

Proclamation

Peter Robinson Bicentennial 2025

WHEREAS, in the spring of 1825, 32 determined Irish families set sail from their homeland, embarking on a long and challenging journey toward a new life in Asphodel-Norwood; and

WHEREAS, these settlers, known as the Peter Robinson immigrants, played a significant role in the shaping of our community, contributing to its growth, culture, and heritage; and

WHEREAS, 2025 marks the 200th anniversary of this historic migration, and it is fitting that we honour the enduring legacy of the Peter Robinson settlers; and

WHEREAS, the Asphodel-Norwood Cultural and Heritage Committee will host a series of events throughout the year to commemorate the Peter Robinson Bicentennial, providing an opportunity for reflection, education, and celebration of this important chapter in our history; and

WHEREAS, the Peter Robinson Bicentennial offers all residents an opportunity to learn about, appreciate, and celebrate the contributions of those who helped build the foundation of our community, and to reflect on the spirit of resilience, hope, and determination that guided them to this new land; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Asphodel-Norwood hereby proclaims the year 2025 as the **Peter Robinson Bicentennial Year** and call upon all residents to join in the commemoration of this historic event, beginning with a series of events to kick off on March 18, 2025.

Patrick Willord, Mayor