

THE BEST OF Nova Scotia IN ONE PLACE

# The Municipality of Chester



**The Municipality of Chester is a treasure chest enriched by tradition and filled with opportunity.**

Sawmills and sails have defined a unique culture vibrantly expressed in the homes and boats that dot the woods and water. History is woven with the stories of families and friendships that make us

who we are today. From agriculture to industry; hiking to sailing; technology to the arts, the Municipality's gifts are plentiful and diverse.

## By the Numbers

Population:

**10,700**

Average Age:

**49.9**

Average salary:

**\$60,000**

Employed:

**4,445**



Municipality of Chester  
**Labour Force**

**30%**



of residents commute to  
Halifax for work

**53.5%**



of residents have a  
postsecondary certificate,  
diploma or degree

**10.2%**



unemployment  
rate

**61%**



of the population are in the  
working age group between  
15 to 64 years old

**55.6%**



participation  
rate

# The Municipality of Chester is home to almost 500 businesses across a variety of sectors.

We have identified five sectors as key targets for growth and investment:



Arts Culture & Recreation



Business Services



Construction



Green Industry



Industrial Development



Niche Manufacturing & Value-Added

## Why Invest in the Municipality of Chester:



### Strategic Location

With Atlantic Canada's economic hub only 60km away, the Municipality of Chester is an ideal location to easily connect with customers and suppliers.



### Access to Talent

Businesses in the Municipality can leverage The City of Halifax's workforce of 460,000 strong all within a 40 minutes drive.



### Research and Innovation

Harness the power of Halifax as Canada's University Capital with 10 universities, 13 community college campuses and 50,000 students.



### Strength of local government

The Municipality of Chester's government is business friendly, fiscally responsible and focused on maintaining the right mix of services, taxes and regulation.



### We're Invested

Our focus is making this a great place. From beautification projects to grants and scholarships, the Municipality of Chester is committed to investing time and resources to help better the economic and social well-being of the more than two dozen communities who call it home.



### Cost of Doing Business

The Municipality of Chester is an incredibly cost-competitive place to own and operate a business:

- Comparatively low development charges and tax rates
- \$389,000 – Average home price (national average of \$746,000)
- 4% – Lower Cost of Living compared to National Average



### Quality of Life

Boasting much sought after natural environments and landscapes, such as ocean and lakeside waterfront, tracks of farmland and forested areas, the Municipality of Chester offers a treasure trove of community infrastructure, amenities and services.



Pristine beaches



Islands in the Municipality  
of Chester



Spectacular old rail bridges



A world class sailing  
site since 1856



1st and only Nordic Spa  
in Nova Scotia



2 Artist-in-Residence Programs  
at The Chester Art Centre



## Municipality of Chester Economic Development

Our dedicated team of Economic Development and Planning professionals will personally work with you to understand your specific needs and make suggestions for potential locations. We offer a tailored solution for your organizations needs, helping you navigate municipal and provincial permits and requirements.

### For More Information Contact:

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## Strategic Location



**40 minutes** to  
downtown Halifax



**100-series highway** provides  
access to market



**70 km** to Halifax Stanfield  
International Airport



**50 km** to Port of Halifax



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