

Village of Lytton
Annual Report
June 30, 2011

MAYORS MESSAGE

This annual report outlines the finances and activities of the year 2010, for the Village of Lytton. As directed under the Community Charter, every municipality publishes this report each year at the end of June. The report presents the year's audited financial statements, activities and operations are outlined and objectives for the 10/11 year detailed.

In 2010 the Province of British Columbia hosted the Winter Olympics and it was an inspiring time for all Canadians. Though our community didn't have the torch travel through the Village, we were selected as a Paralympics venue and hosted a great community event March 9th. Starting in the morning, down at the river, and ending with an afternoon of wheelchair basketball at KSS, the day was a great celebration.

We had a relatively cool spring and Lytton Creek ran down to the Fraser River till mid August. As a result there were no water restrictions and we did not require the downtown well to be brought on line. Increased water quality standards necessitate the secondary treatment of Lytton Creek. Treatment options are being explored and funding options pursued.

In the fall, Focus was contracted to provide project management of Phase 1, which will entail the construction and interconnection of two new reservoirs as well as intake improvements. We continue to work with Lytton First Nations on this project.

Kamloops Fire Fighter Neil Campbell was contracted to organize volunteer fire training for the LVFD. In addition to regular fire instruction Mr. Campbell produced a Procedures and Guidelines manual for the department. Some repairs were done on the old fire hall and we applied to Towns for Tomorrow for a grant to build a new facility. Unfortunately we recently received notice that we were unsuccessful. We will continue to pursue this goal in the future.

Our Fuel Management Program continued through the beginning of 2010. A Community Wildfire Protection Plan was completed in June and gave us working details for future prescriptions. In the fall we were able to obtain more funds and continued with the work. An audit of the program showed great success and we were awarded additional funds that took us into 2011.

In June IHA organized a series of meetings to discuss health services to the community. Earlier in the year the Assisted Living suites were opened at Spintlum Lodge and currently we understand that all units are full and there are several people on the waiting list,

Our one doctor continues to provide care to the community with the help of several locums who visit when he is unavailable. We need to continue our search for an additional permanent doctor to locate in our Village. Health BC gave the community several "Practice Medicine Here" signs that identify our need.

The Museum received new siding and the installation of a heat pump. Repairs were made to the drain system at the pool. Some sections of sidewalk were replaced and a new fire hydrant was installed at 5th and Alonzo.

Several sub regional governance meetings were held with the surrounding First Nations. In the fall several of us attended the second Bright New Days conference at LFN

During the UBCM conference at Whistler we met with the Minister of Health, Solicitor General, IHA and the Ministry of Transportation.

Our EDO finished his work with the Village the end of 2010 and moved on to a position with Sun Country. A series of economic Brain Storming sessions were held early in the year. In addition to working with business requests, entrepreneurs and outside agencies, Daniel also researched and submitted grants on behalf of the Village. We applied for addition funding for this position through NDIIT and have just been advised, we were successful. This position should be filled in the next few months.

Starting in the spring and running through to fall the Village ran a Walk BC Program. Funding was provided by the BC Healthy Living Alliance, with support from Act Now BC. The Village received an Age - Friendly Community Projects & Planning Grant. During the fall several meetings took place and a needs assessment report was received in early 2011

On March 23, 2010 the RCMP Foundation presented a cheque in the amount of \$4,000 to the Village of Lytton for the *Botanie Lake Youth Summer Camp* in Lytton, BC.. This project was a cooperative effort between Lytton First Nation, the Village of Lytton, Kumsheen Raft and the Lytton RCMP Detachment with support from the RCMP Foundation. A T-ball and soccer program was organized in the spring. The community swimming pool ran a full summer of lessons and swims.

Objectives and Policies 2011

Bylaw 647

The main objective of the Council is to continue to provide the current basic services, while keeping property taxes and water/sewer utility fees as low as possible.

The water improvement project continues to be our main focus. Increased costs since the water project proposal was first developed have necessitated that we break the project down into several phases. Tenders for the construction of two reservoirs and associated piping have been received. It is anticipated this work will be completed by late 2011. We will continue to seek funding for the development of the downtown wells. Though flow volumes from well #1 & #2 are inadequate to supply all of the Villages requirements, reliance on well #1 in drought periods will insure adequate water supply.

Water quality standards and regulations continue to be increased. Secondary treatment for all surface water will be mandated and additional treatment required to continue using Lytton Creek. Treatment options are being explored and funding options will be pursued.

The WWTP continues to provide challenges in its operations. The capacity has not met expectations and structural concerns indicate that future expenses should be anticipated.

The Village Council signed the Climate Charter in 2009 and the commitment to reduce our carbon footprint will be part of the consideration in any capital improvements that are made. As power costs continue to rise, we will need to be innovative in finding ways to reduce our energy demands.

Our community continues to struggle to find a major industry that will provide jobs for our citizens. Our Economic Development Worker moved to other employment at the end of 2010. We have applied to NDI for financial assistance to repost this position. The focus of this worker will be to continue supporting existing businesses, to facilitate discussions with our First Nation's neighbours and to actively promote our community to outside investors.

It is a desire of Council to revisit our Official Community Plan. Many circumstances have changed since it was written. In addition, it is recognized that ongoing effort is required to review and develop our policies and bylaws.

Recently, Capital Asset Management has become a part of municipal financial reporting. The creation of reserves for capital replacement will be required and this will increase the need for additional taxation.

During 2009/10/11 we were able to reduce the fire hazard in the Village area through a Jobs Opportunity Program. With UBCM funding, a Community Wildfire Protection Plan was completed. There are several years of work that have been prescribed. We will avail ourselves of any opportunities for further funding.

In 2009, the possibility of a school closure was presented by School District #74. Though the immediate closure of LES was postponed, declining enrollments and capital costs to maintain an aging building suggests that it will be an ongoing debate. The community could potentially see the closing of the school. It may also be presented with an opportunity to examine how the community could use the building for other purposes.

The decision to increase payments for our fire truck will allow us to retire this debt by 2013. Early 2011 we submitted a grant request for money for a new fire hall. Unfortunately, the application was not approved. We will continue to contribute to the Fire Hall Fund and recognize the need to replace the existing building.

This year we will complete our Trees for Tomorrow plantings. Citizens have supported this endeavour by donating their time and energy. Many of the services our citizens enjoy are kept operational through the efforts of community volunteers. The Museum, Info Centre, Recreation Commission, seasonal events and our community pool are supported by these valuable members. We will continue to support their efforts wherever possible.

An important objective of the Council is to improve and promote healthy living and quality of life for citizens of all ages. Interest has been expressed in developing Hobo Hollow for a bike park and if resources can be found, this project will proceed. The pool, field sports and a RCMP funded youth program will be supported through the spring and summer months.