



**TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL
ACTION ITEM**

Committee: Committee of the Whole – Administration and Operations

Date: December 2, 2024

Department: Finance

Topic: 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 the asset management plan that was conducted in 2024, it was noted that the financial strategy developed to address the annual capital funding gap would require a rate increase of 5.8% for Water and 3.8% for Sanitary to eliminate the Townships infrastructure deficit based on a 15-year plan.

The last increase for the users to all the systems was implemented in 2021. We will implement the advised rate increases for 2025 to address the 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 Committee recommend that Council approve the 2025 budget as presented for all Water and Wastewater systems.



Treasurer



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