



## PRESS RELEASE

April 25, 2011 – In response to one of my election promises to provide free swimming lessons to kids under 8 years, I am pleased to announce that, with the Corporate Sponsorship of Casco and Greenfield Ethanol, the Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal will offer free swimming lessons to Township children. The Township will offer free lessons for 30 children per session in each of the 4 sessions. That is a total of 120 sessions of free lessons at each of our pools this summer. The age group for this project will be 2 – 12 year olds. Every child in the Township will have the opportunity to take part in the program as space permits.

This initiative will promote the health and safety of our children. Drowning remains the number two cause of death in children under age 18. Consequently, it is critical to teach children basic safety rules around water. Swimming is an excellent fitness activity promoting healthy growth and development.

Our head life guard will be going to the schools in Edwardsburgh/Cardinal to explain the program and send home information with the kids. We will also post it on our web site and advertise in the Prescott Journal in order to reach all the families.

I would like to thank both Casco and Greenfield Ethanol for their support in this exciting initiative.

Bill Sloan, Mayor

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