



## REQUEST FOR DECISION

**TO:** Council **MEETING DATE:** May 7, 2025  
**FROM:** David Douglas, Director of Financial Services and Information Technology  
**SUBJECT:** Sewer User Fees Amendment Bylaw No. 426-20, 2025  
**FILE NO:** 3900-02

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### RECOMMENDATION

That Sewer Fees Amendment Bylaw 426-20, 2025 be considered for first, second and third readings.

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### PURPOSE

That the Sewer Fees Amendment Bylaw 426-20, 2025 be read a first, second and third time to increase the sewer user fee rates by 3.95 percent from 2024 rates.

### DISCUSSION

#### Summary

Included in the 2025 Five-Year Financial Plan is a proposed 3.95 percent increase to sewer rates. The sewer budget includes operational expenses and capital projects that need to be completed in 2025.

The parcel tax will remain the same as 2024 at \$274. Included in the 2025 budget are capital projects valued at over \$1.22 million dollars. The capital projects will be funded from capital reserves.

### POLICY AND BYLAW IMPLICATIONS

Council Policy - 2.1.12 – User Fees & Charges: Sewer fees would be categorized as full cost recovery by the Policy: “Full Cost Recovery is where the District determines that a service or good or access to a facility provided by the District provides a direct benefit to individuals, groups of individuals or businesses, a user fee or charge will be imposed to recover the full cost of providing the service, good or access to facility.”

## **SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLICATIONS**

2. Economic Sustainability

## **STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS**

4. Ensuring Financial Balance

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The proposed sewer user fee would increase rates by \$26.85 per residence and \$56.50 for commercial properties with less than 10 employees, compared to 2024 rates.

	2024 Fees	Increase	2025 Proposed Fees
Residential User Fee	\$679.40	\$26.85	\$706.25
Senior Citizen's Apartment Rate	\$418.10	\$16.50	\$434.60
Commercial Rate	\$ 1,431.00	\$56.50	\$1,487.50

2024 Parcel taxes were \$274.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Council's decision and the 2025 sewer rates will be communicated through the District of Sechelt's website.

Respectfully submitted,

David Douglas, Director of Financial Services and Information Technology

Attachments:

1 - 426-19, 2024 Sewer User Fees Amendment Bylaw