

FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES BUILDING

Community Engagement Plan

September 2026

Background

In December 2025, the federal government confirmed \$23.1 million in funding for the Village of Lytton's fire and emergency services building through the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings program. The new facility will replace the fire hall, which was destroyed in the 2021 fire, and will provide the following:

- Space to safely store Lytton Fire & Rescue's firetrucks, rescue vehicles, equipment, and gear, and provide training for Lytton Fire & Rescue volunteer firefighters; and
- An Emergency Operations Centre to coordinate larger emergency responses and space to gather, train volunteers, and store emergency supplies.

This spring, the Village awarded a contract to Faction Architecture Inc. to design the facility, and the team has been working directly with Lytton Fire & Rescue, other fire service representatives, and emergency response providers on technical requirements gathering. Design plans will reflect operational needs, Building Code requirements, site specifications, access constraints, and federal funding requirements to meet net zero and fire resilient standards. Discussions continue between the Village of Lytton and BC Ambulance about potential co-location of the ambulance station in the new building.

Community engagement

This engagement plan supports broader engagement of community members in the Lytton area, including neighbouring Nlaka'pamux communities.

Community engagement, and ultimately planning, for the fire and emergency services centre will build on what the Village heard during the Emergency Preparedness Community Conversation in April 2026 as part of Lytton's Official Community Plan Update. Community members shared comments about the need to increase education on emergency preparedness, determine community muster points, improve community-wide notification systems, support long-term planning and coordination of emergency responses between all levels of government and emergency responders, and enhance current infrastructure to be more resilient to climate-related impacts.

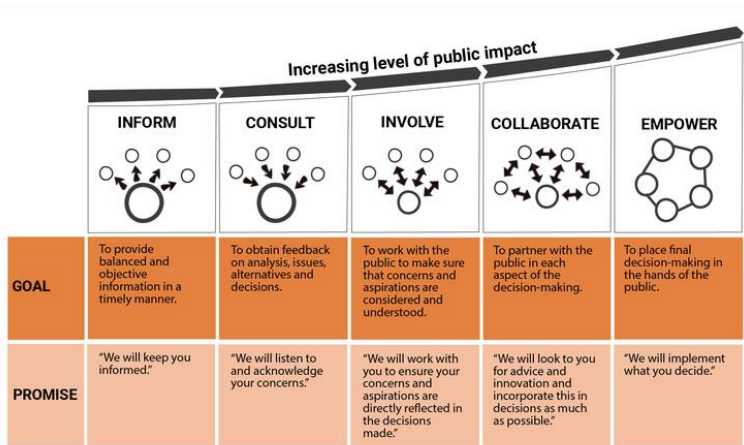
Goals of engagement

While engagement for construction of a new fire hall typically involves community members early in the process to assess the need for a new facility and receive support to fund the new facility, the Village of Lytton is fortunate to have both federal funding for the new facility and the site at Loring Way confirmed.

Goals of engagement include the following:

- Community members will:
 - Be aware of the project including timing, planning considerations, and engagement opportunities; and
 - Have opportunities to ask questions and provide input for consideration on draft designs to ensure that the building meets community needs.
- Community engagement will:
 - Strengthen relationships between the Village of Lytton, neighbouring Nlaka’pamux communities, and fire service and emergency organizations; and
 - Support awareness about Lytton Fire & Rescue’s operations and recruitment, volunteer opportunities with Emergency Support Services, and community emergency preparedness and response.
- Funders and other levels of government will be aware of project progress and will celebrate successful completion of project.

For this project, activities will primarily focus on **informing** community members in the Village and neighbouring Nlaka’pamux communities about the project. At the open house, the Village will also **consult** with the community to receive feedback on the draft designs.



The project team will **involve** and **collaborate** with Lytton Fire & Rescue, fire representatives, and emergency service providers in the Village and Nlaka’pamux communities to identify requirements for the project and to develop and refine designs.

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Proposed activities

Activity	Timing	Audiences
1. Project communications	Ongoing	Village of Lytton, TNRD, Nlaka’pamux community members
2. Nlaka’pamux community outreach	October/November 2026, then ongoing	Nlaka’pamux Chiefs & Councils, community members, and fire / emergency teams
3. Community open house & input	TBC: when draft designs are ready to share	- Village of Lytton, TNRD, Nlaka’pamux community members - Past, current and prospective Lytton Fire & Rescue volunteers and Emergency Support Services volunteers - Emergency partners / agencies
4. Grand opening celebration & tour	TBC: when building is complete	- Village of Lytton, TNRD, Nlaka’pamux community members - Past, current and prospective Lytton Fire & Rescue volunteers and Emergency Support Services volunteers - Emergency partners / agencies - Federal funders, MLA, provincial ministers - Media

Description of activities

1. Project communications

- Staff will continue to present Council reports and monthly capital project updates.
- In addition, a project page will be created on the website to share the project description, timeline, updates, and engagement opportunities.
- Ongoing communications will include Council meeting summaries, e-newsletter articles and website news stories, Facebook posts, and promotion of events through posters.

2. Nlaka’pamux community outreach

- Staff will share project overview with Nlaka’pamux Chiefs and Councils in Lytton First Nation, Skuppah Indian Band, Nicomen Indian Band, Kanaka Bar Indian Band, Siska Indian Band and Cooks Ferry Indian Band.

- Additionally, staff will invite:
 - Input for requirements gathering
 - Leaders to share updates with Band / community members
 - Input on draft designs at the open house or through email

3. Community open house & input

- After technical requirements have been incorporated in draft designs, the Village will schedule a community open house.
- Invitation / event information will be shared with Village of Lytton, Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD), and Nlaka'pamux community members, Lytton Fire & Rescue service volunteers, other fire representatives and emergency responders.
- The open house will focus on sharing the project goals, timeline for construction, draft designs and how they fit with operational and community needs, and fire-resilient / net zero construction features.
- The open house will provide opportunities for Lytton Fire & Rescue to share information about their service area, annual calls, community involvement, recruitment opportunities, and a history of the department and Lytton's fire halls.
- Other groups may choose to share information about their services and volunteer opportunities (for example, Emergency Support Services volunteering, emergency training in the Village or Nlaka'pamux communities, or TLKemcheEEN FireSmart Collaborative.
- Community members will be invited provide their input at the open house (or online) on:
 - Where they live (pin on map)
 - General feedback about designs (what they like, if there's anything missing, any other comments)
 - Interest in training or volunteer opportunities (sign-up)

4. Grand opening celebration & tour

- The grand opening celebration will be an opportunity for community members, politicians (including funders), media, Lytton Fire & Rescue and other fire and emergency representatives to celebrate the opening of the fire and emergency services building.