

Rebuild Update – January 2024

For more than 10,000 years, an indigenous people known as the Nlaka'pamux have been at the same geographical place and lived in respect and in harmony with Nation lands, resources, environment, and neighbors creating wholistic, sustainable and healthy individual, family and community lives and lifestyle.

The first direct contact with European explorers occurred in 1808 and the Nlaka'pamux survived contact, colony and confederation and there are now 15 distinct communities that make up the Nlaka'pamux Nation today. Lytton First Nation (*Tl'kemtsin* or *LFN*) is one of the largest communities with 56 Indian Reserves spanning over 50 km of the Fraser River's length, a growing membership of more than 2000 and governance is via 1 Chief and 12 Councilors with a 2-year term.

Lytton First Nation Vision Statement

Starting in 2006, LFN has had a vision statement with its first Comprehensive Community Plan (or CCP) and the newest CCP has the vision statement codified as:

Tl'kemtsin is a resilient, self-sufficient, and prosperous Nation grounded by a strong culture and language. We work together well and thrive with the teachings of our ancestors, the wisdom of our Elders, the strength of our leaders, and the guidance of our people.

Everything changed in 2021.

A fire burned down the town of Lytton and destroyed LFN homes, service centers and businesses. Staying on the land, LFN successfully completed 62 recovery projects with wrap around services.

LFN's recovery overcame not just a fire, more was in store including:

- November 2021 atmospheric river, that closed regional roads, wiped-out intakes, and overwhelmed surface drainage (ditches, culverts), sewer and septic fields.
- December 2021's extreme cold and snow closing roads, collapsing roofs, and leaving residents in homes without running water and frozen wastewater pipes.
- 2022's heat, drought and then the Nohomeen fire; and
- 2023's heat, drought and 3 more wildfires with debilitating smoke.

Regardless of all these challenges, LFN leadership, EOC & ESS staff, Recovery Managers, and membership, with support from the federal, provincial, regional, and municipal governments worked together to get most LFN family's home (albeit into temporary builds).

Now, as we enter 2024, LFN's directly impacted 2021 lands at IR17, 18 and 22, are cleared of burn debris, contaminations removed, resurveyed and parcels are backfilled with new clean fill, compacted and water and sewer (or septic) plans are in place.

2024 Residential Builds

We are ready to rebuild our lost homes. LFN's recovery teams are now transitioning into rebuild. Bobbi McKay is now the Rebuild Manager for 42 replacement homes, Raven Dunstan is the Rebuild Manager for 7 replacement homes and Lyle Leo is managing operations of 10 RV sites, the 42 temporary replacement homes and Lyle is also the lead on the new 28 parcel subdivision, the 3 new houses at Stein and Stein water Supply expansion.

The Lytton fire destroyed many LFN members homes (on and off reserve) and the standing LFN homes on reserve (193)¹ were assessed for livability and unfortunately, some LFN standing homes did not handle the impacts of the last 3 years of extreme weather.

2021 Rebuild (Fire & Atmospheric River)		
IR17 (<i>Klahkamich</i>) Replacement Homes	6	Bobbi
IR18 (<i>Klickkumcheen</i>)	25	Bobbi
IR22 (<i>Kleetlekut</i>)	3	Bobbi
IR20 (<i>Kitzowit</i>) – tear down and redo	1	Bobbi
IR2 (<i>Nuuautin</i>) – tear down and redo	1	Bobbi
IR21 (<i>Inkluchcheen</i>) – new subdivision for overcrowding	6	Bobbi

2022 Rebuild (Nohomeen Fire)		
IR 9B (<i>Lytton</i>)	1	Raven
IR 9 (<i>Stryen</i>)	5	Raven
IR 9A (<i>Lytton</i>)	1	Raven

Capital Projects		
IR2B (<i>Nuuautin</i>) – new subdivision for VOL displaced	28	Lyle
IR 9 (<i>Stryen</i>) – under construction	3	Lyle
Stein Water Expansion from IR9 to IR2B		Lyle
Well 3 on IR18 reactivated.		Lyle

While winter has now fully kicked in, it's not a delay. Keep an eye on LFN's website, Facebook and come to the office. Foundations for 17 homes downtown are beginning with occupation targeted for April and 28 more homes are timed for completion in October.

¹ As part of the CCP Foundation engagement, the number of homes, buildings and supporting infrastructure will be very accurately located and reported on.

The intended plot size of this plan is 432mm in width by 560mm in height (C Size) when plotted at a scale of 1:1000.

'Post Wildfire Rebuild Design Main Street, Lytton, BC

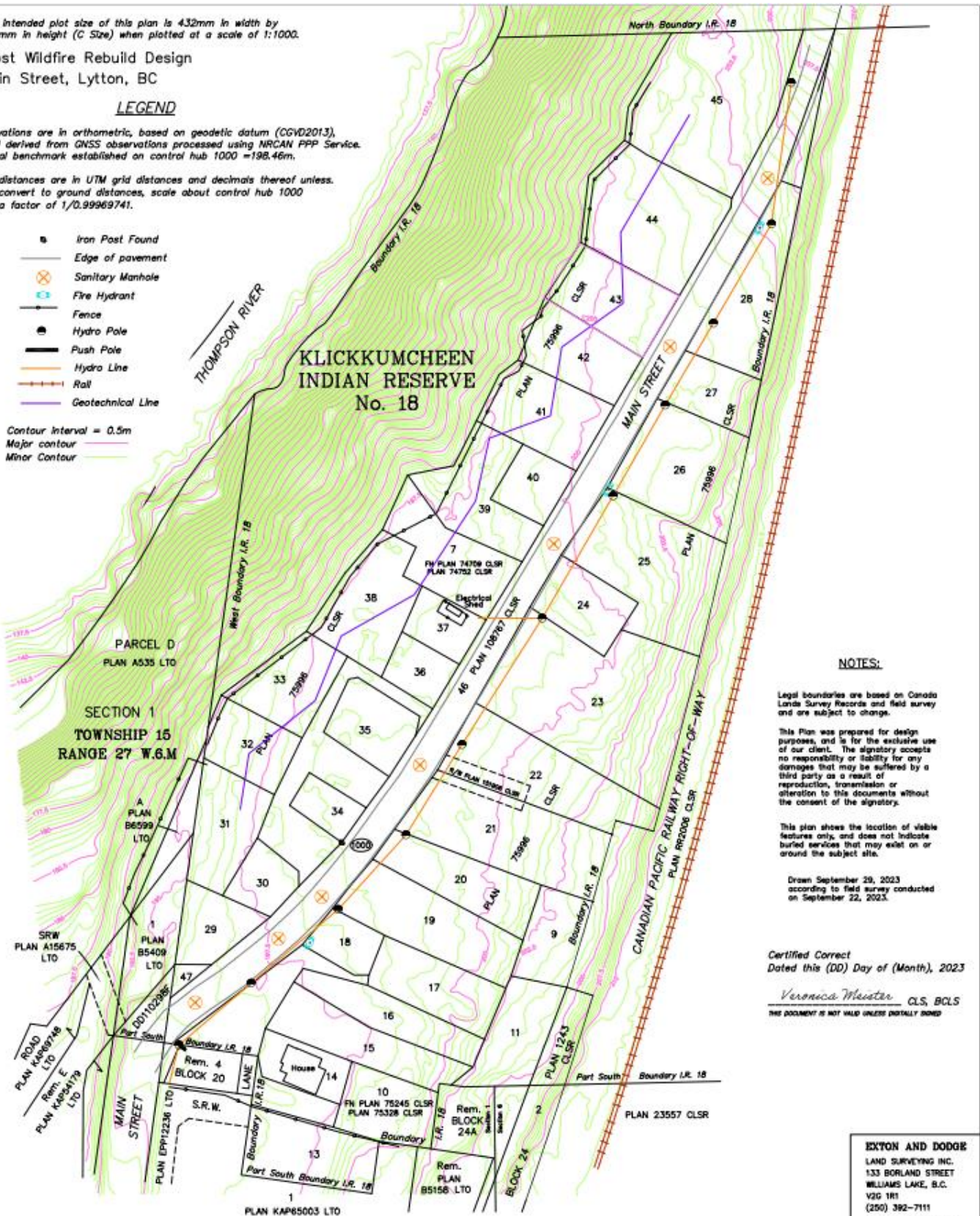
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Elevations are in orthometric, based on geodetic datum (CGVD2013), and derived from GNSS observations processed using NRCAN PPP Service. Local benchmark established on control hub 1000 = 198.46m.

All distances are in UTM grid distances and decimals thereof unless. To convert to ground distances, scale about control hub 1000 by a factor of 1/0.99969741.

- Iron Post Found
- Edge of pavement
- ⊗ Sanitary Manhole
- ⊕ Fire Hydrant
- Fence
- Hydro Pole
- Push Pole
- Hydro Line
- Rail
- Geotechnical Line

Contour Interval = 0.5m
Major contour
Minor Contour



NOTES:

Legal boundaries are based on Canada Lands Survey Records and field survey and are subject to change.

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Drawn September 29, 2023
according to field survey conducted on September 22, 2023.

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LFN's Lost Commercial Buildings

The IR18 Map shows all the surveyed parcels downtown as of September 2023. If you come to the office, you can get a hard copy printed for home or you can email patrick.michell@lfn.band and be sent a digital copy as an attachment. As your Rebuild Director, I'd like to get your email information so that I can send updated information to you regularly.

The LFN Recovery and Rebuild priority is and remains getting our displaced families back into their homes permanently but we also need to start the planning for the lost commercial buildings. Below are initial thoughts about rebuilding permanent replacements for LFN administration and service places. This is very preliminary as potential sites must be identified, mapped and then vetted through LFN Land (LFN is Land Code so no Ottawa review) and put to Council.

Admin (Permanent)	IR18 Lot 44	• Temporary is up at ST. Georges Road. • Where do we put the permanent?
Maintenance Trailer & Old Store	IR18 Lot 37	• Where Well 3 is now ○ Is the parcel big enough to be used for a building? • The temporary store is up and running. • Maintenance has also moved. • Where do we put the permanent replacements?
Anglican Church	IR18 Lot 24	• Confirmation needed on Anglican Church "<i>continued use</i>." • Would they share space in a new permanent building ;like a Multiplex or Community Hall? • Does Lot 24 need to be closed in a ceremony if Church is not coming back there? • Can we put in a small community gathering place there instead (language, after school programs, birthdays etc)?
Basket House (Store and Language and Cultural Place)	IR18 Lot 28	• Where do we put a replacement. • A temporary design provided by Iredale. • Where would we put a permanent replacement building?
Memorial Hall (Community Hall - Permanent)	IR18 Lot 26	• Temporary building up and running with a café. • Where do we put a permanent replacement? • Is a Multiplex at school grounds a better place (ie parking)

LFN's Comprehensive Community Plan Implementation

LFN approved a rebuild CCP back in October of 2023: <https://lfn.band/news/f/comprehensive-community-plan> and the link will take you to the website where you can open, read and download. You can also come to the office and pick up a hard copy. As mentioned earlier, for all LFN band members regardless of age and residency, please send an email to patrick.michell@lfn.band and I can start sending you copies of maps, plans and notices as well.

The first CCP task was that 3 new positions be created to oversee implementation of the CCP plan to engage membership, regardless of residency, to generate 4 new planning documents made by LFN, for LFN at LFN. I started on November 6th and the two CCP coordinator positions are posted and close on January 12, 2024. It's your future and your children and grandchildren need you to speak for them today. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon. Patrick