



Water and Sewer

Powell River’s water originates from the Haslam Lake Watershed. Haslam Lake is located with the traditional territories of the Sliammon and the Sechelt First Nations. The City of Powell River is responsible for sewer maintenance and is mandated by the Ministry of Environment to ensure safe treatment and disposal is with Ministry regulations. The City is regulated to ensure safe water treatment and discharge of sewage and storm water as well as water conservation and sustainable environmental initiatives.

Residential properties in Powell River are billed for water, garbage and sewer annually. The charges are included on the annual property tax notice. Commercial properties are billed for water charged annually and rates are set based on individual commercial services. For example, a restaurant with up to 25 seating spaces is billed \$676.30 annually, while a bed & breakfast is billed \$455.45. Bylaw 2325, 2015 provides a schedule of waterworks user rates for 2016.

Name of Water Production Provider	City of Powell River
Rate Capacity (permitted amount)	14.10 Mgd
Average Daily Demand	2.07 Mgd
Peak Demand	5.0 Mgd
Residential Cost (single family dwelling)	\$307.45
Industrial or Commercial	See City of Powell River Bylaw 2325

Source: City of Powell River

Name of Sewer Production Provider	City of Powell River
Rate Capacity (permitted amount)	5.66 Mgd
Average Daily Demand (LWMP – Stage 3)	2.14 Mgd
Peak Demand (LWMP – Stage 3)	4.32 Mgd
Sewer Collector System Chargs	See City of Powell River Bylaw 2328, 2015
Sewer Connection Fees	See City of Powell River Bylaw 2328, 2015

Source: City of Powell River

Gas and Electric

Electric Power Supplier

Electric power for the City of Powell River is provided by BC Hydro, a crown corporation of the provincial government. BC Hydro is regulated by the BC Utilities Commission. For business customers the rate that is charges for electricity will depend on the annual peak demand and total annual energy usage. Detailed rate information can be found at <https://www.bchydro.com/accounts-billing/rates-energy-use/electricity-rates/business-rates.html>



BC Hydro – Residential Rates

Basic Charge	\$0.1835 per day
Energy Charge	<p>Step 1</p> <p>\$0.0829 per kWh for first 1,350 kWh in an average two month billing period (22.1918 kWh per day).</p>
	<p>Step 2</p> <p>\$0.1243 per kWh over the 1,350 Step 1 threshold.</p>
Rate Rider	5% Rate Rider applied to all charges before taxes and levies.

Natural Gas Supplier

Natural gas is provided by Fortis BC, and primarily provides gas for heating and hot water. FortisBC has received direction from the BC Utilities Commission to change the cost of gas for most customers starting October 1, 2016. From the average residential customer, the natural gas bill will increase by \$3.50 - \$7.00 per month. Basic residential charge is currently set at \$0.3890 per day plus delivery charge of \$4.018 per GJ). Detailed rate information for both residential and business customers can be at <https://www.fortisbc.com/About/RegulatoryAffairs/GasUtility/NatGasTariffs/FortisBCEnergyInc/Pages/Mainland-VancouverIsland-Whistler.aspx>

Telecommunications

Powell River is well serviced for both telephone and wireless services to residents and businesses. Telus supplies the telecommunications infrastructure throughout the city. Telus provides Internet 150/150 on their fibre network allowing users to upload and download at 150 Mbps – rates start at \$42.00 per month. Telus home phone rates start at \$15.00 per month. Current plan and rate information can be found at <http://www.telus.com>