

NEWSLETTER

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KID LIBRARIANS BRING THEIR FAVOURITE BOOKS TO ECPL

The Edwardsburgh Cardinal Public Library (ECPL) is giving young readers a special opportunity to share their love of books with the community. Through the Kid Librarian program, children between the ages of 6 and 12 create their own book displays featuring eight of their favourite reads. These displays remain up for two weeks, allowing other library visitors to discover new and exciting stories. Each Kid Librarian is selected at random and visits the library with a parent or guardian to carefully choose their books for the display. This initiative encourages young readers to think about what makes a great book, why they love certain stories, and how they can inspire others to read.

Pictured here is Lennon, a Spencerville resident, standing proudly with her selected books at her local Library Branch. Her choices include a mix of adventure, fun facts, and graphic novels, all meant to encourage young readers to explore different genres.

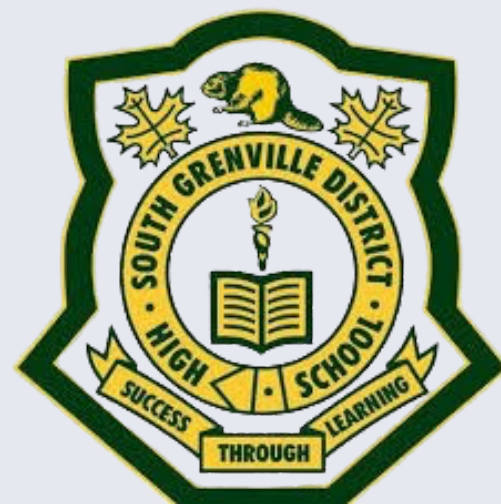
The program has been a great success, with many enthusiastic young readers taking part. "We had a great response for our program and will likely do it again in the Fall," said Donna Gladstone, CEO of ECPL.

Visitors to the Cardinal and Spencerville branches will notice these colourful, personalized displays, each offering a unique glimpse into a child's reading world. Whether it's adventure, mystery, fantasy, or nonfiction, the books chosen by Kid Librarians highlight the diverse interests of young readers in the community.

Stop by the library to see what's on display—you might just find your next favourite book!



Students Isla, Grant, and Avery from South Grenville District High School have collaboratively developed this newsletter.



KEEPING OUR PLANET CLEAN

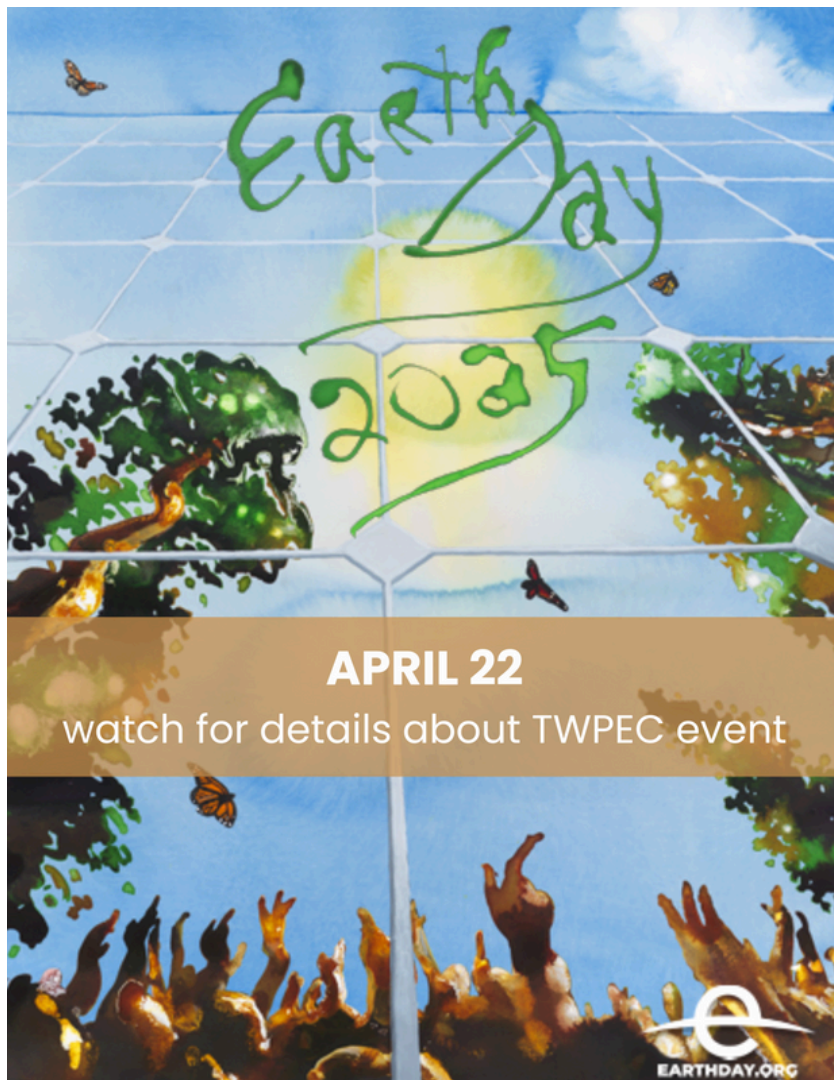


FREE TREE SEEDLINGS AVAILABLE THIS SPRING!

South Nation Conservation, in partnership with local municipalities, is once again offering Free Tree Days this spring! Thanks to support from Ontario Power Generation, more than 8,000 free tree seedlings will be available to residents of partner municipalities on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you're interested in reserving a bundle of seedlings, be sure to submit a request form. All applicants will receive a response in April, and confirmed recipients will be contacted with pickup details.

For more information and to access the forms, visit twpec.ca. Let's work together to keep our community green and beautiful!



APRIL 22

watch for details about TWPEC event

BRUSH/LEAF COLLECTION

CARDINAL	May 6 and May 20
JOHNSTOWN, SPENCERVILLE & NEW WEXFORD	May 8 and May 22

BRUSH/LEAF DROP OFF

SCOTT ROAD TRANSFER STATION	May 27
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SHOP CANADIAN



SHOP CANADIAN IN TWPEC

There's no better time to celebrate and support Canadian-made products. In March, township staff visited local retailers and food outlets to discover the Canadian-made products available right here in our community—and they did not disappoint!

Edwardsburgh Cardinal businesses proudly showcase a diverse range of Canadian-made goods, from food and beverages to home improvement supplies, wellness products, and specialty items. Whether you're looking for local spirits, fresh-baked treats, high-quality paints, or handcrafted goods, there are plenty of options to choose from—all while supporting Canadian manufacturers and local retailers.

Local convenience stores and fuel stations are stocked with an array of familiar Canadian snacks, beverages, and pantry staples. Shoppers can find locally sourced baked goods, iconic soft drinks, and even specialty products that support Canadian farmers and producers. Home and hardware stores proudly carry Canadian-made paints, custom roofing materials, and fireplaces built to withstand our northern climate. Pharmacies feature Canadian-brand health and wellness essentials, ensuring that residents have access to trusted, domestically produced medications and supplements.

Restaurants and breweries are also incorporating Canadian-sourced ingredients into their menus and offering a selection of locally brewed beers and spirits. Shops showcase Canadian-roasted coffee, artisanal chocolates, and Indigenous-made pet treats.

Featured Canadian-Made Product: 78 Acre Whisky

One standout local product is 78 Acre Whisky, crafted by King's Lock Craft Distillery, in Johnstown. This smooth, bourbon-style whisky is uniquely enhanced with buckwheat grown by the distillery owners in Cardinal. By choosing 78 Acre Whisky, you're not just savouring a premium Canadian spirit—you're supporting local agriculture and sustainable craft distilling in TWPEC.

Why Shop Canadian?

Buying Canadian-made products means choosing quality while directly strengthening our local economy. Supporting small businesses and local producers helps sustain jobs and promotes economic growth, all while reducing transportation emissions by keeping our purchases closer to home. Edwardsburgh Cardinal businesses proudly showcase a variety of Canadian brands, making it easier than ever for residents to shop local and invest in the success of our community.

To highlight the incredible variety of Canadian-made products available locally, TWPEC has created a special video showcasing many of the businesses featured here. Check out our social media on March 7 to see these products in action and discover even more ways to shop Canadian.

This is just a glimpse of the many Canadian-made goods available in Edwardsburgh Cardinal—there are plenty more to explore!

Do you have a favourite Canadian-made product from a local business? Share it and help spread the word about great Canadian finds in TWPEC!

PUBLIC WORKS



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SPRING LOAD RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT FOR TOWNSHIP ROADS

The Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal will be implementing spring load restrictions on designated municipal roads. This was effective Monday, March 17, 2025. These restrictions are necessary to protect road infrastructure during the annual spring thaw period when roads are most vulnerable to damage from heavy vehicles. Spring load restrictions apply to designated municipal roads, as identified by posted signage. The reduced load restrictions limit the weight of vehicles to a maximum of five (5) tonnes per axle, as per Section 122 of the Highway Traffic Act. These restrictions help preserve the integrity of the road base, prevent costly repairs, and extend the lifespan of municipal roadways. Once road conditions stabilize and the risk of damage subsides, the Township will lift these restrictions. A formal announcement will be made when restrictions are no longer in effect. For More Information: If you have any questions regarding the load restrictions, please contact the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal by phone at 613-658-3055 or my email at mail@twpec.ca. We appreciate the cooperation of all residents and businesses in adhering to these regulations to ensure the longevity and safety of our roads. Updates will be posted on the Township's website and social media channels.



NEW PEDESTRIAN CROSSOVERS

TWPEC installed three new pedestrian crossovers to enhance safety in Spencerville and Cardinal. These crossovers, equipped with Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons (RRFBs), improve visibility and provide safer access for pedestrians at high-traffic areas.

Situated on county roads, these pedestrian crossovers are fully funded by the municipality with the support of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville. The Township values this strong collaboration in improving road safety for residents and visitors alike.

Locations:

- County Road 44 (Bennett Street) at Henderson Street, Spencerville
- County Road 2 at Dishaw Street, Cardinal
- County Road 2 at Walker Street, Cardinal

The crossovers were activated to coincide with the return of students from spring break in mid-March. Drivers must stop when lights are flashing and allow pedestrians to fully cross before proceeding. Pedestrians should press the button, ensure vehicles have stopped, and cross safely.

Learn more on our website: twpec.ca/PXOs/
Stay alert and follow the rules to keep our roads safe for everyone.



PORT OF JOHNSTOWN 101

Did You Know? The Township Owns the Port of Johnstown!

The Port of Johnstown is one of Edwardsburgh Cardinal's most valuable assets, serving as a major economic driver for the region.

A Look Back in History

- 1929-30 – Built as a grain transfer facility to move Western grain to Eastern Canada.
- 1958 – The St. Lawrence Seaway's opening shifted the Port's role, leading to bulk goods like salt and aggregate.
- 2000 – The Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal acquired the Grain Elevator, wharves, and port lands from the Federal Government.
- Today – The Port operates as a tri-modal hub, handling cargo by ship, rail, and truck.

How the Port is Managed

- Governed by the Port Management Committee (five Council members and four advisory members).
- Employs 28 staff, including management, office personnel, and unionized workers.

2024 Highlights

- 1.46 million metric tonnes of cargo processed
- 982,024 metric tonnes of grain handled
- \$7.8 million in capital investments made
- \$5.38 million in surplus (un-audited)
- 26 vessels moved grain—the highest on record
- Destinations: Ireland, Great Britain, Italy, Canada, and other grain elevators

The Port of Johnstown continues to grow, ensuring economic success for the Township and beyond.



EC CONNECTS

A New Community Resource Platform for TWPEC

TWPEC officially launched EC Connects, an online platform designed to make it easier for residents to find local services and community resources. Whether you're looking for housing support, recreation programs, mental health resources, senior services, or historical and cultural initiatives, EC Connects is a one-stop hub to help you quickly connect with what you need.

Developed in partnership with HelpSeeker Technologies, EC Connects uses the AI-powered Navigi platform to compile a directory of hundreds of local resources. The Township worked closely with community organizations to refine listings, ensuring accuracy and accessibility. Residents and service providers can submit updates using the built-in "Suggest an Edit" tool to keep the information up to date.

Mayor Tory Deschamps emphasized the importance of the platform, stating, "EC Connects strengthens our community by providing easy access to local services and support, fostering collaboration, and ensuring residents can find the resources they need."

The Township encourages residents, service providers, and community groups to explore the platform and contribute to its ongoing growth. Future plans include expanding EC Connects to help connect volunteers with local organizations in need of support.

Visit twpec.ca/ecconnects today to explore the platform and discover the resources available in your community.



Introducing
EC CONNECTS
Community Resource Platform

- For Use by All Residents
- All-in-One Resource
- Wide Range of Services
- Easy Navigation
- Community Powered
- Quick Access Anytime

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