

# Understanding Your Sewer Rate

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The Capital Regional District's Maliview Sewer rate has been set to ensure sufficient funding to support local sewage collection and treatment for over 100 lots in the Maliview Estates rural development on Salt Spring Island.

What is the Maliview Sewer Service rate?

The 2021 Maliview Sewer Service rate is \$451.88 / quarter (\$1,807.53 total annual).

Explanation of Annual Costs per Resident:

- The Capital Regional District bills Salt Spring Island residents on a quarterly cycle.
- The total annual Fixed Use Charge is divided up into quarterly payments and based on per single family dwelling unit or equivalent.
- The Consumption Charge is based on the metered amount of water delivered to the property through the connection to the Highland/Fernwood Water System. Each cubic m3 of water metered to the property will be charged an additional \$1.75 to cover the costs associated with the connection to the sewer system.

Why did the Maliview Sewer Service Rate increase in 2021?

Operating revenue in 2020 came in \$2,508 below budget. The lower revenue is due primarily to lower sewer sales revenue which is contingent on household water sales. Operating expenses in 2020 were \$75,910 over budget. Factors contributing to the operating overage include unforeseen emergency response and corrective maintenance on the Maliview wastewater treatment plant. As a result, there was an overall deficit of \$78,418 in 2020.

In order to cover the operating deficit, \$50,691 was transferred from the Maliview Operating Reserve Fund and the remaining deficit balance in the amount of \$27,727 was carried forward to 2021 Financial Plan as an expenditure to be recovered by user charge pursuant to *Local Government Act* Section 374(11). The Financial Plan for the service approved by CRD Board on March 24, 2021 incorporated this deficit carryover.

The 2021 operating budget for regular annual operating costs has been increased by \$22,716 (19.4%) over 2020. The increase is primarily due to the additional costs for sludge hauling and disposal for the service. The sludge hauling frequency has increased (doubled) as a result of corrective action commitments in response to the warning letter issued by Environment Canada and Climate Change (ECCC) in late 2019 for the service.

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