

Hope for the best, prepare for the worst.

Since the June 2021 Fire, LFN has successfully completed 62 recovery projects with wrap around services. This all happened despite 2021's November atmospheric river that closed our roads and wiped-out intakes and then December 2021's extreme cold and snow that closed roads and trapped us in our homes without running water. Complicating LFN recovery further was 2022's heat, drought and then the Nohomeen fire and then 2023's heat and drought brought 3 more wildfires with debilitating regional smoke.



Tl'kemsin Strong - 3 years of evacuation alerts and orders!

Regardless of the curveballs, LFN leadership, EOC & ESS staff, Recovery Managers, and membership, regardless of residency, worked together to get most of our family's home (albeit into temporary builds). As we transition to rebuild, we don't know what 2024 will bring, that's ok though, LFN is ready!

Rebuild Director Update - December 2023

Since November 6th, 2023, I've had an incredible four weeks as LFN's rebuild director. Below is a summary of what LFN Recovery had to navigate to get LFN recovery projects and services up and running. Transition to the permanent rebuild of the replacement buildings & supporting systems will have to do the same – with even more due diligence.

Recovery & Rebuild Planning	Recovery & Rebuild Systems
• Access • Archaeology & Heritage Values • Contamination • Danger Tree Assessment and Removal • Extreme Weather • Fire Hazard • Flood & Slide Protection • Landscaping • Laydown & Storage • Location & Land Ownership • Lot Servicing • Reclamation • Residential School • SARA (plants and animals) • Security • Slope Stability • Worker Safety	• Accessibility • Communications • Energy (Backup Power) • Energy (Grid) • Energy (Production) • Fencing • Fire Department (Responders) • Garbage & Recycling • Interior Space Heat, Cool, quality • Invasive Species (weeds) • Transportation • Wastewater • Water (Quality) • Water (Quantity)

Our lost LFN Homes

Rebuild of 2021's lost Family homes is being managed by Bobbi McKay who is working on 42 replacement homes and addressing Atmospheric River assessment and repairs. From 2022, Raven Dunstan is doing 7 replacement family homes and assessing and mitigating risks from the 2023 Stein Mountain Fire. Lyle Leo is planning 28 homes at a new subdivision and managing the Stein Water system upgrades and new reservoir on IR22 and Teri Clayton is looking at the feasibility of rental homes and apartments off reserve.

Our lost Community Buildings

LFN's 1R18 saw the loss of its admin building (Band Office), the Old Store/maintenance building, the Anglican Church, the Basket House, and the Memorial Hall. Temporary offices, a store and a community hall are now operational and initial planning on where permanent replacement buildings can go has started.

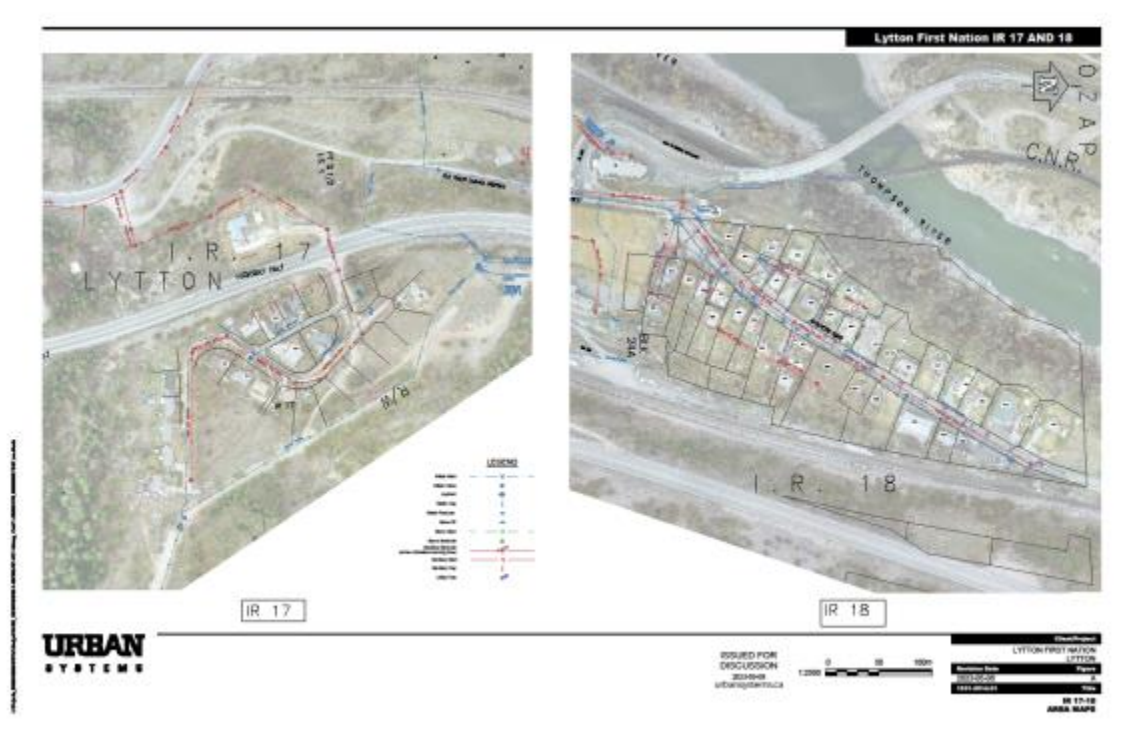


Figure 1 IR17 & 18 Water and Sewer lines as at May 5 2023. LFN maps can be viewed at the Office - come in and see your maps on display.

What the Future will be for LFN

The Lytton First Nation's Recovery and Rebuild program will follow LFN memberships Comprehensive Community Plan (or CCP) approved in October of 2023. The CCP has short-term, midterm and long-term goals. The time to come together is here, now, to ensure that the rebuild is made by LFN, for LFN at LFN!

Starting in the new year, a new round of community engagements will begin. What LFN does today in planning, feasibility, design, and construction will determine our future generation's best chance of living safely with the now ever-increasing challenges to our families, our buildings and systems brought about by a warming earth. Having lived the last 3 years, we know response mode living is hard and while we can't control the weather, we can mitigate its impacts.

LFN's 2024 engagement will consist of in-person group settings, virtual sessions, surveys, and one on one sessions. January's LFN newsletter will set out the first engagement steps and as your Rebuild Director, I'm looking forward to hearing from all of you.

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