

COMPARISON OF RESIDENTIAL WATER RATES AND COSTS FOR OCEANSIDE WATER PURVEYORS

Prepared by the French Creek Residents Association

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Now 50m³ per 1/4

	City of	Town of	RDN	Little Qual	Bowser	Epcor	Deep Bay	Qual Bay	RDN	Fanny Bay	RDN	Ships Point	RDN Fr Crk	Union Bay
	Parksville	Qualicum	Englishman	Water Dist		Fr Creek		/Horne Lake	San Pareil		Nanoose		(Sandpiper)	
Billing calculation period	semi-annual	monthly	day	quarterly	quarterly	monthly	quarterly	quarterly	day	triannual	day	annual	day	monthly
Base/min charge \$ per bill	91.96	14.70	0.50	60.00	54.00	43.30	49.50	67.30	0.50	130.00	0.50	370.00	2.90	54.00
Base m ³ units incl per bill	0	15	0	59.5	40	12	0	62	0	60	0	unlimited	0	10
Rate rider on base chge \$	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	-1.13	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rate above base m ³ \$	0.7026	1.25	1.00	0.706	0.90	1.92	0.53	1.17	1.00	2.16	1.00	n/a	3.40	1.40
Rate rider per extra m ³ \$	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	-0.05	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Second level extra m ³ rate \$	1.4050	1.70	2.00	1.148	1.25	1.92	0.66	1.41	2.00	2.16	2.00	n/a	4.40	1.90
Parcel tax per year \$	0.00	220.00	298.19	290.00	290.00	n/a	336.00	432.00	542.90	318.00	607.62	600.00	397.55	510.00
50m³ 1/4ly usage cost \$	95.16	105.34	124.55	132.50	140.00	152.69	160.00	175.30	185.73	198.60	201.91	242.50	269.39	317.50
	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'. They offer a prompt payment discount of 7.8%.

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

Updated for 2023 - RDN, QB, Parks, Epcor, Fanny Bay, Deep Bay, Bowser, Union Bay, Qualicum Bay HL, Little Qualicum, 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 offer a prompt pay discount of \$1.50 /month. Parcel tax rises to \$220 in 2023.

* 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 50 m³ (cubic metres) per 1/4 or: 16.67 monthly, 33.33 bi-monthly, 66.67 triannually, 100 semiannually = 200 per year for a single family home

