

NEWSLETTER

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ONTARIO SENIOR OF THE YEAR

The Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal is proud to recognize Sheila Bush as its 2025 Ontario Senior of the Year. Sheila was honoured at the June 30 Council meeting for her exceptional community spirit, lifelong volunteerism, and athletic accomplishments.

Originally from New Brunswick, Sheila (née Murray) trained as a nurse in Kingston and spent over 25 years delivering babies at Winchester District Memorial Hospital. She and her husband Ken raised eight children while also staying active in local life; from coaching hockey and fastball to serving as president of the Spencerville Agricultural Society and supporting regional Highland Games.

Now 90, Sheila is still going strong. She curls with the Prescott Curling Club and golfs year-round in Ontario and the southern U.S. After winning gold at both the Ontario and Canadian Senior Golf Championships in 2024, she's headed to Utah this fall to compete in the Huntsman World Senior Games—completing an extraordinary trifecta in senior golf.

Congratulations, Sheila, and thank you for being an inspiration to our community!

TWPEC WELCOMES SUMMER
STUDENTS TO REC ROLES

TWPEC has hired more than 30 students to support local recreation programs this summer. These student staff members are helping to lead summer day camps and operate pools across the community.

Positions include camp leaders, lifeguards, and swim instructors. Their enthusiasm and commitment help create fun, safe, and welcoming spaces for children and families.

Seasonal employment gives students a chance to build valuable workplace skills such as leadership, communication, and teamwork, while contributing to their community. Many return each year, bringing experience and energy to our summer programming.

You'll find student staff making a difference every day at the Cardinal and Johnstown pools and at the South Edwardsburgh Community Centre and Ingredion Centre, where day camps run through August.

Thank you to all our summer staff for helping make this season a success!

TOWNSHIP UPDATE



JOIN A TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



TWPEC is currently looking for a community member to serve as a Volunteer Advisory Member on the Committee of the Whole – Administration & Operations.

This committee plays an important role in guiding how the Township delivers services and manages public resources. Members provide input on everything from budgets and capital projects to roads, water systems, and parks.

The committee meets once a month, typically on the second Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers in Spencerville.

Whether you have experience in municipal affairs or simply a strong interest in how local government works, your perspective is welcome. We're looking for someone who's passionate about contributing to their community.

Apply by September 1, 2025.

To apply, send a short letter that includes your name, address, contact info, and a summary of your interests and experience to:

Natalie Charette, Interim Clerk
P.O. Box 129, Spencerville ON, K0E 1X0
Fax: 613-658-3445
Email: clerk@twpec.ca

PAVING THE WAY: WE'RE INVESTS IN LOCAL ROADS

The old saying is true—even in TWPEC, there are only two seasons: winter and construction. And right now, it's definitely construction.

This year, the Township is investing more than \$2.3 million to improve local roads and sidewalks. These upgrades include resurfacing and reconstruction projects in both villages and rural areas.

Here's a look at what's underway:

- Village of Cardinal: Approximately 50 metres of new asphalt sidewalk and 700 metres of sidewalk replacement are being completed along County Road 2 as well as reconstruction of 140 metres of Waddell Street.
- Village of Spencerville: South Street, Water Street, and Henderson Street are all being reconstructed to enhance walkability and road safety.
- Township-wide resurfacing: Eleven roads across Edwardsburgh Cardinal are being resurfaced or rehabilitated as part of the broader roads program.

These improvements are designed to extend the life of our infrastructure, improve accessibility, and make travel safer for drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists alike.

For the latest updates on road construction and closures, visit: twpec.ca/road-construction.



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SAFETY MATTERS



LET'S KEEP KIDS SAFE ON OUR STREETS

With school out and summer in full swing, children across Edwardsburgh Cardinal are outside enjoying the sunshine; walking, biking, scootering, and playing in driveways and on sidewalks.

As drivers, we all have a role to play in keeping kids safe.

Please remember to:

- Slow down in residential areas
- Watch for children near driveways, sidewalks and crossings
- Give extra space to bikes and scooters
- Come to a full stop at stop signs

Small actions behind the wheel can make a big difference for little feet on the street.

Let's work together to keep our neighbourhoods safe and welcoming for everyone this summer.



Be Seen to Be Safe!

Wearing light or bright clothing isn't just a fashion statement, it's a safety move. Whether you're out for a walk, run, or bike ride, dressing to stand out helps drivers spot you sooner, especially at dawn, dusk or in shaded areas.

Farm Vehicles Deserve a Wave (and Space)

Summer means tractors, combines, and slow-moving vehicles. If you see an orange triangle, slow down and share the road. Farmers are growing your dinner!

KEEP GRASS CLIPPINGS OFF THE ROAD

Blowing grass clippings onto the road might seem harmless, but it creates real safety risks.

Wet clippings are slippery, especially for bikes and motorcycles, and can lead to accidents. On gravel roads, they may even contribute to potholes. In our villages, clippings clog storm drains and increase the risk of flooding.

Please do your part:

- Mow with the chute facing away from the road
- Sweep or blow clippings off pavement
- Keep culverts on your property clear

Small actions help keep TWPEC clean, green and safe for everyone.

BURNING? KNOW THE RULES—STAY SAFE, ACTIVATE YOUR BURN PERMIT

Planning to burn yard waste or brush in Edwardsburgh Cardinal? You must have a valid burn permit, available online at twpec.ca/burn-permits.

- Register once per calendar year
- Check burn status before lighting up
- Follow all permit rules, never leave a fire unattended
- Each time you burn, activate your permit by calling 613-704-2699.

Burning without a permit can lead to fines—or worse, a fire that puts people and property at risk. Stay safe. Get your permit and burn responsibly.



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ROOTED IN HISTORY

Leeds
Grenville 175
YEARS

COMMEMORATIVE TREE CELEBRATES 175 YEARS OF THE UNITED COUNTIES OF LEEDS AND GRENVILLE

At the edge of a newly completed trail in Johnstown, a young conifer has taken root, not just in the soil, but in the shared story of a region that has grown together for generations.

In 2025, the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville (UCLG) celebrates its 175th anniversary. To mark the occasion, municipalities across the region were gifted commemorative trees from the Counties' Limerick Forest. In Edwardsburgh Cardinal, a conifer seedling was planted beside the new trail that links Albert Street with the South Edwardsburgh Community Centre in Johnstown. The tree stands as a living symbol of growth, unity and the deep roots that connect us.



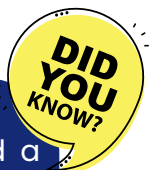
This small but meaningful gesture recalls a much larger history. In 1850, the individual counties of Leeds and Grenville were united under a single local government. Edwardsburgh Township played a foundational role in this union, with strong agricultural roots and early Loyalist settlements that helped shape the identity and economy of the region.

Just downriver, the Village of Cardinal, once home to one of Canada's first industrial-scale flour mills, was an economic powerhouse in the 19th century. Its location on the St. Lawrence River made it a key transportation and trade hub, linking the area to the broader colonial economy and contributing to regional prosperity.

Today, that spirit of connection continues, this time through infrastructure that links people and places. The new trail in Johnstown reflects the same enduring values of accessibility, unity and growth. Whether you're out for a stroll, cycling to the community centre, or pausing beside the commemorative tree, the path invites us to reflect on where we've been and where we're growing next.

One Doc, Two Jobs, No Numbing

Dr. Pember McIntosh was a trusted figure in early 1900s Spencerville, both a doctor and a community leader. When the village had no dentist, "Doc Mac" filled the gap. Because nothing says small-town like getting your appendix checked and your molar pulled in one visit.



**FUN!
FACT!**

Before Amazon, There Was Johnstown

Back in the early 1800s, Johnstown was a big deal—politically and commercially. As the seat of the Johnstown District and a busy river port, it shipped out timber, grain, and maybe even a few juicy town rumours. Long before the modern Port of Johnstown, this riverside hub quietly helped build the foundation of Leeds and Grenville.

Shipwrecks double as underwater tourism

The Weehawk ferry once shuttled passengers to Erie Railroad yards in New Jersey. Today? It's shipwrecked in Cardinal's Galop Canal, now a popular scuba dive site for history buffs with fins. Proof that all routes, eventually, lead to TWPEC.

