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May 9, 2006

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Subject: Spence Bridge Community Water System

As you may be aware, the Spences Bridge Waterworks District and Spences Bridge residents approached the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) for advice and assistance in upgrading the resident domestic water system.

The TNRD obtained Planning Grants from the Province and subsequently arranged for completion of studies, by expert consultants, to ascertain what would be required to bring the current water system to acceptable standards. Based on information contained in those studies the TNRD applied for a Canada British Columbia Infrastructure Program (CBCIP) grant based on the estimated costs to upgrade the community water system. The CBCIP is only available to Local Government and is not available to Improvement Districts or 'community groups or organizations' operating water systems. Under this program, the benefiting property owners must pay 1/3 of the costs while the Federal and Provincial Governments are responsible for 2/3s of the costs. We were successful in obtaining a CBCIP grant in the amount of \$750,000.00.

Details of the plans for the upgrade and the annual debt and operating costs were presented at the Community meeting held in Spences Bridge on Wednesday, April 19, 2006. We are sorry you were unable to attend. In summary, the property owners within the Spences Bridge Community Water System Service Area (see area identified on back of the attached petition) will be responsible for their share of the upgrade costs. The property owners will be given the opportunity, at a later date, to make a one time payment for their share of the costs or finance costs over 20 years. Financed costs would be added to the tax notice as a parcel tax.

In addition to the above parcel tax for debt financing, tolls will also be established to cover system operating costs.

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For the TNRD to assume responsibility for the water system and proceed with the identified upgrades, we are proposing the matter proceed via 'petition'. The process is successful only if one half of the service area parcel owners sign and return the petition (all representing 50% or more of the net taxable assessed land and improvement values). Your parcel petition is attached for your review, consideration, execution (if you concur) and return to my office in the self addressed stamped envelope. It would be appreciated if signed petitions could be returned at your earliest convenience; preferably by 4:30 p.m. Friday June 9. 2006. If we do not receive a majority (63 petitions) by that date, we will need to look at other options to obtain elector assent. Elector assent is necessary for the TNRD to assume responsibility for the water system and use the approved grant funds.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 250 377 8673 (or 1 877 377 8673 toll free in BC).

Yours truly,

J. R. (JIM) MCBRIDE
Clerk/Director of Community Services

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Attachments

pc: Director Tait,
Electoral Area "1" (Blue Sky Country)

SPENCES BRIDGE COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM

I/We, the undersigned, hereby petition the Board of Directors of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District to:

1. Establish a Service Area to be called the "Spences Bridge Community Water System Service Area" and to include the hereinafter noted parcel in the subject Service Area; and
2. Authorize the borrowing of an amount not to exceed Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) for the purpose of providing improvements; the principal and interest on such debt to be repaid over a period of twenty (20) years. By signing this petition, I/we acknowledge that the maximum amount that may be requisitioned annually from the entire subject service area for the purpose of recovering the debt servicing costs shall not exceed Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) or approximately Three Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$325) parcel per annum. It is understood that the annual costs will be recovered by a parcel tax to be imposed in the manner provided in Part 24 Division 4.3 of the *Local Government Act*.

It is also understood that inclusion in the subject Service Area may also subject the hereinafter-noted parcel to the imposition of other fees and charges for the purpose of recovering annual maintenance, connection, reconnection and operating costs of the system.

The proposed "Spences Bridge Community Water System Service Area" to be established is that area outlined in bold on the map on the reverse side of this petition.

Roll Number
Parcel Legal Description

Parcel Civic Address

Net Taxable Value
(Total Land & Improvements)

Owner(s)	Signature(s)
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NAME
MAILING ADDRESS

Date: _____