Highly.Relevant** (16 votes)
13. Improve partnerships and collaboration among the greater community: **Highly.Relevant** (20 votes)
14. Respect and embrace Nlaka'pamux history and traditions: **Relevant** (17 votes)

There are some areas where new social objectives were scored more evenly across their rankings. Areas that are seemingly less relevant to the community (based on this ranking skew) include:

- Facilitate lifelong educational and training opportunities for residents and businesses. (12 votes for Not.Relevant)
- Ensure the development of a land use pattern which minimizes potential land use conflicts. (6 votes for Not.Relevant)
- Preserve and enhance the characteristics and atmosphere of Lytton. (5 votes for Not.Relevant)

Question 14 prompts participants to add any additional social objectives for Lytton. Although only 9 of 36 participants completed this question, ideas emerging from relevant answers include:

- A FN cultural 'trail' through town with FN exhibits – e.g. artworks
- Promote community through mental health and wellness programs
- Youth job training
- Develop a gathering place at Hobo Hollow
- Community infrastructure such as signage, planters, etc.

Question 15: Current OCP Environmental Objectives

This question was completed by 34 of 36 participants. The evaluation for each of the current OCP issues is as follows (note: some prompts have been shortened for conciseness purposes):

1. Ensure that the environmental setting of Lytton is enhanced and preserved: **Highly.Relevant** (23 votes)

2. Ensure a high standard of attractiveness and cleanliness in the community with particular attention to all entrances to the Village: **Highly.Relevant** (24 votes)
3. Ensure the appropriate use of lands, which may be considered to be hazardous in nature: **Highly.Relevant** (20 votes)

This question was consistently marked across participants. However, one area that did have votes as Not.Relevant.includes ensuring the appropriate use of lands, which may be considered to be hazardous in nature (2 votes).

Question 16 and 17: New Environmental Objectives

This question was completed by 35 of 36 participants. The evaluation for each of the current OCP issues is as follows (note: some prompts have been shortened for conciseness purposes):

1. Be stewards of environmental assets through protection and restoration of native species, habitat, and biodiversity: **Highly.Relevant** (17 votes)
2. Ensure that new development areas minimize negative impacts on the natural environment: **Highly.Relevant** (19 votes)
3. Minimize human-wildlife conflict: **Relevant** (16 votes)
4. Proactively manage and make natural areas resilient to a changing climate: **Highly.Relevant** (19 votes)
5. Explore energy security through renewable sources: **Highly.Relevant** (15 votes)
6. Protect water quality in local water bodies: **Highly.Relevant** (30 votes)
7. Protect water quantity in streams and groundwater: **Highly.Relevant** (27 votes)
8. Protect the community's air quality: **Highly.Relevant** (19 votes)
9. Consider opportunities to reduce the impacts of extreme climate (for example, cooling stations, wind protection, and flood protection): **Highly.Relevant** (21 votes)
10. Respect that the Nlaka'pamux are stewards of their Traditional Territory: **Highly.Relevant** (16 votes)
11. Explore non-potable water for firefighting, irrigation, and other suitable uses: **Highly.Relevant** (22 votes)

There are some areas where new environmental objectives were scored more evenly across their rankings. Areas that are seemingly less relevant to the community (based on this ranking skew) include:

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- Explore energy security through renewable sources. (7 votes for Not.Relevant)
- Proactively manage and make natural areas resilient to a changing climate. (6 votes for Not.Relevant)
- Minimize human-wildlife conflict. (6 votes for Not.Relevant)

Question 17 prompts participants to add any additional environmental objectives for Lytton. Although 15 of 36 participants completed this question, ideas emerging from Relevant answers include:

- Wildfire mitigation, FireSmart-ing buildings
- Increased long-term water conservation measures
- More volunteer opportunities for community environmental stewardship projects

Question 18 and 19: Reconciliation and Relationships

This question was completed by 34 of 36 participants. The evaluation for each of the current OCP issues is as follows (note: some prompts have been shortened for conciseness purposes):

1. Include the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as the framework for reconciliation: **Relevant** (17 votes)
2. Build and strengthen relationships between the Village and the Nlaka'pamux **Highly.Relevant** (23 votes)
3. Work to establish collaborative agreements with the Nlaka'pamux governance: **Highly.Relevant** (20 votes)
4. Recognize the importance of Nlaka'pamux history, language, and culture and provide opportunities to share throughout the greater community: **Relevant** (22 votes)
5. Inventory and protect sites and viewscapes with cultural significance: **Relevant** (21 votes)
6. Work with Nlaka'pamux on mutual-benefit economic development opportunities: **Highly.Relevant** (22 votes)
7. Work collaboratively and in partnership with Nlaka'pamux to address opportunities related to transportation, environmental protection, affordable housing, tourism, and economic development: **Highly.Relevant** (26 votes)

8. Ensure that municipal facilities, functions, and programs are welcoming and accessible to Niaka'pamux: **Highly.Relevant** (23 votes)
9. Continue to ensure collaboration on emergency management and public (water and sewer) services: **Highly.Relevant** (26 votes)
10. Ensure the Village policy documents accurately document the history of the Nlaka'pamux, per the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission: **Relevant** (17 votes)

This question had strong concentrations of responses (most responses were concentrated in the Highly.Relevant–Relevant categories), however there are some areas where objectives received **Not.Relevant** scoring. These areas include:

- Include the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as the framework for reconciliation. (7 votes for Not.Relevant)
- Ensure the Village policy documents accurately document the history of the Nlaka'pamux, per the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. (3 votes for Not.Relevant)

Question 19 prompts participants to add any additional environmental objectives for Lytton. Although only 6 of 36 participants completed this question, ideas emerging from Relevant answers include:

- Encouraging villagers to attend the LFN school as a learning experience
- Have more Indigenous People running for VoL council
- Honesty and transparency to find a collaborative path forward

Question 20: Additional Comments

This final question is an opportunity for participants to provide any further comments about the planning process or future development of Lytton. 9 participants of the 36 shared additional comments. Themes from those that responded include

- Encouraging the Village to take advantage of the two rivers for local water uses a joint community plan like Whistler with lodges on the flats surrounding the Stein and the Village. FN can develop their lands and the TNRD and the Village develop theirs. We plan together, but work separately
- Encouraging the OCP to prioritize rebuilding housing, businesses, and essential services to support returning residents

