



**Lytton
First
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September 2, 2021

To All Lytton First Nation Community Members:

The standing Order for Evacuation of Lytton First Nation is still in place. The following update details the emergency support services available for residents:

Emergency Support Services (ESS)

ESS Support has been further extended until October 1, 2021 for all members within areas currently under evacuation order.

This extension of supports will be eligible even when an order has been lifted for residents that do not have insurance. Extension of supports may be offered if the household does not have insurance or any other means of support and may only include:

- Lodging in commercial accommodation, private billeting or group lodging;
- Groceries or meals in a commercial facility (restaurants)
- Groceries are not eligible if meals are provided as part of group lodging;
- Clothing and incidentals are a one-time referral and will not be included in the extension of supports.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the liaison assigned to the area where you are currently staying:

Hope: eocliaisonhope@lfn.band 250-572-6555 Gracie Henry

Merritt: eocliaisonmerritt@lfn.band 778-254-9754 Bobbi McKay

Kamloops: eocliaisonkamloops@lfn.band 778-538-11 86 Teresa Raphael

All other areas: eocdirector@lfn.band 250-256-8167

If you still need to register with British Columbia ESS and for more information on your nearest reception centre, visit [Emergency Info BC](#) or call 1-800-585-9559. For specific details on ESS eligibility see the [Evacuee Living Assistance Policy \(PDF\)](#).

Insurance

Anyone who has questions about insurance coverage should contact the insurance broker they purchased their coverage through. The broker can answer questions about your policy and help with the claims process.

If you do not remember what brokerage you went to, or need to look up contact information for it, the Insurance Brokers Association of BC has a Broker Finder tool that can help: <https://www.ibabc.org/get-to-know-us/broker-finder.html>

IBC also has helplines where customers can ask more questions and may be able to get help determining who their insurer is: 1-844-2ask-IBC (1-844-227-5422) or askibcwest@ibc.ca. The Appraisal Institute of Canada has also provided the following information for residential property owners. It includes a brochure on what to expect in an appraisal (thinking insurance company, lenders and others may require one for claim or replacement cost).

- <https://www.aicanada.ca/need-an-appraiser/for-property-owners/>
- [https://www.aicanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/FINAL Appraisal Consumer Guide 2018 EN web.pdf](https://www.aicanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/FINAL_Appraisal_Consumer_Guide_2018_EN_web.pdf)

Here is a link to Find an Appraiser if you need one: <https://www.aicanada.ca/need-an-appraiser/find-an-appraiser/>

Canada Revenue Agency

The CRA has advised that individuals and businesses impacted by the wildfires can apply to waive all or part of interest and penalties charged to an account if the taxpayer was prevented from making payments due to circumstances beyond their control. Those impacted by the wildfires can also apply for expanded payment arrangements, allowing to create extended payment plans based on the individual's current financial situation.

To make a request, individuals, businesses, and their representatives can apply online using the CRA My Account, My Business Account, or Represent a Client services by selecting "Request relief of penalties and interest" under "Related services." You can also fill out Form RC4288, Request for Taxpayer Relief – Cancel or Waive Penalties or Interest, and send it:

- online using My Account, My Business Account, or Represent a Client by selecting the "Submit documents" service; or
- by mail to the designated office, as shown on the last page of the form, based on their place of residence.

For more information about how to submit documents online, residents can go to canada.ca/cra-submit-documents-online. For more information about relief from penalties or interest and the related forms and publications, they can go to canada.ca/penalty-interest-relief.

Note: Individuals who require assistance with any CRA matters such as income tax, Canada Child Benefit, Disability Tax Credit, taxpayer relief requests, etc. can call **604-814-5710** or email brad.vis@parl.gc.ca and complete a consent form allowing them to speak with CRA.

Service Canada

Service Canada has set up a line dedicated to Lytton and area wildfire evacuees: **1-877-631-2657**
This line is set up for residents to have applications for Employment Insurance, or business supports fast tracked, and for guidance in applying where not all required documents are available as ID and financial records may have been lost in the fire.

Banking

Scotiabank has set up a dedicated line to assist Lytton evacuees: **1-888-304-4799**

For special assistance with other banks contact the Canadian Bankers Association at 1-800-263-0231 or email inform@cba.ca

Business Owners

Community Futures Sun Country is a federally funded non-profit agency to help entrepreneurs. A special website has been created to assist those affected by wildfire: [Wildfire Business Transition Program \(cfwildfire.ca\)](http://cfwildfire.ca). Small and medium sized business owners can contact Andre Kuerbis 250-217-6438 (andre@cfsun.ca) or Arnice Asquin (arnice@cfsun.ca, phone 604-793-8124) or book an appointment here: <https://calendly.com/andre-kuerbis/60min>

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