



Village of Lytton Update

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RESIDENT NEEDS SURVEY

The Village of Lytton is at an integral point in its recovery from the 2021 Wildfire. With the site secure and clean up and debris removal ready to begin, the Village wants to ensure its recovery plan reflects the true needs of its residents.

Provincial Staff will be calling you to conduct a needs survey that will ask questions about the members of your house, immediate needs, capacity to recover, personal recovery plans and communication. Residents who would prefer to complete the survey via email, or would like to provide an alternate contact number to be reached at, are asked to please email EMBCCommunityRecovery@gov.bc.ca.

At the completion of this survey, you will be sent an email requesting your consent to collect and release this information with a copy of the completed survey. The information collected will be used to develop a plan for moving forward with interim housing and other critical immediate recovery needs. While it cannot be promised that you and your family will get everything you may need or want, the first step is to understand what your needs are.

UPDATE FROM THE RE-ENTRY COORDINATOR

The Village of Lytton's Re-Entry Coordinator, Tim MacLeod, has provided an update on response and recovery actions. You can read it online here: <https://lytton.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Village-of-Lytton-Resident-Update-October-21-updated.pdf>

NOTICE: GATHERING OF RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS WITH THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL TEMPORARILY POSTPONED

The gatherings with residents and property owners with the Mayor and Council have been temporarily postponed. Due to low uptake from the community and the urgent need to telephone all residents to complete the Needs Assessment survey, we feel it's best to postpone the gatherings to redirect resources to these immediate priorities. We apologize for the inconvenience and confusion. Meeting with our residents is very important for the Village, Mayor and Council – more information about community gatherings will be provided next week.

PERSONALIZED SUPPORT FOR RECOVERY WITH THE CANADIAN RED CROSS

The Canadian Red Cross continues to offer support to Village of Lytton residents impacted by the wildfires to discuss their needs and next steps in their early and long-term recovery. The Red Cross case management team can support planning for return to home, understanding insurance and community resources, and help with goal setting and making informed decisions as you progress in your recovery journey. Understanding your needs will also help Red Cross determine additional programs and support that may be helpful to you and other community members.

Canadian Red Cross can meet with you to discuss your unique needs and support you in the following ways, as needed:

- Provide emotional support
- Review your personal situation and explain the recovery supports available to you
- Assist you in navigating the recovery process and making informed decisions in your personal recovery plan and efforts
- Identify next steps and prioritize the actions to be taken
- Support with forms and processes (sorting papers, obtaining a permit from the municipality, etc.)
- Suggest referrals to other services (legal advice, financial advice, mental health and psychosocial supports, etc.)

Please note:

- Canadian Red Cross personnel will not take any steps without your participation or consent, nor make any decisions on your behalf.
- Although Red Cross will not provide clinical mental health support, the team can connect you to appropriate resources if requested.

If you have been impacted by the 2021 B.C. fires and would like to speak with someone, please contact the Red Cross by calling 1-800-863-6582 from Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. PST, to request support. A private and confidential appointment will then be arranged with your family representative. Due to COVID-19 regulations, appointments may take place over the phone or virtually.

QUESTIONS AND MORE INFORMATION

To review the list of [frequently asked questions](#) or for information on [resources and supports](#), please visit <https://lytton.ca/>.

Contact communication@lytton.ca if you have any additional questions or concerns.