

# FAQ DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGES (DCCs) Rural Residential Building Permit

**Q. What DCC charges apply?**

A: Joint water, roads, parks and school site acquisition charges.

**Q: When do I pay?**

A: The charges are paid prior to the issuance of the building permit.

**Q: How are the charges calculated?**

A: Charges are per square meter of GFA (gross floor area.) School site acquisition is charged per dwelling unit

**Q: What does GFA mean?**

A: Gross Floor Area (GFA) means the total area of all storeys, including the basement, in all buildings on a lot measured to the outside of the exterior walls of the building, excluding area used for vehicle parking.

**Q: How much are DCCs?**

A: To figure out the cost multiply the \$ per m<sup>2</sup> GFA by the m<sup>2</sup> GFA of the building.

	ROADS	PARKS	JOINT WATER	SCHOOL SITE ACQUISITION
<b>RURAL RESIDENTIAL</b>	\$19.05 per m <sup>2</sup> GFA	\$15.30 per m <sup>2</sup> GFA	\$13.45 per m <sup>2</sup> GFA	\$626.00 per Dwelling Unit
	*capped at \$7,142 per DU	*capped at \$7,956 per DU	*If connected	

The City also collects the school site acquisition charge on behalf of the School District.

SCHOOL SITE ACQUISITION CHARGE	
DU/ha	/DU
1 to 20	\$626.00
21 to 50	\$564.00
51 to 125	\$501.00
126 to 200	\$438.00
201+	\$376.00



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**Q: What about the existing house, do I get a credit?**

A: Yes, the existing house will receive a credit for roads, parks, school site acquisition and joint water if connected.

**Q: There was a house on the property a long time ago, do I get a credit for that?**

A: DCC credits only apply if there was a house on the property within the last 10 years.

**Q: What if I have a well?**

A: You only pay the joint water DCC if you have a City connection.

**Q: I'm only doing an addition?**

A: Then you will only pay on the additional floor space.

**Q: What if my office is in the garage?**

A: Oversized garages that include offices, studios or workshops pay on the non-parking areas.

**For more information, visit the City's website at [www.abbotsford.ca](http://www.abbotsford.ca)  
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**Make sure to include your property address, so we can get  
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