



NEWSLETTER

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Please enjoy the 2025 second quarter newsletter; covering the months of April, May, and June.

In alignment with strategic directive number four of the Township's Strategic Plan, these quarterly newsletters aim to keep our community informed and engaged through timely news and updates.



The Norwood Market launched its first season with two successful markets on May 17 and June 28.

Join us on August 2 and 30 for more market fun - local flavours, live entertainment, and a welcoming community atmosphere!

New Yoga Programs Launched at the Asphodel-Norwood Fitness Centre!

This May, the Township introduced two new yoga programs at the Fitness Centre studio, led by local instructor and Registered Yoga Teacher, Melissa.

Participants enjoyed Gentle Yoga and Vinyasa Flow Yoga classes throughout May and June.





2025 Ice Storm

On March 29-30, 2025, the Township of Asphodel-Norwood was hit by an unprecedented Ice Storm that severely impacted our local infrastructure, daily operations, and essential services. The storm caused significant disruptions, including power outages, communication breakdowns, and transportation challenges, which affected our residents, businesses, and partners.

In response, the Emergency Management Group (EMG) was activated, and a state of emergency was declared. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of all Township departments and partnering agencies, we were able to quickly begin mitigating the storm's effects and restore critical services to the community.

The Township will be submitting a claim for storm-related expenses under the Municipal Ice Storm Assistance (MISA) program. We also encourage local small businesses, small farms, and not-for-profit organizations to apply for assistance through the Business Ice Storm Assistance (BISA) program. This program is designed to help with damages that insurance may not cover. For more information on how to apply, click on the banner below.

The state of emergency was officially lifted on May 26, 2025. Throughout this challenging time, the strength and resilience of our community were evident, as neighbours came together to support one another.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who helped during the recovery effort.

Special recognition goes to:

- Public Works Department
- Fire & Rescue Department
- Water & Wastewater Department
- Community Centre, Parks & Facilities Department
- Walsh Electric
- Norwood Foodland
- Asphodel-Norwood Food Bank
- Hospice Norwood
- Community Care
- Renfrew County
- County of Peterborough
- Hydro One
- J.J. Stewart Motors

**Supporting communities
recovering from the March 2025 ice storm**



2025 Budget



2025 Budget Approvals

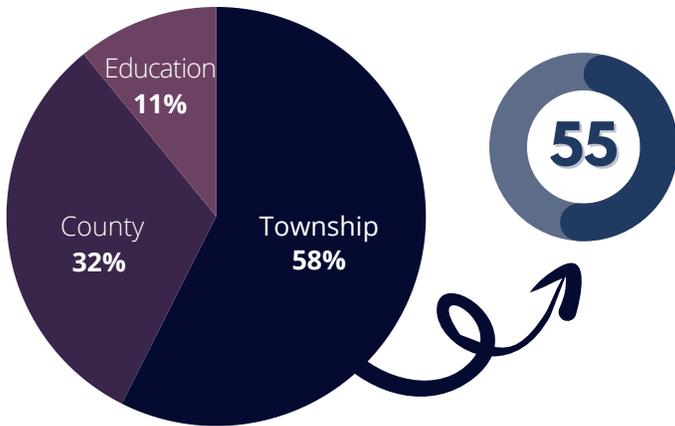
At the regular Council meeting held on April 8, 2025, the Township of Asphodel-Norwood approved the 2025 Municipal Operating and Capital Budget. Earlier, at the January 14, 2025 meeting, Council also adopted the following budgets:

- 2025 Norwood Water and Wastewater Budgets
- 2025 Trentview Estates Distribution System Budget

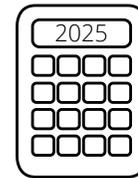


View the Municipal Operating and Capital Budget presentation

WHERE DO YOUR *Tax* DOLLARS GO?



Of the Township's retained portion of your tax dollars, nearly 55% is allocated to essential services such as roads, policing, and fire protection



+ 6.75%



A 6.75% TAX RATE INCREASE IN 2025 EQUATES TO A \$9.63 INCREASE PER MONTH FOR THE AVERAGE HOMEOWNER*

*Based on average assessment of \$227,000.00 Does **not** include increases in the Peterborough County tax rate, Education rate, nor MPAC assessment.

2025 WATER & SEWER *rates*



Water Base Charge per Month (fixed)	\$33.72	2025 Trentview Estates Water Rates	
Water Metered Charge per m ³ (variable)	\$0.85	Pipe Charge per Month	\$6.56
Sewer Base Charge per Month (fixed)	\$42.61	Water Base Charge per Month (fixed)	\$33.17
Sewer Metered Charge per m ³ (variable)	\$1.03	Water Metered Charge per m ³	\$1.40

[View Budget Presentations](#)

Public Skating

This quarter, public skating at the Asphodel-Norwood Community Centre (ANCC) wrapped up with nine fun-filled sessions, including a special Easter-themed skate. Participants showed off their Easter spirit for a chance to win one of two \$5.00 ANCC canteen vouchers!

All nine sessions were made possible thanks to the generosity of Township staff and the following community sponsors:



Norwood
Veterinary
Services



THE LOCAL ADVANTAGE SERIES



The Local Advantage with Peterborough County held a session at the ANCC on April 15th on building a thriving workforce. The event welcomed Unearth Coaching, Trent University Co-Op, and Career Edge.

Additionally, representatives from the County's Economic Development & Tourism team were available for drop-ins.

Economic Development



SALC Announcement

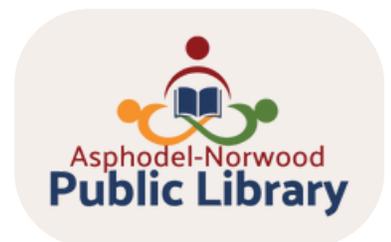


On May 30, 2025, MPP David Piccini, together with the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility, Raymond Cho, announced a new funding initiative: the creation of the Asphodel-Norwood Active Senior Connection Hub. This new Seniors Active Living Centre (SALC) will offer a variety of programs designed to help adults aged 55+ stay connected, active, and healthy.

Stay informed about upcoming events, services, and programs by signing up for updates. Simply click on the ANPL logo below to register to receive email or phone notifications.

Quick Facts

- Ontario is investing \$47,958 in this initiative, to help seniors build social connections, learn new skills, and stay engaged in their community.
- Recent changes to the *Seniors Active Living Centres Act, 2017* now allow municipalities, non-profits, charities, Indigenous groups, Legions, Lions Clubs, and recreational clubs to contribute to the operating costs of SALC programs.



Asphodel Norwood Cultural & Heritage Committee



Cultural & Heritage Committee

Peter Robinson Bicentennial Events

HISTORICAL *Gathering*

 @asphodelnorwoodhistoricalsociety

On April 15th, the Committee hosted a fascinating talk by Cheryl Levy, a graduate of the National Institute for Genealogical Studies, on *New Beginnings: Irish Settlement in Asphodel-Norwood*. Attendees had the opportunity to explore historical maps and a list of settler names. Plus, two lucky participants won free tickets to the play *Crossing Over*, generously donated by Trent Valley Archives.

RESEARCH WEEKEND



The Committee hosted a successful Research Weekend at the Heritage Centre over May 10 - 11th, offering family research assistance. Attendees enjoyed live entertainment, while Robert Gordon and Doris & Terry Stephens were honoured with a commemorative plaque for their years of dedicated volunteer service. A GIS map featuring local points of interest and the names of Asphodel-Norwood settlers is available via the QR code above or at [this link](#).

HOMECOMING *Picnic*

On June 22nd, the Committee hosted a memorable Homecoming Picnic and Concert in the Park. The day began with a sunrise ceremony at 5:30 am, led by Hiawatha First Nation and supported by Westwood United Church. This was followed by a tree and plaque dedication, historical talks, and live entertainment. Special thanks to Nine Ships 1825, ANPL, the Business Advisory Committee, 49th Firewood Supply, Lang Pioneer Village Museum, and the Lions Club.



 : Linda Cardona

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Received the first quarter 2025 departmental update reports



Heard a presentation from PSD Citywide, regarding the [2024 Asset Management Plan](#) and subsequently, approved the Plan for compliance with *O.Reg. 588/17*



Received the annual Management Review and Risk Assessment for the Norwood Drinking Water System and the Trentview Estates Distribution System



Authorized the transfer of the Westwood Cemetery lot to the Township of Asphodel-Norwood



Received the following 2024 Annual Reports:

- Development Charge Summary
- Year-end Financial Variance



Approved the 2024 Annual Building Department Financial Report and use of the Building Department Reserve to cover the operational deficit



Approved the proposed Asphodel-Norwood Community Centre fees for May 1, 2025 - April 30, 2026



Adopted a temporary deviation from the Disbursement of Funds Policy to permit the donation of proceeds from containers returned during April and May 2025 to the Asphodel-Norwood Food Bank Association, in recognition of their vital support during the ice storm



Authorized the installation of a gravel-only entrance on Mill Street and a culvert entrance on Alma Street to provide temporary parking access for agricultural fields during the Norwood Fall Fair



In accordance with *O.Reg. 284/09*, confirmed awareness that future post-closure landfill, future employee benefits, and amortization are not included in the 2025 budget



Supported a Merger Agreement · 4384 Highway 7



Authorized a letter of support for the 100 Acre Classic Bicycle Road Race



Approved the use of telephone and internet voting for the 2026 Municipal Election



Directed staff to allocate reserve funds for the Committees of Council and authorized the creation of a General Committee Reserve



Deemed the 2024 Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV SUV in the Building Department as surplus



Approved the early installation of the ice surface at the Community Centre in time for the Peterborough Petes OHL preseason game on August 31, 2025



Heard an update from the President and Vice President of the ANPL Youth Advisory Group



Received an update on the Digital Radio and Paging System from the Fire Chief



Approved the realignment of the following plans:

- Surface Treatment Plan
- Sidewalk Replacement Plan



Adopted a By-law to remove the Holding Provision from the Zoning By-law Amendment currently in place for the DPH Phase 4 Development



Authorized an agreement between DPH Developments Inc. and Balterre Contracting Limited for the Wellington Street Sanitary Upgrade



Passed a By-law to assume Public Works and Streets within Norwood Park Phase 2



Took part in a road tour of the Township



Approved changes to the Regulation of Traffic and Parking By-law. View [Notice of Passing](#)



Awarded the tender for the 31 King Street Roof Replacement to On Time Roofing



Approved an amendment to the Procurement and Disposal Policy to prioritize locally made and/or locally sold goods and services.