

THE BEST OF *Nova Scotia* IN ONE PLACE

# Niche Manufacturing & Value-Added



A vibrant economic engine based on manufacturing niche, high-value products derived from locally sourced inputs, this sector is one of the Municipality of Chester's longest standing and most innovative. It encompasses different industries with a focus on Forestry, Advanced Manufacturing and Food & Beverage.

## Key Industries



### Forestry

Maibec CanExel

Lunenburg County Christmas Tree  
Producers Association



### Advanced Manufacturing

Hawboldt Industries

GN Thermoforming Equipment

Vale Packaging



### Food & Beverage

Black Harbour Distillers Inc

Bulwark Cider

South Shore Sea Salt

Tanner & Co. Brewing

Cedar Bay Grilling Company

School House Gluten-Free

Gourmet



**15,000** acres of Christmas trees in production in Nova Scotia, with the majority in Lunenburg County



**28 tonnes** – lifting capacity of Canada's largest marine crane built by Chester based Hawboldt Industries











**1200** – GN Thermoforming Equipment roll-fed thermoformers installed worldwide



**#1** – Cedar Bay Grilling Company won Best New Product award in the Meat, Egg & Seafood category at the Canadian Grand Prix Awards

## Why The Municipality of Chester for your Business?

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|  <p>Comparatively <b>low development charges</b> and tax rates</p>            |  <p><b>21%</b> – Canada’s total tax rate (2nd lowest amongst OECD countries for small-medium enterprises)</p> |  <p>More diverse workforce – <b>5.4%</b> of residents were born outside of Canada. This is higher than many rural areas, and also higher than the provincial average of 5.3%</p> |
|  <p><b>\$275,000</b> – Average home price (national average of \$503,000)</p> |  <p><b>4%</b> – Lower Cost of Living compared to National Average</p>   |   |
|  <p><b>\$1,500</b> – Average monthly Commercial Lease</p>                     |  <p><b>\$54,336</b> – Median Household Income</p>   |  <p><b>75%</b> of people have reported a strong sense of “belonging to a community”</p>  |



## 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.

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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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