

# COMPARISON OF RESIDENTIAL WATER RATES AND COSTS FOR OCEANSIDE WATER PURVEYORS

Prepared by the French Creek Residents' Association (June 17, 2015)

	Town of	Qual Bay	City of	Little Qual	Deep Bay	RDN	RDN Fr Crk	Bowser	RDN	Epcor	Ships Point	RDN	Fanny Bay	Union Bay
	Qualicum	/Horne Lake	Parksville	Water Dist		Englishman	(Sandpiper)		Nanoose	Fr Creek		San Pareil		
Billing calculation period	monthly	quarterly	semi-annual	quarterly	quarterly	day	day	quarterly	day	monthly	annual	day	triannual	bi-monthly
Base/min charge \$	9.00	52.50	74.26	60.00	33.00	0.31	0.31	54.00	0.31	39.75	276.00	0.31	100.00	75.00
Base m <sup>3</sup> units included	15	68	0	93	0	0	0	40	0	15	unlimited	0	120	20
Rate rider on base chge \$	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.24	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rate above base m <sup>3</sup> \$	0.80	0.32	0.637	0.706	0.50	0.98	0.98	0.90	0.98	1.65	n/a	0.98	1.10	0.77
Rate rider per extra m <sup>3</sup> \$	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.13	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Second level extra m <sup>3</sup> rate \$	1.10	n/a	1.273	n/a	0.60	1.12	1.12	1.25	1.12	n/a	n/a	1.12	1.30	1.05
Parcel tax per year \$	* 208.00	* 150.00	16.97	150.00	218.00	249.58	297.33	265.00	* 331.95	n/a	* 400.00	* 464.57	* 468.00	* 340.00
55 m <sup>3</sup> 1/4ly usage cost \$	87.00	90.00	96.55	97.50	115.50	116.20	128.23	133.75	136.89	146.77	169.00	170.04	192.00	216.75
	<a href="#">Chart 1</a>	<a href="#">Chart 2</a>	<a href="#">Chart 3</a>	<a href="#">Chart 4</a>	<a href="#">Chart 5</a>	<a href="#">Chart 6</a>	<a href="#">Chart 7</a>	<a href="#">Chart 8</a>	<a href="#">Chart 9</a>	<a href="#">Chart 10</a>	<a href="#">Chart 11</a>	<a href="#">Chart 12</a>	<a href="#">Chart 13</a>	<a href="#">Chart 14</a>

Note - with the exception of the RDN and Ships Point, all utilities have a base charge plus they bill for usage in excess of the base - call it 'base +'

The RDN disregards a base charge if average usage exceeds the daily minimum charge of \$.31 - call it 'either or'

Parcel taxes for RDN properties include a 5.25% service fee for collecting taxes levied by the provincial Surveyor of Taxes

All utilities are updated for 2015

\* Town of Qualicum parcel tax includes Arrowsmith Water Service costs which are nominal but unknown.

\* Qualicum Bay/Horne Lake now has a \$75 Capital Works Renewal fund + \$75 parcel tax

\* Parksville went to a complicated structure in 2013. Base charge and parcel tax + consumption cumulatively for each tier.

\* Nanoose is repaying debt for a new water treatment plant

\* Ships Point has a project ongoing for infrastructure replacements and upgrades

\* San Pareil is retiring debt to fund a large capital replacement program

\* Fanny Bay is retiring debt for storage tank replacement at \$156 triannually

\* Union Bay is putting funds aside and upgrading infrastructure

Costs are based on average consumption of 55 m<sup>3</sup> (cubic metres) per 1/4 or: 18.33 monthly, 36.67 bi-monthly, 73.33 triannually, 110 semiannually = 220 per year for a single family home

