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2023 YEAR IN REVIEW | COMMUNICATIONS

UPDATE

In alignment with Strategic Plan directives, the Township continued to seek out citizen engagement opportunities, including maintaining its website, mobile app, and an active social media presence, as well as utilizing direct mail campaigns, regular newspaper ads, and community boards.

facebook

395 new page likes
49,752 page visits
131,129 total reach

Instagram

120 new followers
2,078 profile visits
2,341 total reach

102

news releases posted on the Township website
www.antownship.ca/news

www.antownship.ca

771

community events were shared on the Community Calendar
www.antownship.ca/events

Public Opinion Surveys

Offered **six** opportunities for public comment via survey, generating **758** total responses

Community Press Newspaper

Produced over **52** weekly newspaper ads and utilized direct-mail opportunities

Community Bulletin Boards

Updated the **six** community boards throughout the Township with current news and events

Mobile App & Quarterly e-Newsletters

Engaged users of the mobile app and published **four** e-Newsletters and the annual Year in Review

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2023 YEAR IN REVIEW | ADMINISTRATION

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

23 marriage licences issued

23 documents commissioned

102 tax certificates prepared

28 lottery licences issued

IT coordinator welcomed to the team (shared position with the Township of Douro-Dummer)

2024 BUDGET

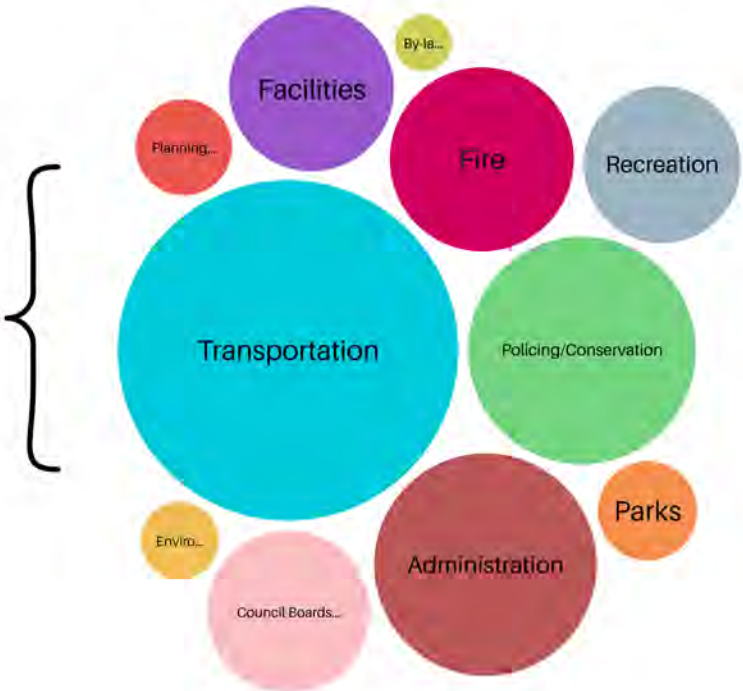
3.92 % Tax Rate Increase

Council approved and adopted the 2024 Budget on November 14, 2023. A 3.92% Township Tax Rate increase equates to a $5.38 increase per month for the average homeowner. *

*Based on average assessment of $227,000. Does **not** include increases in the Peterborough County tax rate (2024 County tax rate increase **5.69%**), Education rate, nor MPAC assessment.

HOW *tax* YOUR DOLLARS GET USED

Township	58%
County	29%
Education	13%



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2023 YEAR IN REVIEW | PUBLIC WORKS & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

25 events responded to over the 2023/2024 winter season

23,000 cubic yards of gravel produced

$3,833.00

Donated back into the community at Christmas through the Liquor, Wine, and Beer Container Diversion program

New 2023 Cat 420 Loader **Backhoe** added to the fleet, and a new back-up **generator** purchased for the Public Works facility

Welcomed a **Supervisor of Operations** to the department

CURBSIDE COLLECTION

451.2 tonnes of waste material

259.0 tonnes of blue box material

22.1 tonnes of leaf and yard waste
-Peterborough County

TRANSFER STATION COLLECTION

126.6 tonnes of waste

28.7 tonnes of textiles

11.4 tonnes of scrap metal

42.1 tonnes of construction and demolition

7.7 tonnes of tires

2.49 tonnes of appliances

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2023 YEAR IN REVIEW | WATER & WASTEWATER

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

266,207.3 m^3

Treated Water produced at the Norwood Water Treatment Plan

304,878.4 m^3

Treated Wastewater flow at the Wastewater Treatment Plant

416

Bacteriological samples collected for the Norwood Drinking Water System

Welcomed a new full time operator to the department

Successful installation of a new 6" watermain, a new hydrant, and replacement of all water services from Victoria St to Hwy 7

New WATER STANDPIPE

December 2023

Construction of a larger water standpipe (approx. 2,300 m3 additional capacity) with an increased hydraulic grade line of approximately 13 m was recommended following an Environmental Assessment (EA) completed in 2022.

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 Greatario was awarded the project tender for supply and installation. Construction commenced in August 2023 and connection is anticipated in April 2024.

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2023 YEAR IN REVIEW | COMMUNITY CENTRE, PARKS & FACILITIES

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

New

Opened a **pickleball court**

Launched an **online** facility booking system **antownship.ca/facilities**

Hosted its 2nd **OHL Exhibition Game**

Offered **Public Skating**, **Parent & Tot**, and **Adult Skating** opportunities

FITNESS CENTRE EXPANSION

The Fitness Centre officially opened on March 20, 2023 and saw **588** members use the facility by year-end. After a successful three month trial period of operating at 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, staff made the decision to continue operating 24/7

ALL-WHEELS SKATE PARK

All-Wheels Skate Park opened on July 1, 2023 during the Canada Day celebrations

ASPHODEL PARK

New playground structure installed

NORWOOD PARK

New picnic shelter installed

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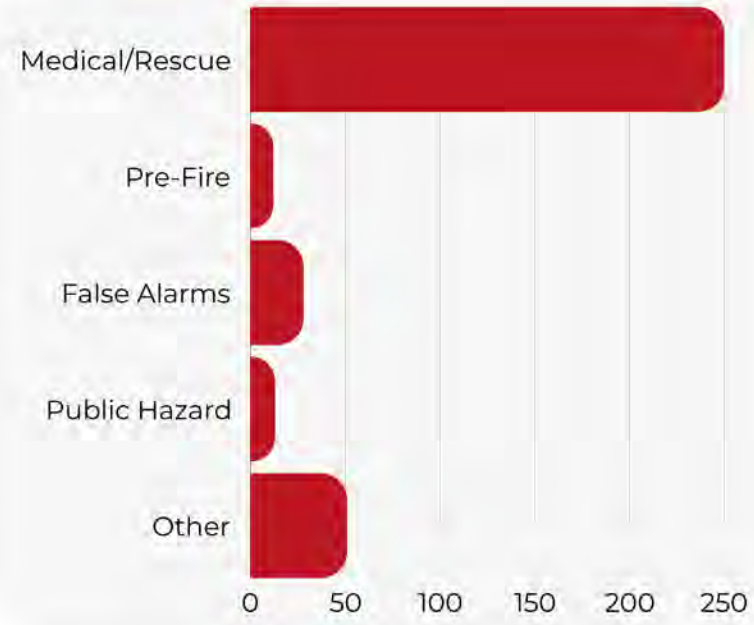
2023 YEAR IN REVIEW | FIRE & RESCUE

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

12 Fire Emergency Calls

- 3 Vehicle
- 2 Outbuilding / Shed
- 2 Single Family Dwelling
- 2 Agricultural Vehicle / Apparatus
- 1 Fence
- 1 Apartment
- 1 Barn

354 Non-Fire Emergency Calls



NEW

Launched an online burn permit system **antownship.ca/burnpermit**

67 Burn Permits Issued

29 Asphodel-Norwood Fire & Rescue (ANFR) Members

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2023 YEAR IN REVIEW | BUILDING, PLANNING & BY-LAW

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

83
BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED

Welcomed a **Deputy Chief Building Official** to the department

Estimated Total Construction Value
$8,159,746.00

Collected Building Permit Fees
$120,310.62

BY-LAWS

NO. OF FILES OPENED
48

NO. OF FILES CLOSED
38

PLANNING

Reviewed **19** applications under the Planning Act

- **5** Zoning By-law Amendments
- **12** Consents (severances)
- **1** Minor Variance
- **1** Plan of Subdivision agreement

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2023 YEAR IN REVIEW | ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

52 businesses and organizations took part in the Township's ***Choose Local*** campaign, with **6 (six)** promotions offered throughout the year for:

- Valentine's Day
- Spring
- Mother's Day
- Summer Recreation
- Father's Day
- Back-to-School

305 entries in the 2023 Shop Asphodel-Norwood contest which saw **nine** weekly winners throughout the summer. **NEW for 2023**: winners could choose to support a local business or donate to a local charity

NEW

BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Formed in early 2023 to make recommendations to Council in support of local businesses and tourism

Showcase Asphodel-Norwood, the Township's premier business event, returned Saturday June 13, 2023 with **55** businesses / organizations participating and over **400** people in attendance

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2023 YEAR IN REVIEW | LIBRARY

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

ASPHODEL NORWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

11,018

ITEMS CHECKED OUT

INCL. BOOKS, DVDS, MAGAZINES, AND TRAIL PACKS

7,193

E-ITEMS CHECKED OUT

INCL. E-BOOKS, AUDIO BOOKS, AND MAGAZINES

CARDHOLDERS

975 ACTIVE

244 NEW

2023 PARKS PASS

BORROWED

46x

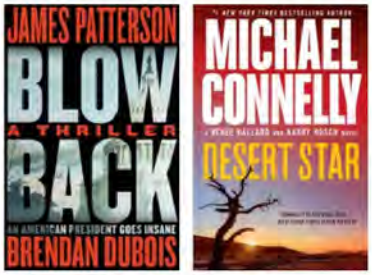
FREE adventures!

333 PROGRAMS

2,983 ATTENDEES/ PARTICPANTS

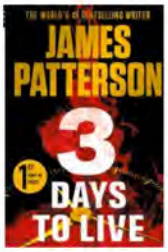
MOST BORROWED ITEMS

ADULT FICTION



ADULT NON-FICTION

LARGE PRINT FICTION



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2023 YEAR IN REVIEW | POLICE SERVICES

UPDATE

SCREENING CHECKS

122 Criminal Record and **472** Vulnerable Sector checks for A-N residents

CRUISER PATROL

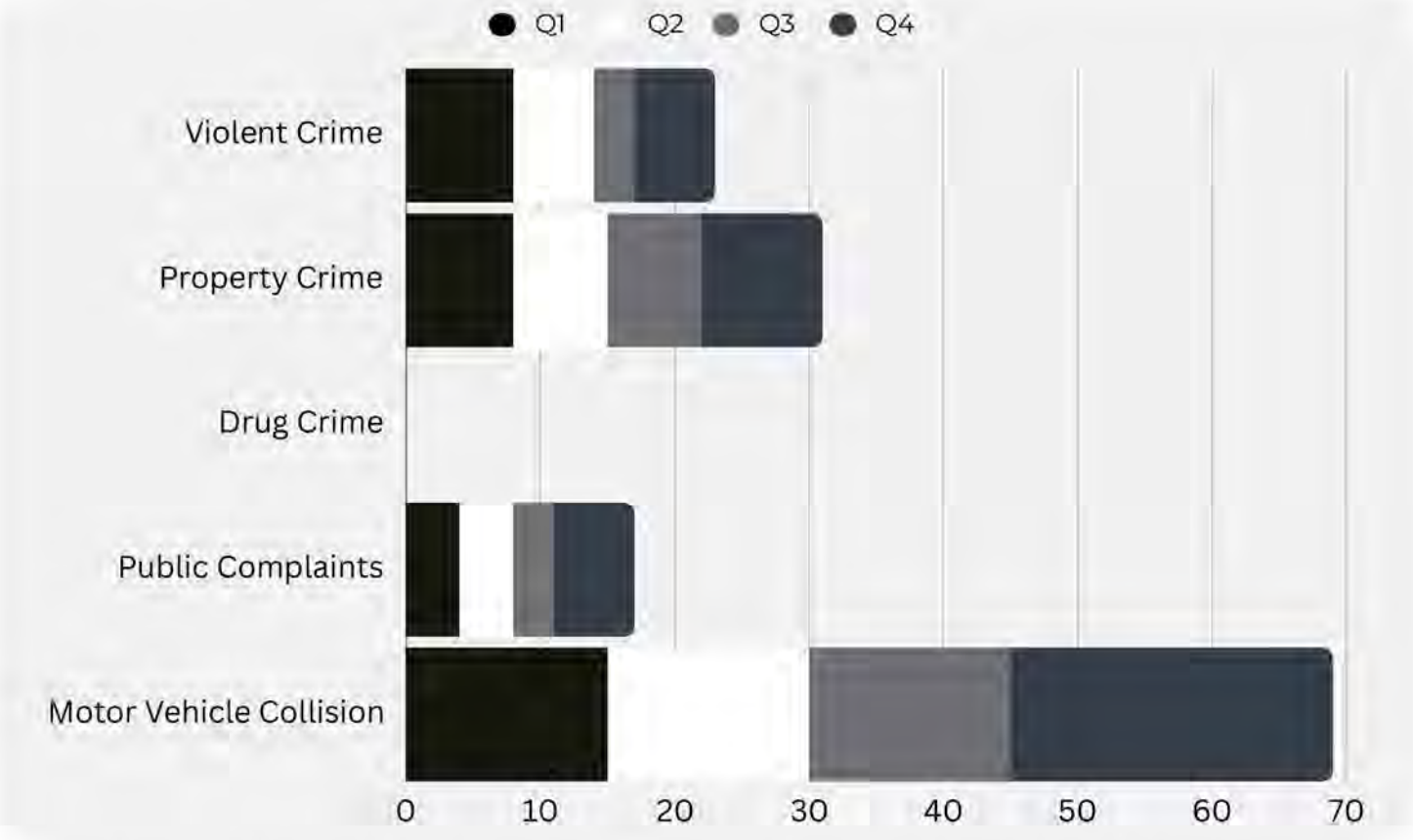
465.75 hours in A-N provided by OPP Peterborough County Detachment

FOOT PATROL

88.75 hours in A-N provided by OPP Peterborough County Detachment

SCHOOL PATROL

16.75 hours in A-N provided by OPP Peterborough County Detachment



Asphodel-Norwood (A-N) reporting data provided by OPP Peterborough County Detachment to the A-N Police Services Board

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2023 YEAR IN REVIEW | COUNCIL

DONATIONS

Supported **7** monetary and facility rental relief donation requests

BY-LAWS

Adopted **74** By-laws over the course of the year

MEETINGS

Met **30** times

932
YouTube views

REPORTS

Received **171** staff reports to consider

FOOD CYCLER

Entered into a partnership with Food Cycle Science for a 100-unit pilot project

WATER CONSERVATION

Adopted an outdoor water use By-law for the village of Norwood

#LOCALGOVWEEK

Hosted a learning lunch with MPP Piccini and Norwood District High School students

MEDICAL CENTRE

Executed a 25-year Lease Agreement for medical centre space in the new Trillium Medical Campus Building

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2023 YEAR IN REVIEW | COMMUNITY EVENTS

2023 Family Day Frostival

TARTAN & TALES

The Asphodel-Norwood Cultural and Heritage Committee (ANCHC) hosted a historical talk, Tartan and Tales on April 4, 2023 at the Town Hall.

CORONATION TEA

In celebration of the coronation of King Charles III the ANCHC in partnership with Community Care Norwood hosted a Coronation Tea on May 6, 2023 at the Town Hall.
The event included a screening of the coronation and light luncheon.

FAMILY DAY FROSTIVAL

Through the Special Events Committee, the Family Day Frostival returned on Monday February 20, 2023 with an abundance of family-friendly activities as well as a ribbon-cutting ceremony and tours of the NEW Fitness Centre.

EARTH DAY

Staff collected over 18 bags of waste, 131 cans, bag of bottles, 1 bag of recycling, and various items from Township roads.

Additionally, the Township hosted an **Earth Friendly Market** on Saturday April 22, 2023 in recognition of Earth Day. The market included 16 eco-friendly vendors and exhibitors.

Coronation Tea

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2023 Trails Day

CANADA DAY

The Township in collaboration with the Special Events Committee welcomed visitors at the Asphodel-Norwood Community Centre (ANCC), with live music, family friendly activities, and the official opening of the NEW All-Wheels Park!

SCARECROW BUILDING WORKSHOP

In preparation for the 5th annual Scarecrow Roadshow, the Township hosted a Scarecrow Building Workshop on Friday September 22, 2023 in collaboration with Jill Carty Designs and the ANPL.

TRAILS DAY

The Trails Committee, in partnership with the Norwood Lions Club and the Asphodel-Norwood Public Library (ANPL) hosted Trails Day on June 3, 2023 at the Mill Pond Forest Trails.
The event included a BBQ, Trail Packs, and a scavenger hunt.

STAMPED IN TIME

The ANCHC celebrated the Heritage Centre's re-opening over the weekend of June 3-4, 2023 with a Spring Exhibit, *Stamped in Time*, highlighting various methods of communication throughout the decades.

2023 Canada Day

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2023 YEAR IN REVIEW | COMMUNITY EVENTS

Murder Mystery Fundraiser

2023 Pumpkin Parade

SCARECROW ROADSHOW

Hosted the 5th annual Scarecrow Roadshow over the Thanksgiving long weekend in celebration of the Norwood Fall Fair, with 22 families and several community groups participating in the event.

MURDER MYSTERY

The roaring 20's were alive on Friday October 27, 2023 with the Township's very own whodunnit mystery fundraiser night in support of the NEW Medical Centre.

~ $10,000 RAISED

PUMPKIN PARADE

The Special Events Committee in partnership with the Norwood Lions Club hosted the annual pumpkin parade on November 1, 2023. Over 170 jack-o-lanterns lined the walking trail at the ANCC before being distributed to the animals at Serenity Lane Animal Sanctuary at the end of the evening.

OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

The ANCHC held an Old-Fashioned Christmas event at the Heritage Centre on November 18, 25, and 26, 2023. The celebration was made possible through numerous community partnerships including ANPL, Asphodel-Norwood Fire and Rescue, Norwood & District Horticultural Society, and Maple View Retirement Residence.

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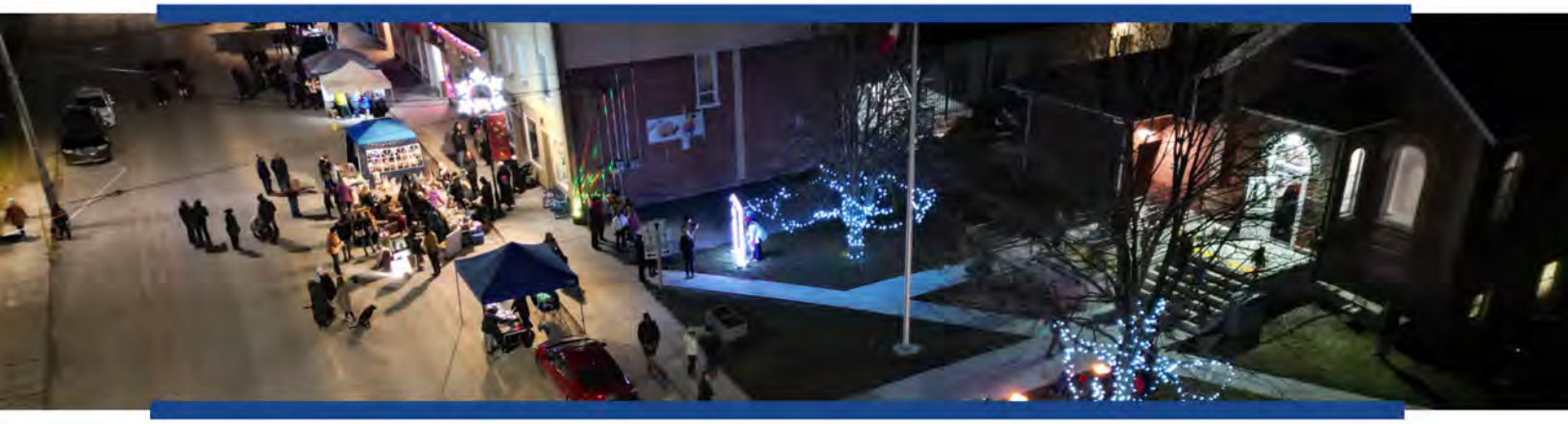

2023 Load the Loader haul

LOAD THE LOADER

Once again the community came together and helped Load the Loader in support of the Asphodel-Norwood Ministerial Association Food Bank.

On December 5, 2023, Public Works staff collected all the generous donations (including $120 in cash and gift cards) from various locations and equipment around the Township!

Thank you!

NIGHT MARKET

County Road 45 was once again transformed into a winter wonderland for the *Shop Home for the Holidays* Night Market on Saturday December 16, 2023!

36 vendors and over 600 visitors attended the event.

LIGHT UP THE TOWNSHIP

The 4th annual Light up the Township decoration contest and road tour took place December 15-17, 2023.

40 families participated in the event and the resulting Road Tour Map was viewed over 130 times.

2023 Light up the Township Winner

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