



Village of Lytton Update

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The Village of Lytton has chosen the Voyent Alert! Notification Service to keep you informed of important wildfire recovery initiatives and services. Voyent Alert! is a multi-purpose communication service used to send alerts to residents, businesses, and visitors for both critical events and relevant day-to-day communications. The service is FREE and easy to use.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Responses to a number of frequently asked questions about the wildfire response, recovery efforts and services for residents have been posted [online](#). Residents can review the list here: <https://lytton.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/FAQs-FINAL.pdf>

INTERIM HOUSING FOR RESIDENTS

The Village of Lytton has begun initial high-level work on an interim housing plan for evacuated residents, including the design of a Housing Needs Assessment and the development of options. More information will be provided as soon as it's available.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE SUPPORT

As the Village of Lytton only has six full-time employees, there is extremely limited capacity to operate an Emergency Operations Centre. As such, the Village has now engaged a number of contractors and volunteer organizations to assist with the response, for the functions of EOC management, engineering, corporate rebuilding, CAO support, plan development, community recovery, environmental assessment and more.

WHAT NET ZERO MEANS FOR A LYTTONITE

The Village of Lytton is exploring the option of rebuilding as a whole Net Zero model community with funding from multiple sources. This will mean even people who didn't have insurance will be able to get their home back. We don't want anyone left behind because of this tragedy; we want all our residents to have the opportunity to have a home that is better suited to the demands of the region while lowering the extremely high costs of heating and cooling that people living in Lytton often pay. [Learn more about what Net Zero means for a Lyttonite.](#)

ACCESS TO THE SITE FOR RESIDENTS

The Village of Lytton and properties that have been impacted by fire remain an extreme hazard area. The site is currently not stable, nor safe for entry as there are many hazards that could cause illness or physical harm. The Interior Health “Do Not Consume” notice for Lytton water remains in place.

The Village is awaiting soil, air and water sample results and a comprehensive Safe Work Plan from the Ministry of Environment, which will determine the safety protocols required for anyone to enter the site to perform hazard mitigation. A Re-Entry Plan will also be required to ensure safety for anyone going on site.

When materials like ash get disturbed, they can irritate lungs, eyes, and can cause lasting health concerns. Some contaminants will not be able to be removed, and based on the contaminant level that comes back, there will be corresponding safety measures (such as specific types of personal protective equipment) that will be required. Clean up work has not yet begun, as we are awaiting sampling results.

More information will be provided once available. We are working with the Ministry of Environment to allow residents to safely access their properties as soon as possible.

ACCESS TO PRIVATE PROPERTY AND TRESSPASSING

Access to private property is not allowed at this time as the comprehensive Safe Work Plan is not yet complete. Due to potential health and safety concerns, no one is allowed to enter any private properties or touch any items.

The evacuation zone is monitored by ESM Security staff who are providing security at this time around the perimeter and conducting roving patrols within the space. The RCMP are also conducting patrols within the evacuation zone.

Neither Village of Lytton nor ESM Security are providing authorization to access Private property without consent from homeowners. If there are concerns about someone entering private property, this is considered trespassing, and should be reported to the RCMP.

CONTACT THE LYTTON EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE

Contact eocinfo@lytton.ca if you have questions or concerns.