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Municipality of Victoria County Surveys Property Owners in Ingonish for interest in connecting to a Central Wastewater Collection and Treatment System

Ingonish, Nova Scotia, May 29, 2024 – The Municipality of Victoria County has mailed a brief opinion survey to gauge the interest of property owners residing in the water catchment area of Ingonish of their interest in connecting to a proposed Central Wastewater Collection and Treatment System, pending approval and construction by the Municipality.

This week, the Nova Scotia government announced it would invest up to \$7.35 million in the project with matching funding from the Municipality of Victoria County.

Prior to designing the system, Victoria County Council is gauging the level of interest among property owners who could directly benefit so Council can determine the size and scope of the proposed wastewater system build. The survey is non-binding and is only meant to determine the level of interest among property owners.

The proposed Central Wastewater System for Ingonish was identified by Victoria County Council in 2023 as a strategic priority of the municipality. By connecting properties to a centralized system, the Municipality aims to reduce the environmental impact of individual septic systems and ensure proper treatment of wastewater, as well as providing more opportunities for housing developments.

Victoria County Council is encouraging all property owners in the catchment area to complete the survey.

Survey Facts:

- Property owners will receive one survey package per Assessment Account Number (AAN) via Canada Post.
- The survey package includes one survey, background information and map, plus a pre-stamped and pre-addressed envelope.
- **Each survey must be returned by June 26, 2024.**
- For property owners unable to return the survey via Canada Post, return survey in-person by either:
 - Drop off at Victoria County Municipal Building, 495 Chebucto Street, Baddeck, N.S.
 - Monday – Friday
 - 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
 - Until June 26, 2024
 - Drop off at Ingonish Volunteer Fire Hall, 35938 Cabot Trail, Ingonish
 - June 25 and 26, 2024 – between 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Quotes:

“We believe that a Central Wastewater Collection and Treatment System is a crucial step toward sustainable development in Ingonish,” says Councillor for the Ingonish

area, Larry Dauphinee. *“We encourage property owners to share their thoughts through this survey so we can make informed decisions on the scope of this project by determining the level of commitment by residents.”*

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