

November/2020:

SPENCES-BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT: TRUSTEES REPORT:

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM): Asset Management Plan (AMP):

The SBID: Trustees applied to the FCM for the AMP Grant funding in 2018 and received approval in 2019 from the FCM for the development of an AMP.

The AMP is a critical and necessary administrative step in-order for the SBID to move forward with the budgeting of the maintenance and upgrade of all SBID Assets.

Once complete, the SBID: AMP will serve as a key to access grant funding from senior levels of government and private corporate donations. The AMP is an inventory and audit of all SBID assets that includes: land, buildings, tools and equipment and is necessary for the SBID to continue to function and provide for a Fire Protection Service in our community.

The AMP serves as an audit mechanism that establishes a base-line valuation of the life-cycle maintenance and replacement costs of the current SBID and SBVFD assets such as the SBID: Building, Fire Hall, Fire Truck, Emergency Response Van plus budgeting for new fire-fighting tools and equipment.

A major part of the AMP was performed by Current Enterprises and Radon to determine the structural, electrical, mechanical integrity and energy efficiency of the SBID Building and Administration office. This building and energy-efficiency audit identified areas of concern and gave cost estimates to repair and upgrade to current building, electrical and energy-efficiency codes and standards that once complete will lower our carbon emissions and energy operating costs.

ABI Hazmat performed a "Hazardous Materials" inspection and sample testing of the SBID: building and SBVFD Fire Hall to identify the presence and level of toxic building materials and fixtures materials that is a critical step prior to the commencement of any building renovation project(s). Asbestos is present in the vinyl flooring and drywall and Lead is in the original interior paint.

Once the AMP is complete and approved by the FCM, the SBID will be financially reimbursed as per our agreement, then the SBID can begin to move forward and take the necessary steps to secure grant funding and corporate donations that will be dedicated to the restoration and upgrade of the SBID assets listed above.

The SBID contracted with three consultants to perform the AMP:

1. Urban Systems of Kamloops-Rick Collins.
2. Current Enterprises and Radon of Kelowna-John Kostelnik.
3. ABI Hazmat of Kamloops-James Mc Arthur.

SBID: Logo:

In late 2019, your SBID: Trustees decided that the time is long overdue for the SBID to design and adopt a “logo” in-order to move our community forward and enhance our corporate standing in this world, especially when dealing with senior -governments, contractors and corporations.

A “logo” is a unique symbol or brand that advertises to the world that we (Spences-Bridge) exist. Several designs were submitted by the Trustees and community members whereby the “California Big Horn Sheep” symbol won the day, in honour of our most beautiful and majestic 4-legged friends that live in our community. The SBID logo is now on our website and letterhead.

SBID: Website:

The SBID Trustees retained the IT services of Dwayne Rourke as our Webmaster to build a website for the SBID in-order to better communicate within our community and gain standing with senior levels of government and outside agencies. Dwayne has done a great job in helping our community move forward in this digital age and he is retained by the SBID on a “fee-for-service basis and maintains the website. All SBID Meeting Minutes, Agendas and Public Notices are posted on our website: **sbid.info**.

Replacement Fire Truck:

Even though our current Fire Truck (FT) is a 30-year old 1991 White and has surpassed it’s 25-year service life, our Fire Truck is certified by Fire Underwriters to be in 100% good working order and currently operates with a 2-year extension. This 2-year extension buys the SBID some time to source and fund a new FT.

To that end and since 2018, former SBVFD: Chief: Roy Shaw and Deputy Chief: Ross Figley have been on the hunt for a good used FT that has a remaining 10-15-year lifespan, is affordable and meets the size and capability requirements of the SBVFD. Unfortunately, there are none to be found as most Fire Departments sell-off their FT's with approximately 5-years remaining in the life-cycle. I have lived in Spences-Bridge for 15-years and a member of the SBVFD for 9-years and our current FT is the third since 2006.

That said and given that Roy Shaw has retired and moved, Deputy Chief: Ross and I have been exploring the purchase options of ordering a "new" FT that meets the SBVFD requirements and has a 25-year life-span. We have met with several suppliers to-date and received design-build cost estimates of between \$420,000 and \$450,000.00. At first glance, these cost estimates may appear to be excessive, but when you factor in the SBID cash on-hand as a down payment plus corporate donations and various grant funding that may be available and the residual amount that would be financed over 10-15-years, the purchase of a "new" FT represents the "best value" for the money spent and is the most cost effective option. These are only preliminary cost estimates and any decision by the Trustees to proceed with a purchase order of a new FT would first be put to the SBID Ratepayers for their approval.

TNRD-Spences Bridge Community Water System (SBCWS): TRUE Engineering Report-2018:

In 2017, the TNRD retained TRUE Engineering of Kamloops to perform a comprehensive technical assessment of the current SBCWS with the objective of increasing the available water supply, citing an inherent water shortage for our emergency fire protection. This report focuses on expansion of groundwater well sourcing and gives some very expensive options in excess of \$2 million which would of course, be paid for by the SBID ratepayers.

The Murray Creek option was mentioned as a possible emergency supply of "potable" water, but dismissed with the statement:

"The intake and supply pipeline infrastructure would need to be restored in order to use the system as a "non-potable" water source for emergency use under a boil water notice. The overall conclusion is that the intake is not currently viable as an alternative water source in the event of a breakdown at the wells".

SBID: Murray Creek Select Committee-2018:

In 2018, the SBID: Trustees formed a Select Committee made up of two members of the community and one Trustee. The committee members were charged with the task of identifying the legal ways and means available to the SBID to transfer the Murray Creek infrastructure assets and water licenses that are currently held by the TNRD back to the SBID. The purpose of this effort is to restore the water infrastructure assets of MC to the SBID to be rebuilt as a reliable, unlimited, cost-effective source of "Non-Potable" water for fire protection and irrigation of the SBID: Fireman's Field (school grounds). Such a project would first need an engineering feasibility study and if found to be cost-effective and feasible, then the ultimate goal would be to restore the infrastructure and build a water line that would run from the intake downhill and site Fire Hydrants in several key locations along the way, terminating at the SBVFD Fire Hall and connect to the underground sprinkler system. This system would provide a virtual unlimited supply of water and the funding would come from grant funding sources available because of the SBID: Asset Management Plan.

Kind Regards,

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