



Village of Lytton Update

February 8, 2022

WILDFIRE DEBRIS REMOVAL PROCESS

The 2021 fire season created health and safety concerns and environmental pollution from burnt structures. Buildings can contain asbestos, lead and other hazards. Contaminated ash can escape into the environment and migrate to other properties. Property owners without adequate insurance may not be able to clean up debris on their property.

The Canadian Red Cross and Emergency Management BC have agreed to fund a Wildfire Disaster Debris Removal Program within the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) including the Village of Lytton. Property owners impacted from the 2021 wildfires needing assistance with debris removal should contact the Village of Lytton to register for the program.

To streamline the process and parallel the program in the TNRD, debris removal, including the remains of buildings and structures in the State of Local Emergency Area, does not require a Demolition Permit in the Village of Lytton. **Contractors and landowners are asked to make sure they contact the Village of Lytton to advise of their name, contact information (phone or email), and address of the property where debris will be removed.**

When debris is being removed the person working on the site will have to provide a site safety plan and comply with requirements of various regulators, some but not all of whom, are listed below. The landowners will be responsible to determine what is required by those regulations.

Learn more at <https://lytton.ca/recovery/wildfire-debris-removal-program/>

How to apply for the Wildfire Debris Removal Program:

STEP 1: CONTACT THE VILLAGE OF LYTTON USING NUMBER OR E-MAIL BELOW

Interested property owners must contact the Village of Lytton using the phone number or e-mail below. Be sure to include your contact information (name, phone number, e-mail address) and your property information in your voicemail or e-mail.

- Phone: 778-254-2486 (please leave contact information in voicemail message)
- Email: building@lytton.ca

STEP 2: SIGN RIGHT OF ENTRY WAIVER

Properties that lost homes or substantial outbuildings will be required to sign a Right of Entry waiver providing the Village of Lytton and contractors permission to enter and coordinate clean-up of their property. This form will be provided after the homeowner has registered with the Village of Lytton (see step 1).

STEP 3: VISIT A RECOVERY TEAM LOCATION

Recovery Team Representatives will be at the Resiliency Centre and other locations throughout the region to receive and help people fill out the forms. Dates and Times will be published when locations are determined.

CANADIAN RED CROSS PERSONALIZED RECOVERY SUPPORT

The Canadian Red Cross is meeting with people impacted by the 2021 B.C. wildfires to understand your unique needs and support you in your recovery journey. There are a variety of supports available to you and we will work with you individually to determine how we can best help you. Learn more at https://lytton.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/2021-BC-Fires_Recovery-Support-Process_-1.pdf.

AGENCY VISITS TO THE LYTTON RESILIENCY CENTRE

Canadian Red Cross (CRC)

- Week of February 7 (weather dependent)
 - Tammy Germain, Tammy.Germain@redcross.ca, 1-604-798-1296
- Week of Feb. 22-25 (one visit per month, COVID-19 protocol pending)
 - Sharon Lee, Case Management Lead, Sharon.Lee@redcross.ca

Provincial Health Services Authority

- Thursday, February 10 (may move to weekly depending on visits over the next week)
 - Provincial Disaster Psychosocial Team – Mental health and wellness support

Community Futures Sun Country (CFSUN)

- Recruiting to hire a local Village of Lytton resident for the Business Center Incubator to work for 5 days/week, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 - If interested, please call Deb Arnott at 1-250-453-9165 or Daphne Nelson at 1-250-852-0939

United Way (UW)

- Recruiting to hire a local Village of Lytton resident for the “Hi Neighbor” program
 - If interested, contact Kristi Rintoul, 1-778-765-5128
 - More information is available at <https://www.uwlm.ca/hineighbour/>

Resident Needs Survey Volunteers

- The Resiliency Centre is looking for volunteers for the Resident Needs Survey
 - If interested, please call Denise O’Connor, Resiliency Centre Volunteer Coordinator at 1-250-457-0177

SAVE THE DATE: COMMUNITY MEETING – February 24th, 2022

The Village of Lytton is hosting another Community Meeting on Thursday, February 24th, 2022, to discuss what's next in the Community Recovery Planning process.

All Lytton residents, business owners and community members are encouraged to attend the virtual meeting to get the latest information from the Village's Recovery Team, provide feedback and get answers to your questions.

MORE INFORMATION

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

The Village of Lytton staff's contact information is listed on the website at <https://lytton.ca/government/contact-us/>.

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