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## **Bamfield Water Development Cost Charges Bylaw update moves forward**

PORT ALBERNI – The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) Board of Directors has approved an update to its Bamfield Water Development Cost Charges Bylaw.

Development Cost Charges are monies collected from developments to offset some of the infrastructure costs related to service the needs of the development while not adversely affecting existing users. DCCs allow money to be pooled from many developments so funds can be raised to construct necessary services in an equitable manner.

The previous Bamfield Water DCC Bylaw (Bylaw No. F1003) was adopted in 1996. As the DCC charges have not been updated in 26 years, an increase is proposed to cover the additional costs due to inflation and increased development pressures in the community. This will ensure that the charges adequately reflect the compounding effect that development can have on the water system.

The new charges will include:

- Single-family residential - \$8,325 per residential unit
- Multi-family residential - \$6,470 per residential unit
- Commercial – \$38.80 per metre squared of gross building area
- Institutional - \$47.40 per metre squared of gross building area
- Industrial - \$19.41 per metre squared of gross site area

DCC charges will be applied either at subdivision stage of a development or at the building permit stage, depending on the type of development being completed. This charge is not relevant to existing users of the system who are not building or developing.

More information on the Bamfield Water System service through the ACRD can be found at [Bamfield Water System \(acrd.bc.ca\)](https://www.acrd.bc.ca/bamfield-water-system).

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## ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT REGIONAL DISTRICT

About the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District:

*Established in 1966, the Alberni–Clayoquot Regional District is in the heart of Vancouver Island, British Columbia. It encompasses more than 6,500 square kilometres, with a population of approximately 31,000. The ACRD consists of member municipalities Port Alberni, Tofino, Ucluelet, as well as Bamfield, Beaufort, Long Beach, Sproat Lake, Beaver Creek and Cherry Creek. It was also the first regional district to welcome full participation on the board from the Treaty First Nations of Huu-ay-aht First Nations, Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government, Uchucklesaht Tribe Government and Toquaht Nation. The ACRD is within the territory of the Nuu-chah-nulth Nations. The ACRD is governed by a fourteen-member Board of Directors that represent the member jurisdictions. The regional district offices are in Port Alberni.*