

Question & Answers

Community Meeting

November 24, 2022

Community members can watch the recordings of the November 24, 2022 Village of Lytton Community Meeting online: [Community Meeting Recording](#)

Responses to questions answered during the meeting are below:

Essential Services

Could the Public Health Services Authority mobile medical unit meet the local needs for an accredited space for an x-ray/lab? Can this unit be deployed to our area?

Health Services were able to secure long-term space with Lytton First Nation. With only one mobile medical unit, it is usually deployed for only short-term periods so that it can be available throughout the province. In Phase Two, they are looking at having the mobile moved to the area where the laboratory is being discussed for placement. Find health links at <https://lytton.ca/recovery/resources-supports/>

Answered during the community meeting; see the recording.

Do we need the temporary fire hall before building permits can be approved?

No, as Lytton's Fire Department is currently operating from the BC Wildfire base. However, water system repairs and other critical infrastructure will need to be in place.

Answered during the community meeting; see the recording.

Is there an update on the investigations as to the cause of the fire?

In conjunction with BC Wildfire, the Kelowna RCMP detachment is investigating the cause of the fire. Residents can reach out to Sergeant Clay for specific information. He will do his best to answer any questions or direct them to the appropriate person. Email: scott.Clay@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

Answered during the community meeting; see the recording.

Safe Return & Re-entry

Is the state of local emergency still in place?

Yes. The Village is still dealing with hazardous materials and contamination. As the recovery work continues to progress, the State of Local Emergency (SOLE) may be able to be reduced to a smaller area.

Answered during the community meeting; see the recording.

Were the RFPs for the temporary Village office and Fire Hall on Lytton's website?

Bids and tenders are posted on the BC Bid website. The system provides for addendums and automatic notification to interested proponents. Inquiries on tenders can also be directed to communication@lytton.ca. *Answered during the community meeting; see the recording.*

What is a potential arch site?

There are 85 properties in the Village of Lytton that have been verified as archeological sites. The total number of potential sites is 92. We are anticipating another seven sites that haven't yet been verified.

As contaminated material was removed on a lot-by-lot basis, archeology works were carried out. When there is a find, the lot is designated as a potential archaeological site. Regulations set out by the Archeological Branch of the provincial government are then followed.

Currently, the Recovery team is looking at how to reduce the size of the archeological sites from full-size lots, for example, reduced to a small designated corner or area. A report and decision will be coming forth to Council.

Answered during the community meeting; see the recording.

When will the archaeological work be completed? Will this work continue over the winter?

Work continues in the Village. However, we anticipate that it will need to shut down for some time this winter, depending on the weather.

(See above for the status of the archeological work.)

Answered during the community meeting; see the recording.

What safeguards were in place to ensure the integrity of the archeology?

The Provincial Archeology Branch is involved directly in the oversight of the archeological work and is ensuring the integrity of that work.

When can people start applying for building permits?

Our primary issue is dealing with the water system, and the availability of fire flows within the town center area. That will be a priority that is continued to be worked on throughout the winter and into the spring.

Answered during the community meeting; see the recording.

What has to be in place for the SOLE to be lifted?

Once it is safe to return to the Village and your property, the SOLE can be removed. Hazardous materials must be removed from the Village site and exposed excavations must be backfilled.

We are looking to reduce the area of the SOLE as we progress forward.

Answered during the community meeting; see the recording.

What specific things will the recovery team be working on from now until Apr. 1?

Answered during the community meeting: We've been working with CAO, Mayor and Council over the last month to hear about those priorities and share what we've done to date so we can continue to progress the Short-term Recovery Plan and look at the mid-term and long-term recovery.

Some priorities are the water systems and critical infrastructure. We are driving hard to complete the contaminated site clean-up and work with archeology in a respectful way and work through the critical infrastructure both for the Village and with BC Hydro.

We have a number of strategic procurements that we're working on right now to complete the recovery work. This is a pivotal time as we continue to move forward in supporting residents to rebuild. *Answered during the community meeting; see the recording.*

Will the Village of Lytton post detailed information on its website for potential builders?

A series of detailed informational bulletins and guides are under development to assist with rebuilding. In addition, current bylaws set out specific requirements.

We understand it is a complicated process, and we are trying to make it as simple as possible, working with the resources to make that happen. We're hoping to see the bulletins available early into the new year. *Answered during the community meeting; see the recording.*

What are the names of modular home providers that comply with Bylaw 711?

Modular homes builders include :

Nexus Modular Solutions (contact: Al Jackson al@nexusmodular.ca)

Pine Ridge Modular (contact: Cindy Shelford cindy@pineridgemodular.com).

See more details at <https://lytton.ca/recovery/rebuilding/>.

Critical Infrastructure

Were residents billed for nonexistent utility services?

No, and we apologize for the confusion on the recent bills. The Village is not invoicing residents that lost their homes for utilities in 2022. *Answered during the community meeting; see the recording.*

Below is a glossary of terms shown on the statements:

Utility Letters

Current – 2022

PERIOD 1 – 2021 Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar 2021)

PERIOD 2 – 2021 Quarter 2 (Apr to Jun 2021)

PERIOD 3 – 2021 Quarter 3 (July to Sep 2021)

PERIOD 4 – 2021 Quarter 4 (Oct to Nov 2021)

Property Taxes

Current – 2022

Arrears – 2021 and

Delinquent – 2020 and previous.

On Dec. 8, 2021, Council resolved to waive the enforcement of the Utility Fees and Charges Bylaw and directed staff to use funds from the donations received to cover 100 percent of the costs of the water and sewer utilities from Jul. 1 to Dec. 31, 2021, to include properties where structures were lost or those that are uninhabitable. For Loring and Ponderosa residents, 85% of the Water Fee Charges from Jul. 1 to Dec. 31, 2021, were invoiced, with 15% of the Water Fees to be covered by donations.

What is the status of the proposed propane grid for the Village?

RFP is in development, and we are reviewing the funding available and the feasibility of implementing it. Staff is working with Council to determine priorities for this and other elements of the Recovery Plan. *Answered during the community meeting; see the recording.*

Local Government/Finance

How much funding has been promised for building homes complying with the safer homes standards in Bylaw 711? What is that funding for?

Answered during the community meeting; see the recording.

The federal government is still rolling out full program details. They have announced funding of \$77 million : \$64 million of it has been allocated to be handled by infrastructure Canada.

In addition, PacifiCan will offer two new programs to support the rebuilding of Lytton as a leading example of resilient, net-zero design:

- \$6 million for the new Lytton Homeowner Resilient Rebuild program to support eligible homeowners who will rebuild to net-zero and fire-resistant standards; and
- \$7.2 million to create the Lytton Business Restart program to help small- and medium-sized businesses re-establish in the community.

Questions about how PacifiCan programs may be able to help, contact PacifiCan at lytton@pacifican.gc.ca or watch for more program details on lytton.ca

We are hoping more final details will follow a Dec. 14 meeting regarding the programs.

The federal government has also posted updates on the program at <https://www.canada.ca/en/pacific-economic-development/services/funding/rebuilding-lytton.html>

Who brought FireSafe BC in to form the present bylaw?

We need to follow up on this question.