



# Can I connect to Sewer Service?

## STEP ONE: Ask Colwood Engineering if your property is on a sewer line.

**If your property is on a sewer line**, ask about the application process and fees for a sewer connection.

**See below: Applying for a sewer connection**

**If your property is not on a sewer line**, neighbours may work together to pay for a sewer extension.

**See over: Creating a local area service**

## Applying for a sewer connection: for properties adjacent to a sewer line

1. Submit a sewer connection application form and fees to the City.
2. City staff will draft a bylaw which is presented to Council for three readings.
3. At a following meeting, Council gives 4th reading which allows the work to be scheduled.
4. The City constructs a sewer connection to your property. Your contractor then completes the connection to your home.

## What is the cost to connect?

The typical cost to construct a sewer connection to your property line is approximately \$9100. There is an additional cost of between \$3000 - \$5000 for your contractor to extend the line to the house and decommission an existing septic system.



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## Creating a Local Area Service: for properties not adjacent to a sewer line

1. Talk to Colwood Engineering to see if you and neighbours could pay for a sewer extension.  
*The further the properties are from an existing sewer line, the more costly and complex sewer extension will be.*
2. If an extension is feasible, begin by petitioning neighbours to assess support for the project.
3. A petition must be signed and agreed to by over 50% of the benefiting property owners.
4. If the petition is successful, the City will split the cost of the sewer extension equally between all properties who benefit, to be repaid through an annual amount on your property tax notice.

**See over: Applying for a sewer connection  
if your property is on a sewer line**

## A brief history...why were sewers never built throughout Colwood?

In 1995 the Capital Regional District extended the sewer main to Colwood's border.

When the City held a sewer referendum, residents voted not to have sewers extended throughout the City funded by property taxes.

This resulted in a patchwork of sewers as new developments were approved and constructed.