



Village of Lytton Update

September 17, 2021 at 4 p.m.

HEAVY RAIN WARNING FOR VILLAGE OF LYTTON

There is currently a travel advisory in effect between Junction Hwy 12 and Junction Hwy 8 for 35.6 km (Lytton to Spences Bridge). Heavy rain is forecast for Friday September 17 and may occur through Saturday morning. There is a risk of sudden debris flows in fire affected areas due to the rain, and road closures may occur. Please exercise caution when travelling through the area. Find the latest updates at <https://drivebc.ca/>.

CHANGES TO KAMLOOPS ESS RECEPTION CENTRE HOURS

The ESS Reception Centre in Kamloops has updated their operating hours. Those requiring in person services can visit the centre Tuesday and/or Saturday between the hours of 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Residents can also register with ESS at <https://ess.gov.bc.ca/> or call 1-800-585-9559.

CLOSURE OF MERRITT ESS RECEPTION CENTRE

The ESS Reception Centre located in Merritt will be closing as of September 28, 2021. Evacuees currently using services at this centre will be redirected to the Kamloops ESS Centre or other services.

UPDATE ON THE SITE RESPONSE

BC Hydro is currently onsite doing a cut-and-drop, where they will leave the non-powered overhead lines on the ground to be removed. Once this important step is completed, we are another step closer to the debris removal process beginning in the Village, and critical infrastructure work resuming.

UPDATE ON VIEWING AND SIFTING IN THE VILLAGE OF LYTTON

Residents who would like to view their properties, or receive support with sifting through the rubble on their properties should contact the volunteer organization, [Samaritan's Purse](#). The organization will provide the necessary personal protective equipment and ensure residents' safety.

Samaritan's Purse has completed more than 40 work orders so far and will continue to work on others already confirmed. They will be accepting new sifting applications from residents until 4 p.m. on Monday, September 20th. If you'd like support with sifting from Samaritan's Purse, please sign up before then.

CASE MANAGEMENT SUPPORT AVAILABLE WITH THE CANADIAN RED CROSS

The Canadian Red Cross is offering Case Management support to Village of Lytton residents impacted by the wildfires to discuss their needs and next steps in their early and long-term recovery. This might include supporting planning for return to home, understanding insurance, and early help with navigating decisions for next steps. The Red Cross works with individuals to establish their recovery journey, including goal setting and decision-making processes.

If you have been impacted by the 2021 BC fires and have unmet needs, please contact the Red Cross by calling 1-800-863-6582 to request Case Management support. A Case Manager will

set up a private and confidential appointment with your family representative. Due to COVID-19 regulations, this appointment may take place virtually or over the phone. Where possible, the Red Cross team will meet with individuals and families at a designated location.

SUPPORT FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Community Futures has created a website to provide resources, support and direction to local businesses who have been impacted by the wildfire: <https://cfwildfire.ca/>. They also have a team of experts ready and available to speak with you regarding your unique business challenges. Connect with an advisor through the toll-free line at 1-800-670-9058 or email vision@cfsun.ca.

QUESTIONS

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