

COMPARISON OF RESIDENTIAL WATER RATES AND COSTS FOR OCEANSIDE WATER PURVEYORS

Prepared by the French Creek Residents Association

Effective April 3, 2024

Average usage per utility for comparison is 50m³ per 1/4

	City of	Town of	Bowser	Little Qual	RDN	Epcor	Qual Bay	Deep Bay	Fanny Bay	RDN	RDN	Ships Point	RDN Fr Crk	CVRD
	Parksville	Qualicum	Water Dist	Water Dist	Englishman	Fr Creek	/Horne Lake	Improve Dist	Water Dist	San Pareil	Nanoose	Water Dist	(Sandpiper)	Union Bay
Billing calculation period	semi-annual	monthly	quarterly	monthly	day	monthly	quarterly	quarterly	triannual	day	day	annual	day	monthly
Base/min charge \$ per bill	44.26	14.70	54.00	25.00	0.50	46.23	71.00	64.35	130.00	0.50	0.50	370.00	2.90	66.10
Base m ³ units incl per bill	60	15	40	20.0	0	12	62	0	60	0	0	unlimited	0	10
Rate rider on base chge \$	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.59	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rate above base m ³ \$	0.7377	1.25	0.90	1.410	1.00	2.05	1.25	0.58	2.16	1.00	1.00	n/a	3.40	1.71
Rate rider per extra m ³ \$	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.12	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Second level extra m ³ rate \$	1.4753	1.70	1.25	2.110	2.00	2.05	1.54	0.72	2.16	2.00	2.00	n/a	4.40	2.33
Parcel tax per year \$	96.05	240.00	290.00	290.00	447.29	n/a	453.60	403.00	318.00	642.72	692.15	600.00	633.22	554.00
RDN Parcel tax increase					+50%					+18.43%	+13.9%		+59.3%	
50m³ 1/4ly usage cost \$	99.66	110.35	135.50	147.50	161.82	176.84	184.40	194.10	198.60	210.68	223.04	242.50	328.31	371.00
	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 \$.50 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 taxes levied by the Provincial Surveyor of Taxes. Munis administer their own at less cost.

Updated for 2024 - Parks, QB, Bowser, CVRD Union Bay, Epcor proposed rates, Deep Bay, Fanny Bay, Ships Pt, QBay/Horne Lk, Little Qual, RDN water rate unchanged, RDN parcel tax

* RDN Sandpiper (French Creek Water Service) pays additional \$2.40 m³ plus std RDN rates for 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 \$240 in 2024.

* 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 rates have risen significantly - as of 2019 now Comox Valley Reg Dist (CVRD)

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

