MUNICIPALITY OF CHESTER
VILLAGE CENTRAL WATER SYSTEM
FACT SHEET

What is the purpose of this poll and how will it work?

We need your help to gauge public interest in a central water system that services the Village of Chester. The results will help us understand where the community stands, as a whole.

The Village will be sectioned into divisions with property owners in each division given one vote per property. Poll divisions would be used as a guideline for project phasing. Phasing will be necessary to secure project funding from the Provincial and Federal governments because we are unable to access the full amount needed in one lump sum. You can see a map of the Village boundary and polling divisions at www.voicesandchoices.ca/chester-water

Visit www.voicesandchoices.ca/chester-water for information like the service area map, recent engineering reports, links to related Council minutes, frequently asked questions, and to ask questions of your own. Learn about the project before you vote!

How much will this project cost and how much will I pay?

****based upon a Class D estimate (it could be 35% higher or 22.5% lower).**

Cost is a critical consideration. The capital costs of this project (for a groundwater treatment plant and water lines, for example) are estimated to be $48 million** by the end of construction in 2024. Funding up to 75% of these costs will be sought from federal and provincial governments, with the remainder shared among property owners in the service area.

It's estimated that every property in the service area would pay approximately $800 per year for the first 10 years. This figure would then drop to $634 a year for the following 15 years.**

There will be an additional cost to bring the water line from the street to the building (connection). That is estimated to average $2,564 per property. A 10-year finance option will be available.**

All property owners within the service area are required to pay the costs of the treatment and distribution system (capital). Connecting to the system is optional. Costs do not include operational costs (approximately $76/property/year), which are paid for through a usage rate.

Learn more at a Public Information Session

Two sessions:
Tuesday, December 11
Tuesday, January 15
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Chester Area Middle School Gym

Each meeting starts with an hour of open-house style information sharing, followed by an hour of Q&A's. Everyone is welcome. For anyone who is unable to attend, you will be able to ask questions via Facebook Live or view the presentation materials on voicesandchoices.ca where you can also sign up to receive project updates by email.

WHAT'S NEXT? Poll results will be announced and discussed at the February 14, 2019 Council meeting. A final decision may not be made at that time.

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