



## Quathiaski Cove Sewer Service - Investing in Sewer Sustainability

The Quathiaski Cove Community Sewer Service collects, treats, and disposes of sewage for approximately 216 property owners in Quathiaski Cove on Quadra Island.

Currently, the wastewater treatment plant is at the end of its lifespan. This increases the risk of major failures, environmental contamination, and public health hazards. A new wastewater treatment plant is needed, which will involve significant capital costs.

**To Continue Providing Service**, the Strathcona Regional District Board recently passed a bylaw to amend the Quathiaski Cove sewer fees. The cost of delivering the Sewer Service is recovered through user fees. To better meet the obligations of the service, a 3.5% increase for all fee classifications has been applied to invoices. For residential users, this means going from \$948 to \$982 annually.

**New Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) is essential** to maintaining effective operations and improving the health of the service. Given the anticipated rise in replacement costs for the WWTP, this funding will support the goal of increasing resources for the WWTP’s replacement and help uphold our shared commitment to community well-being and waste management initiatives.

Despite last year’s increase, further adjusting the fees will help save for future replacement and provide funds for interim repairs to maintain the functionality of the existing system.

**Long-term Sustainability of Service is Required.** It is recognized that, as individuals, managing the effects of inflation is challenging, and the increased fee may not be ideal. Investing in sewage infrastructure is crucial for preparing for the future, maintaining high treatment standards, and protecting community and environmental health.

**Reminder - Sewer Connection Applications Needed.** Before connecting new structures to the sewer system, please submit a new application. Non permitted connections risk the system and unfairly burdens the community. Each dwelling unit must pay user fees to ensure fairness.

### Residential Sewer Rates History



Fee Classifications	Previous Rates	New Rates	\$ Change	% Change
Residential	\$ 948	\$ 982	\$ 34	3.5%
Commercial	\$ 3,786	\$ 3,919	\$ 133	3.5%
Schools	\$ 24,600	\$ 25,461	\$ 861	3.5%
Other (Gov't & Police)	\$ 2,839	\$ 2,938	\$ 99	3.5%
Business Unit	\$946	\$ 979	\$ 33	3.5%
Residential - STEP	\$902	\$ 934	\$ 32	3.5%