



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Village of Lytton Community Meeting Agenda December 7, 2023

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UNITED WAY

If an organization in Lytton has a function they want to do and they need some funding, what do they need to do?

Community members that are looking for support for an event or initiative, they can apply for the Local Love Fund by [submitting an application form](#). For example, a micro-grant was approved to pay for the holiday event in Lytton. The United Way will be setting booths up at some community events and hosting meetings to share more information about the Local Love micro-grant program.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([1:43:57](#))

INTERIOR HEALTH

Has the request for a hospital been brought forward through the engagement to date and will IHA and the Ministry of Health consider reinstating an actual hospital as opposed to a health centre? And if a hospital is not being considered, why not?

As we move forward, we will be coming back to the community for input on the future build. It will take a few years to get to the permanent build and we will continue to engage during that time. The priority right now is to sustain the services we have already established in Lytton, to enhance those services, and engage with the community to receive input on what the future permanent building will look like.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([54:32](#))

When will the interim pharmacy be opened and where?

Funding has been made available through the Primary Care Network (PCN) program for a part-time pharmacist in Lytton. Recruitment is underway for this position and the successful recruit is expected to spend one day each week working out of the Primary Care Clinic. It is difficult to say exactly when the new pharmacist will provide service in Lytton but it will be soon.

Answered after the Community Meeting

Can you clarify what lab collection services are available? Specifically, some seniors have had to go out of town weekly when they are on blood thinners which is very exhausting for them.

We are able to do certain lab collection specimens at the Primary Care Clinic. When a medical lab assistant comes online, more services will be available. Patients will still be asked to go to certain labs to have collection services or testing done that are currently unavailable at the primary care clinic.

The medical lab assistant will be able to provide blood thinner services to the community and test the coagulation status of patients at the primary care centre.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([1:27:22](#))

Why does IHA need to do more engagement before starting work on a permanent building?

It is very important for us to engage with the community on the permanent build. We have been successful in partnering with the community so far throughout establishing core services in Phase 2 and enhancing services. We will return to the community to gather more input in Phase 3 of the permanent build.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([1:29:10](#))

The community clearly shared that they wanted the health services they had before and more during the last phase of engagement. Why do you need to do more engagement?

It is important for us as we proceed to make sure we haven't missed anything and have heard from the community as we move forward into Phase 3.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([1:30:46](#))

Could you share more details about assisted living returning to Lytton?

We've heard that residents in assisted living want to return from Merritt to Lytton. We are making sure that those residents are a priority in our health services planning. However, we don't know what the assisted living facility will look like yet and will be re-engaging with the residents to plan these services.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([1:31:47](#))

What is the relationship between IHA and FNHA going forward? If the FNHA decides to build a permanent facility in this area, how will IHA coordinate service delivery and will this affect Lytton's permanent building?

Interior Health participates at the local health planning table with all of the other health partners. If the FNHA decides to build a permanent facility near Lytton, we will coordinate service delivery with them.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([1:33:55](#))

When will engagement end and when will construction actually start?

There are no particular dates for construction to share at this point.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([1:34:54](#))

PACIFICAN

How many applications have you received and approved for the Lytton Homeowner Resilient Rebuild Program?

For the homeowner program we've had limited uptake so far. We've received four applications and a few more applications are in the works.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([41:09](#))

How much of the 6 million dollars has been approved for the Lytton Residents? What will happen to the remaining dollars that aren't distributed through this program?

It's still early in the program process. The deadline was originally March 31, 2024 but we are looking at extending the program past that date if the dollars aren't distributed. We will share the new deadline with the community when it is determined.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([41:56](#)<https://www.youtube.com/live/l-vcUeOvipl?si=ayT16R5OLKdcibMd&t=3805>)

The application form has a termination date of March 31, 2024. Please speak to this date as some properties have not been backfilled yet.

We will be extending the deadline and will share the new date in the new year.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([42:52](#)<https://www.youtube.com/live/l-vcUeOvipl?si=ayT16R5OLKdcibMd&t=3805>)

Are Stream 1 and 2 of the funding mutually exclusive or can an individual apply for both?

Both streams of funding are available to everyone, but you can't apply to both streams for the same business. Individuals need to choose which stream is most applicable to their business.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([43:21](#))

The program information says that proof of business incorporation is required for application. Many businesses were operating as sole proprietorships, not registered businesses. How will that be approached?

We will assess applications on a case-by-case basis. We understand that everyone has a different situation and will work with you to address your needs.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([44:28](#))

The Stream 2 funding states that activities covered by insurance aren't eligible. Many business owners have already settled their insurance claims, meaning that insurance cases are closed. Does that disqualify a business owner from applying for funding?

Having insurance cases already closed would not disqualify anyone for funding. That criteria is intended to ensure that costs are not funded twice. We will be working with each applicant individually to address their specific needs.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([45:15](#))

Is the total grant funding amount still being decided?

The total amount of funding hasn't changed since the program was announced. The total funding amount available is still \$7.2 million. The funding for each applicant will be determined on a case-by-case basis based on the proposals received.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([47:04](#))

What do you do for a business that didn't lose their business property, but were renting a business space?

The program is available to businesses whether they owned or leased infrastructure. The program is very flexible in terms of what expenditures will be considered.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([47:56](#))

Will each applicant be assigned a specific case worker for their application?

The process and program is designed so that access and entry to Stream 1 – the Rapid Restart Fund is as simplified as possible. For the larger businesses that will be accessing Stream 2 – the Small- Business Recovery Fund, we will be working closely with the core group of businesses to ensure they have the information they need to support their application to the program.

There are only three people on our team, so when you email our email address you will hear back from one of us. We want to work with businesses and develop relationships, so business owners feel like they are supported throughout the process.

We're also working closely with [Community Futures in Ashcroft](#) and [Community Futures Development Corporation of Central Interior First Nations](#), so business owners can also access additional support through the process.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([48:49](#))

What stream would a landlord who is building housing be eligible for? Most would not have business numbers.

This is a business restart program that could consider, on a case-by-case basis, accommodation from a business perspective. The funds are not eligible to be used to cover costs of construction of a residence. Funding from this program could match up with other partners funding to increase the housing stock in the community.

If there is a business owner that was in the accommodations business and had their business established as part of providing rental housing, we would have to discuss what their eligibility for this program would look like since this is a unique situation.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([52:03](#))

If there is a two-storey building where the main level is a business and the upper level is residential, would that not be eligible for funding through the program?

If there is a multi-use space that has both commercial and residential space we would look at each proposal based on its own merits. We could potentially explore if there is funding available through another source that could be combined with PacifiCan funding.

We want to be very open to the vision of the community. We won't put restrictions within the program to prevent people from leveraging other funding or financing sources or combining projects with multiple uses. We are happy to have conversations with individuals to explore creative solutions.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([1:35:35](#))

If a business was on the main floor and the owner's primary residence was above, could the homeowner program and the business program be combined?

We would discuss that unique case with the individual to understand how the homeowner program and the business program be applied to the residential and commercial spaces.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([1:39:00](#))

Is there anything in place to prevent a business starting up in Lytton using PacifiCan funding and then moving elsewhere?

There's an investment in starting a business regardless of the individual receiving federal funding. The eligibility of the program is based on funding businesses that operate within Lytton, but we do not have control over what a business does 5 or 10 years down the line. The intention and hope is that if the business is starting in Lytton they will stay in Lytton and serve the community.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([1:42:05](#))

As more people start moving back and want to start new businesses, we're going to need more money. Will the expiry date be extended and will there be more funding available?

The expiry date for the current program is under review – we hope to have an update early in the New Year. We'll also check in throughout the program and the rebuild process to review how funding is being utilized and if additional time is needed for the program.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([1:48:00](#))

CO-OPERATORS

What's the expiry date for the program?

The Co-operators financing program runs in parallel with PacifiCan's Lytton Home Resilient Rebuild Program (LHRR Program), so it will have the same expiry date as the program. Currently, the last day to apply for the LHRR Program is March 31, 2024, although PacifiCan noted in the meeting that they are looking at a possible extension of that date. If a resident, prior to the expiry date, applies for and receives approval for funding under the PacifiCan LHRR Program, they will be eligible to participate in the Co-operators financing program, regardless of when they actually plan to commence rebuilding their home.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([1:06:20](#))

RECOVERY OFFICE UPDATE

Have there been any developments with the Nexii Fire Resilient buildings or any fire resilient building initiatives in Lytton so far?

The Village is waiting for updates on Nexii's timeline. Staff hope to bring a report to Council about this in January 2024.

Answered after the Community Meeting

There's no update on other fire resilient building initiatives at this point.

Answered during the Community Meeting ([1:24:22](#))

When is TELUS going to get internet and TV set up?

Community members can phone Morgan, TELUS Solutions Advisor at 250-256-3270 for information about internet and TV services.

Answered after the Community Meeting

SPEAKER CONTACT INFORMATION & LINKS

United Way

- Krista Billy: kristab@uwbc.ca
- Local Love Fund Application: [Apply for a Local Love microgrant - United Way British Columbia \(uwlm.ca\)](#)

Interior Health

- Yvonne Taylor: Yvonne.Taylor@interiorhealth.ca
- Video of Temporary Health Clinic Opening Ceremony: [Interior Health Opens Temporary Health Clinic in Lytton - YouTube](#)

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