

Dear Resident,

You're Invited: Water Rate Information Session Water Rates Increasing In Your Area

Join the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) Electoral Area Directors and staff on Thursday November 30th from 5pm – 7pm at the Oyster River Fire Hall (2241 Catherwood Road, Black Creek) to learn more about how and why ageing infrastructure means water rates will be increasing within your area.

Project Background

A significant portion of the water system is made up of infrastructure that is approaching the end of its service life and will require replacement in the coming years. The CVRD has completed detailed analysis to develop a replacement schedule and funding model which shows that increased water rates are required in order to ensure system reliability.

Cost Impacts to Users

Rate increases have been developed with a focus on balancing affordability and ensuring safe, reliable drinking water for current and future users. A number of scenarios were developed and the rate increases consider increases over a longer time period to allow for more gradual increases to users while still planning for the future. Below are the anticipated costs for the average water user from 2024-2028:

Approved Rate Increases	Total Cost of Water (with Inflation)					
	Current	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Parcel Tax	\$1.24/ft	\$197	\$251	\$319	\$404	\$513
User Rates for Average User (243m ³ /yr.)	\$421	\$432	\$442	\$453	\$465	\$477
Total Annual Cost of Water	\$581	\$629	\$693	\$772	\$869	\$990

Information Session – November 30, 2023

Drop-in November 30th from 5pm – 7pm at the Oyster River Fire Hall (2241 Catherwood Road, Black Creek) to learn more about infrastructure replacement needs, the current water rate increases and discuss these changes with CVRD staff and Electoral Area Directors.

For more information on this rate review process, visit www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/waterrates.

Sincerely,

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