Based on my calculation, I think a fair fee for the AC should be no more than \$26 per month or \$312 per year. I use a small energy efficient 5000 BTU A/C.

Annual cost for 4 months of full time AC usage (I actually use it less): \$271.50 per year. My calculation includes a 15% NSP rate increase. I'm adding another \$41.50 added in case of another NSP rate increase beyond the 15% and for HST, for a total of \$312 per year.

<u>Your annual fee</u>: **\$540 or \$45 monthly** (double the actual cost). I'm assuming it's based on a bigger AC (9000 BTU?)

My AC Model and Consumption:

AC Model: Gree 5000 BTU (150 Sqft)

Consumption: 505 watts

Specs in photo.

Detailed Calculation:

Consumption: 505 watts an hour = 0.505 kW



0.505 kW * 730 hours in a month = 368.65 kWh per summer month (June, July, August or Sept).

AC usage assuming that I use all the time for 4 months out of the year and don't turn it off:

June: 368.65 kWh
July: 368.65 kWh
August: 368.65 kWh
September: 368.65 kWh
(Oct through May: 0 kWh)

In 2022, I installed it around mid June and uninstalled it on Sept 24th (less than 4 months) and I didn't use it all the time. 4 months of continuous use seems like a reasonable upper bound for 2023.

Total: 368.65 kW * 4 months = **1474.6 kWh total annually** for **AC usage**

Current NS power rate: ¢16.215 per kilowatt hour¹

Assuming a 15% increase in NS Power rates: ¢16.215 * 1.15 = ¢18.64725,

so roughly ¢18.65 per kWh

¢18.65 * 1474.6 kWh = ¢27501.29= **\$271.50** per year (in 2023), assuming 4 months of AC usage (the entire 4 months without turning it off) and a 15% increase in rates

 $^{^1\} https://www.nspower.ca/about-us/producing/rates-tariffs/domestic-service-tariff$