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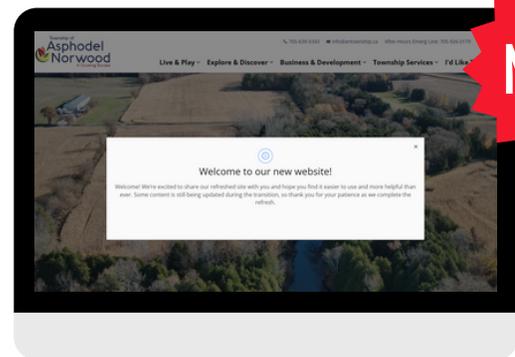
Please enjoy the 2025 third quarter newsletter; covering the months of July, August, and September.

In alignment with strategic directive number four of the Township's Strategic Plan, this quarterly newsletter endeavours to engage citizens with news and updates.

Website Upgrade

Our municipal website, www.antownship.ca, has a new and refreshed look! The migration from the previous, unsupported platform is now complete.

Some content is still being updated during the transition, and we appreciate your patience as we finalize the improvements.



AMO Conference 2025

Mayor Wilford and CBO/Planning Coordinator, Ed Whitmore, attended the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference from August 17-20, 2025.

The Township was fortunate to secure delegation meetings with both the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) to advocate for the municipality on several ongoing issues.





Canada Day 2025

On July 1, 2025, the Township of Asphodel-Norwood kicked off Canada Day with a FREE community pancake breakfast from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

New this year - door prize draws were held every 30 minutes, featuring giveaways from generous local businesses, plus a grand prize draw at 11:00 a.m. sponsored by Papa's Pizzaland Norwood!

The Township of Asphodel-Norwood extends a heartfelt *Thanks* to the Special Events Committee for organizing such a wonderful community event, and to our dedicated volunteers, MP Emma Harrison, and all those who contributed prizes, time, and support.



Congratulations to: Bonnie W., winner of the grand prize - a \$100 gift certificate to Papa's Pizzaland, along with Canada Day supplies and a lawn bowling game!





The inaugural **Norwood Market**, 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, concluded on August 30, 2025.

The Business Advisory Committee thanks everyone for their support, and continues to work hard behind the scenes to evaluate this year's market, incorporating the lessons learned in the inaugural year to guide planning for future market events.

Congratulations



2025 MUNICIPAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Council was delighted to award the second recipient of the Municipal Scholarship Program at its regular meeting held on Tuesday, July 22, 2025.

Tanner Beavis was awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship to support his educational journey.

The Municipal Scholarship Program reflects Council's commitment to invest in the youth of our community and support Norwood District Intermediate & High School (NDIHS) students.

Congratulations, Tanner!



Thank You

Asphodel-Norwood Fire & Rescue Department extends its sincere appreciation to the Norwood Legion Branch 300 for their generous donation! The Legion's support helped the department purchase new bunker gear for our dedicated volunteer firefighters!



📷: Norwood Minor Hockey



📷: Peterborough Petes



On Sunday, September 7, 2025, Norwood Minor Hockey proudly hosted another OHL Pre-Season Game at the Asphodel-Norwood Community Centre.

The matchup featured the Peterborough Petes taking on the Kingston Frontenacs, with the Frontenacs edging out a 3-2 victory. This exciting event also served as a fundraiser in support of Norwood Minor Hockey.



British Home Child Day

Council proclaimed September 28, 2025 as British Home Child Day in the Township of Asphodel-Norwood, inviting folks to take part in remembrance by leaving a porch light on, and/or placing a sunflower on the grave of a British Home Child in a local cemetery.



Background: From 1869 to 1948, over 100,000 children were sent from the United Kingdom to Canada to work as farm labourers and domestics. While many were believed to be orphans, their story is not well known. Today, the British Home Children are recognized as an integral part of our history and rightfully honoured as Canada's Nation Builders.



📷: Peterborough County Tourism @TheKawarthas



The Township was thrilled to be featured in the "Road Tripping in The Kawarthas" Series!



"Asphodel-Norwood is a very strong agricultural community that is also growing and very welcoming," says Asphodel-Norwood Mayor Patrick Wilford, who has lived in the Township for his entire 63 years. "Everybody always says hello."

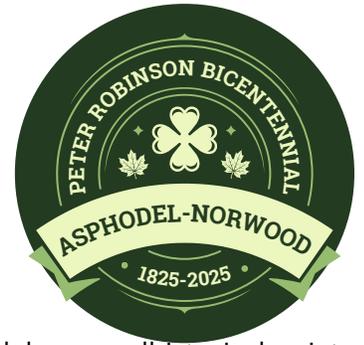
Read Megan Gallant's kawarthaNOW.com story, Keep It In The Kawarthas - Road Tripping in The Kawarthas: Antiques and agritourism await in Asphodel-Norwood by clicking on the right-hand image.

Asphodel Norwood Cultural & Heritage Committee

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Peter Robinson Bicentennial Events

HISTORICAL *Gathering*



 @asphodelnorwoodhistoricalsociety

On September 16th, the Committee hosted a free historical talk at the Town Hall celebrating stories, songs, and superstitions. The evening featured three engaging segments:

- Nick van der Graf opened the event with *The Backwoodsman*, a short film tracing the roots of an Ontario folk song and the truths it still echoes today.
- Betty Bennett, local storyteller, brought history to life as Catherine “Kitty” Fitzpatrick, a legendary Asphodel-Norwood figure whose extraordinary life spanned more than a century.
- To close the evening, Jeff Dornan, newspaper writer and historian, explored the eerie and fascinating world of Old World superstitions that found new life in Ontario’s backwoods.

Fire Ban

Due to extremely dry weather conditions, a complete fire ban was in effect from July 25 - August 28, 2025 in the Township of Asphodel-Norwood.

Reminder: Fire Danger Ratings are posted at antownship.ca/fire



Outdoor Water Restrictions

Dry conditions prompted Level 2 water restrictions on July 29 for village of Norwood residents. The **Outdoor Water Use By-law** (in effect July 1–Sept 30) allows watering only 7–9 AM and 7–9 PM, based on street address.

Congratulations



E-O-E-T-A
Eastern Ontario Emergency Training Academy

Congratulations to the Asphodel-Norwood recruits, along with all members of the 2025 graduating class, on their graduation from the Eastern Ontario Emergency Training Academy.

The graduation ceremony, held on September 21, 2025, at the Academy in Norwood, celebrated the recruits’ hard work, dedication, and commitment to serving their communities.

In the 3rd Quarter of 2025, Council:



Received the departmental reports for the second quarter of 2025



Received the Waste Diversion Report compiled by Peterborough County. In 2024, the Township saw a modest population increase of 2%, while also achieving an improvement in the waste diversion rate - rising from 51% in 2023 to 54% in 2024



Accepted the inspection results for the Norwood Drinking Water System and Trentview Estates Distribution System conducted by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks



Accepted the 2026 Municipal Operating & Capital Budget and the 2026 Water, Wastewater & Trentview Estates Budget presentation schedule



Declared 1203 Asphodel 7th Line surplus and directed staff to obtain a land appraisal and survey to create five lots



Approved the street names for HBNG (Norwood) Developments Inc. Phase 1:

- Street 'A' – Grover St.
- Street 'B' – Whispering Pines Cres.
- Street 'C' – Stonehaven St.
- Street 'D' – Cuthbertson Cres.
- Street 'E' – Taraley Lane



Endorsed an updated Use of Corporate Resources for Elections Policy



Adopted an updated Cemetery By-law following approval from the Bereavement Authority of Ontario



Accepted a report on Special Events Committee mandate enhancements and adopted staff recommendations for future Township events



Received confirmation that Circular Materials will discontinue depot recycling services at the Norwood Transfer Station in 2026



Heard a delegation requesting a review of the 60 km/h speed limit on County Road 45 at Mount Carmel Cemetery Road due to traffic concerns in the residential area



Authorized Asphodel-Norwood Fire & Rescue to participate in the Cree Nation Mentorship Program, offering members of the Cree Nation the opportunity to be mentored by an Ontario fire service



Authorized an agreement with DPH Developments Inc. and Balterre Contracting Ltd for External Works Upgrades on Albine St.



Supported staff in exploring the feasibility of a secondary service road to the Transfer Station/Landfill site as part of the closure project



Elected to take no further action on the development of a dog park at this time



Endorsed an agreement with Drain Brothers Excavating for a temporary easement across the unopened Asphodel 6th Line road allowance to connect two aggregate properties between Sand Road and Highway 7



Received a presentation from the Emergency Management Group and accepted the completed Master Fire Plan, directing staff to develop an implementation process that reflects current economic conditions for future Council consideration

Planning Applications

In the 3rd Quarter of 2025, Council:

- Supported Zoning By-law Amendment Application ZBLA-01-2025 · 2273 North Asphodel 6th Line; and
- Considered Zoning By-law Amendment Application ZBLA-02-2025 · 1203 Asphodel 7th Line (McCarthy's Point Park)