

MUNICIPALITIES SAVE WHEN WATER OPERATIONS BECOME PUBLIC

City	Type	Action	Savings
Hamilton, ON	Water and wastewater	City ended bid process, implemented in-house model	Over \$500,000
Banff, AB	Wastewater facility	City ended contract with EPCOR, began in house operation	\$350,000 in year one
Taber, AB	Water, sewer and storm water	City ended contract with EPCOR, brought workers in-house	Reversed a 68% increase to the current fee structure
Sooke, BC	Wastewater treatment	City ended contract with EPCOR, began in house operation	\$225,000 annually
Port Hardy, BC	Water and wastewater	City ended EPCOR contract early	N/A (cost was an issue, council acted in camera)
White Rock, BC	Water	City bought back system from EPCOR, company reimbursed the city	City's cost of borrowing about 3.5% lower; residents charged less for water services.
Coeburn, VA (USA)	Water and sewer	Town did not renew contract with Veolia	28% reduction in overall cost
Fairfield, CA (USA)	Wastewater treatment	Town ended 30-year private operations	\$1.3 million (US) in first year
Cave Creek, AZ (USA)	Water and sewer	City bought back system from private provider	Not clear, but the city was able to reinvest \$16.2 million (US) back into the system in the first 2 years
Paris, France	Water service	City took service back in house after conclusion of contract with Suez and Veolia	35 million Euros in first year; 8% rate reductions

“There is too much counter-evidence to believe naively what the private water sector promises to deliver. The growing list of remunicipalisation from around the world demonstrates that privatisation and PPPs are socially and financially unsustainable; it also shows how hard local authorities and citizens have to work to take back their services. There is growing awareness and evidence that service management by the private sector is very expensive.”

- The Transnational Institute, *Our Public Water Future*