



Village of Lytton Update

November 15, 2021

DEDICATED SERVICE CANADA LINE FOR LYTTON EVACUEES

Residents can reach the dedicated Service Canada line for Lytton Evacuees at 1-877-631-2657. This line is dedicated to evacuees who need special assistance in applying for EI and for replacement ID lost in the fire. Employees will have their applications processed without the need of the employer completing a Record of Employment (ROE). The line is open Mon-Fri 8am-4pm. If you experience any difficulties accessing this service, please email communication@lytton.ca.

LYTTON FLU CLINIC – NOVEMBER 17

The Lytton Flu Clinic is happening November 17th from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. It will be located at the LFN FNHA office at 1535 St. Georges Rd. The clinic is open to everyone. Please call 250-455-2715 to book an appointment or inquire about other dates and times.

UPDATE ON THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Village of Lytton Citizens Advisory Committee has officially been established. The first meeting will take place on November 22. The Committee will advise on Lytton's recovery plan to Mayor and Council. Questions about the Committee can be sent to communication@lytton.ca.

CANADA POST LOCATION IN THE VILLAGE

Canada Post is committed to establishing a temporary location in the Village of Lytton as soon as possible. More information will be available later this week.

CANADIAN RED CROSS ASSISTANCE FOR RESIDENTS

As part of its ongoing assistance to impacted communities, the Red Cross continues to offer personalized support to people who have been impacted by the 2021 B.C. Fires to discuss unique needs and next steps in their early and long-term recovery.

The Red Cross works directly with people to discuss their unique needs and help them navigate their recovery journey, which may include support for planning their return home, understanding insurance and community resources, providing financial assistance to access mental health services, as well as referrals and information to help make decisions and inform next steps.

Homeowners who have been unable to return home may also receive financial support to help meet their immediate needs, clean up their property, and/or assist with expenses related to the repair or rebuilding of their home.

Starting in December 2021, on behalf of the Province of British Columbia, Canadian Red Cross will provide eligible households with financial support to help cover their interim housing needs while they transition to longer-term housing. As part of its personalized support for recovery, Canadian Red Cross is contacting people who have lost their primary residence or who are still under mandatory evacuation order to assess their unique needs and discuss next steps to help their household meet interim housing needs, based on the criteria provided by Emergency Management British Columbia.

People who have been impacted by the 2021 B.C. Fires and have questions about Red Cross support can call 1-800-863-6582 from Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. PST or visit www.redcross.ca/2021bcfires.

LYTTON COMMUNITY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

November 8 was the first Community Meeting since the Lytton wildfire. It provided an overview of the Village of Lytton Short-Term Recovery Plan that was submitted to the province, and during the meeting, community questions were answered by resource experts from many different sectors, including: EMBC, Health Services, Urban Systems, and elected leaders. More than 170 people attended the zoom meeting, including Parliamentary Secretaries Roly Russell and Jennifer Rice.

Although not all questions were able to be answered during the meeting, there will soon be an FAQ document to answer all questions. The meeting was recorded and can be viewed as [Part 1](#) and as [Part 2](#).

Discussion Highlights:

- **The survey was limited to Village of Lytton residents.** Not everyone was able to be contacted for the survey, however, there were 63 respondents accounting for approximately 145 of Village of Lytton residents.
- After debris is cleared and archeological investigations are completed, **demolition permits will be available to issue.**
- **The \$1300/month housing support number is an average need** that came from needs identified in the July Immediate Needs survey. The \$1300/month begins in December and is initially intended towards those who lost their principal residence or were on ESS after the fire. This starting point may be expanded later on.
- **No temporary interim housing site has been selected so far.** Survey results indicated that many respondents would not like to return to the Village if interim housing was available, or that they would consider returning only when certain services were restored.
- **Many residents expressed difficulties getting into contact with the Red Cross.** The Red Cross requested that residents call them to register at 1-800-863-6582.
- **The water systems are currently being flushed,** and the water needs to undergo chemical testing in addition to standard testing before Interior Health Authority is able to lift the Do Not Consume order. A conservative estimate is it will take several weeks to get the results back.

- **Alison Poste and Jim MacDonald have joined the Village of Lytton as part of the Recovery Team.** The team will continue to build from here.

Next Steps:

- **All Community Members:** What do you think are the 3 most important topics for the Citizens Advisory Committee to address over the next 3 – 6 months? Please email us at communication@lytton.ca.
- The next Community Meeting will be **Thursday, December 9th at 7 p.m.**

REGISTER FOR EMAIL UPDATES FROM THE VILLAGE

Residents who would like to receive email updates directly from the Village of Lytton are encouraged to sign up here: <https://forms.gle/Cw8wdRDqJzRNnCKZ6>

CALL OR EMAIL FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact communication@lytton.ca or 778-254-5004 if you have any additional questions or concerns.