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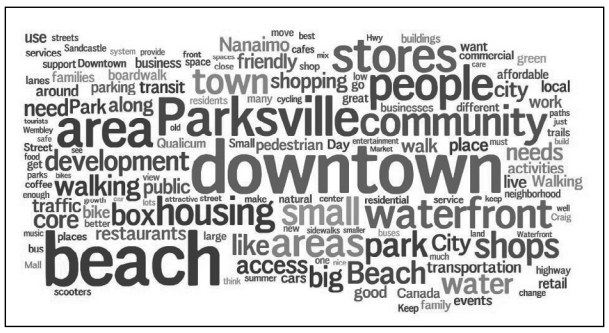
City News

Change in Water Rates for Parksville Residents

On utility notices to be mailed at the end of the month, residents will see a change in water rates for the next billing cycle. The new rates include a fixed charge of $86; $70 for a water infrastructure charge (based on the annual depreciation of capital assets currently in place) and $16 for an infrastructure fixed charge for the purpose of building reserves for the construction of the water treatment plant mandated by Vancouver Island Health Authority.

An amount for water consumption is also included in the utility bill. The new rates reduce the tiered charges for residential and increase the commercial sector rate. Overall the revenues from the residential sector are projected to increase 12.25% while revenues from the commercial sector are projected to increase 25.1%. Increases are necessary to ensure the water utility has sufficient revenues and reserves to maintain the water infrastructure and deliver potable water.

In 2012, the commercial sector used 32.4% of the billable water and the residential sector used 67.6%. This new fee structure attempts to equalize costs for residential and commercial customers based on total water consumption. Residential customers will be charged a new tiered rate based on consumption to promote water conservation and commercial users pay a base rate of $86 plus $1.68 for every cubic meter of water consumed. For more information, please see the City's website [*Residents/Utility Billing*].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