

DECEMBER 2023 UTILITIES NEWSLETTER

Important Notice for your November Invoice

The Water and Sewer utilities within the Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality area are owned by the Municipality. As such, Section 258 of the Province of British Columbia's Community Charter establishes that all utility accounts that are municipally owned utilities are liens against the property, and the outstanding balances of those accounts that are in default at on December 31st are transferred to the tax account where the services were originally provided.

<u>Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality Water and Wastewater rate increases</u> <u>effective January 1, 2024</u>

To service the Utility's existing annual interest and debt repayment while reducing the reliance on uncertain future development DCC revenue, the Utility must fund today's system with fees generated by existing users. Council previously approved a 10% increase to water and wastewater rates.

Meter Reading

Gas and Water Meters are read during the last week of each month by a municipal employee. The Municipality always requires safe walking access to the meters. The gas tariff and water bylaw both have fees that apply if access to the meters requires removal of snow or other materials. Homeowners should locate both their gas meter and water reader touchpad prior to snowfall to know which area they are required to maintain access to.

If the Municipality deems your property meters are not safe to access for the employees, the Homeowner will be requested to provide the monthly meter read until the meter is safe to access once again. If the requested read is not provided, the read will be estimated for that month based on prior usage.