

Connection Costs

We simply do not have firm connection costs at this time. But, we can certainly make estimates! During initial construction each connection and the entire pipeline is subsidized by the province. That means you pay 1/3 of the actual price of a connection.

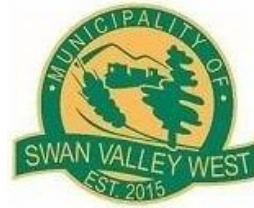
Anyone who does not connect during construction can still connect later but pays the entire cost without any subsidy. As well, the subsidy rules generally provide that only existing locations can be connected using the subsidy. If you plan to build a new home along the route but there is nothing at the location now the subsidy would not apply.

To obtain the subsidy there would need to be something at the location at the time of construction. It would not have to be a home.

Connection costs include a share of the total pipeline cost. That means you are not paying only for the piece of pipe to your house but also for a portion of the reservoir and pipe from it on the entire route. This is why its critical to do as many connections as possible during initial construction to bring the cost down for everyone.

We expect a cost of between \$10,000 and \$25,000 per location. We further expect that a financing option will be offered where you pay the municipality a portion of the cost each year for ten years.

The survey asks if connection price is an issue. As we see the final cost we will use this information to estimate if you will still be willing to connect. For example if you say you will not pay more than \$10,000 but the estimates are \$20,000 we would not plan to connect your location to the pipeline.



Rural Water Pipeline

Information & Survey for Interested Users

If you are interested in connecting to the proposed rural water pipeline in Swan Valley West it is important you read this booklet and respond.

Response Deadline is April 19th, 2024.

Rural Water Pipeline for Swan Valley West

Beginning in 2024 the funding formula for Rural Water Pipelines has been updated so that federal approval is no longer required for a 2/3 Government 1/3 User split on installation costs.

Swan Valley West will be indicating its intention to apply for both Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the pipeline project prior to the April 30th deadline. Given that time has passed since the initial route was developed it is imperative that we update the list of who wants to connect to the water pipeline. This updated information will guide routing, cost estimates and approvals.

In this booklet you will find information on how the pipeline is proposed to work as well as details on Phase 1 and early details on Phase 2. Not all of the information is final and there will likely be changes to details. But, this information is a good starting point.

You will find a form to indicate if you are interested in water from the pipeline. It asks various questions to help us plan as we find the total cost of the pipeline and the individual connection costs. Our goal is to keep the cost as low as possible and connect as many houses as we can.

If you have questions on the proposed pipeline please contact us. Our expert on pipeline planning is the Reeve. You can reach Bill at (204) 281-2768.

Please return your completed form to our Swan River office by April 19th so that we can include you in planning. There is no guarantee that the pipeline will serve you and the form is not a final commitment to being connected.

Water Pipeline Phase One

Phase one of the pipeline is proposed to run along the Hwy 10 bypass from Ross Street north to Spruce Products. The primary purpose of this phase is to provide ample water for fire fighting at the saw mill. It will also serve customers along the route.

Water Pipeline Phase Two

The Phase 2 route will be the first main rural phase of the pipeline. The old route showed a path generally west of Swan River that could include the western development along the town then further west and south toward Kenville with continuing service toward Benito and south of Benito to a limit of about Roads 196/198.

This route is where we expect to make updates based on demand.

Proposed Water Source

Swan Valley West has an agreement to purchase water from the Town of Swan River. However that is not the only option for a source of water. A private company has indicated it is willing to sell water to the pipeline. There is also an option of drilling a well at Swan River.

Water from the Town could be used without building a reservoir. The other two sources would require construction of a reservoir. Ideally, even with Town water a reservoir would be a good idea. And, with its construction water could be sourced from all three sources as required for operation.

All water will be chlorinated in the pipeline as per provincial requirements. Survey results will guide how much water is required and the preferred source of the water.