

July 15/16 - Lytton Resident Brief

Getting mail to Lytton wildfire evacuees

Canada Post put emergency measures in place to help restore mail and parcel delivery to displaced residents of Lytton as soon as possible.

Evacuees are asked to register for mail forwarding service, important not just for ongoing mail and parcels, but it also provides a vital link with government and relief agencies going forward.

By registering, Canada Post will be able to ship mail and parcels to a different address selected by the customer, as well as reprocess and ship existing mail and parcels. This can be done on a short-term basis or for longer periods, even if the address is temporary.

Local Canada Post Employee Sooyeon Zacharias will be posted at the 1350 Dalhousie Dr. Canada Post Office in Kamloops daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to help residents receive mail.

Ministry of Environment working on assessments

Surrounding wildfires stalled crews yesterday but on-site environmental and hazard assessments are expected to be completed by the end of the week. Currently, the watershed has been downgraded from likely contaminated to unknown status. The Interior Health “Do Not Consume” notice for Lytton water remains in place.

Resiliency Centre Updates

Lytton evacuees can now access help for immediate needs at the Resiliency Centre in Kamloops at #3 – 700 Tranquille Roads. The centre will provide care and support for people displaced by the fire. This includes:

- Replacing documents and identification
- Applying for Employment Insurance
- Providing mental and emotional supports
- Navigating the insurance process for your home and other assets.

Service Canada will be set up to assist those who need access to pension cheques. They will also help those needing to file Employment Insurance claims and ensure they get to the top of the priority list. Service BC will also be on hand to help residents replace personal identification as needed. Utilities companies such as Telus, BC Hydro and Shaw will have booths at the centre as well as ICBC for those who may have lost vehicles in the wildfires.

The centre will also deploy a mobile team to other communities where displaced residents are located. Stay tuned for more information.

Access to Village of Lytton

The Ministry of Transportation is opening Highway 12 to allow Westside residents access to unaffected homes in the area. All access to the Village continues to be tightly controlled by the

BC Wildfire's Incident Management Team. Government agencies and companies retained by the government for early stage cleanup are the only teams granted access. There is no video or photography allowed by any staff of these organizations except where it is deemed necessary to assess damages.