# **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

# DISTRICT OF SAANICH | DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGE BYLAW UPDATE

The District of Saanich is updating its development cost charges (DCC) bylaw. The following provides background information on DCCs and answers several frequently asked questions.

#### WHAT IS A DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGE?

Development Cost Charges are fees collected from developers on a user pay basis to help fund the cost of growth-related infrastructure and parks. DCCs are regulated through the *Local Government Act*. The rates charged reflect the impact growth has on infrastructure and parks; the greater the impact, the larger the charge. This helps ensure developers pay their fair share of the costs required to develop new infrastructure.

#### WHO PAYS DCCs?

DCCs are paid by applicants for:

- subdivision approval to create single family lots
- building permits to construct multi-family, commercial, industrial or institutional development

#### WHAT DO DCCs PAY FOR?

DCCs pay for capital upgrades needed to support growth by assisting in the funding of:







# WHAT DO DCCs NOT PAY FOR?

- Replacing, operating and maintaining parks, roads, water mains, sanitary and storm drains already in place to serve existing Saanich residents
- New facilities such as fire hall or libraries



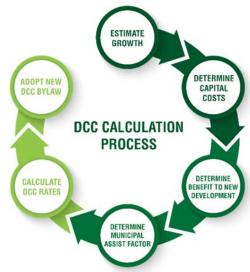
## WHY UPDATE DCCs NOW?

- Last major update was several years ago
- DCC program was simplified in 2017 until a major update could occur
- Saanich has current construction and land acquisition costs; current growth estimates; and updated information on growth-related underground and transportation infrastructure / park needs

## **HOW ARE DCCs CALCULATED?**

DCCs are calculated by:

- 1. Estimating growth
- 2. Identifying projects and capital costs
- 3. Determining benefit allocation
- 4. Determining municipal assist factor



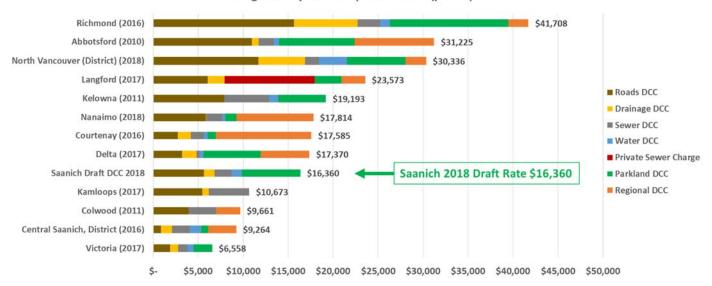
#### DRAFT DCC RATES AS OF JULY 16th

Land Use	Unit	Transportation	Transportation Cordova Bay	Drainage	Sanitary Sewer	Water	Park Acquisition	Park Development	Total	Total (Cordova Bay)
Single Family	per lot	\$5,622	\$1,311	\$1,184	\$1,877	\$1,181	\$5,681	\$814	\$16,360	\$17,671
Duplex/Triplex/ Quadruplex units	per unit	\$4,666	\$1,088	\$711	\$1,502	\$945	\$4,545	\$651	\$13,020	\$14,108
Townhouse / Row house units	per unit	\$4,104	\$957	\$711	\$1,314	\$827	\$3,977	\$570	\$11,502	\$12,459
Apartment	per unit	\$3,429	\$800	\$343	\$1,089	\$685	\$3,295	\$472	\$9,314	\$10,114
Commercial	per m <sup>2</sup> of gross floor area	\$55.09	\$12.85	\$3.79	\$8.64	\$5.43	\$5.11	\$0.73	\$78.80	\$91.64
Industrial	per m <sup>2</sup> of gross floor area	\$16.30	\$3.80	\$2.61	\$3.57	\$2.24	\$2.27	\$0.33	\$27.32	\$31.12
Institutional	per m <sup>2</sup> of gross floor area	\$55.09	\$12.85	\$3.79	\$8.64	\$5.43	\$5.11	\$0.73	\$78.80	\$91.64

<sup>\*</sup> Draft rates are preliminary – minor changes may occur as updated reserve fund information is provided.



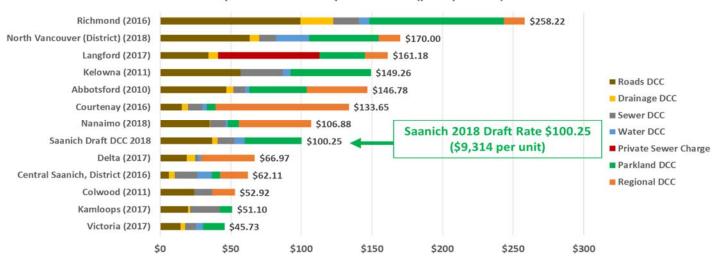
## Single Family DCC Comparison Rates (per lot)



#### Notes:

- Langford includes Corix Sewer Fees for new development
- Kelowna rates assume Sector A Inner City.

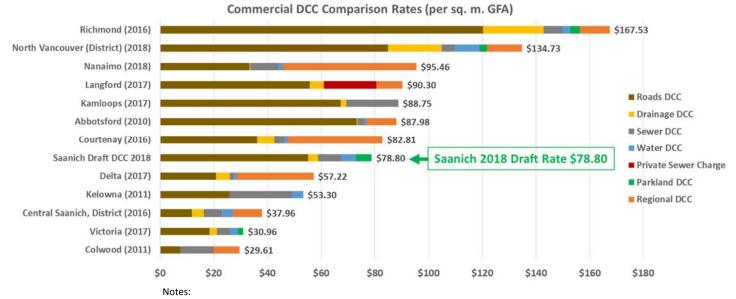
#### Apartment DCC Comparison Rates (per sq.m. GFA)



#### Notes:

- Langford includes Corix Sewer fees for new development
- Where necessary, rate conversion from per unit to per sq.m. assumes unit size of 92.9 sq.m. (1,000 sq.ft.)
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- Langford includes Corix Sewer Fees for new development
- Where necessary, drainage rate per ha is converted to per sq.m. assuming 0.8 FSR.
- Kelowna rates assume Sector A Inner City.

## **NEXT STEPS**

- 1. Review feedback from second public consultation and updates (late summer 2018)
- 2. Provide bylaw for review by Council and three readings (fall 2018)
- 3. Submit bylaw to the province for ministry review and endorsement (fall 2018)
- 4. Facilitate Council final review and bylaw adoption (2018/2019)
- 5. Implement new DCC rates (effective at bylaw adoption)

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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