



# Village of Lytton

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The Village of Lytton will be issuing regular communications to keep citizens informed. After coordinating the bus tour with the TNRD and other stakeholders, the Village of Lytton Council and CAO joined the bus tour to view firsthand the results of the fire on June 30th. We felt this was a first step in helping our residents move forward.

The site is still restricted and jurisdiction has not yet been handed over to the Village. Once jurisdiction is handed over, the site must remain restricted until a safety assessment of the site is conducted before any cleanup can start. Planning of assessment and cleanup is in progress.

A resiliency centre is being planned and should open early next week. This centre will provide information and support for people displaced by the fire. This includes:

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

The resiliency centre will be based in Kamloops and will deploy a mobile team to other communities in which displaced residents are located.

Among some of the immediate priorities is to ensure federal government services are easily and rapidly accessible to everyone. MP Brad Vis is urging the Prime Minister and relevant Ministers for support tailored to Lytton. Specifically, focusing on having Canada Revenue Agency and Service Canada set up a dedicated telephone number for residents to call to have applications for Employment Insurance, and business supports fast tracked and for guidance in applying where not all required documents are available, understanding ID and financial records may have been lost in the fire. He is working closely with Community Futures (funded by the federal agency, Western Economic Development) to set up in-person assistance for small businesses grappling with how to manage insurance claims, debt and recovery.

We also want to dispel rumours in our regular communications. Mayor Jan Polderman has not resigned from his position. All four members of the Village Council remain in their positions and are working hard on your behalf.