



Village of Lytton Update

September 3, 2021 at 5 p.m.

INTERIM HOUSING AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The Village of Lytton asks all residents to complete an Interim Housing and Needs Assessment by September 3, 2021. This assessment is part of the process of establishing interim housing that best meets the needs of residents. Complete the Assessment online here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/LyttonHousingNeedsAssessment>.

EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR LOSS OF PRIMARY RESIDENCE

British Columbia Emergency Support Services (ESS) have been extended through to October 1, 2021 for households who are currently receiving ESS supports and who have experienced a loss of their primary residence. This extension of supports will be eligible even when an order has been lifted for residents that do not have insurance. Extension of supports may be offered if the household does not have insurance or any other means of support and may only include:

- Lodging in commercial accommodation, private billeting or group lodging;
- Groceries or meals in a commercial facility (restaurants)
- Groceries are not eligible if meals are provided as part of group lodging;
- Clothing and incidentals are a one-time referral and will not be included in the extension of supports.

If you have been evacuated due to wildfires, you are encouraged to register with ESS at <https://ess.gov.bc.ca/> or call 1-800-585-9559.

APPLY FOR EXTENDED EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES

Residents of Ponderosa and Loring who are unable to return home and therefore need to continue receiving Emergency Support Services (ESS) must complete an Extraordinary Evacuee Authorization Form. Residents can begin the process by emailing communication@lytton.ca with their full name, address, contact information and reason for the requested extension.

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 a certified organization, such as [Samaritan's Purse](#) (1-883-738-7743) or [Team Rubicon](#). These organizations will provide the necessary personal protective equipment and ensure residents' safety. Residents will be able to view their properties curbside while directing sifters in the rubble. It will be a phased process, beginning on the West side of Main Street. Residents who have already registered with an organization will be contacted soon.

\$20M TO HELP B.C. RANCHERS, FARMERS RECOVER FROM DROUGHT, WILDFIRES

B.C.'s ranchers can access up to \$20 million to help with extraordinary expenses they incur for feed, shelter, animal health and safety, and the transportation of their livestock as a result of this year's wildfires and drought. Please read the Province's news release for more information: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021AFF0054-001739>.

SCHOOL UPDATE

Stein Valley Nlaka'pamux School will be offering online schooling for the first six weeks back to school. This will be re assessed as work within the community progresses. You can read more about this on the school's website <http://www.svns.ca/>. If you are looking to register here, or if you are registered and have not heard from your child's teacher, please contact Samantha Brown at reception@svns.ca or phone the school at 250-455-2522.

Kumsheen ShchEma-meet School (K-12) will be back to in-class learning starting on September 7. If you are currently evacuated and unable to return home and are interested in remote learning, please contact the school directly to enroll at 250-455-2328 or by email kcampbell@sd74.bc.ca

Bussing: School District bus service is available for children attending either Desert Sands Community School or Cache Creek Elementary School. Please visit the [Bus Route section of the School District 74 website](#) if you require bus service.

School Registration: If you are unsure of where to register your child for school for September, please contact the school board office at 250-463-9151, toll free at 1-855-463-9151 or email at district@sd74.bc.ca.

Mental health support services are available through the Kids Helpline:

- Get support over the phone 24/7 by calling 1-800-668-6868
- Get support right now by texting CONNECT to 686868.

If you want to know more about the COVID 19 safety plans in place for in-class learning, please visit the [Gold Trail School District 74 site here](#).

The school district appreciates that the decisions families make over the year may change and will support making transitions as smooth as possible.

QUESTIONS

For more information please read the Village's frequently asked questions: <https://lytton.ca/what-you-should-know/>.

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