



THOMPSON-NICOLA REGIONAL DISTRICT
UTILITY SERVICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

SPENCES BRIDGE COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM CUSTOMERS

April 7, 2009

During our last community meeting held at the Spences Bridge Community Hall in April 2008 the status of the Spences Bridge Community Water System upgrade was discussed and the TNRD requested guidance from the community for a solution for the Spences Bridge Community.

As outlined, at the meeting a joint water system upgrade with the Cooks Ferry Indian Band which includes new well source and filtration will cost in the neighbourhood of \$4.2 Million. Outlined below are the estimated costs for the joint water system and allocation of the costs:

• Total Project Cost of Joint System	\$4,205,500
• SBCWS share of Joint System	\$1,881,080
• BCCWIP Grant already received	\$777,333
• Previous Assent to Borrow	<u>\$400,000</u>
• Total available for project in April 2008	\$1,177,333
• Budget Shortfall	\$705,000
• Need to borrow additional	\$800,000

As explained in the meeting, there was a shortfall of about \$800,000 to complete the entire joint water system project. Through a straw poll the residents advised the TNRD to proceed to petition for the joint system including a filtration plant. The petition took place providing assent to borrow the budget shortfall of an additional \$800,000.

As proposed, the TNRD also submitted an application to the Building Canada Fund (BCF) on behalf of the Spences Bridge residents for grant money to cover a portion of the additional costs. We are very pleased to report a BCF grant for \$459 332.00 was successful. Without the BCF grant, the parcel tax was estimated to be \$958.00 per year for 20 years. The BCF grant reduces the expected parcel tax to around \$740.00 per year.

The TNRD share of the upgrades are progressing nicely with the design phase for the reservoir near completion and the preparation work for the well installation and the Trans-Canada Highway bridge crossing well under way. Other project components will be initiated in 2010.

We recognize the magnitude of this project and the time it will take to complete. We thank you for your patience and we all look forward to seeing the end result; safe drinking water for all of the Spences Bridge community.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office. For your convenience, our toll free number is 1-877-377-8673.



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