



**TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL  
ACTION ITEM**

**Committee:** Council Meeting

**Date:** December 9, 2024

**Department:** Finance

**Topic:** Revised 2025 Water System Budgets

**Purpose:** To review and approve the 2025 Water and Wastewater systems budget estimates.

**Background:** There are a total of 5 water and wastewater systems operated by the Municipality and paid for by the users of each system.

From a council inquiry regarding Spencerville wastewater, Cardinal water and wastewater proposed rates, the additional amounts will be: \$6,261, \$34,630 and \$25,739 respectively.

The increases have been reflected in the 2025 budgets, for Cardinal water this increase is 5.8% and for both Spencerville and Cardinal wastewater the increase is 3.8%. These amounts are based on the recommendations from the asset management plan to address the annual capital funding gap for the increased capital work that is required to ensure that the water and wastewater systems are operating effectively and efficiently.

**Policy Implications:** By-law 2020-67 adopted a reserve and reserve funds policy. The policy indicates any annual operating surplus, or deficit should be transferred to or from this reserve fund. This applies to each system and segregated to their own account. This is completed once the fiscal year is audited.

**Strategic Plan Implications:** This aligns with the Strategic Plan Objective 4.6 which states the sustainability of water and stormwater infrastructure.

**Financial Considerations:** No financial considerations to indicate as the increase will be applied to the direct users of the systems.

**Recommendation:** THAT Council approve the 2025 budget as presented for all Water and Wastewater systems.



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Treasurer



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