



Village of Lytton Update

August 3, 2021

On-site Evacuation Order Still in Effect – Currently No Public Access to site

Please remember that the Village of Lytton and properties that have been impacted by fire remain an extreme hazard to the general public. The site is currently not stable or safe for entry as there are many hazards that could cause illness or physical harm to anyone in the area. A comprehensive worksafe policy will be made available once analytics of soot sampling has been completed in the coming weeks.

Safety protocols while accessing Highway 12:

Authorities recommend avoiding the area until results of the initial soot sampling is available. Many of the road signs and traffic controls are gone or are not functional. If travel is required, people must drive slowly and keep a close eye out for debris on the road. Vehicle windows should remain closed and people should not stop or get out of their vehicles.

These recommendations will be reviewed following the results of the soot sampling program. Until results are available, we recommend people avoid the area.

We are working with the Ministry of Environment to allow residents to safely access their properties as soon as possible.

Ministry of Environment Working on Assessments

The Ministry has taken soil, air and water samples from the site to determine hazards. We are awaiting a response on the results of those tests. The results will determine important site safety protocols that will need to be in place for anyone accessing the site to ensure physical safety. Currently, contractors are accessing the street and sidewalks within the site only. These contractors are trained to work within hazardous areas and are required to wear proper personal protective equipment and safety equipment.

The Interior Health “Do Not Consume” notice for Lytton water remains in place.

One-time Financial Assistance from Canadian Red Cross

The B.C. government is teaming up with the Red Cross to provide Lytton-area households impacted by the wildfire with a one-time payment of \$2000.

Read the news release here: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021PSSG0048-001518>

Further support is also being offered to people under an evacuation order for more than 10 days due to wildfires. Direct financial assistance helps people cover immediate needs related to their evacuation and allows people to make decisions on what is best for themselves and their families. Thanks to the Province of British Columbia and the generosity of Canadians, the Canadian Red Cross is able to provide this support to people affected by the wildfires.

The program will be open until Aug. 31, 2021, for those impacted by the Lytton fire.

You can register with the Canadian Red Cross by calling 1-800-863-6582, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. PST.

Registration with the Red Cross ensures people can be contacted while away from home and can also be reached with information on further Red Cross services and assistance that may become available to them during this time of need. For more information, visit redcross.ca/2021bcwildfires.

Emergency Support Services for Residents

ESS support will continue for everyone currently on evacuation order from the Lytton wildfire until at least August 31st. Questions about this can be directed to the Resiliency Centres daily from 8:30am – 4:30pm (both in Kamloops at the Northhills Mall and Lytton at the Kumsheen Secondary School) or to eocinfo@lytton.ca.