

Fact Sheet – North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant Program Costs

KEY FACTS

- The updated program cost is \$3.86 billion. This includes: construction of the new treatment plant, construction of a new pump station and sewer pipes (complete), and preliminary design for decommissioning the Lions Gate Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- The cost increase is attributable to:
 - Significant rework to address design and construction deficiencies
 - The effect of inflation on construction and labour costs
 - Volatile market conditions
 - The large number of infrastructure projects competing for resources across the province
- The updated cost considered three comprehensive cost estimates each by three separate organizations, a value engineering exercise, investigation of current market conditions, and review by a Metro Vancouver Board task force.
- Metro Vancouver engaged an expert advisory panel for the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant Program since 2021.
 - The panel asks questions, seeks clarifications, and shares experienced opinions to identify gaps or issues in Metro Vancouver’s approach to cost and schedule, engineering design development, and delivery options.
 - The panel has over 210 years combined experience in the development and delivery of major infrastructure projects.
- The new cost estimate is an increase of \$2.8 billion from the previous 2020 budget of \$1.058 billion. The original cost estimate was \$700 million in 2013.
- In late 2024, Metro Vancouver signed a contract with a total value of \$1.95 billion for PCL to complete construction of the treatment plant in 2030. This fits within the updated program cost estimate.

RESOURCES

- [North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant Program webpage](#)
- [Detailed program timeline and documentation](#)