

CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM



2026 UTILITY BILLS Message from Council

Like many residents, Council is concerned about rising utility costs across the region. These increases result from charges set by Metro Vancouver to provide drinking water, liquid waste treatment, and solid waste removal. These costs are outside the City's direct control.

Despite this reality, we have worked to limit local impacts by identifying efficiencies and carefully managing City operating costs, while continuing the necessary investment to provide the high-quality core services our residents depend on. The result is that Port Coquitlam continues to have the lowest average property taxes and utility rates in the region.

Council will continue advocating for stronger regional cost control, transparency, and accountability. Although we have only one vote at the Metro Vancouver Board compared to larger cities, we have consistently pushed for changes to reduce costs, reduce the size of the organization, and refocus it on its core responsibilities.

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Mayor Brad West



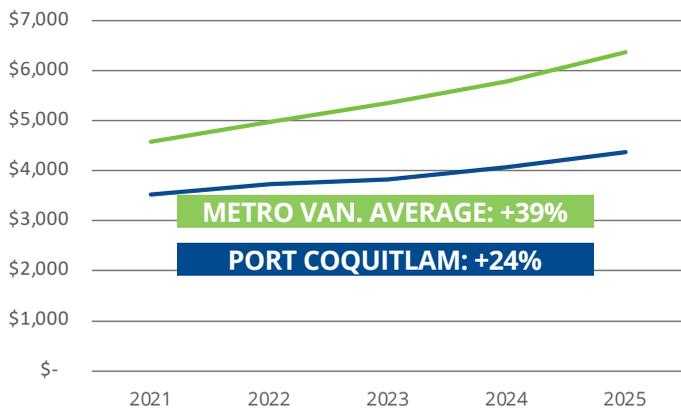
Left to right: Cllr. Glenn Pollock, Cllr. Paige Petriw, Cllr. Dean Washington, Mayor Brad West, Cllr. Steve Darling, Cllr. Nancy McCurrach, Cllr. Darrell Penner.

HOW DOES PORT COQUITLAM COMPARE?

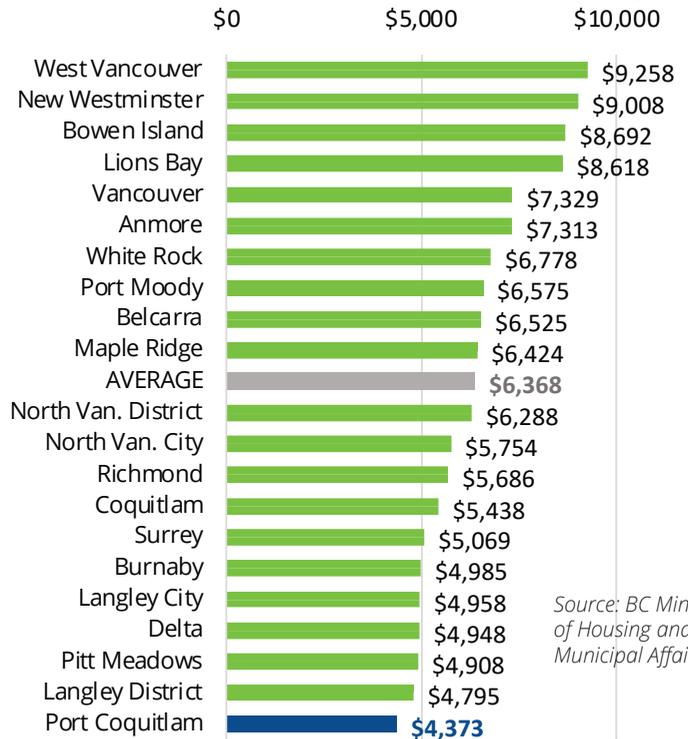
Port Coquitlam has an established track record of lower-than-average property taxes and utilities compared to other municipalities in Metro Vancouver, and is on track to continue that trend in 2026.

Over the past five years, taxes and utilities in Port Coquitlam have increased significantly less than the regional average.

Taxes* and utilities: Port Coquitlam vs. Metro Vancouver average (2021-2025)



Taxes* and utilities in Metro Vancouver (2025)



Source: BC Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs

* Municipal portion of property tax

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Understanding your 2026 Utility Bill

At a glance (average household)

Most of the change in 2026 is driven by Metro Vancouver charges, with the remainder tied to the City's infrastructure work and operating costs to deliver reliable utility services.

- Water: +\$34.39 (+6.53%) — Metro Vancouver up; City portion down
- Sewer: +\$46.49 (+8.97%) — most driven by Metro Vancouver
- 7 of every 10 dollars in the increase come from regional costs

Water Levy	2025	2026	Levy Change	% Levy Change
City Portion	190.89	185.69	(5.20)	-0.99%
Metro Vancouver Water Charges (8.9%)	335.46	375.05	39.59	7.52%
Total Water Increase	\$526.35	\$560.74	\$34.39	6.53%*

Water Levy

Metro Vancouver water charges increased +\$39.59, but the City reduced its portion by \$5.20 bringing the net water levy change to +\$34.39 per average household (+6.53%).

*average household

Sewer Levy	2025	2026	Levy Change	% Levy Change
City Portion	131.56	144.62	13.06	2.52%
Metro Vancouver Sewer Charges (8.7%)	386.80	420.23	33.43	6.45%
Total Sewer Increase	\$518.36	\$564.85	\$46.49	8.97%*

Sewer Levy

Metro Vancouver sewer charges account for most of the change (+\$33.43). The overall sewer levy is +\$46.49 per average household (+8.97%), with the remainder supporting local operations and maintenance.

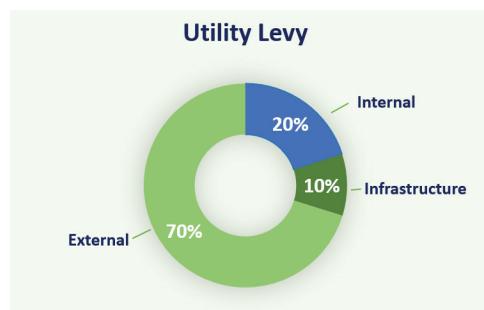
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Utility Levy drivers (2026)

70% External (Metro Vancouver)

10% Infrastructure investment

20% Internal City costs (staffing, equipment, operations)



Seniors Utility Levy Discount

The City continues to offer a 50% discount for qualifying seniors. As participation grows, the City will absorb approximately \$160,000 in 2026 to support eligible residents on fixed incomes.

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