

# Township budget expected at next council meeting

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## SPENCERVILLE -

Ratepayers in the Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal can expect a small increase when the 2010 budget is presented in early June.

A brief update on the municipality's budgeting process was provided at Monday night's council meeting. During a report from the most recent budget meeting held on Thursday, it was noted "Mayor (Larry) Dishaw listed the issues that

had to be dealt with in the current year budget and stated that an increase of 1.98 per cent was a good result."

Councillor Pat Sayeau, who chairs the budget committee, indicated he was not sure if the 1.98-per-cent increase applied to the overall budget or the amount ratepayers themselves can expect, on average, their tax bills to increase. He did note the most recent meeting was the seventh one held to set the budget for this year.

When asked about what "issues" the 2010 budget

had to account for, Mayor Dishaw explained the township is receiving about \$100,000 less this year in transfer payments from the province. Councillor Sayeau noted other higher costs to the municipality, including increasing amounts for wages under the township's collective agreement with unionized staff and higher charges for everything from "soup to nuts."

This budget is expected to come forward for approval at the next regular council meeting on June 7.