

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

February 24, 2026

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 updated work program and the phases is included as Appendix #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 growth, 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 continue to be relevant, the OCP also needs to be updated in accordance with more recent amendments to the Local Government Act, and consider impacts from the 2021 fire and the atmospheric river, changing demographics, Nlaka'pamux engagement and updated information, mapping, and overall community input.

1. CURRENT STATUS

The updating of the Official Community Plan is completing Phase 3. As mentioned in the November Progress Report some of the goals related to Nlaka'pamux engagement have not been fulfilled.

The Village continues to reach out to Lytton First Nation, Siska Band, Kanaka Band, Skuppah Band, Nicomen Band and NNTC to engage and attend community outreach sessions. Most notably, contractors Hani Jones, Raven Dunstan, and Jason Robertson hosted a Workbook meeting for the Village at Skuppah Band (a similar meeting at Siska Band was cancelled due to a community protocol). A Workbook session was also held on January 28th and had good representation from residents within and outside the Village boundaries.

Current staff with contractors (Raven and Jason) are preparing information for the Community Conversation presentations and discussions to be held over the next few weeks.

2. KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Phase 3 of the work program was the awareness and completion of the OCP Update Workbook. This Workbook took the directions and policies of the current OCP along with comments received in the initial phases of the OCP outreach and put them together for the community to consider and provide feedback.

Planning Assistant Maggie Cross has compiled the results and are attached as Appendix #2. The findings, that are quite interesting, will provide the framework for the Community Conversations and the drafting of the OCP directions and policies.

3. ISSUES AND RISKS

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

4. UPCOMING TASKS

The Community Conversations commence the week of February 23rd and will continue through mid-March. The intent is to focus on policy actions that could be considered in the OCP update. A final Community Conversation will be held in late March or early April to review a draft Vision, which will move towards Lytton’s recognized and agreed upon identity.

Although previously it was indicated that Vancouver Island University planning students would be providing input on how to draw people to live in Lytton, the student study schedule could not accommodate this request. Alternatively, the University of the Fraser Valley planning students will be doing research and outreach on this topic which will be considered in the drafting of the policies and actions.

Following the Community Conversations, Village staff will commence drafting the OCP vision, policies and actions based on information collected through engagement and technical reports. It is anticipated that a draft OCP will be available in late spring 2026.

5. BUDGET UPDATE

The budget remains on track per the original work program.

APPENDICES

- #1 – Updated Work Program
- #2 – Workbook Findings