

2025

YEAR IN REVIEW



The Township was pleased to welcome McDonald's Norwood, located at 4293 Highway 7, to the community on December 29, 2025. The new restaurant created more than 40 local employment opportunities, contributing to local economic growth.

COMMUNICATIONS

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

COUNCIL

COMMUNITY EVENTS

RECOGNITION

In alignment with the directives outlined in the Strategic Plan, the Township continued to prioritize citizen engagement by enhancing various communication channels. These efforts included maintaining the website, mobile app, and an active social media presence, while also leveraging direct mail campaigns and community bulletin boards.



facebook

571 new follows
82,222 page visits
15,780 interactions

1,707,729 views



Instagram

239 new follows
2,081 profile visits
962 interactions

80,396 views



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In 2025, the Township launched a refreshed website following the retirement of its previous platform. The Township successfully migrated to a new platform, GovStack, improving functionality and long-term support for online services. Staff hope residents and visitors are finding the new site easy to navigate and encourage the use of the built-in search feature to quickly locate information. As always, Township staff are happy to assist - please don't hesitate to contact the office if you need help finding what you're looking for.



Website: The Township's website saw a total of 166,173 page views, with 63,672 active users throughout the year. Each user viewed an average of three pages, showcasing strong engagement with the online content.



Mobile App: The Township's mobile app recorded 12,562 views and maintained an average of 140 active monthly users, reflecting its growing presence as a convenient communication tool for residents on the go.



Publications: The Township continued to publish quarterly newsletters, along with property tax bill and utility bill inserts, the annual Year in Review, and community bulletins to keep residents informed.

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2025 YEAR IN REVIEW | ADMINISTRATION



MARRIAGE LICENCES

issued

17



COMMISSIONER SERVICES

documents
commissioned

25



TAX CERTIFICATES

prepared

97

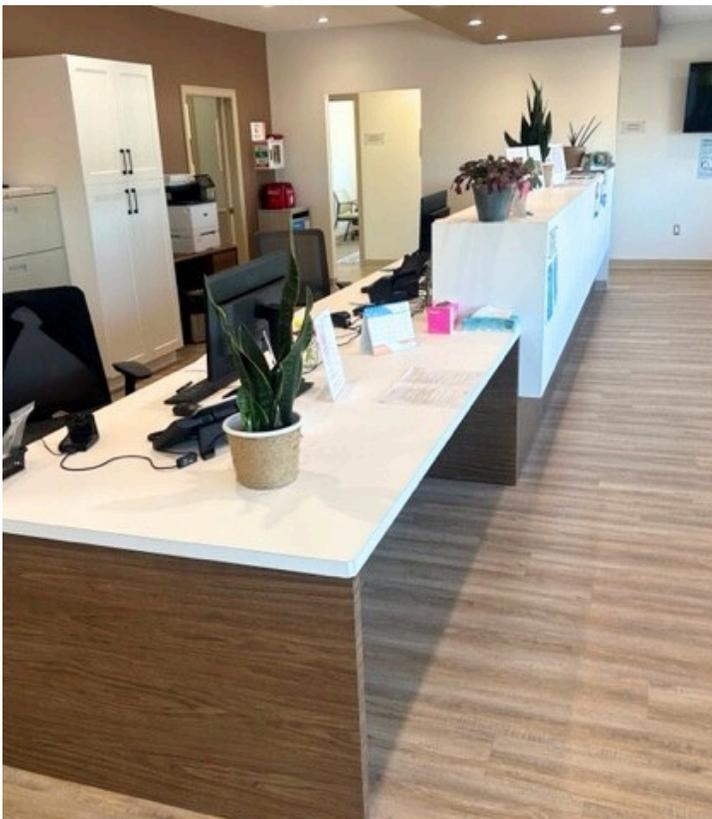


LOTTERY LICENCES

issued

20

MEDICAL CENTRE • 11 SPRUCE DR



In 2025, Dr. Jaimee Carter joined the local medical team, expanding access to family practice services within the community. Through a partnership with Hiawatha First Nation and the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen, progress continues to be made in addressing local healthcare needs.

To further support day-to-day operations at the medical centre, a part-time medical office assistant was added to the team in 2025. This additional staffing resource has helped improve administrative efficiency and patient support in an increasingly busy practice. The Township sincerely appreciates residents' continued patience as the medical team works through a significant waitlist and continues efforts to roster new patients as capacity allows.



BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED



77

Including:



8

New Single Detached Dwelling Units; and



7

New Seasonal Dwelling Units; and



1

New Secondary Dwelling Unit created.

Estimated Total Construction Value

\$7,704,967.00

Collected Building Permit Fees

\$95,137.00

PLANNING



10 applications reviewed under the *Planning Act*



6

Zoning By-law Amendments



2

Consents (severances)



1

Minor Variance



1

Merger Agreement

BY-LAW



NO. OF FILES OPENED

80

NO. OF FILES CLOSED

76



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2025 YEAR IN REVIEW | COMMUNITY CENTRE, PARKS & FACILITIES

59

Public Skating opportunities offered



850 clients took advantage of the online facility booking system



Hosted its 4th OHL Exhibition Game



923 Fitness Centre memberships were sold, with 278 new members

New

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Council approved the naming of the laneway from Alma Street east to the Community Centre as Wrightly Way, recognizing the long-standing contributions of Bud and Hazel Wrightly.



PRIDE TABLE

In support of Norwood Pride, the Township installed a new Pride Bench at the Community Centre Park, reinforcing its commitment to inclusion and welcoming public spaces.



31 KING ST.

In collaboration with Peterborough County-City Paramedics, the roof replacement at 31 King Street was successfully completed.



In August, ice was installed for the 22nd season, marking another year of local recreation on ice. *Did you know?* The ice surface is maintained at approximately 1.25 to 1.5 inches thick.

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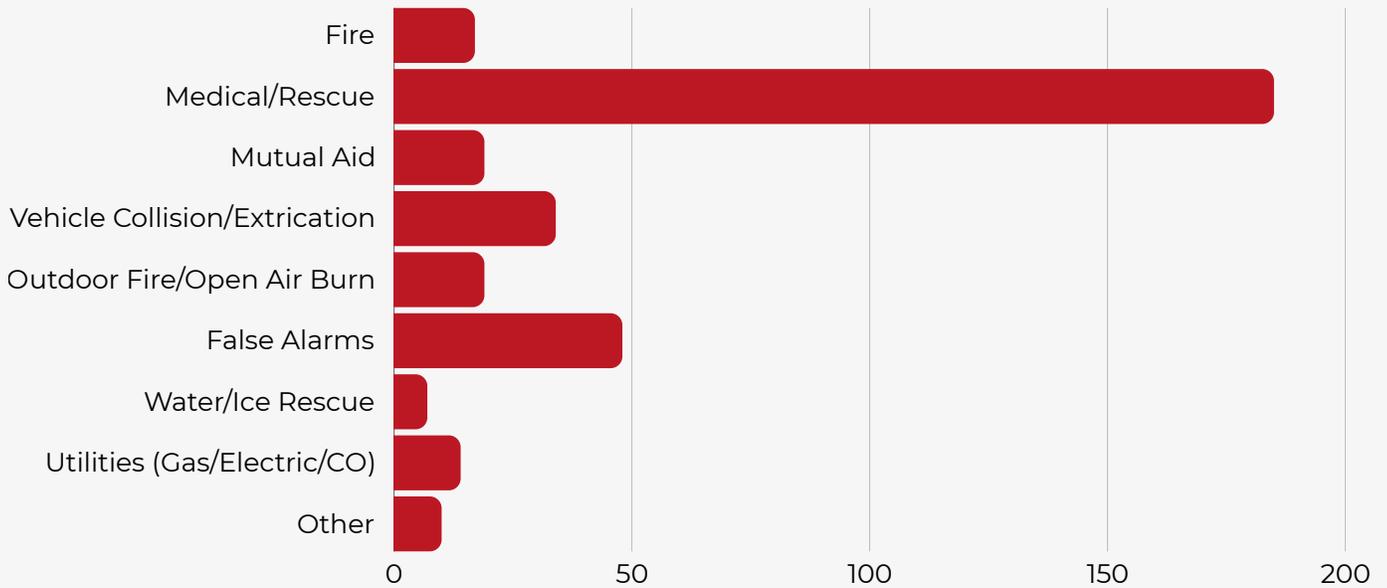
2025 YEAR IN REVIEW | FIRE & RESCUE



17 Fire
Emergency
Calls



336 Non-Fire
Emergency
Calls



BURN PERMITS

118 Permits Issued
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MASTER FIRE PLAN

A 10-year MFP, developed by Emergency Management Group Inc., was adopted on September 23, 2025.



ANFR

35 Asphodel-Norwood
Fire & Rescue (ANFR)
Members



NEW Pumper Fire Truck

ANFR added a new pumper truck to Station #2 (Westwood), manufactured by Dependable Truck & Tank Ltd. and purchased through a two-year buying plan with Council support.



11,723

ITEMS CHECKED OUT
INCLUDING BOOKS, DVDS,
MAGAZINES, AND TRAIL
PACKS



10,170

E-ITEMS CHECKED OUT
INCLUDING E-BOOKS, AUDIO
BOOKS, AND MAGAZINES



CARDHOLDERS

1,019

 ACTIVE

183

 NEW


PROGRAMMING

594

 PROGRAMS

5,742

 PARTICIPANTS


2025 PARKS PASS

BORROWED

69x

FREE ADVENTURES!

Grant Funding

SUPPORTS COMMUNITY PROGRAM
EXPANSION

Ontario
Trillium
Foundation



SEED GRANT

\$15,200

Supported the Youth & Teen Sport Sampler Program that offered free weekly sessions where youth and teens tried a variety of sports and activities with guidance from trained professionals, encouraging physical activity, healthy lifestyles, and community connection.



**SENIORS ACTIVE LIVING CENTRE
(SALC)**

\$47,958

Established the AN Active Senior Connection Hub, providing weekly programs and services for adults aged 55+ that keep them physically active, socially connected, and engaged in lifelong learning opportunities.



Pictured above: Funding announcement on May 30, 2025, including the Hon. Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility, David Piccini, MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South, and members of the Asphodel-Norwood Public Library Board and staff.



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2025 YEAR IN REVIEW | PUBLIC WORKS &
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



92 winter weather events were responded to in 2025, including two significant events



March 2025 Ice Storm

On March 29, 2025, a major freezing rain storm caused widespread tree damage across the Township, leading to power outages lasting up to 10-14 days. The Township declared a State of Emergency and activated its Emergency Management Group, led by the Mayor, to support response and recovery efforts



\$2,010.80

Donated back into the community during the holiday season through the Liquor, Wine, and Beer Container Diversion program



Asphodel 8th Line

Earthworks completed, including culvert replacements, in preparation for surface treatment scheduled for 2026

CURBSIDE COLLECTION



409,840 kg
of waste material



293,150 kg
of blue box material



28,100 kg
of leaf and yard waste

TRANSFER STATION COLLECTION



136.8
tonnes of waste



10.3
tonnes of textiles



23.5
tonnes of scrap metal



52.7
tonnes of construction and demolition



9.7
tonnes of tires



58.7
tonnes of recycling materials



271,061.5 m³

Treated Water produced at the Norwood Treatment Plan



302,818.71 m³

Treated Wastewater flow at the Wastewater Treatment Plant



406

Bacteriological samples collected for the Norwood Drinking Water System



Zero

- Boil Water Advisories
- Water Main Breaks
- Sanitary Main Backups

HIGHWAY 7 INFRASTRUCTURE COORDINATION

Throughout 2025, Township staff and Council actively advocated for provincial funding to align critical municipal water infrastructure improvements with the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO)'s planned rehabilitation of a section of Highway 7 within the Townships of Otonabee-South Monaghan and Asphodel-Norwood. Recognizing Highway 7 as a vital and increasingly busy transportation corridor, the Township emphasized the importance of completing necessary water service replacements in coordination with the provincial resurfacing project to protect the roadway investment, reduce overall project costs, and limit traffic disruptions for residents, businesses, and travellers.

As a result of these efforts, the Township received funding support from the Province of Ontario through the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program – Health and Safety Water Stream. This funding will enable a water service replacement project on Highway 7 to proceed beginning in spring 2026, in advance of the anticipated completion of the MTO's rehabilitation contract in October 2026.



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2025 YEAR IN REVIEW | COUNCIL



DONATIONS

Approved **five (5)** donation requests, including monetary contributions and facility rental relief



BY-LAWS

Adopted **56** By-laws throughout the course of the year



MEETINGS

Met **26** times

 **722**
YouTube views



REPORTS

Received **156** staff reports to consider and/or approve



MUNICIPAL SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded the second annual Municipal Scholarship, pictured above, to a graduating NDHS student



TOWNSHIP ROAD TOUR

Participated in a spring road tour alongside management staff to review and discuss infrastructure needs



ADVOCACY EFFORTS

Attended the annual conferences hosted by ROMA and AMO to advocate for grant funding opportunities



COUNCIL PROCLAMATIONS

Proclaimed the Peter Robinson Bicentennial Year, World Autism Day, and the British Home Child Day



Flag Raising · March 18, 2025

PETER ROBINSON BICENTENNIAL (1825-2025)

In 1825, 32 Irish families embarked on a challenging journey to Canada, organized by Peter Robinson, demonstrating remarkable strength and resilience. In 2025, the CHC proudly commemorated the 200th anniversary of the arrival of the Peter Robinson settlers who went on to establish roots in the Township. Throughout the year, the Committee hosted a series of events to honour this significant bicentennial. Families and descendants of these early settlers were welcomed to participate in celebrations, including an honorary flag raising, as pictured above.

The Committee gratefully acknowledges the support of the federal Community Anniversaries grant, which helped make the year-long celebrations possible, and extends sincere thanks to all who contributed to making the Peter Robinson Bicentennial a meaningful and successful celebration. Events included:

Historical Gatherings

Four historical gatherings were held throughout the year, featuring guest speakers and musicians who shared stories of the journey from Ireland, early local settlement, and traditional Old World customs.

Research Weekend

Showcased Irish heritage displays, live entertainment, and self-guided tours. Highlights included a GIS StoryMap that illustrated original Peter Robinson settler lots and concessions across the area.

Homecoming Picnic

Featured a sunrise service, plaque unveiling, and a ceremonial tree planting in honour of the settlers. Family-friendly activities included games, crafts, live music, and storytelling enjoyed throughout the day.

Irish Ceilidh

The bicentennial celebrations concluded with a sold-out ceilidh (party) at the Town Hall, featuring live music, refreshments, appetizers, and bar service.



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2025 YEAR IN REVIEW | COMMUNITY EVENTS



FAMILY DAY FROSTIVAL

Supported by the Special Events Committee (SEC), the Family Day Frostival returned on Monday, February 17, 2025. The event featured a variety of family-friendly activities, including horse and wagon rides, snow art, face painting, and the Township Cup, as pictured above.

NORWOOD MARKET

With support from the Business Advisory Committee, the inaugural Norwood Market successfully launched its first season following extensive planning and community discussion. Held on long weekend Saturdays throughout the summer from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at 42 Victoria Street in the Village of Norwood, the market provided a new opportunity to support local vendors, makers, and businesses

CANADA DAY

On July 1, 2025, the Special Events Committee hosted a free pancake breakfast to kick off Canada Day celebrations, with support from community partners. Door prize draws were held every 30 minutes and featured giveaways generously donated by local businesses, contributing to a festive and well-attended event.

SCARECROW ROAD SHOW

The Scarecrow Roadshow returned over the Thanksgiving weekend, with support from the Cultural & Heritage Committee in organizing and judging the many creative entries. Three winners were selected, and the Committee extends thanks to all participants for their enthusiasm, creativity, and community spirit.



2025 Family Day Frostival



2025 Canada Day



NIGHT MARKET

On Saturday, November 29, 2025, the annual Holiday Night Market returned, taking place earlier in the season to align with the Santa Claus Parade hosted by Norwood Legion Branch 300. It was a festive evening of community celebration, and the Township extends its thanks to all who supported the event, including vendors and local businesses that stayed open late, the library for hosting family-friendly activities, and the Fire Department for delivering an impressive fireworks display following the parade.

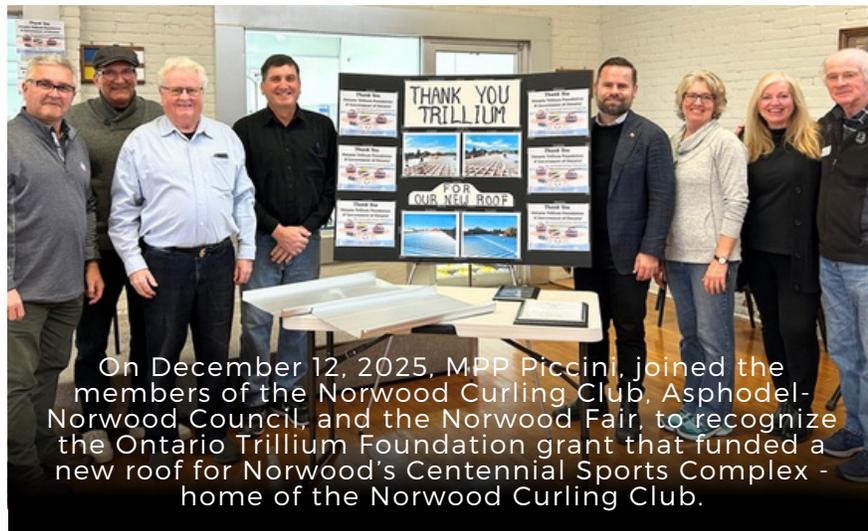


2025 Night Market

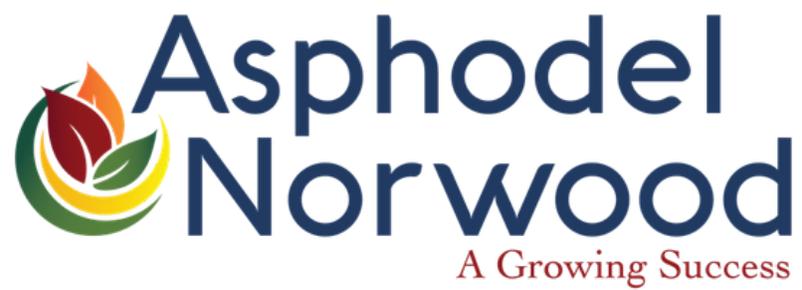
Congratulations



At its October 21, 2025 meeting, Council recognized Mr. Robert Gordon as a recipient of the 2025 Ontario Senior of the Year Award.



On December 12, 2025, MPP Piccini, joined the members of the Norwood Curling Club, Asphodel-Norwood Council, and the Norwood Fair, to recognize the Ontario Trillium Foundation grant that funded a new roof for Norwood's Centennial Sports Complex - home of the Norwood Curling Club.



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