

July 6, 2026: Metro Vancouver's DCC Program Update

Metro Vancouver is in the regular process of updating its Development Cost Charge (DCC) Program, which helps fund the cost to build infrastructure to meet growth-related demand. This includes drinking water, liquid waste, and a relatively small allocation for regional parkland acquisition.

This is an update on two items:

Metro Vancouver received notification that the Province has approved Metro Vancouver's recent request to Metro Vancouver's DCC bylaws to:

- Roll back the 2026 DCC increases to 2025 rates and
- Reduce the planned 2027 DCC increases and extend the move to a 1% assist factor to 2029.

The next step is for the Metro Vancouver Regional District Board, the Greater Vancouver Water District Board and the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Board to adopt their applicable DCC amendment bylaw at the July 24, 2026, meetings. If the Boards proceed, the revised rates for 2026 will be in effect immediately on, July 24, 2026. There is no mechanism for rebates or retroactive adjustments for prior applications.

Second, on June 26, 2026, staff brought forward draft rates for Metro Vancouver DCCs for the years 2028 to 2030 for engagement. The draft rates were developed with the consideration of the adjustments to the 2026 and 2027 rates above. The Boards referred the report back to staff and requested more clarity on two items; Metro Vancouver's Regional DCC Economic Model and the impact of the proposed rates on the housing market (in progress, anticipated fall 2026) and more complete information on federal and provincial DCC Program changes (where details are anticipated late 2026). Staff anticipate re-engaging with the Metro Vancouver Boards on this issue in early 2027 and will provide an update at that time.

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