



**TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL
ACTION ITEM**

Committee: Administration and Operations

Date: February 20, 2025

Department: Finance

Topic: Proposed 2025 Municipal Grant – Library Board

Purpose: To continue supporting the Edwardsburgh Cardinal Public Library through a municipal grant provided by the Township.

Background:

The Edwardsburgh Cardinal Public Library had 1100 active users in 2024, with 151 new library card holders (for a total of 2662) and 52 new Overdrive holders. With a total annual circulation of 20,407 in 2024.

377 programs were offered by the ECPL, attendance was 1383 and 344 craft kits were distributed. 10 library visits were made to SE Public School and there were 2321 student visits from Centennial PS.

The Edwardsburgh Cardinal Public Library is requesting a 4% increase (\$4,800) in 2025 grant funding from the municipality in order to keep up with their programming and services offered to the public.

In 2024 the municipal grant that was received totaled \$125,500, costing each household within Edwardsburgh Cardinal \$3.18 per month. With the increase requested for 2025 the municipal grant would total \$130,300 costing each household \$3.30 per month.

Policy Implications: N/A

Strategic Plan Implications: Pillar 1 - Liveable Community

Financial Considerations: Should the Committee decide to move forward there will be an increase of \$4,800 or 4%, going from a total of \$125,500 in 2024 to \$130,300 in 2025.

Recommendation: That Committee recommends to Council to approve the requested 4% increase, totalling \$4,800 for the 2025 municipal grant supporting the Edwardsburch Cardinal Public Library.



Treasurer



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