

Dear Lytton Residents, Businesses, Property owners, and Community Members,

In just over one month, Lytton will have reached a three-year mark of the fire of 2021. Although our communication with you has vastly improved on the Village of Lytton Facebook page and the Village website, we recognize the need for more personal contact, such as this mailout.

Our Village Council has completed one and half years of a four-year term. Our challenges have been immense, yet we've kept our focus on moving forward with the rebuild of our town. I continue to be asked by media why the Village of Lytton's recovery has been so slow, and my answer is always that I believe there are a number of reasons, but our goal is to not let those first two years distract us as we work to keep moving forward.

I'm sure you have heard recently that the BC Auditor General's Office (OAG) is investigating the handling of Lytton after the 2021 fire. In a public statement the OAG said they are investigating the Province's roles and responsibilities for disaster recovery, their support for Lytton including the funding they contributed, and the challenges faced in rebuilding Lytton and opportunities for improvement. Their report will be released in early 2025.

If you've been following our council meetings, you will know that once a month we are provided an update on the number of building permits that have been issued and the number of inquiries made. As I write this message, building construction has started on seven properties in the Village. Three homes are at lock-up and others have foundations poured.

Many people ask about returning businesses and services. Council has approved the development permit for AG Foods grocery store, and I understand their application for a building permit is in process. The Chinese History Museum building is under construction, and the Legion is awaiting approval for their building permit. This month we met with Interior Health to discuss the permanent rebuild of the St. Bartholomew's Health Centre. We were told they plan to rebuild and that concept planning will soon be underway. When asked how long their building process will take, we were told it should be complete in three to five years. Like you, we look forward to hearing the plans for other commercial properties in the Village.

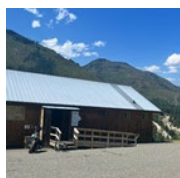
Municipal buildings are also in the planning stages. A concept plan has been developed for properties on Fraser Street, (formerly the museum, pool, and Totem Motel properties). To meet the requirements of the federal grant all building must be net-zero and function as public and inclusive space for all. A museum, visitor centre, and/or library would qualify. Our concept plan also includes outdoor event space, public washrooms, and a swimming pool. As these plans are finalized we will be communicating the information with all of you.

The visible building activity in the Village has provided a sense of optimism for so many in and around our community. Together, with our neighbouring Indigenous communities, we are moving forward. I encourage people to reach out to info@lytton.ca or any one of the council members with questions you have or clarification you need.

Denise O'Connor
Mayor, Village of Lytton

Village Office ph. 250-455-2355

Our temporary Village Office is located at the Aspen Planers Sawmill site (formerly Lytton Lumber). The Office is open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Council Meetings All Council Meetings can be watched on the Village of Lytton YouTube Channel. Check them out!



Council Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Parish Hall and on Zoom.

The Village of Lytton is located on the traditional, ancestral unceded territory of the Nkla'pamux People. We recognize the significant heritage and sensitive archaeological resources that lie within our boundaries.

Village Staffing Updates

The Village has both operational and recovery staff. As in all municipalities, the CAO determines the staffing structure and hires the best people for the job!

As our recovery has progressed, staffing needs have changed. Currently, we have the following positions and people in place.

Village Operations Staff

CAO/CFO – Diane Mombourquette
Corporate Officer – Lisa Storoshenko
Financial Manager – Lisa MacIntosh
Accounts Payable – Kathy Walters
Office Clerk – Joanne O’Keefe
Lead Hand – Morgan Heaster
Public Works – Tom McPhail
Municipal Operations Manager - Brian Baxter
Water Operator – Kevin Vilac



Recovery Staff

CAO/CFO - Diane Mombourquette
Recovery Director – Don Wong
Communications Advisor – Melissa Darou
Content Writer – Meghan Fandrich
Corporate Rebuild Lead – Shannon Story
Planning Dept – Birte Decloux & Cory Gain
Building Manager – Lynn Berlin
Building Inspector – John Passmore
Emergency Management Consultant – Jim MacDonald
Municipal Engineer – Darrell Axani

Mark your June Calendar!

June 5 Scotia Bank Appreciation BBQ
June 6 N7 Child and Family Open House
June 11 Village Council Meeting 7:00 pm
June 14 KSS Graduation
June 20 SVNS Graduation
June 21 National Indigenous Peoples Day
LFN event at LES grounds
June 25 Village Council Meeting 7:00 pm
June 30 Three-Year Anniversary of 2021 Fire
Please stay tuned for more information
July 1 Canada Day 10:00 Coffee with Mayor and Council
at the Parish Hall followed by a Potluck Lunch

Village of Lytton Council

Mayor Denise O’Connor doconnor@lytton.ca
Councillor Nonie McCann nmccann@lytton.ca
Councillor Melissa Michell mmichell@lytton.ca
Councillor Jessa Lightfoot jlightfoot@lytton.ca
Councillor Jennifer Thoss jthoss@lytton.ca

Join us for coffee every Monday!

10:00 a.m. to noon at the Parish Hall!
Everyone is welcome!



Buildings Under Construction



Rebuilding Supports

Find detailed information on our Village Website about the following programs to support your rebuild.

- ✓ PacifiCan Home & Business Programs
- ✓ Archaeology Support Grant
- ✓ Building Permit Fee Reduction
- ✓ Tree Rebate Program



Lytton.ca

Weekly Village Newsletters

Each week the Village sends out an e-newsletter that contains updates, announcements, upcoming events, and highlights from council meetings.

If you would like to receive the weekly Village of Lytton email newsletter, just go to our website, Lytton.ca scroll to the very bottom of the page and click on this button.

Sign up for Village updates

Open Fire Ban effective May 17th

BC Wildfire Service has shared that effective 12 noon on Friday, May 17, Category 2 and 3 open fires are prohibited in the Kamloops Fire Centre, which includes Lytton and the surrounding area.

Lytton First Nation has also issued a Category 2 and 3 open fire ban on all Lytton First Nation Reserve Lands.