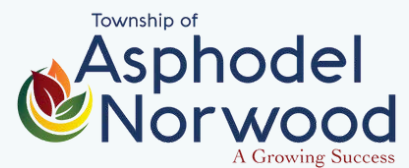


Community Safety and & Well-being (CSWB) Plan

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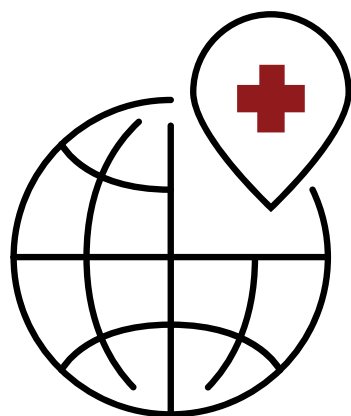


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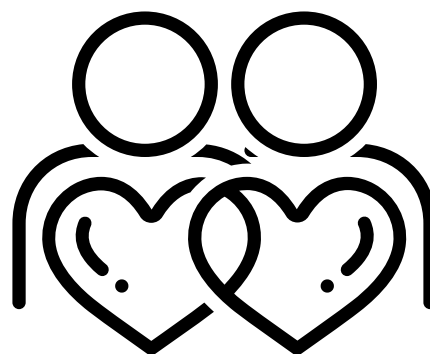
Key Priorities

Based on public consultation, regional data, and advice from the Advisory Committee, the following four key priority areas were identified:

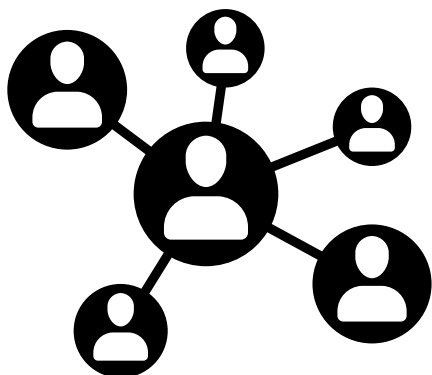
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Our Priorities

Access to Health



Goal

Improve access to mental and physical health supports.

Supporting Actions to-date

- Regularly collaborate with the County of Peterborough's Healthcare Advancement Coordinator to discuss ongoing community support.
- A new medical centre in Norwood opened in March 2024, with three Full Time Equivalent (FTE) doctors recruited. One FTE has already begun working, another will start in Fall 2024, and the third is scheduled to begin in Summer 2025.
- Engages with staff from the Family Health Team as needed.
- Sent correspondence to Trent University and Fleming College to explore potential improvements in local transportation services to Peterborough aimed at benefiting all residents, not just students.
- Provided space in the old medical centre (31 King St building) to Peterborough Children & Family Centres and Community Care to support community programming. Additionally, allocated space at the municipal office for Peterborough County Hubs, enabling them to provide services and outreach to rural and remote communities.
- Working towards adopting a Master Recreation Plan by 2025/26 to prioritize physical health initiatives and programs.
- Implemented 24/7 access to the new Fitness Centre to accommodate the diverse schedules of community members, ensuring broader access to health and wellness opportunities.
- Continued promotion and support of the Canadian Mental Health Association:
 - Mobile Crisis Response Team; and
 - "The Road Ahead" Mobile Wellness Clinic

Our Priorities

Community Belonging



Goal

Enhance community engagement and sense of connection.

Supporting Actions to-date

- Council approved a new Public Consultation Strategy in September 2024, aimed at improving consistent community engagement and transparency.
- Launched the Lunch & Learn seminar series in 2023, initially as a pilot program, covering important topics such as Fraud Prevention, Community Programs & Services, and Highway & Winter Driving Safety.
- Expanded the Lunch & Learn program in March 2024 to include the Community Connections newsletter, designed to keep seniors and their supporters informed. This expansion was supported by the New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP), a federal initiative focused on improving the lives of seniors through enhanced community engagement, mentorship, elder abuse awareness, and social inclusion. Topics for March 2024 - March 2025 include:
 - March: Fire Prevention
 - April: Community Care - Fall Prevention
 - May: Peterborough Community Paramedic Program & Hospice Norwood
 - June: Age-Friendly Peterborough - Connecting to Programs & Services
 - August: Jill Carty Designs - Decorating for Fall
 - September: Elder Abuse Prevention Ontario
 - October: Peterborough Public Health - Air Quality at Home
 - November: Canadian Mental Health Association & the Mobile Crisis Unit
 - January: Fraud Prevention
 - February: To be confirmed
 - March: Donna Bennett from Westben
- Promoted community volunteerism by actively encouraging participation in Council-appointed Boards and Committees, fostering greater community involvement and leadership.

Our Priorities

Community Supports



Goal Improve access to community support services and programs.

Supporting Actions to-date

- The Community Program Coordinator actively promotes services and seeks opportunities to enhance community awareness, ensuring residents are informed about available resources.
- The library remains dedicated to providing access to and supporting a wide range of services and programs that meet the diverse needs of the community.
- Contributed to the development of the new Joint Police Services Board (PSB) for the Peterborough OPP Detachment, strengthening local law enforcement partnerships.
- Ongoing support for community events through the promotion and management of the Township's Website Calendar, ensuring increased visibility and participation.
- Fostering long-term relationships with community partners and organizations through continued collaboration and engagement.
- An updated Accessibility Plan is expected to be adopted in Fall 2024, ensuring continued progress toward a more inclusive community.
- Ongoing support for the Asphodel-Norwood Ministerial Food Bank Association, including the Township's annual Load the Loader event each December, which helps provide food and essentials to families in need during the holiday season.
- Continued support for the Transfer Station Deposit Return Program, which helps provide gifts and necessities to local families in need over the holidays.

Our Priorities

Housing Security



Goal

Increase access to affordable, safe, and adequate housing.

Supporting Actions to-date

- Collaborate with community partners to support the vision outlined in the Peterborough Housing and Homelessness Plan (2019), ensuring alignment with broader regional goals.
- Engage regularly with developers interested in the Township, advocating for diverse and innovative housing solutions to meet the evolving needs of the community.
- Work proactively to remove municipal barriers that may hinder responsible growth, ensuring the Township is a welcoming environment for sustainable development.
- Support and promote the County of Peterborough's tax relief programs for seniors and low-income individuals with disabilities, ensuring these vulnerable groups have access to essential financial assistance.
- Advocate for water infrastructure funding to support growth and development. After an unsuccessful application in the first round of HEWSF funding, a second-round application has been submitted, with results expected in early 2025.
- Collaborate with the County and City of Peterborough on the continued implementation of the 10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan, working towards effective solutions for housing challenges across the region.



99 Building Permits issued to-date in 2024, of which, **7** have been secondary dwelling unit permits

Recap

The 2022 CSWB Plan includes the preparation of an annual impact report for each Township, designed to highlight accomplishments and track progress in key priority areas.

This report has been prepared for the Council of Asphodel-Norwood and will be made publicly available on the Township's website for the benefit of community members and stakeholders. Given that each Township has unique timelines and priorities, this report is a dynamic and evolving document. While significant progress has been made, there remains important and ongoing work to be done.



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