



Village of Lytton Update

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UPDATE ON VILLAGE OF LYTTON WATER SYSTEM

The final GHD Report outlines safe working procedures in the Village of Lytton, and the team is preparing to safely continue closing curb stops that are located beneath the debris within the downtown.

Water for cleaning, bathing and flushing toilets is currently being provided to Loring and Ponderosa residents, as well as the businesses and Kumsheen Secondary School west of Highway 1. Please note, this water should not be used for drinking, making beverages, brushing teeth or food preparation. LFN and the Village are also working together restore water service to LFN. The first step in doing so is to assess and repair the pressure reducing valve that was damaged in the fire.

In coordination with Interior Health, the Village is working to establish flushing and chlorination procedures to deliver safe drinking water for the community. This work is scheduled pending provincial funding, but may take several months to complete.

SIFTING PROPERTIES IN THE VILLAGE OF LYTTON

At this time, Village of Lytton residents who would like to view their properties or receive support with sifting through the rubble on their properties can now call Christian Aid Ministries (CAM) at 1 800 683-0697 ext. 2 for support. They will provide the necessary personal protective equipment and ensure residents' safety while sifting.

FRAUD ALERT: NOTICE OF PHONE SCAM TARGETING LYTTON RESIDENTS

The Village of Lytton is warning the public about a phone scam targeting Lytton residents. The scammers have been calling from a 778 number, but please be aware that it could come from any number. The number shows as a Lytton caller, encouraging our residents to pick up. They'll then get a recorded message about how it's "Border Patrol" calling and then explain there is a parcel in their name containing illegal goods and that a warrant has been issued for them. If residents stay on the line, the scammer will come on and try to request money. If this happens to you, please hang up the phone immediately and report the call to <https://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/report-signalez-eng.htm>.

Make sure you know how to spot a scam and what to do if you suspect you're the target of fraudulent activity:

- Immediately hang up on any suspicious phone calls
- Don't make any payments over the phone or provide banking information
- Avoid sharing any personal information over the phone
- Don't click on any links in emails/text messages asking you to accept electronic transfers

More information about how to protect yourself from scams or fraud can be found online at <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/campaigns/fraud-scams.html>.

SUMMARY OF THE FINAL GHD REPORT

Much of the Village of Lytton is still under an [Evacuation Order](#) due to a number of hazards at burn sites. The Village of Lytton has received the final GHD Report concerning the bulk particulate sampling and air monitoring. This report provides information concerning the particles and toxins that are present within the disaster area, including Village of Lytton, IR17, IR18 and IR22.

The site was broken up into eight zones and four composite samples were taken from the ash and debris from each zone, for a total number of 32 samples taken. The samples were collected from different property types, including commercial, industrial, institutional and residential.

The samples were analyzed for parameter exceedances for each hazard, based on the following guidelines:

- BC Contaminated Sites Regulation (CSR), soil standards for industrial land use
- Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) Soil Quality Guidelines (SQG) for the Protection of Environmental and Human Health for industrial land use
- Criteria for hazardous waste, as listed in the BC Hazardous Waste Regulation (HWR)
- BC Approved Water Quality Guidelines (BC WQG)

The results of this analysis are of concern. Asbestos has been detected at four sites across the area. The results have also identified elevated levels of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH), Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), Furans, Dioxins and an array of heavy metals including arsenic, antimony and barium. It is important to note that these toxins can become mobile as the ash is picked up by the heavy winds in the Lytton area and redistributed across the sites.

At this time, potential health issues arising from exposure to the parameters exceeded are only of concern to workers or those removing or handling the ash and debris resulting from the fire. These are not of concern to the general public.

The entire GHD Report can be read here: <https://lytton.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Summary-of-Results-and-Safe-Work-Consideration.pdf>.

Safety Precautions

The Report also outlined the safety precautions that are required to effectively protect workers and residents. These measures include the wearing of proper PPE, including a P-100 respirator, chemical resistant gloves, chemical resistant steel toe boots, and a hard hat when exposed to the environment. Inside the specific sites of homes and businesses, specifically during the sifting process, additional safety gear is required including a full hooded Tyvek suit and a decontamination procedure for individuals and equipment present on those sites.

We are taking a precautionary approach to these safety issues provided in the report, and request that residents limit their time and exposure in the community and wear the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment if they must be in the hazard area.

Next Steps

The GHD Report addresses the environmental hazards in general and provides recommendations for PPE, but there are additional hazard assessments related to individual

structures that need to occur. We are currently working on a plan to remove the hazardous material and debris, and return the properties to a build back ready condition.

More information will be provided as soon as it becomes available. If you have any questions, please email communication@lytton.ca.

QUESTIONS

Contact communication@lytton.ca if you have any additional questions or concerns.