

NEWSLETTER

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The Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal's Public Works Department is dedicated to maintaining safe and accessible roads and sidewalks during winter months through efficient snow clearing and ice control operations. These operations are conducted up to seven days a week, depending on weather conditions, with staff working within the maximum hours regulated by the Province of Ontario.

Road Clearing Priorities:

1. **Major Arterial Routes:** high-traffic roads are cleared first to ensure primary transportation routes remain open.
2. **Local Residential and Commercial Areas:** after major routes, attention shifts to residential streets and commercial zones.
3. **Rural Routes:** lastly, rural roads are addressed to ensure all areas are accessible.

Residents can expect all residential roadways to be cleared within 16 to 48 hours after a snowfall. For detailed information, including the Winter Maintenance Level of Service Policy and plow route maps, visit <https://www.twpec.ca/SnowClearing/>

Ice Control Measures:

Icy roadways are treated promptly upon detection, with the goal of treating all township roads within 12 to 24 hours.

Sidewalk Maintenance:

in the villages of Cardinal and Spencerville, sidewalk maintenance is categorized as follows:

- **Primary Sidewalks:** located in commercial and institutional zones, these are cleared of snow accumulation of five centimeters or more within 48 hours after a storm ends.
- **Secondary Sidewalks:** certain secondary sidewalks do not receive snow clearing or ice control during the winter maintenance season.

Resident Responsibilities and Safety Reminders:

- **Parking:** adhere to winter street parking restrictions to facilitate efficient snow clearing.
- **Driveway Clearing:** be aware that snowplows may deposit snow at driveway entrances; residents are responsible for clearing this snow.
- **Fire Hydrants:** ensure that fire hydrants on your property are clear of snow for emergency access.
- **Children's Safety:** prevent children from playing on roadside snowbanks or near snow removal operations for their safety.

For more information, please contact the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal's Public Works Department at 613-658-3055. To report a concern, use our Citizen Request Portal on our website.

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CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP & STAFF SERVICE AWARDS

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

For residents of Cardinal, Spencerville, Johnstown, and New Wexford - Township staff will be collecting Christmas trees curbside from January 6 to January 17, 2025, as time and weather permit. Please place trees at curbside. Tree must be free of any tinsel, plastic, or decorations.

Trees will be accepted at the Scott Rd Transfer Station during the month of January at no charge.



TOWNSHIP STAFF SERVICE AWARDS

On Monday November 25, the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal Council came together to celebrate the dedication and contributions of its staff during the annual Staff Service Awards ceremony. Mayor Tory Deschamps opened the ceremony, commending the honorees for their unwavering commitment to the township.

The awards recognized milestones ranging from five years to an incredible 45 years of service. Among those honoured were:

- **Gilles Lahaie:** 45 years of dedicated service, whose expertise have been a cornerstone of the township.
- **Dave Grant:** 30 years of commitment, contributing significantly to the community's development and operations.
- **Josh Burchell, Alex Modler, Miranda Skuce, and Wendy Van Keulen:** Each recognized for 5 years of service, representing the future of the township's workforce.

These individuals have contributed in countless ways to the township's growth and success. Their hard work, whether in administration, operations, or public service, continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of residents.

The event concluded with heartfelt applause from Council members and attendees, a moment of gratitude for the years of service and commitment that drive Edwardsburgh Cardinal forward.

Pictured: Left to right

Alex Modler, Josh Burchell, Miranda Skuce, Deputy Mayor Stephen Dillabough, Gilles Lahaie, Mayor Tory Deschamps, Councillor Chris Ward, Councillor Waddy Smail, Dave Grant, Councillor Joe Martelle, and Wendy Van Keulen.



PUBLIC LIBRARY & EV CHARGERS

OUR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Edwardsburgh Cardinal Public Library

Residents of Edwardsburgh Cardinal can enjoy access to library services at two convenient locations, the Cardinal Branch and the Spencerville Branch, each offering unique hours to accommodate community needs. Both locations are closed on Fridays and Sundays.

Cardinal Branch

Location: 618 County Road 2, Cardinal, Ontario KOE 1E0

Phone: 613-657-3822

Email: cardinal@edcarlibrary.ca

Hours of Operation:

- **Monday:** 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- **Tuesday:** 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
- **Wednesday:** 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- **Thursday:** 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
- **Saturday:** 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Spencerville Branch

Location: 5 Henderson Street, Spencerville, Ontario KOE 1X0

Phone: 613-658-5575

Email: spencerville@edcarlibrary.ca

Hours of Operation:

- **Monday:** Closed
- **Tuesday:** 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
- **Wednesday:** 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- **Thursday:** 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
- **Saturday:** 10:00 AM – 1:30 PM

Both branches provide a welcoming space for reading, research, and community engagement. Contact your local branch for more information about programs and services, or visit www.edcarlibrary.ca



EV CHARGERS

Edwardsburgh Cardinal Powers Up with New EV Chargers

The Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal (TWPEC) is joining Ontario's electric vehicle (EV) charging network with the installation of three Level 3 fast chargers. These chargers, capable of charging an EV to 80% in 30-45 minutes, will be located at the Spencerville Arena, the Ingredion Centre in Cardinal, and the South Edwardsburgh Community Centre in Johnstown.

Funded by the Electric Vehicle ChargeON Program and Canada's Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program, this project supports sustainable transportation and aligns with TWPEC's commitment to environmental sustainability. "This investment will ensure that Edwardsburgh Cardinal and Leeds and Grenville are ready for the increasing number of EVs," said Mayor Tory Deschamps. Chargers will be installed gradually in 2025, making it easier for residents and visitors to travel green.



ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARDS

CELEBRATING EXCEPTIONAL PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY

“VIEW MORE VISUALS ON THE NEXT PAGE.”

Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal Celebrates Annual Awards Ceremony

The Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal hosted its Annual Awards Ceremony on Monday, December 16, at the Spencerville Town Hall. The event celebrated the exceptional contributions of individuals, businesses, and organizations within the community.

Mayor Tory Deschamps began the evening by recognizing Ann Shorey, a TWPEC firefighter recently honoured at the Brockville Young Professionals Network 40 Under 40 celebration. Ann's advocacy for women in firefighting has been a source of inspiration.

Award Recipients:

Small Business of the Year: The Rustic Spoon

Recognized for exceptional growth, community involvement, and outstanding service. Deputy Mayor Dillabough applauded owner **Chad Dyke** and his team for transforming the business into a true gathering spot.

Large Business of the Year: Giant Tiger Distribution Centre

Awarded for generous contributions to the community, including donations of accessible play structures, support for local food banks, and participation in events like Earth Day clean-ups and Trunk or Treat.

Community/Volunteer Group of the Year: South Edwardsburgh Public School Breakfast Club

Honoured for four years of dedicated service, ensuring students have access to breakfast twice weekly, allowing them to focus on their education.

Youth Citizen of the Year: Heidi Garswood

A Queen's University student studying Applied Science – Engineering, Heidi was recognized for balancing academic success, sports, and community involvement. Her contributions include coaching, refereeing, umpiring, and performing music at local venues.

Citizen of the Year: Lori Lurges

Lori's impactful work founding the READ Program at Edwardsburgh Cardinal Public Libraries has provided personalized reading lessons, inspiring countless children and fostering a love for learning.

A Night of Gratitude

The evening concluded with refreshments and closing remarks from Mayor Deschamps: *"It's the collective effort of each and every one of you that makes our community special."*



ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARDS



*Happy
New Year*

May 2025 bring new opportunities, cherished moments, and the strength to achieve your dreams. Let's continue to support one another and build a bright future together!

from Council & Staff

CENTENNIAL '67 PUBLIC SCHOOL

WHAT IS GROWING AT CENTENNIAL '67 PUBLIC SCHOOL?

Spencerville Food Bank

Centennial '67's Grade 5/6 class, other known as the leadership class, had a wonderful opportunity to invite Sheila Fawcett, a representative from Spencerville Food Bank and coincidentally, a former administrator of the school, to join them in their classroom. The purpose of her visit was to witness the students' lettuce harvest and see their generous act of donating it to the food bank. The students successfully cultivated enough fresh lettuce to provide meals to six families. They started the lettuce on October 28, we gave Mrs. Fawcett our fresh lettuce on November 28. Exactly one month after we started. in summary, they, gave her 6 fresh bags of lettuce and each bag could feed about six families. This will be the first of many harvests provided to the food bank.

Zip Grow Wall

The Grade 5/6 Leadership Class at Centennial'67 invited Mr. Jones, the Principal of Real-World Learning to consider a proposal on food insecurity. They discussed several ideas during the presentation, such as acquiring a greenhouse to cultivate plants for our school garden beds. Additionally, they highlighted the success of their "We Scare Hunger Campaign," where students collected canned goods and non-perishable food items while trick-or-treating. Participants collected approximately two hundred canned goods. Another topic was the purchase of an additional Zip Grow system for the class. Furthermore, they mentioned harvesting their first crop of mixed greens on November 26th, which has been donated to the food bank. They also emphasized the importance of an educational campaign on how to properly read food labels. Before concluding, they welcomed questions from Mr. Jones and received valuable guidance for our next steps. He appreciated the thoroughly researched presentation and expressed interest in collaborating on this project. As a result, when the presentation ended an order for a Zip Grow Wall was completed. Since the presentation, they have grown their support base with a donated greenhouse from a student's grandparents and an additional Zip Grow tower from a neighbouring school.



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