



Lytton Community Meeting

January 13, 2022

Community members can watch the recordings of the January 13th Village of Lytton Community Meeting online: <https://youtu.be/8T21poJmB50>

Responses to questions not answered during the meeting are below:

Safe Return

Is the Village of Lytton on the Provincial registry of contaminated sites in BC? If yes, can this be posted to the Village website?

No, the Village is not listed on the contaminated sites registry. There are 4 sites within the village that are listed on the registry as being previously remediated between 1998 – 2019.

For James (Project Manager) - How will the work that you are doing become public information? Where will residents be able to see the progress you are making with both the development of the plan, and the financing of the implementation?

The Village is currently working on developing a document for residents with Work Plan details.

At a recent meeting, we were told that the Village will begin issuing building permits in Spring 2023. This gives us just a few months to rebuild before our insurance policies expire on June 30, 2023. What is being done to either expedite the process or to mass negotiate an extension with insurance companies?

The latest information on the Debris Removal program, including what's being done to streamline the process, is available here: <https://lytton.ca/recovery/wildfire-debris-removal-program/>.

If the site requires years of decontamination work, and since the Village is so vulnerable to fires, as history indicates, would the Village consider relocating?

This is not being considered at this time. This would be a decision made by Mayor and Council, in consultation with the community.

Is there a group of architects and contractors that would be available to residents to help assist with the rebuild? In the beginning, there were a few contractors that offered up their services, and supplies. If this can be arranged, an idea for the architects would be to assist families and businesses by creating blueprints and making them available, with a variety of rooms, sizes, and cost. Could this be something that is requested by the government?

Thank you for this suggestion- this has been shared with the Village team for consideration. A number of options are being considered – the latest information will be communicated to residents once available.

Would the Citizens' Advisory Committee or the Village Council invite disinterested individuals with scientific expertise to speak to land remediation and to Section 5.7 of the Emergency Management BC report, which "recommends assessing the environmental



impact of the bulk material and other potential environmental concerns at the Site that may impact the future health and safety of the residents of Lytton and in areas nearby"? The Village will bring this forward to the Advisory Committee for consideration.

Are other municipalities like Monte Lake not bound by similar legislation? Why are other communities so far ahead?

Answered during the [Community Meeting](#).

We're being told the town is contaminated - yet we have 24 -7 security people in and out of their cars. Why is the town safe for these folks, as well as people in and out of the outskirts of town? / I am curious why we can drive through town and watch CP Rail work on their site while the Village site is still considered too dangerous or difficult?

Answered during the [Community Meeting](#).

Jennifer Rice stated that the province is paying for debris removal - please clarify if that is for individual homeowner properties who do and do not have insurance?

Answered during the [Community Meeting](#).

For existing homes that are still standing in Lytton, is it correct to assume that any renovations would fall under the same standards as the downtown core?

Answered during the [Community Meeting](#).

Has rail been considered as an option for debris removal and if not, why?

Answered during the [Community Meeting](#).

My insurance adjuster informed me on January 11, 2022, that they are "waiting for details on what will be required to obtain a [demolition] permit" to begin site clearing. Why is there such an unreasonable delay on this?

Answered during the [Community Meeting](#).

On Tuesday, my insurance adjuster told me "Sadly, demos are on hold still, waiting for details on what will be required to obtain a permit." When will the insurers be able to obtain permits?

Answered during the [Community Meeting](#).

Do you mean that the insurance companies are waiting on their permits from Heritage BC then? From what I understand, the archaeological portion is the third phase of the demolition. Is this the only permit they are waiting on?

Answered during the [Community Meeting](#).

In regards to Bylaw 750, the community has not yet been consulted. Why is this Bylaw being slowly moved forward without any meaningful consultation with the community?

Answered during the [Community Meeting](#).

We understand that BC Hydro was having a meeting with the Village on January 7, 2022 to discuss reinstalling hydro including whether wires would go underground or above



ground. Can we get an update on what happened at this meeting and whether any decisions were made?

Answered during the [Community Meeting](#).

For MOTI - Will there be an opening time tomorrow for folks to go north?

Answered during the [Community Meeting](#).

For MOTI - What time can we leave for Kamloops? What issue may cause a 2-hour wait? Can you give possible example?

Answered during the [Community Meeting](#).

For MOTI - Has the pilot car job postings been filled?

Answered during the [Community Meeting](#).

Critical Infrastructure

We understand that one of the Project Manager's projects is "water infrastructure." Can we get an explanation of what that entails? In particular: Is this looking at current infrastructure and determining how it can be repaired? Or Is it looking at installing completely new infrastructure? If so, is this new infrastructure part of the district energy system that is proposed in Bylaw 750?

Answered during the update section, as part of the [Community Meeting](#).

Would the Citizens' Advisory Committee or the Village Council invite people with expertise in fire monitoring and prevention systems to speak about what could be done to protect Lyttonites from possible future fires?

Answered during the [Community Meeting](#).

Essential Services

The Provincial Health Services Authority has a mobile medical unit. Has any consideration been made to request that unit to set up in the area?

Health Authorities are working on a number of solutions. The latest information on Health Care in Lytton is available here: <https://lytton.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/VRA-Lytton-Feb2022.pdf>.

Are there any discussions about re-opening the airport? With the closure of roads and no supplies being shipped in, the airport could be a resource if it is available.

The Village doesn't have any updates at this time, but will inform residents as soon as a decision is made.

What about ambulance and other medical essential services?

Answered during the [Community Meeting](#).

For Canada Post - Will they charge for the mail?

Answered during the [Community Meeting](#).



For Canada Post - Going forward, how will you be communicating with area residents? For example, how will you tell them about tomorrow's short-term opening?

Answered during the [Community Meeting](#).

For Canada Post - When it was open in December, we were unable to purchase postage at the temporary post office. Will it be fully operational when it reopens?

Answered during the [Community Meeting](#).

For Canada Post - From where do we get the mail so we can pay our taxes?

Answered during the [Community Meeting](#).

Housing

Given that it now looks like it will be at least a year before houses can be rebuilt in Lytton, can we expect interim housing to become a priority?

Regarding the temporary housing, how do we have to apply and what will be the eligibility. Also how long is it going to take?

Answered during the [Community Meeting](#).

I think that there is some confusion over what interim housing is. Initially many of us thought it would be for the first 1-2 years but now it appears to be 2-3 years and maybe 4 years. With that information residents may give different responses than initially.

Answered during the [Community Meeting](#).

Financial

Can you repeat what day the property taxes were mailed out?

Answered during the [Community Meeting](#).

Can you explain about the taxes again to clarify?

Answered during the [Community Meeting](#).

Economy

Posting the position of Economic Development Officer was the first visible step that the Village has taken to assist local businesses. However, this posting has since been removed. Was the position indeed canceled or postponed?

Answered during the [Community Meeting](#).

Local Government

Since there are so many positions being paid by the province, could we please get an updated organizational chart with job descriptions (not detailed but a job summary of their key roles and responsibilities)?

An up-to-date list of Village of Lytton staff and contact information can be found on the Village's website: <https://lytton.ca/government/contact-us/>.



Could we get draft work plans with timelines for each of the staff that the province is paying for? That would help community members understand the progress we can expect moving forward since there has been such little progress, at least from our standpoint.

The Village is currently working on developing a document for residents with Work Plan details.

We have not heard any updates on the Draft Short-Term Recovery Plan. Can you provide an update? Is the Fraser Basin Council still involved in the recovery and if so, how?

Answered during the [Community Meeting](#).

How does the “passing of bylaws” process work? Does the community have any say, or is it solely up to Mayor and Council?

Answered during the [Community Meeting](#).

The Village advertised for two positions (Admin and Communications) that were ideally to be filled by local candidates and that were supposed to begin on January 3, 2022.

What is the status of these positions?

Answered during the [Community Meeting](#).

Canadian Red Cross

What is the expected turn around time to get a case manager? I understand some folks are still waiting for a call back

Answered during the [Community Meeting](#).

What food supports are being provided?

Answered during the [Community Meeting](#).

How can we get another Case Manager?

Answered during the [Community Meeting](#).

Is there a process to vet concerns/complaints through? For example - a need identified, but support denied.

Answered during the [Community Meeting](#).

Is there a different process for Indigenous folks in the area who were living in the VOL?

Answered during the [Community Meeting](#).

Are there any Red Cross supports for community members who are still in the Lytton area, and lost their community but did not lose their homes in the fire? The case manager whom I spoke to said there were none available.

Answered during the [Community Meeting](#).

Is the Red Cross providing billeting and food support or is the billeting funding including both?

Answered during the [Community Meeting](#).

Will the Red Cross be providing rapid antigen tests in the community?



Answered during the [Community Meeting](#).