

2021 COMPARISON OF RESIDENTIAL WATER RATES AND COSTS FOR OCEANSIDE WATER PURVEYORS

Prepared by the French Creek Residents Association

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| | City of | Town of | Little Qual | Deep Bay | Bowser | RDN | Epcor | Qual Bay | Fanny Bay | RDN | RDN | Ships Point | Union Bay | RDN Fr Crk |
|---|--------------|----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------|-------------|-----------|----------|------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| | Parksville | Qualicum | Water Dist | | | Englishman | Fr Creek | /Horne Lake | | Nanoose | San Pareil | | | (Sandpiper) |
| Billing calculation period | semi-annual | monthly | quarterly | quarterly | quarterly | day | monthly | quarterly | triannual | day | day | annual | monthly | day |
| Base/min charge \$ per bill | 40.93 | 13.65 | 60.00 | 45.00 | 54.00 | 0.37 | 43.30 | 64.10 | 130.00 | 0.37 | 0.37 | 329.00 | 54.00 | 0.37 |
| Base m ³ units incl per bill | 60 | 15 | 59.5 | 0 | 40 | 0 | 12 | 62 | 60 | 0 | 0 | unlimited | 10 | 0 |
| Rate rider on base chge \$ | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | -2.35 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Rate above base m ³ \$ | 0.6820 | 1.15 | 0.706 | 0.52 | 0.90 | 1.14 | 1.92 | 1.10 | 2.16 | 1.14 | 1.14 | n/a | 1.40 | 3.54 |
| Rate rider per extra m ³ \$ | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | -0.10 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Second level extra m ³ rate \$ | 1.3640 | 1.55 | 1.148 | 0.64 | 1.25 | 1.29 | 1.92 | 1.32 | 2.16 | 1.29 | 1.29 | n/a | 1.90 | 1.29 |
| Parcel tax per year \$ | 89.57 | 200.00 | 260.00 | 243.00 | 290.00 | 350.35 | n/a | 393.00 | 318.00 | 566.89 | 585.61 | 600.00 | 390.00 | 523.31 |
| 55 m³ 1/4ly usage cost \$ | 99.35 | 102.45 | 125.00 | 134.95 | 140.00 | 150.29 | 162.13 | 162.35 | 198.60 | 204.42 | 209.10 | 232.25 | 294.50 | 325.53 |
| | Chart 1 | Chart 2 | Chart 3 | Chart 4 | Chart 5 | Chart 6 | Chart 7 | Chart 8 | Chart 9 | Chart 10 | Chart 11 | Chart 12 | Chart 13 | Chart 14 |

Note - with the exception of Deep Bay, the RDN and Ships Point, all utilities have a base charge incl units and bill for usage in excess of the base - call it 'base +' RDN disregards a base charge if average usage exceeds the daily minimum charge of \$.37 or .7 cm - call it 'either or'

RDN parcel taxes include a 5.25% service fee for collecting taxes levied by the Provincial Surveyor of Taxes. Munis administer their own at less cost.

Updated for 2022 - Epcor, RDN, Qualicum, Parksville, Little Qualicum, Bowser, Deep Bay, Union Bay, Fanny Bay, Ships Point

* RDN Sandpiper is paying additional \$2.40 m³ plus std RDN charges for the connection to QB system

* Qualicum parcel tax includes residual Arrowsmith Water Service costs which are nominal but unknown. They also offer a prompt pay discount of \$1.50 /month.

* **Parksville went to a complicated structure in 2013. Base charge + infrastructure charge per 6 mos billing (parcel tax on chart above) + consumption cumulatively for each tier**

* Qualicum Bay/Horne Lake parcel tax includes a Capital Works Renewal Fund + parcel tax

* Nanoose 2100 connections retiring debt of \$2.6M for upgrades and new treatment plant

* San Pareil 280 connections retiring debt of \$1.4M for a large capital replacement program

* Fanny Bay parcel tax of \$558 reduced to \$318 in 2019 resulting from debt repaid

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

* Union Bay usage rates rising significantly-now Comox Valley RD as of 2019

Costs are based on average consumption of 55 m³ (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

