

# NEWSLETTER

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## 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROVED

Council has approved the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal's 2026 municipal budget, which maintains current service levels while continuing to invest in infrastructure and community amenities.

The approved budget includes a 3% increase to the Township portion of property taxes. With the County confirming a 2.46% increase and no change to the Education rate, the blended property tax increase for 2026 is approximately 2.5%.

For the average household, this represents an estimated annual increase of approximately \$67.

The budget is funded primarily through property taxes, along with user fees and operating grants, and supports core municipal services including public works, environmental services, fire, recreation, planning, and administration.

Capital investments planned for 2026 include road improvements, public works equipment, recreation and community facility upgrades, and ongoing maintenance of Township buildings and assets. Several projects are contingent on securing grant funding.

The 2026 budget reflects Council's commitment to fiscal responsibility and long-term financial sustainability, with approved projects and services implemented throughout the year and monitored through regular reporting to Council.



[learn more at twpec.ca/2026budget](https://twpec.ca/2026budget)



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# Community News

## PAYING YOUR PROPERTY TAXES

The first installment of property taxes is due March 31. The Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal offers several convenient ways to pay your tax bill.

### Drop box

You can place cheque payments in the 24-hour drop box at the main entrance of the Township Office at 18 Centre Street, Spencerville. Cash payments are not recommended for the drop box.

### By mail

You can mail your payment to the Township to avoid line-ups. Send cheques to:  
Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal  
P.O. Box 129

Spencerville, ON K0E 1X0

Please allow enough time for mail delivery to ensure your payment arrives by the due date.

### In person

You can pay at the Township office during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Township accepts cash, debit, and cheque. Credit cards are not accepted.

### Online or telephone banking

You can also pay through online or telephone banking. Use your 19-digit roll number as the account number (RBC customers should exclude the last four digits). We recommend submitting online payments a few days early to allow time for processing.

If you have questions about your tax bill or payment options, please contact the Township office at 613-658-3055 or visit us online to learn more.



[www.twpec.ca/living-here/property-taxes/](http://www.twpec.ca/living-here/property-taxes/)



## REGIONAL SUPPORT FOR HOCKEYVILLE

On February 21, the Alaine Chartrand Community Centre was filled with community pride as local leaders gathered to support the Spencerville Arena during the Kraft Hockeyville nomination and rally phase. Councils from the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal, Town of Prescott, Township of Augusta, and the Municipality of North Grenville came together to sign the Spencerville Arena banner and share stories about the impact of small-town hockey.

Now that the nomination phase has closed, we are proud of the way our region rallied together. No matter the outcome, the campaign showed that our hockey community extends far beyond municipal boundaries and that when we come together, we are stronger.

# Library News



## MARCH BREAK AT THE LIBRARIES:

March Break is coming up and the Cardinal Library and Spencerville Library have so much going on from March 16 to 21.

There will be Lego, a scavenger hunt, puzzles, board games, colouring, tons of books to read, prizes, and more. You can just show up anytime during regular library hours. You do not have to sign up for anything. It is totally free and made for families, so everyone can join in.

Going to the library is actually way more fun than people think. It is not just about borrowing books. Kids get to explore different stories, learn new things, and find books they actually enjoy. When you start reading at a young age, it helps with imagination, writing skills, and even confidence in school. Plus, it is a great way to spend time together as a family without staring at a screen.

If you are looking for something fun, free, and actually good for you this March Break, the library is the place to be.



SCAN HERE:

[www.edcarlibrary.ca](http://www.edcarlibrary.ca)



### Cardinal Library

618 County Rd 2

**Monday:** 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

**Tuesday:** 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**Wednesday:** 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

**Thursday:** 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**Friday:** Closed

**Saturday:** 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

**Sunday:** Closed

### Spencerville Library

5 Henderson Street

**Monday:** Closed

**Tuesday:** 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**Wednesday:** 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

**Thursday:** 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**Friday:** Closed

**Saturday:** 10:00 am to 1:30 pm

**Sunday:** Closed

## DESIGN A BOOKMARK CONTEST:

The library's fourth annual Design a Bookmark Contest is back and it is going to be so fun. If you love drawing or being creative, this is your chance to design your own bookmark and have other people see it.

The contest is sponsored by the Friends of the Cardinal Library and the Friends of the Spencerville Library, who are always supporting awesome library programs. Entry forms can be picked up at both branches starting March 16, and the deadline to submit your design is April 16.

To enter, you must have an Edwardsburgh Cardinal Public Library card, which is free for TWPEC residents. If you do not have one yet, this is the perfect time to sign up. Get creative and be part of something cool at your library.

SPENCERVILLE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

**Book SALE**

**SATURDAY  
MARCH 14, 2026  
10:30 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**

5 HENDERSON STREET,  
SPENCERVILLE

**FILL A BAG FOR \$1**

Friends of the  
SPENCERVILLE  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

# Recreation



## AQUATICS TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION OPPORTUNITIES THIS SUMMER

The Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal is offering a range of aquatics training and certification courses this spring and summer for youth and adults interested in safety, lifeguarding, and aquatic leadership.

Courses begin with Safeguard and Standard First Aid with CPR-C, which support safe supervision and emergency response around water and in community settings. Participants may then continue through Lifesaving Society Bronze programs, National Lifeguard certification and recertification, and advanced aquatics leadership training, including Lifesaving Swim Instructor, Instructor Recertification, and Aquatic Supervisor.

Together, these courses form a nationally recognized pathway supporting roles such as camp counsellors, swim instructors, lifeguards, and aquatic supervisors. Programs are suitable for both aquatic and non-aquatic staff, as well as members of the general public seeking recognized certifications.

Courses take place at Township aquatic facilities between May and July, and participants from our surrounding communities are welcome.

Full course details, schedules, prerequisites, and registration information are available at [twpec.ca/aquatics](http://twpec.ca/aquatics).



Dig deeper into these newsletter stories online at [twpec.ca](http://twpec.ca)

## Dive In! AQUATIC COURSES SPRING 2026

Safeguard | Standard First Aid and CPR C | Lifeguard Certification | Lifesaving Swim Instructor | Aquatic Supervisor



Register online at [twpec.ca/aquatics](http://twpec.ca/aquatics)

## MARCH BREAK SKATING

### Spencerville Arena:

Sunday, March 15, from 2 to 3:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, March 17 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.  
Thursday, March 19 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

### Ingredion Centre:

Monday, March 16, from 2 to 3:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 18, from 2 to 3:30 p.m.  
Friday, March 20, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

**SUMMER DAY CAMPS**

Save the date!  
Registration opens April 1

[twpec.ca/SummerDayCamp](http://twpec.ca/SummerDayCamp)