

## NEWSLETTER

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## JUNIOR LIFEGUARDS WRAP UP A GREAT SEASON



The Johnstown Pool wrapped up another fun and successful summer with our Junior Lifeguards showing off the skills they have been building all season.

Now in its third year, our Junior Lifeguard Program continues to grow, welcoming its largest group yet. Open to kids ages 7 to 14, the program is designed for those who want to improve water safety skills, practice teamwork, and get a first look at what lifeguarding is all about.

Led by our skilled aquatics staff, the Junior Lifeguarding Club is a hands-on, engaging program that combines games, drills, and real-life scenarios. Participants learn rescue techniques, first aid basics, and water confidence in a supportive setting, without the pressure of exams.

Congratulations to all our Junior Lifeguards for your hard work and dedication. We look forward to welcoming even more participants next summer.

# TOWNSHIP UPDATE



## EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL DELEGATION IN ACTION AT AMO



TWPEC delegation with Minister of Infrastructure Kinga Surma, MPP Steve Clark, and Rihannon Iles, President of HFI Pyrotechnics.

In August, Mayor Tory Deschamps, Deputy Mayor Stephen Dillabough, Councillor Joe Martelle, Councillor Chris Ward and Councillor Waddy Smail, together with CAO Sean Nicholson and Interim Clerk Natalie Charette, represented TWPEC at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference in Ottawa.

Over three days, this group met with Hydro One, the Independent Electricity System Operator, and provincial ministries including Energy and Mines, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment, Health and Finance. These meetings gave Edwardsburgh Cardinal the chance to present local priorities, seek support, and strengthen partnerships.

AMO is Ontario's annual gathering where municipal leaders meet with provincial representatives to share issues, explore solutions and advocate for their communities. It is an important opportunity to ensure the Township's voice is heard directly at Queen's Park.

With advocacy from MPP Steve Clark and support from the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, Edwardsburgh Cardinal advanced key files for residents and businesses.

## COUNCIL RESUMES REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

Council and committee meetings return to the regular schedule in September following the summer condensed calendar.

The Committee of the Whole – Community Development meets on the first Monday of each month. This group advises on planning matters and supports community sustainability by reviewing land use, economic development, and recreation.

The Committee of the Whole – Administration and Operations meets on the second Monday of each month. The committee oversees services such as roads, waste management, water and sewer systems, as well as facilities.

The Port of Johnstown Management Committee meets on the third Monday of each month to guide port operations, which support trade and regional growth.

TWPEC Council meets on the fourth Monday of each month to discuss Township business, pass bylaws, and vote on recommendations from committee meetings.

Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. and are open to the public and may also be live streamed, giving residents the option to attend in person or watch online.

View agendas, minutes, and meeting links at [calendar.twpec.ca/meetings](http://calendar.twpec.ca/meetings)



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## COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN OPEN HOUSE



Save the date. On Monday, October 6 at 6 p.m., Council Chambers will host a Public Open House to review the draft Community Improvement Plan. The plan updates Township programs and introduces new options to support housing, business growth and accessibility. This is your chance to learn about the proposed changes and share your feedback. Watch for more details on how you can take part.

## TWPEC FEATURED IN BUSINESS VIEW MAGAZINE

Edwardsburgh Cardinal is proud to be featured in a recent issue of Business View Magazine. The national publication highlights the Township's unique strengths and promising future.

Read the article here:  
<https://businessviewmagazine.com/civil-municipal/jun-2025/93/>

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## FALL RECREATION PROGRAMS NOW OPEN

Our Recreation and Facilities team is excited to kick off another season of programs that bring our community together. With something for all ages, fall is the perfect time to get active, try something new and enjoy time with friends and family.

Adult fitness classes return in October, offering a fun and supportive way to stay active, build strength and improve overall wellness during the cooler months.

For children ages 7 to 11, guided art classes provide an opportunity to explore creativity, learn new skills and create projects they can proudly take home.

Skating season begins in September at the Ingredion Centre, Cardinal and in October at the Spencerville Arena. Free sessions such as Adult Skating, Public Skating and Parent and Tot Skating provide a welcoming space to stay active and share time together on the ice.

More fall and winter programs will be announced soon. Visit [twpec.ca](https://twpec.ca) for updates, registration details and schedules.



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# EC CONNECTS



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## YOUR LINK TO COMMUNITY SERVICES AND RESOURCES

Several months after its launch, EC Connects continues to grow as a trusted place for residents to find support and services close to home. This online platform makes it easier to connect with programs that matter, from housing assistance and food banks to mental health, financial aid, addiction support, and resources for families.

The site is easy to use. You can search for what you need, browse by category, or suggest a new service to be added. Community organizations are also able to share volunteer opportunities, helping residents discover ways to give back and strengthen local connections.



## EC CONNECTS

*Community Resource Platform*

EC Connects was built in partnership with Helpseeker.org and is designed to keep pace with the changing needs of our community. The Township will continue to update the platform so residents always have access to reliable, current information.

For a young family, EC Connects could mean quickly finding affordable child care options, after-school programs, recreation, or food supports when times get tight.

For a senior living alone, it might be the key to locating home care services, transportation assistance, or community activities that reduce isolation.

No matter your stage of life, EC Connects is designed to make everyday challenges a little easier by connecting you with resources that are just a click away.

If you or someone you know could use a helping hand, start with EC Connects. It is a tool built for you, by your community, and it is available anytime. Explore the services, bookmark the page, and share it with a neighbour or friend who might benefit. Visit [www.twpec.ca/ECConnects](http://www.twpec.ca/ECConnects) today and see what it can do for you.

### From Canada Starch to Labourfest

William Thomas Benson opened a starch plant in Cardinal in 1858. It began as Benson & Aspden, later became the Edwardsburg Starch Company, then the Canada Starch Company (Casco), and today operates as Ingredion. This industry helped shape Cardinal's identity as a proud union town and gave rise to the village's Labour Day Festival, now Labourfest, celebrated with a parade, fireworks and more.

**FUN!  
FACT!**

Just days before the 1947 Spencerville Fair, fire destroyed the Townhall. Instead of cancelling, the community pulled together, moving the fair office to the United Church basement and exhibits to the poultry building. Events carried on across the townhall lawn and fairgrounds, a true show of community strength and spirit.

### 1947: Sparks Flew, the Fair Grew

### Glowing Limekilns

Crystal Rock once glowed at night. The Gore family's limekilns burned so brightly that locals said the whole hillside shimmered. The community even took the name Limekiln before becoming Crystal Rock in 1907, a nod to both the kilns and the sparkling crystal deposits nearby.

**DID YOU  
KNOW?**