

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Village of Lytton Community Meeting

July 20, 2023

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INTERIOR HEALTH

Will the new Interior Health building include assisted living?

We cannot confirm if we will offer assisted living in the new building because the health service guidelines for new builds have changed since St. Bartholomew's Health Centre was built. We can no longer build a 6-bed assisted living facility like there was previously. We need to look at what is needed and what is feasible, and we may need to be more creative, such as providing assisted living mixed with something else so it can meet the needs of the community and be staffed properly.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([1:03:27](#))

Will there be lab services in the temporary Interior Health building?

Our intention is to provide lab collection services in the new building. However, there are some things that need to be in place before we can move forward. We need a greater degree of connectivity from Telus to support the lab modules required for monitoring and collection services, and we also need accreditation through a DAP accreditation service.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([1:05:13](#))

Primary doctor virtual service is minimal and mental health and substance abuse supports are mainly virtual. At what level are these being accessed?

We know mental health services are being accessed in-person in Lillooet and virtually, but the internet connectivity can make it challenging. Our goal is to make it easier for people to access services, such as by providing equipment in the modular facility and support from staff.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([1:06:31](#))

Is it possible for Interior Health to make firm commitments as to what services will be returning and when?

Our goal is to look at what services we can provide to the community in its current state, while building in the interim state and working with the community to expand our services. We need

the infrastructure support, such as housing and internet connectivity, to move forward. Fall 2023 is our timeline for developing the proposed plan for the permanent build.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([1:07:54](#))

RECOVERY MANAGERS

Could you clarify whether the archaeology work will be going on for up to three years?

There is minimal archaeology work that is left to be done, such as sieving soil that's left on site. Most of it is complete, but there will be a small amount of archaeological work as we go forward.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([1:10:10](#))

When will back filling resume and when will Zone 1 be completed?

We have submitted a workplan to complete Zone 1 but we have not received a decision from the Kumsheen Heritage Committee. If there is a further delay, we will raise the issue with the Archaeology Branch. We will be taking a more progressive approach to back filling going forward as it is a responsibility of the Village of Lytton, and we have more authority with the new operating procedures given to us by the Archeology Branch. We are ready to go with backfilling as soon as we receive a decision, and in the meantime, we are moving remediated soil off other sites.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([1:12:17](#))

Why has it taken so long to remove the contaminated soils?

It has taken so long because there have been a lot of other issues to resolve. Now that we've switched from recovery mode to rebuild mode, we are working to put an operating model in place to deal with issues and progress the work. We started removing the contaminated soil the day after we got approval to do so.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([1:14:58](#))

Will Main Street have to be dug up for the water and sewer main replacement?

Main Street likely will have to be dug up. We will try to reuse what we can, but replacing the whole system will likely be the better option. Sewer and water trenching throughout the village will start in August. Our target is to have it up and running by November. There will be traffic control to manage disruptions. This is the best way to get the Village up and running for the next 25 to 50 years.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([1:16:23](#))

Will the entire Village of Lytton, IR 17 and IR 18 be included in the non-potable water loop?

We are working with LFN and TNRD on the initial design, including a non-potable loop. There are a number of houses in LFN that are on septic, so we are working collaboratively to get LFN hooked up because it benefits the Village to access their water supply. We will explore more opportunities to provide greater sharing of services between LFN, TNRD and the Village.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([1:17:42](#))

What about holding a coffee morning at the Parish Hall for residents to meet and chat?

The unmet needs committee has suggested the same option. There will be a space sharing agreement to use the space for different needs. The center is stocked with coffee supplies and the mayor and councillors are eager to start coffee sessions.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([1:19:15](#))

What is the plan for the sewage treatment plant upgrade or replacement?

We've worked on the water systems to get off the boil water advisory and increase water holdings behind the dam. There will also need to be a number of studies done on sewer and water to identify the necessary upgrades and future proof the system so it can adapt to change.

However, right now, we're at a time to build, and then we will look at the other upgrades that are needed for the rest of the Village. The priority is getting water and sewer in now so any residents that are rebuilding this year can hook up to water, sewer and power in the fall.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([1:20:08](#))

Shouldn't we bury power now along with everything else?

The decision of where to put the power was made before the Recovery Managers started. The BC Hydro systems are already up and that cannot be undone. However, we are preparing for the future by burying conduit at the same time as the sewer and water main, so we push any system through that we want.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([1:21:47](#))

Will residents receive the archaeology reports for their individual properties?

Each owner has to apply to the Archeology Branch to get the report for their property back. However, the recovery managers also have access to the consolidated reports so if residents have requested them but have not received them, they can contact the recovery managers and they will help get them the information on their property.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([1:25:24](#))

OTHER

There is a feasibility study being done for a proposed \$30 million "Hub." Where does the Village anticipate placing this and how does the Village propose to pay for maintenance and upkeep on this building given a limited tax base?

Those questions are a part of the feasibility study. At this point there haven't been any decisions made about what would be included in the hub, where it would be located, or what the operating model would be. The maintenance and operating model will be discovered through this feasibility study process.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([1:23:56](#))

Is there a plan to put in low-cost housing in Lytton?

We are investigating low-cost housing options and are working with BC Housing to explore different options such as Rent-Geared-to-Income and subsidized, social or near-market housing. We are also working with LFN and TNRD to coordinate with their housing needs and put a broader housing strategy together.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([1:27:04](#))

Did the Village do FireSmart reports on Village properties?

The TLKEmchEEEn FireSmart Committee offered a free FireSmart Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) assessments to homeowners in the Ponderosa Heights, Loring Way, and Kent Road areas from May 25 to June 8, 2023.

Answered after the Community Meeting

When can we apply for business permits and when will they be given out? Our insurance is only extended a year, will we be able to meet that timeline?

The Village is currently working through the priorities for rebuilding. To discuss your next steps for permits and licensing, email Lynn Berlin, Building & Permits Manager at building@lytton.ca.

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