

Please enjoy the 2025 first quarter newsletter; covering the months of January, February, and March.

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.

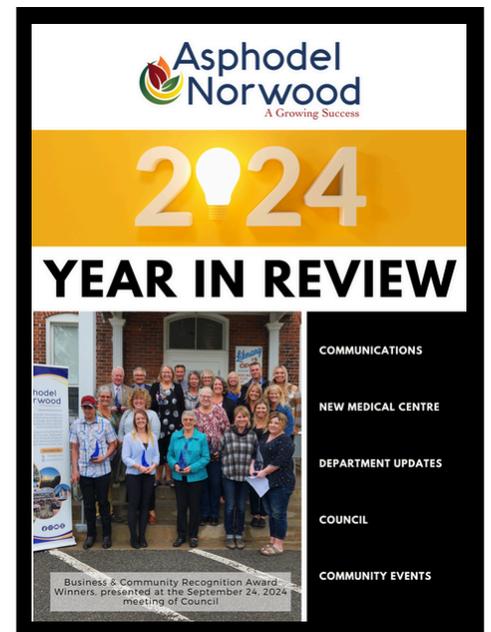
Norwood Market

The Asphodel-Norwood Business Advisory Committee announced the launch of the pilot Norwood Market this summer.

The market is set to be held at 42 Victoria Street (the former Begg Fuels parking lot), and will take place on four Saturdays throughout the summer, coinciding with long weekends to encourage community participation and local shopping.

YEAR IN Review

The Township released the 2024 Year in Review, sharing its annual recap of the year's accomplishments, important projects, and the services that have made a difference in our community.





LUNCH & Learning



The Township hosted three FREE Lunch & Learn seminars this quarter:

- January 27, 2025 | Fraud Prevention
- February 24, 2025 | Handling Emergency Situations
- March 24, 2025 | Story of Westben



This quarter marked the conclusion of the Lunch and Learn program, supported in part by the federal New Horizons for Seniors Program. Looking ahead, additional programming for seniors will be offered in partnership with the Asphodel-Norwood Public Library - stay tuned for updates! Special thanks to OPP Constable Daniel Gay, Greg Stokes (Crime Stoppers), Jody Benson (Kawartha Driver Training), and Donna Bennett (Westben) for their informative presentations and continued support of our community.



THE LOCAL ADVANTAGE SERIES WITH PETERBOROUGH COUNTY



The inaugural Local Advantage with Peterborough County was held at the ANCC on January 21st. The event welcomed key representatives from the County's Economic Development & Tourism team, the Peterborough-Kawartha Chamber of Commerce, Community Futures, the Business Advisory Centre, and Innovation Cluster. A second session followed on February 18th, and the Township looks forward to continuing this valuable initiative.

Public Skating



This quarter, the Asphodel-Norwood Community Centre (ANCC) hosted 19 public skating sessions, including a special St. Patrick's Day themed skate where participants had the chance to win one of two \$5.00 ANCC canteen vouchers for dressing in green! Of these sessions, 15 were generously sponsored by the following supporters:



JASON BEGG



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WEARPARTS LTD.



FRIENDLY TOWN
CAR WASH



Saunders
Tree Service



Christina Garden and Dalton Charlebois, Re/Max Eastern Sales Representatives

Cultural & Heritage Committee



On March 18th, a flag-raising ceremony was held in honour of the 200th anniversary of the arrival of the Peter Robinson settlers in our area. This meaningful occasion was made even more special by the participation of three families - descendants of those brave settlers - who assisted in raising the commemorative flag. Later that day, the Committee hosted a Historical Gathering at the Town Hall. The event featured a performance by talented local fiddle player Jacqueline Doyle and a presentation by Mary English-Cooper, author of *The Peter Robinson Experiment*.

This celebration marked the beginning of a year-long series of events recognizing the bicentennial of the Peter Robinson settlement.

A bit of history:

In the spring 1825, 32 determined Irish families set sail from their homeland, embarking on a long and challenging journey toward a new life in Asphodel-Norwood, they helped lay the foundation for the vibrant community we know today.

Family Day 2025



THANK YOU to everyone who attended our 2025 Family Day Frostival on Monday, February 17th and helped make this annual event such a success!

Many *thanks* to all of the people and organizations that supported the event, including:

- Earl Cochrane and Team for the delightful horse and wagon rides;
- Our student volunteers for bringing their artistic touch with face painting;
- Queen Bees, Norwood District Minor Sports U7/8, and Norwood District Minor Sports U9/11 players for their enthusiastic participation in the on-ice tournaments;
- Asphodel-Norwood Public Library for sharing library programs and organizing a fantastic colouring contest;
- Norwood Lions Club for serving delicious hot dogs in the Millennium Room;
- Archer Bulk Carriers for the yummy chocolate milk;
- Papas Pizzaland Norwood for their generous door prize donation;
- Township staff for their participation in the Township Cup; and
- All of our wonderful community partners for their valuable contributions in the Millennium Room and Town Hall:
 - Peterborough Minor Ball Hockey League
 - Norwood Pentecostal Church
 - Norwood & District Horticultural Society
 - Community Care Norwood
 - Peterborough Child & Family Centres.



Special **thanks** to Special Events Committee, Council, Staff, and all the incredible community members and volunteers that helped make this event possible!

Congratulations to Izzie C., the winner of the \$100 Gift Certificate to Papa's Pizzaland Norwood!



Spotlight on Council · Q1 2025

-  Received the fourth quarter 2024 departmental update reports
-  Awarded Request for Proposal (RFP) 2024-04 for a Master Fire Plan to Emergency Management Group
-  Heard an update from the Public Works on Capital projects
-  Instructed staff to work collaboratively with Peterborough County on garbage and organics collection
-  Approved an updated price list for the Norwood-Asphodel Cemetery
-  Directed staff to send correspondence to Peterborough County Council requesting the installation of a stop sign at County Rd 40 and Ridge St
-  Deemed a list of Fire Department equipment as surplus in accordance with the Township's Procurement and Disposal of Assets Policy
-  Received Schedule 22 and Section 11 Summary Reports for the Norwood Drinking Water System and the Trentview Estates Distribution System

-  Proclaimed the year 2025 as the Peter Robinson Bicentennial year in the Township of Asphodel-Norwood
-  Received a delegation from the Norwood Lions Club, requesting financial support for the Town Hall bar area expansion
-  Approved the following policies:
 - Volunteer Policy
 - Sandbag Policy
-  Authorized PSD Citywide to prepare the next iteration of the Township's Water Financial Plan
-  Acknowledged and accepted a statement of Council remuneration and expenses paid in 2024
-  Received the 2024 Norwood Wastewater Treatment Plant report
-  Approved the extension of the ice rental season at the Community Centre until May 10, 2025
-  Awarded the 2025 Gravel Crushing tender to Drain Bros. Excavating Ltd.
-  Heard a report outlining the prioritized ditching projects for completion by Public Works

Planning Applications

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In the 1st Quarter, Council supported the following applications:

- Consent Applications B-97-24 & B-98-24 · 1325 Asphodel 6th Line
- Zoning By-law Amendment ZBLA-03-24 · Concession 9, Part Lots 17 and 18
- Zoning By-law Amendment ZBLA-04-24 · 2187 County Road 45
- Zoning By-law Amendment ZBLA-05-24 · Concession 7, Part Lot 7

2025 Budgets

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-  Council adopted the 2025 Utilities Budgets, effective February 1, 2025, at its January 14, 2025 meeting.



View the 2025 Norwood Water, Wastewater, and Trentview Estates (TVE) Budget presentations

antownship.ca/utility-rates

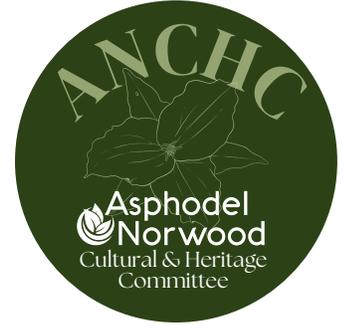
-  Council convened special meetings to review the draft departmental budgets on the following dates, with the final adoption of the 2025 municipal operating and capital budget scheduled for April 8, 2025:

- February 7, 2025
- February 21, 2025
- March 5, 2025
- March 28, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS



RESEARCH WEEKEND



10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Heritage Centre · 1818 Asphodel 3rd Line, Westwood

- Self-driving tour maps
- Displays featuring Irish Heritage
- Assistance with family research
- Geographic Information System (GIS) map with local points of interest, including location and names of Asphodel-Norwood settlers
- Entertainment



HOMECOMING Picnic



11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Asphodel-Norwood Public Library · Westwood Branch
312 Centre Line, Westwood

- Live Music
- Family Crafts & Games
- Sunrise Ceremony
- Artisan Market
- Historical Talk
- Tree Dedication & more!



CANADA DAY

Gave the Date

More details to come, but be sure to kick off your celebrations with us at the Town Hall for a FREE pancake breakfast to fuel up for the festivities ahead!