

Village of
Lytton MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR - November 2023

Dear Lytton residents, businesses, and property owners,

When the Village of Lytton's Council was elected one year ago, we knew we had a difficult job ahead of us. While understanding how municipal government works *did* become easier, unravelling the previous year and a half and making decisions *did not*. We were told by many that recovery takes time and cannot be hurried. As a Council, we refused to make excuses. Instead, we focussed on priorities and kept our eyes on the goal of rebuilding our Village and community.

The following are some of Council's accomplishments over the first year of our term:

- Improved communication with our residents, property owners, and businesses through conversations, e-newsletters, community meetings, and information on the Village website and Village of Lytton Facebook page
- Rescinded Building Bylaw 711 and replaced it with Bylaw 710: a bylaw that follows the current BC Building Code
- Adopted essential bylaws for moving forward, including a Council Procedure Bylaw, bylaws to support rebuilding such as zoning, development, and variances, and more
- Hired a recovery team of managers, who have been instrumental in helping to get us to the stage of rebuilding. They report directly to Council on their work with residents, partners, and contractors.
- Hired a Chief Administrative Officer/Chief Financial Officer. She has been providing trusted guidance to help us make informed decisions and hire needed staff.
- Addressed water infrastructure challenges, repaired a major water leak on Ponderosa, re-established water (non-potable) and sewer functioning in the Village core, and hired a water operator
- Completed soil remediation
- Completed backfilling and soil compaction for 90 per cent of the Village properties
- Opened the application process for building permits and issued the first residential building permit
- Removed the State of Local Emergency for the Village
- Opened a temporary Village Office at the former sawmill office site
- Entered into a lease agreement with the Anglican Church for use of the Parish Hall for Council meetings and events
- Supported residents, whose homes were still standing, to move back in
- Held a tax sale for the first time in three years. Provincial legislation requires municipalities to hold tax sales annually

Looking ahead, we plan to focus on the following:

- Continuing to build relationships and possible partnerships with neighbouring First Nation communities
- Addressing future water infrastructure needs
- Collaborating with our provincial partners
- FireSmarting our community
- Planning construction of municipal buildings and infrastructure
- Supporting and advocating for property owners with rebuilding or new construction
- Supporting returning businesses
- Supporting economic recovery and diversification
- Updating our Official Community Plan
- Continuing to engage with and advocate for the people of Lytton



The entire Council encourages you to reach out to us with questions, comments, or feedback. Let us know how we are doing. You elected us and we are committed to serving you!

Denise O'Connor, Lytton Mayor

Building Permits

Congratulations to Liliane Graie and Jerry Bannister who received the first residential building permit! We look forward to watching as you rebuild your home and kickstart other rebuilds in the Village!

If anyone has questions about applying for a building permit, please call the Village Office or

Provincial Government Reps Want to Hear from You

Representatives from the provincial gov, Jillian, and Gina, were sent by the Premier's Office to spend a week in Lytton to meet with residents and business owners. Not only did they meet with property owners right in the Lytton area, but they also travelled to places like Ashcroft to meet with displaced residents there. They are gathering information about barriers to rebuilding, particularly as it relates to provincial government programs and requirements.

If you did not have a chance to connect with them, and would like to share your concerns, experiences, and challenges with trying to rebuild, please reach out to them directly.

Their contact information is as follows:

- Jillian Rousselle: 250-889-8977
- Georgina Beyers: 250-896-6221



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Mark your Calendar!

November 6: Chair Yoga, 9 to 9:45 a.m. Parish Hall

November 8: Reg Council Meeting, 7 pm Parish Hall

November 10, 11 & 12: Nlaka'pamux Remembrance Day Traditional Pow-Wow at SVNS

November 11 – REMEMBRANCE DAY



November 13: Stat holiday in lieu of Remembrance Day (**Village Office closed**)

November 13: Chair Yoga, 9 to 9:45 a.m. Parish Hall

November 17: "Topping Off" event, 7 p.m. at the Parish Hall – Music by Rice Honeywell! Join us for an evening with friends, neighbors and refreshments!

November 22: Regular Council Mting 7 pm Parish Hall

November 21, 22 & 23: Red Cross case managers in Lytton, 9:00 to 3:00

December 7: Community Meeting at the Parish Hall and Via Zoom 6:30 pm

December 17: CPKC Holiday Train! - 11:30 am more info to come

Mondays: Coffee with Mayor and Council
10 am to noon at the Parish Hall



Tuesdays: Cards/social night, 7 to 9:30 p.m.
(weather permitting) at the Parish Hall

2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month are

Regular Council Meetings, 7 pm at the Parish Hall or via zoom. Links for zoom can be found at [Lytton.ca](https://www.lytton.ca)

Is your organization interested in using the Parish Hall to host a meeting?

Contact Kathy at the Village Office for more info!

"TOPPING OFF" Event! Friday Nov 17th 7:00 pm

Free event at the Parish Hall sponsored by the Recovery Managers and Matcom!

An evening with friends, refreshments, and music by Rice Honeywell! Everyone welcome!



Village Office

Our new temporary Village Office is up and running and our office staff are settled in at the Aspen Planers Sawmill Site (formerly known as Lytton Lumber). The Office is open Monday to Friday. ph. **250-455-2355**

