

NEWSLETTER

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TOWNSHIP APPROVES 2025 BUDGET

Edwardsburgh Cardinal Council has approved the 2025 municipal budget, reaffirming its commitment to responsible planning, sustainable investment, and building a strong future for the community. The budget includes \$4.47 million in capital investments focused on improving roads, recreational amenities, municipal facilities, and online services—key priorities identified in the Township's Strategic Plan.

The Township tax rate will increase by 3%, with a blended rate of 3.34% when combined with the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville levy.

A major contributor to this year's budget is a \$2.2 million dividend from the municipally owned Port of Johnstown, helping to reduce reliance on tax dollars while funding impactful community projects. Notable capital items include a splash pad in Spencerville, tennis and pickleball courts in Cardinal, and significant upgrades to sidewalks, crossings, and 11 Township roads.

With an emphasis on community well-being and thoughtful long-term planning, the 2025 budget supports a more connected and vibrant municipality—while remaining true to the Township's rural character.

Read the full media release here:
twpec.ca/2025BudgetNews

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



SPRING CLEANING



KEEP YOUR YARD CLEAN AND OUR COMMUNITY BEAUTIFUL

As spring blossoms around us, it's the perfect time to refresh our outdoor spaces and take pride in our properties. A clean, well-maintained yard not only adds beauty to your home but also helps foster healthy, safe, and welcoming neighbourhoods for everyone.

Under the Township's Clean Yards Bylaw, all property owners and occupants are responsible for keeping their yards tidy. That means:

1. **Removing refuse and debris** such as litter, discarded household items, and unused construction materials.
2. **Cutting grass regularly** and keeping it under 20 cm (8 inches) high.
3. **Trimming trees and hedges** that border sidewalks or roads to allow safe passage.
4. **Maintaining pools and water features** in good repair.
5. **Keeping properties free of pests and vermin** by preventing infestation.

Not only does this help preserve the look and livability of our neighbourhoods, but it also protects the environment and promotes community well-being.

Let's work together to clean up what winter has left behind and make the most of this season of renewal. Whether it's a quick rake, a lawn trim, or hauling away old junk, every effort makes a difference.

To learn more about what's expected under the Clean Yards Bylaw and how you can contribute, visit: twpec.ca/bylaws. Search for keyword: clean yards

Let's all do our part to keep Edwardsburgh Cardinal looking its best!

LET'S TALK FIRE: BURN SAFE & BURN SMART

There's something magical about an open-air fire—whether you're clearing brush or toasting marshmallows under the stars. But before you strike that match, make sure you're fire-ready with a TWPEC Burn Permit!

If you plan to burn in Edwardsburgh Cardinal—whether it's a small backyard campfire, a brush pile, or an agricultural fire—you'll need a permit. The good news? It's quick, easy, and completely online. You can register in just a few minutes and be ready to burn (safely, of course)!

Why It Matters:

Burn permits aren't just a box to check—they help keep our community safe. When you register, the Fire Department knows where burning is taking place and can respond faster in an emergency. Plus, you'll get important updates when burn bans are in effect, such as during dry spells or high winds.

As part of the burn permit process, you agree to follow all rules and regulations for open burning. If your fire leads to a fire department response, you may be held responsible for the associated costs—so it pays to burn safely and responsibly!

Let's Be Fire Smart:

Fire safety is a shared responsibility. Knowing when, where, and how to burn makes all the difference. If you see smoke in the distance, it should be from a permitted, well-managed fire—not an emergency.

Get started today at twpec.ca/burn-permits to:

- Register or renew your burn permit
- Learn what materials you can (and can't) burn
- Stay informed about current fire bans and restrictions

Let's keep TWPEC safe, fire-smart, and marshmallow-ready this season!

SPRING CLEANING (CONTINUED)



SPRING MAINTENANCE UPDATE FROM PUBLIC WORKS

The Township's Public Works team is gearing up for seasonal maintenance across the community.

- **Roadside Weed Spraying:** Weather permitting, roadside spraying to manage invasive weeds may begin in late May. The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville (UCLG) will also be completing roadside and guide rail spraying on select roads across the region during this time.
- **Gravel Road Maintenance:** Crushed rock and dust suppressant applications are scheduled throughout May and may continue into June to improve gravel road surfaces.
- **Fire Hydrant Flushing:** Routine flushing of fire hydrants in Cardinal and the Industrial Park/New Wexford areas is scheduled to take place from May 1 to June 15. This is part of our regular maintenance to ensure water quality and system reliability.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we complete these important seasonal tasks.

BRUSH/LEAF COLLECTION

CARDINAL May 6 and
May 20

JOHNSTOWN,
SPENCERVILLE & May 8 and
NEW WEXFORD May 22

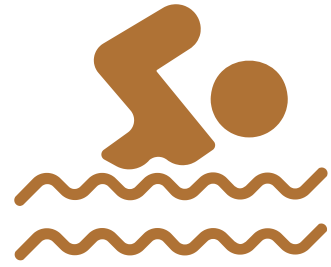
BRUSH/LEAF DROP OFF

SCOTT ROAD
TRANSFER May 27
STATION

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visit twpec.ca :



RECREATION



MAKE A SPLASH THIS SUMMER: SWIMMING LESSON REGISTRATION

TWPEC is pleased to offer a full season of summer swimming lessons at both the Cardinal and Johnstown pools. This summer's aquatic programs have something for everyone! Children's swimming lessons are available at all levels, along with private lessons for more personalized instruction. Adults can take advantage of our learn-to-swim programs—because it's never too late to build water confidence—and stay active with Aqua Fit, a low-impact fitness class held in the pool. Families can enjoy open swim times during our public swimming sessions, and youth aged 7 to 14 can dive into leadership and safety skills with the Junior Lifeguard Club.

You can view pool schedules and session information at www.twpec.ca/swimming.

Registration is in-person only and will be first come, first served.

Be sure to attend one of our upcoming registration sessions:

- **Thursday, May 22** – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the **South Edwardsburgh Community Centre**
- **Saturday, May 24** – 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the **South Edwardsburgh Community Centre**
- **Thursday, May 29** – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the **Ingredion Centre**

For full details including pool schedules and session information, visit www.twpec.ca/swimming. Let's make this a safe, supportive, and splash-filled summer!

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CARDINAL BOAT LAUNCH – REGISTRATION PROCESS REMINDER

The Cardinal Boat Launch on Legion Way provides convenient access to the beautiful waterways of the Thousand Islands region—right from the heart of our community.

All users are required to register annually by completing a quick online form at twpec.ca/boatlaunch. This applies to both residents and non-residents. Registration is simple and can be completed online. For added convenience, a QR code is posted at the launch for easy mobile access. In addition to online registration, users can also register in person at the Township Hall during regular business hours, and the Ingredion Centre from Monday to Thursday between 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

For residents, registration is free—but it's important to complete the form to avoid receiving a ticket. Non-residents will be required to pay a \$25 annual fee.

This process helps TWPEC better understand usage patterns and plan for future maintenance and upgrades. We appreciate your cooperation as we work to ensure the Cardinal Boat Launch remains safe, accessible, and enjoyable for all.

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twpec.ca/boatlaunch

