



Village of Lytton
Special Council Meeting Agenda
Monday, July 12, 2021, 4:00 pm
Held virtually via Zoom and phone call

1 Call to Order

2 Adoption of the Agenda

2.1 *THAT Council adopt the agenda for the July 12, 2021 Special Council Meeting.*

3 Waiving of Notice

3.1 *THAT Council approve waiving the 24 hour meeting notice required in Section 94 of the Community Charter.*

4 Approval of Minutes

4.1 *THAT Council approve the minutes of the July 3, 2021 as presented (or amended).*

5 Reports for Information

5.1 **Action Update – Verbal**

6 Reports for Decision

6.1 Funding for EOC and Staffing Team

THAT Council approve \$500,000 be made available for emergency response and recovery efforts.

6.2 Support for Rebuilding an Energy Efficient Community

WHEREAS the Village of Lytton is a signatory to the British Columbia Climate Action Charter and is committed to British Columbia's and Canada's climate action targets;

AND WHEREAS Council considers climate change to be a contributing factor in relation to the tragic fire that has destroyed most buildings and structures within the Village;

AND WHEREAS Council is committed to the reconstruction of the buildings and structures and reinvigoration of the economic, social, cultural life of the Village;

AND WHEREAS Council wants the new buildings and structures, and Village

infrastructure and services, to serve to help protect against climate change and to effectuate climate resilience in a way that the reborn Village can serve (after the rebuild) as a model zero emissions/living community to show the world what every community should demonstrate by the year 2050;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Village of Lytton resolves as follows:

- 1. Council is committed to the reconstruction and development of buildings, structures, and municipal infrastructure in the Village based on best practices for zero emission and living community status, so long as any extra cost of proceeding with these standards and qualities will be addressed by way of combinations of initiatives among the federal and provincial governments, utilities, non-profit organizations, the Federation Canadian Municipalities, the volunteer work of consultants, and other things;*
- 2. The implementation of standards, policies, and guidelines for zero emission and living community status will be subject to consultation with owners and occupiers of property in the Village and with the business community.*

7 Reports by Mayor and Councillors

- 7.1 Mayor
- 7.2 Councillor Leitch
- 7.3 Councillor Hay
- 7.4 Councillor Leitch

8 Closed Meeting

- 8.1 *THAT Council close the meeting to the public to discuss:
One matter related to Section 90(1)(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality.*

8 Adjournment



Village of Lytton
Special Council Meeting Minutes
Saturday, July 3, 2021, 3:00 pm
Held virtually via phone call

Present: Council: Mayor Polderman, Councillor Leitch, Councillor Graie, Councillor Hay
Staff: CAO Curry
Other: Anne Yanciw

Regrets:

1 Call to Order

Mayor Polderman called the meeting to order at 3:53 pm

2 Adoption of the Agenda

2.1 21-111 THAT Council adopt the agenda for the July 3, 2021 Special Council Meeting.

CARRIED

3 Waiving of Notice

3.1 21-112 THAT Council approve waiving the 24 hour meeting notice required in Section 94 of the Community Charter.

CARRIED

4 Verbal Updates

4.1 Infrastructure Update

4.2 Communications Update

21-113 THAT Council approve hiring Roxanne Roziere as Social Media Communications Lead for the Village of Lytton Emergency Operations Centre.

CARRIED

4.3 Action Update

4.4 Corporate Marketing Update

4.5 Donations Update

4.6 General Update – upcoming tasks

4.7 Updates by Mayor and Council

Mayor Polderman: Had calls from the Premier and the Prime Minister, many media requests.

Councillor Graie: Spoke with Disaster Psychosocial Services providing grief and trauma counselling, spoke with J Tegart re declaring a provincial State of Emergency

Councillor Leitch: Spoke with Mayor of Merritt regarding support, connected with Merritt ESS and helped with registering evacuees

4.8 Update by Lytton Fire Rescue – deferred

Councillor Graie left at 5:20 pm

Councillor Graie returned at 5:22 pm

5 Immediate and Upcoming Decisions Required

5.1 Assistance by Elected Officials – media communications and connections, local stakeholder liaison, on-scene situation reports, connections with evacuees.

5.2 EOC and Staffing Team – deferred to next meeting.

5.3 Location – discussion deferred to next meeting.

6 Adjournment

6.1 The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 pm.



Village of Lytton Council Report

To: Mayor and Council	Date: July 12, 2021
From: Symone Curry, CAO	Meeting Type: Special Open
Subject: Support for Rebuilding an Energy Efficient Community	

Purpose:

To seek Council support for the rebuilding of Lytton as a model community demonstrating actions that can be taken in regard to climate change.

Background:

The Village has received a communication from Don Lidstone with a proposal for rebuilding of the community as detailed in the Discussion section below.

Discussion:

VILLAGE OF LYTTON REBUILDING

There are numerous complex factors involved in the rebuilding of the Village. One way of facilitating matters for property owners, business, and others in Lytton is to take advantage of the extra support, expertise, grants, and subsidies that would come if Council would like Lytton to be a model “living community” with zero emissions - to serve as a world leading model for addressing climate change and resilience.

The heat domes are a function of climate change, and that is going to become a more common problem more often. Climate change is a function of greenhouse gas emissions, and since municipalities can by bylaw control 52% of GHG emissions (buildings, transportation, and land use), it makes sense that the rebuild should result in a model community with model buildings to address climate change (and a move in that direction before the reconstruction commences could bring grants, subsidies, and expertise to the Village). This would also save property owners and occupiers substantial amounts versus what they have been paying for heating and cooling with the pre-fire utilities (see <https://www.cbc.ca/radio/thecurrent/the-current-for-july-5-2021-1.6090185/tragedy-in-fire-ravaged-lytton-b-c-could-be-catalyst-for-global-action-on-climate-change-expert-says-1.6090341>).

The Premier and Cabinet are proceeding with (1) a new building code for energy efficiency and climate change, coming next year, and (2) a new program for retrofitting existing buildings for energy efficiency and climate change, coming next year, but these standards could be used now for Lytton’s rebuild if Council wishes.

Would it not be terrific if the new Lytton is a model community for the world to see how the buildings and community can be net-zero, and issues such as fire resilience, forest fire interface, heating and cooling, energy conservation, and sewer/water system upgrades can be addressed in the rebuild as well?

The BC Climate Action Secretariat is interested in this approach, and can be supported by Energy, Mines and Carbon Innovation, Municipal Affairs, other Ministries, “Clean BC”, and BC Hydro. On Friday the national Climate Caucus (of 400 local government elected officials and about 200 energy/climate consultants) has offered to establish a voluntary Lytton Rebuild Group to be of service to Council and staff in the rebuild, with a view to providing guidance on zero emission principles and the notion of “living community status”.

Lytton can become an international destination for people wanting to see a living laboratory for addressing climate change. While other communities can only make incremental changes over the next 30 years as new or replacement buildings or services happen, Lytton can have the need and resources to become a Living Community now. The buildings can be extremely attractive and more livable, with substantially reduced heating/cooling costs, while still having the character of historic Lytton. A sense of community pride and dynamism is possible. Owners with or without fire insurance can rebuild with these building qualities, and the Village can rebuild its fire hall, police facility, municipal hall, community facilities, wastewater plant, water treatment facility, and other infrastructure (including roads, as fibre and possibly a district energy system are installed) using these best practices.

All of this must be subject to Council consultation with the public and should also be subject to quickly updating the 1998 official plan and the building bylaw with Living Community policies and an energy/climate step code.

In order to get buy-in from the Province, which would be rewarding, it was recommended by the Province on Friday that Council pass a resolution as soon as possible that is substantially like the attached draft resolution.

Resource Impacts:

The support of Council for this approach would facilitate funding from multiple sources to assist with this. The intention is not to complicate, slow down or increase the costs of rebuilding.

Policy Alignment:

This aligns with the Climate Action commitments the Village has made through the Climate Action Charter.

Resolution:

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Respectfully submitted



Symone Curry