

Please enjoy our 2023 fourth quarter newsletter, covering the months of October, November, and December.

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

Public Skating

The Community Centre released its 2023-2024 public skating schedule:

www.antownship.ca/publicskating

which includes Adult, Parent & Tot, and Themed skate dates/times, as well as Sponsorship opportunities!

As a sponsor, you can increase your community exposure while promoting recreation, physical fitness, and family fun!



Over 170 pumpkins lined the path around the Community Centre park on November 1, 2023 for our annual **Pumpkin Parade**. Following the event, the pumpkins were delivered to local farmers.



Sponsor a Public Skate

705-639-2342

recreation@antownship.ca

Themed Public Skating

Themed public skating continued this quarter with the incentive for participants to win one of two \$5 ANCC canteen vendor vouchers.



SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

Superhero skate winners



OCTOBER 28, 2023

Halloween skate winners



December 23, 2023

Christmas Sweater skate



Senior LUNCH & LEARN

The Township hosted a FREE two-part Lunch & Learn series on tips and tricks for:

- Senior Driving | October 23, 2023
- Winter Driving | November 20, 2023

Special thanks Jody Benson, Driving Instructor, with Kawartha Driver Training and OPP Constable Daniel Gay for their presentations and continued community support.

THANK YOU DR. KEOGH

Happy Retirement

The community celebrated Dr. Keogh's upcoming retirement with an open house on Sunday December 10, 2023 at the Town Hall.

The event was a resounding success with overwhelming support for Dr. Keogh and his 35 years of dedicated service. Special thanks to the event organizers for their hard work and dedication!

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Keogh on his retirement and wishing him all the best in the next chapter.



MURDER MYSTERY



The Roaring 20's hit Asphodel-Norwood in a big way on Friday October 27, 2023!

Warm thanks to everyone who supported the Murder Mystery event. Staff, Council, and talented community members had the most fun surprising attendees with a whodunnit show, while raising funds for the NEW medical centre!

APPROX.
\$10,000
raised

To learn more about the Sponsorship opportunities available for the new medical centre, please refer to antownship.ca/healthcare

WARDEN FOR A DAY

Congratulations to **Gwenevere Davidson**, who was welcomed as Peterborough County's Warden for Day at County Council on November 22, 2023. Gwenevere is an honour roll student at **Norwood District High School**.

“Peterborough County is a proud community where people can come together to support one another.”
—Gwenevere Davidson —”



CAO DEPARTURE

CAO/Clerk/Treasurer, Candice White, announced her departure effective November 24, 2023 having accepted a new position as the CAO for the Municipality of Port Hope. Please join us in extending our sincere congratulations and best wishes to Candice in her new role.

“It truly has been an honour and a privilege to work side by side with the incredibly talented staff and dedicated Council members over the past nine years. I am immensely proud of the successes I have been a part of and I am confident that Asphodel-Norwood will continue to thrive in the years to come. This community will forever hold a special place in my heart.”
—Candice White —”



Load the Loader



Time and time again our community comes together to support each other and our annual **Load the Loader** event is a shining example of Asphodel-Norwood's generous spirit!

Many thanks to our Public Works department for collecting food donations on the evening of Tuesday December 5, 2023 in various locations throughout the Township; and thank YOU for the generous donations (including \$120 in cash) to the Asphodel-Norwood Ministerial Food Bank!

Water Standpipe

- In December of 2020 the Township initiated a Municipal Schedule "B" Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to provide treated water storage options for the Village of Norwood for the next 20+ years
- The EA process was completed in February of 2022 with a recommended solution to construct a larger standpipe (approx. 2,300 m³ additional capacity) with an increased hydraulic grade line of approximately 13 m at the location of the current standpipe
- Township staff applied for funding support through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Green stream, strongly advocating for the project with both the provincial and federal levels of governments, and were successful with the application
- Greer Galloway was awarded the RFP for Professional Engineering Services; and Greterio was awarded the project tender for supply and install
- Construction commenced August 2023



The anticipated project completion date is late January 2024 with final grading/topsoil/seeding to be completed in the spring once the existing standpipe is removed



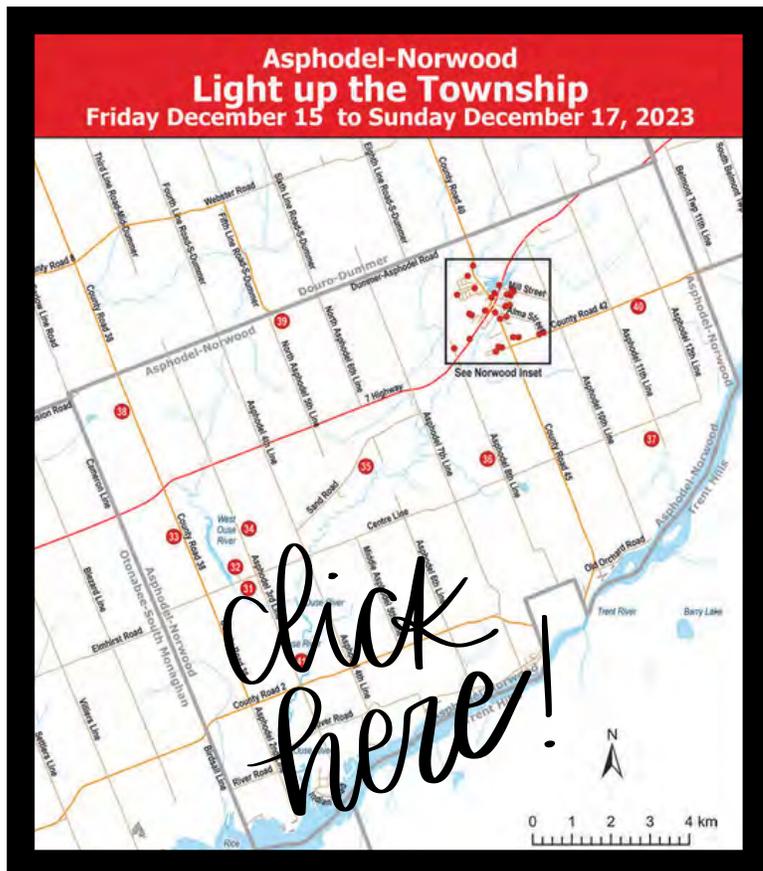
2023 Light up the Township

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our annual Light up the Township event, we loved seeing your decorations and light displays!

Congratulations to **Adam & Charlotte V.**,

pictured above, winners of the Local Holiday Bundle which consisted of a:

- A Seasonal Welcome Sign;
- An Ornament;
- Christmas Light Cookies; and
- Hot Chocolate Bombs from these local shops



FAN FAVOURITE

Congratulations to **Viji V.**, who received the most votes & a \$100 gift card to a local business of their choice as the 2023 Light up the Township Fan Favourite!





Shop Home for the Holidays

NIGHT MARKET

We are so thankful to our wonderful community for supporting the 3rd annual Shop Home for the Holidays Night Market held Saturday December 16, 2023. Over 600 people visited the market and enjoyed the festivities!

A big **thanks** to the local businesses, pop-up vendors, and the Asphodel-Norwood Public Library for participating and making this much anticipated event such a success!

A special thanks to the Special Events Committee and the Asphodel-Norwood Fire & Rescue (ANFR) Department for providing the campfires in front of the Town Hall, the Norwood Swans and the Norwood Lions for generously donating and serving hot chocolate, and to the Asphodel-Norwood Public Works and Parks & Recreation staff for their assistance with the event!

Due to ongoing construction of the new standpipe (water tower), ANFR was unable to light fireworks at the market this year. After the standpipe project is complete, an assessment of the area will be conducted to determine if fireworks can safely return to the market festivities in 2024.

Congratulations to our Event Contest Winner, Shannon B!
#ANHolidayNightMarket



2024 Budget



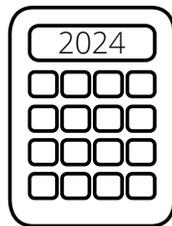
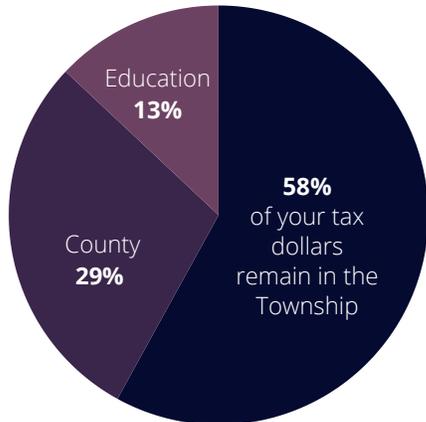
At its regular/public meeting held November 14, 2023, the Council of the Township of Asphodel-Norwood adopted the 2024 municipal budgets:

- 2024 Municipal Operating and Capital Budget;
- 2024 Norwood Water and Wastewater Budget; and the
- 2024 Trentview Estates Distribution System Budget.



Click here to view the Budget presentation material

WHERE DO YOUR *Tax* DOLLARS GO?



+ 3.92%



Of the retained Township amount, nearly 60% is allocated to roads, policing, and fire services



A 3.92% TAX RATE INCREASE IN 2024 EQUATES TO A \$5.98 INCREASE PER MONTH FOR THE AVERAGE HOMEOWNER*

*Based on average assessment of \$227,000. Does **not** include increases in the Peterborough County tax rate, education rate, nor MPAC assessment.

2024 WATER & SEWER *rates*



Water Base Charge per Month (fixed)	\$30.96	2024 Trentview Estates Water Rates	
Water Metered Charge per Cubic Meter (variable)	\$0.78	Pipe Charge per Month	\$6.17
Sewer Base Charge per Month (fixed)	\$37.12	Water Base Charge per Month (fixed)	\$28.04
Sewer Metered Charge per Cubic Meter (variable)	\$0.90	Water Metered Charge per Cubic Meter	\$1.35

Effective: February-March 2024 Billing Cycle

Spotlight on Council

In the 4th Quarter, Council considered and/or made the following decisions:



Received 2023 3rd Quarter departmental reports



Awarded the tender for a 2023 Natural Gas Automatic Standby Generator at the Public Works building to Bernie Walsh Electric Inc.



Set the 2024 Council meeting schedule and Township Office closure dates



Approved a 3.5% Consumer Price Index increase pursuant to the Councillor Remuneration By-law



Executed a Lease Amendment Agreement with the County of Peterborough for the Norwood Paramedics Base



Approved the 2024-2028 Bridge, Culvert and Dam Plan. See **Municipal Plans** to view the five-year plan



Received an update on the Standpipe (water tower) Replacement project utilizing Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) - Green Funding



Received draft 2024 Budget proposals for the following departments:

- Parks
- Police & Conservation Authority
- Norwood Water
- Norwood Wastewater



Authorized the release of draft community entrance sign designs for public consideration



Approved the 2022 Consolidated Financial Statements for the Township of Asphodel-Norwood as prepared by independent auditing firm, Baker Tilly



Executed a Pre-Servicing Agreement with DPH Developments Inc. for Norwood Park Phase 4



Approved the assumption of Norwood Park Phase 1 infrastructure as a municipal asset with the passing of By-law 2023-58



Executed a Lease Agreement with 1000235902 Ontario Inc. for 4,028 square feet within the Trillium Medical Campus building located at 17 Spruce Street for a term of 25 years



Declared the 2003 John Deere 310SG Loader Backhoe and its attachments as municipal surplus equipment for disposal



Awarded the tender for a 2023 AWD SUV Electric Vehicle (for Building & Planning department use) to J.J. Stewart Motors



Approved the 2024 Municipal Insurance Renewal proposal through Marsh Canada Limited



Entered into a Fire Communications Services Agreement with the City of Peterborough Fire Department



Extended the curbside waste collection contract with Waste Connections of Canada Inc. for an additional year



Entered into an agreement with Circular Materials to provide collection services of recyclables

Planning Applications

In the 4th Quarter, Council supported the following Zoning By-law Amendment (ZBLA) and Consent Applications:

- ZBLA-02-2023 · 2233 Asphodel 3rd Line
- ZBLA-04-2023 · 2036 Asphodel 3rd Line
- ZBLA-05-2023 · 2523 North Asphodel 6th Line
- ZBLA-06-2023 · 2249 Asphodel 10th Line
- Consent Application B-91-23 · Con 9, Pt Lot 16 and 17
- Consent Application B-92-23 · Con 9, Pt Lot 17 and 18

 www.antownship.ca/planningnotices

Be sure to **Subscribe to Receive Emails** on this web page for updates on Planning Applications and Notices in the Township of Asphodel-Norwood.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANPL EVENTS

#morethanjustbooks

ASPHODEL NORWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY
www.anpl.org NORWOOD WESTWOOD



Together Stitching

Every 2nd and 4th Thursday at the Westwood Branch at 10:30 a.m. Beginner to advanced knitters and crocheters welcome



Feel Good Fridays

Starting Friday January 5, 2024 join the ANPL Fridays at 10:30 a.m. at the Town Hall for movement, laughter, and community



Story Times

- Stories & More with Ms. Trish on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. (Norwood)
- PJ Story Time on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. (Westwood)

LUNCH & LEARN SEMINARS

Time: 12:00 pm | Location: Town Hall
Register by the Thursday prior



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January 29 | Fraud Prevention

OPP Constable Daniel Gay will return to discuss new information on Fraud Prevention



February 26 | Your Library

Join Librarian Trish to learn about the many services and programs available at ANPL to meet the needs of our community



March 25 | Fire & Fire Prevention

Join Asphodel-Norwood Fire and Rescue to learn more about the fire department and fire prevention

FAMILY DAY FROSTIVAL

Save
the
Date

Monday February 19, 2024

Promotional details to follow.

