

**SPENCES BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
2018 SPECIAL MEETING**

**MINTUES**

**5:00 P.M. THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2018**  
**Spences Bridge Administration Office**

**PRESENT:** Michael Jefferson, Trustee Chair  
Ross Figley, Trustee  
Tawnya Collins, Administrative Officer  
Roy Shaw, Fire Chief

**REGRETS:** Tina Draney, Trustee

**GUESTS:** 19 guests in the gallery

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**1. Call to Order:**

Trustee Chair Jefferson called the Spences Bridge Improvement District 2018 Special Meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

**2. Adoption of Minutes**

Adoption of the Spences Bridge Improvement District meeting minutes of May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

**MOVED** Jefferson/Figley

**THAT** the minutes of May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. Lytton RCMP community policing report**

Constable Wiebe presentation from the Lytton RCMP detachment was moved as the first agenda item to accommodate his schedule.

- Very little criminal or other activity happening in Spences Bridge
- There was a diesel spill on Hwy 1 on June 15<sup>th</sup>, just north of Spences Bridge and lumber truck rollover on Hwy 8.
- The water file was investigated by Corporal Harris, and the decision was not to proceed with charges, as criminal intent could not be established.
- Fire Chief Shaw stated that the school or adjacent properties had no water. There was no contact with Fire Chief prior to the water being shut off. Fire Chief Shaw was informed that the water was shut off at 2:00 am. Fire Chief Shaw recharged the fire hydrant and TNRD stated he should not have done this. Fire Chief Shaw will take this issue up with TNRD separately.
- The Fire Chief has written to Tyrone McCabe at the TNRD regarding concerns with having an adequate water supply for fire protection when the water supply was shut off.

- The most prevalent issue was that someone broke into the water supply box to turn it off.
- The RCMP stated that the intent behind the 'break in' was that there was an emergency, rather than criminal intent.
- Trustee Figley questioned if the SBID can lay charges for vandalism and be compensated for the repairs? Constable Wiebe stated that this would be a civil issue. The issue of damages needs to be dealt with through the TNRD if the person(s) that caused the damage was acting as an agent (contractor) for the TNRD.
- The water system is run by computers. A suggestion was made to check the computer log for the water activity at 2:00 am on the day of question, which would have caused the need for an emergency shut off.
- Fire Chief Shaw stated that the proper protocol when there is an issue with the water system is to contact the Fire Chief (by phone or radio) to come and investigate.
- A community member stated that they did not hear the water alarm go off to signal a water emergency.
- Constable Wiebe will confirm that Corporal Harris has talked to the parties involved, and if the parties have not been approached yet, Constable Wiebe will make ensure this happens.
- SBID trustees will contact the TNRD representatives to set up protocols so this issue does not happen again.
- Constable Wiebe stated that the RCMP will be present in the community more.

#### **4. Trustee Jefferson and Trustee Figley TNRD meeting June 1, 2018 – update report**

Trustee Jefferson and Trustee Figley attended with meeting with Tyron McCabe on June 1, 2018.

- The meeting was to discuss issues with water supply for fire protection, which included discussion about the Murray creek infrastructure.
- The TNRD proposed putting a well at the base of Murray Creek, which would possibly increase taxes.
- Trustee Jefferson and Trustee Figley would like to pursue returning the Murray Creek infrastructure back to SBID.
- Possible funding to do so could include gas tax funds to establish a well and pump.
- Question about what happened to the Murray Creek assets when the water services were transferred to TNRD? Bylaw 165-2007 transferred all water assets and remaining funds to the TNRD.
- Discussion around local government acts regarding protocols and procedures of purchasing assets. The current SBID trustees are not sure if these protocols and procedures were followed in 2007 when water assets and licences were transferred.
- A statement was made that a video record exists of the TNRD stating that Murray Creek was going to be the backup water system for Spences Bridge.

#### **5. Water meters**

In the meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup> that Trustee Jefferson and Trustee Figley attended, the TNRD stated that water meters will be in place in Spences Bridge within one years' time.

A community member stated that a better use of funds would be to upgrade the current water systems rather than put in meters.

## 6. BC Hydro Standing offer program

- In 2008, BCH introduced the micro hydro program, which would be ideal for Murray Creek.
- A previous engineering study stated that 0.3 mega-watts could be generated from Murray Creek which would result in approximately \$300,000 per year in hydro generation revenue.
- Kathryn Rowe is the BC Hydro representative for this program and has stated that this program is currently on hold. Trustee Jefferson will follow up with Ms. Rowe in the fall to see if there has been any movement on the program.
- Trustee Jefferson has a report from 2016 that explains the fundamentals of the BC Hydro Micro Hydro Program.

## 7. SBVFD Fire Chief report

- There was a call out for a residential structural fire reported in Lytton. The SBVFD did not attend.
- Fire Chief Shaw was informed that there was a huge diesel spill on Hwy 1 from a motorist off the highway. Highways and the RCMP were dispatched. Once the RCMP showed up, Fire Chief Shaw left the scene.
- A community member stated whenever there is a vehicle incident on Hwy 8, the whole highway is closed down, and business at the Inn decreases during this time.
- Fire Chief Shaw read a letter from Kamloops dispatch, apologizing for a series of mistakes.
- The cement pad for the fuel tank is progressing. Fire Chief Shaw will post when the cement will be poured, and send out an invite for interested people to assist.
- The sign is up at the fire hall.

## 8. Letter to CNR/CPR requesting monetary donation for a firetruck

Trustee Jefferson read the letter to the gallery, submitted by Fire Chief Shaw on May 31, 2018 to the SBID Board of Trustees regarding the submission of a letter to CPR/CNR for monetary donations for a new fire truck. Request made to include Highland Valley Copper as a recipient for the letter as well.

***ACTION : Tawnya to draft a letter to CPR/CNR and Highland Valley Copper regarding a request for monetary donations to be used for the purchase of a new fire truck.***

Concerns from community members regarding all the railway ties laying around Spences Bridge. Trustee Jefferson suggested that concerned citizens phone or email Jati Sidu to lodge complaints.

## 9. SBID Sustainability report

- Trustee Jefferson noted that the sustainability report stated that the Fire Department should be shut down and the SBID should just continue the first responders.

- Trustee Jefferson provided updates on what the Fire Department has accomplished, such as a new fire chief, new members etc.
- Trustee Jefferson also stated that he would like to see an ambulance station in Spences Bridge to alleviate the reliance on first responders.
- The SBVFD need new members, more volunteers, and new ideas.
- The sustainability report is posted on the rattler.

**10. Trustee election – 1 (one) position for the remainder of a 3 (three) year term – 1 (one) year and 10 (ten) month term**

Cheryl Klyne was nominated by Lori Kingston (accepted)

Randall Simpson was nominated by Rick Brown (declined)

Rick Brown was nominated by Pat Jackson (declined)

*Cheryl Klyne was elected by acclamation as a Spences Bridge Improvement District Trustee for the remainder of a three year term.*

**11. Next meeting date**

The next regular SBID Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2018 at 4:30 pm

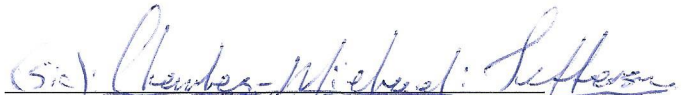
**12. Adjournment**

**MOVED** Jefferson/Figley

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 6:05 pm

**CARRIED**

Certified a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Spences Bridge Improvement District Board of Trustee meeting held Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

  
Trustee Michael Jefferson, SBID Chair

  
Tawnya Collins, SBID Administrative Officer