

Lytton Resident News – July 16

Access to Village of Lytton

All access to the Village continues to be tightly controlled by the BC Wildfire's Incident Management Team. It is currently not safe for residents to enter the Village at this time. It is paramount that the Village of Lytton maintain security of destroyed residences and structures until we implement a measured re-entry plan coordinated with Lytton First Nation.

Government agencies and companies retained by the government for early stage cleanup are the only teams granted access. There is no video or photography allowed by any staff of these organizations except where it is deemed necessary to assess damages.

In service to our community, The Lytton Esso Station is opening later this weekend to provide critically needed fuel and support for first responders, emergency personnel and other authorized personnel in the area.

Resiliency Centre now open in Kamloops

Lytton evacuees can now access help for immediate needs at the Resiliency Centre in Kamloops at #3 – 700 Tranquille Road. The centre will provide care and support for people displaced by the fire. This includes:

- Replacing documents and identification
- Applying for Employment Insurance
- Providing mental and emotional supports
- Navigating the insurance process for your home and other assets.

The centre will also deploy a mobile team to other communities where displaced residents are located. Stay tuned for more information.

Getting mail to Lytton wildfire evacuees

Canada Post put emergency measures in place to help restore mail and parcel delivery to displaced residents of Lytton as soon as possible.

Evacuees are asked to register for mail forwarding service, important not just for ongoing mail and parcels, but it also provides a vital link with government and relief agencies going forward.

By registering, Canada Post will be able to ship mail and parcels to a different address selected by the customer, as well as reprocess and ship existing mail and parcels. This can be done on a short-term basis or for longer periods, even if the address is temporary.

Local Canada Post Employee Sooyeon Zacharias will be posted at the 1350 Dalhousie Dr. Canada Post Office in Kamloops daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to help residents receive mail.

Ministry of Environment working on assessments

On-site environmental and hazard assessments are expected to be completed by the end of the week. Currently, the watershed has been downgraded from likely contaminated to unknown status. The Interior Health “Do Not Consume” notice for Lytton water remains in place.