



## MEDIA RELEASE

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**SUBJECT:** Public Works Department acquires new depot  
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**MUNICIPALITY OF CHESTER** – For the first time, the Municipality of Chester will have a Public Works Depot, a dedicated facility for its Public Works Department staff and equipment. The Depot is located at 643 Highway 14 (Windsor Road) and represents a much-needed investment.

“This new Facility provides the space, efficiency, and capacity needed to manage today’s services while preparing for tomorrow’s challenges,” shares Allen Webber, Warden for the Municipality. “It is a smart and cost-effective investment for our residents and communities in the long-term.”

The facility and property will provide offices, workshops, storage, and staging grounds which will significantly improve travel and transport between the multiple field sites where materials, equipment, and staff are currently spread out. This is important to operations not only because it saves time and puts staff in one place, but it also allows the Municipality to stockpile supplies and opens the door to compliment contracted services, such as snow removal. With the Village of Chester Wastewater Treatment Plant undergoing a two-year construction period, the challenge of reduced field office space and storage is also eliminated.

Service to residents and businesses will remain unchanged for the most part with most in-person service available at the Municipal Office on King Street, Chester, as well as at the new location. For service location options, please refer to the table below.

SERVICE	LOCATION		
	<i>Main Office</i>	<i>Depot</i>	<i>chester.ca</i>
Green cart request	✓	✓	✓
Municipal road permit		✓	✓
Sewer permit application - pick up	✓	✓	✓
Sewer permit application - review		✓	

In addition to infrastructure support, Public Works will have a secure space for the storage of materials, equipment, vehicles, and tools needed for construction and maintenance projects. This supports project management, inventory control, and rapid response to minimize service disruption.

With major wastewater renewal and expansion projects underway, the Municipality will require skilled staff to operate and maintain new treatment plants. This facility can accommodate any growth needed far into the future, including that of a potential water utility pending the outcome of the Municipality's current water source study.

Public Works is responsible for operating six wastewater treatment plants and their collection and transmission systems (18 wastewater pump stations, 511 maintenance holes, 31.3 km of gravity mains, and 9.42 km of forcemains); maintaining 13 municipal properties, including buildings, parks, and playgrounds; 50 km of trailways and 5 km of sidewalks; 4 km of municipal roads; and 7 boat launches and 4 tender wharves. Operations also include bridge inspections, custodial, snow removal, and project management for \$44.942,601 million in capital projects this year alone with \$99,097,401 in the overall 5-year capital plan.

The location of the new Depot is in close proximity to Highway 103 and Highway 14 making it easily accessible and central. The property is 11 acres, providing ample room for parking Public Works vehicles as well as potential footprint growth as Council reviews options for expansion.

The property was purchased for \$2 million + HST - significantly less than the expected estimates for a new facility, which were in the proximity of \$5 million plus land. Annual operating costs for the Depot are expected to be \$15,000; \$2,000 cheaper than the cost of off-site storage that the Municipality will now save.

The Depot is expected to be open on September 22, 2025. For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 902-275-1312.

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