

# NEWSLETTER

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Please enjoy our 2024 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 2024-2025 public skating schedule:

**[www.antownship.ca/publicskating](http://www.antownship.ca/publicskating)**

which includes Adult, Parent & Tot, Stick & Puck 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 fun!

## 2024 PUMPKIN PARADE



Thank you to everyone who joined us on Friday, November 1, 2024! Despite the rainy weather, the Community Centre park was illuminated with beautifully carved pumpkins, and staff were happy to deliver truckloads of pumpkins to Serenity Lane Animal Sanctuary at the end of the evening.







# Scarecrow ROADSHOW

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in our annual Scarecrow Roadshow event! We truly enjoy seeing all of your stunning fall displays each year during the Thanksgiving weekend.



*Congratulations* to **Robin B.**, pictured left, the grand prize winner of a \$100 gift certificate to a local business of their choice!

To view all of the impressive entries, check out the event StoryMap by clicking the above roadshow graphic.

## Service Canada Clinic & Info Session

On October 15, 2024, Members of Parliament Phillip Lawrence and Michelle Ferreri hosted a Service Canada Clinic and Information Session at the Norwood Town Hall to assist constituents with navigating federal services and provide support for their needs.



## MEDICAL CENTRE UPDATE



*Dr. Ryan Hutcheson*

The Township is excited to announce that Dr. Ryan Hutcheson began his Family Practice at the Asphodel-Norwood Medical Centre on December 1, 2024. Staff have begun reaching out to individuals on the Township's waiting list for family doctors, and we sincerely appreciate your continued patience as we work through the list.

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It is my sincere pleasure to be starting my Family Practice at the Asphodel-Norwood Medical Centre. I have already had the opportunity to meet many of you over the last several months and look forward to getting to know you better as well as growing my roster with the many unattached patients in the community in the coming months.

-Dr. Hutcheson —”





## Business Open House



The Business Advisory Committee (BAC) Breakfast/Open House, held on November 19, 2024 at the Town Hall, welcomed 25 attendees and offered valuable insights and networking opportunities. The event received excellent feedback and featured insightful presentations from guest speakers: Social Kat Media, Brenda Wood (RT08), Cathy and Sandra (The Ice Cream Cafe), and the Peterborough County Economic Development and Tourism team. Thank you to everyone who participated and made the event such a success!



A Peterborough County Tourism Round Table, held at the Millennium Room in the Asphodel-Norwood Community Centre on Thursday, November 21, 2024, had a strong turnout and sparked productive discussions.

We look forward to continued engagement and collaboration with the new County Economic Development and Tourism team.



## LUNCH & LEARNS

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

- October 28, 2024 | Improving Indoor Air Quality at Home
- November 23, 2024 | Mental Wellness



Special *Thanks* to Keith Beecroft from Peterborough Public Health for sharing helpful tips on improving air quality in our homes; and to Lori Beardmore from Hospice Norwood for stepping in last minute and providing great advice on mental wellness.



Funded in part by the  
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New Horizons for Seniors Program





## Load the Loader



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

A heartfelt thank you to our Public Works department for organizing the collection of food donations, and to all the generous residents who contributed – including \$245 in cash – to support the Asphodel-Norwood Ministerial Foodbank Association.

## Themed Public Skating

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



**November 30, 2024**  
Movember Skate



**December 21, 2024**  
Christmas Sweater Skate

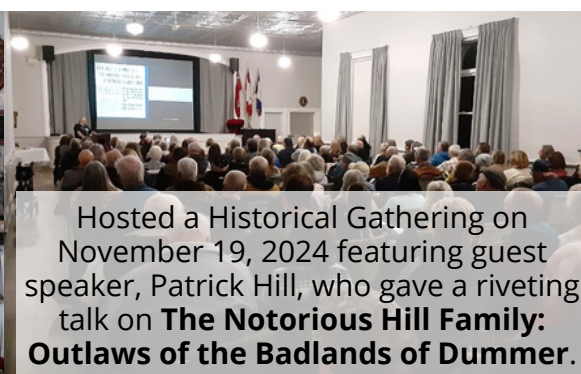


Cultural & Heritage Committee

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Hosted a **Christmas Open House** from November 16-17, 2024 at the Heritage Centre.



Hosted a Historical Gathering on November 19, 2024 featuring guest speaker, Patrick Hill, who gave a riveting talk on **The Notorious Hill Family: Outlaws of the Badlands of Dummer.**



Partnered with ANPL for a **Craft Night** on December 5, 2024.



December 13-15, 2024

# LIGHT UP THE TOWNSHIP

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our annual Light Up the Township event! We absolutely loved seeing all of your beautiful decorations and light displays.

*Congratulations* to **Katelyn M.**,

pictured left, the grand prize winner of a \$250 gift certificate to a local business of their choice!



## FAN FAVOURITE

*Congratulations* to Steve & Cathy O.,

the 2024 Light up the Township Fan Favourite, pictured right.

Steve and Cathy generously donated their winnings back to the community by sponsoring a free public skate at the Asphodel-Norwood Community Centre on December 29, 2024.



#FanFavourite

To view all of the impressive displays, check out our event StoryMap.

[CLICK HERE >](https://www.antownship.ca/lightupthetwp)



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## 2024

LIGHT UP THE

**TOWNSHIP**

**STORY MAP**





# Shop Home for The Holidays

## NIGHT MARKET

We are so grateful to our community for making the 4th Annual Shop Home for the Holidays Night Market on Saturday, December 14, 2024, a huge success! Thank you to everyone who attended and helped create such a fun, festive atmosphere.

Special thanks to the local businesses, pop-up vendors, and the Asphodel-Norwood Public Library for their support.

A big **THANK YOU** to the Asphodel-Norwood Fire Department for the amazing fireworks display! We're thrilled to have collected three (3) boxes of toys for the Norwood Lions' Toy Drive and two (2) boxes of food for the Asphodel-Norwood Ministerial Foodbank Association.

Thanks also to the Special Events Committee for organizing the campfires, the volunteers - including Santa, the Grinch, and the Elves - for spreading holiday cheer, and to the Public Works and Recreation staff for all their help. Your contributions made this event unforgettable, and we look forward to next year's market!





# Spotlight on Council

In the fourth quarter, Council considered and/or made the following decisions:



Received the 2024 Third Quarter departmental reports



Adopted an **Accessibility Plan** for 2025-2026.



Declared two (2) hockey nets from the Community Centre as municipal surplus equipment and authorized their disposal in accordance with the Township's Procurement & Disposal Policy



Received an update on the Community Safety & Well-being **Plan**.



Executed a two-year Lease Agreement with G.C. Duke Equipment Ltd. for space at 1818 Asphodel 3rd Line



Authorized the execution of a Human Resources (HR) Services Agreement with the County of Peterborough



Set the **2025 Council Meeting Schedule** and Township Office closure dates



Adopted an updated Fees & Charges By-law to include permitting and inspection fees for Sewage Systems, previously managed by the Peterborough Public Health Unit



Adopted a **Strategic Plan** for 2025-2026 to align with the current term of Council



Directed staff to prepare a By-law for a blanket speed reduction to 30 kilometers per hour on all streets within the village of Norwood, to be presented at a future Council meeting



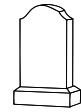
Instructed staff to assess the costs and feasibility of establishing a dog park in the Township



Adopted an updated five-year **Surface Treatment Plan** for 2025-2029



**Proclaimed** October 20-26, 2024 as Local Government Week in Asphodel-Norwood



With the transfer of operations to the Township, Council dissolved its Cemetery Board and directed staff to begin updating the **Cemetery By-law**



Approved a community garden at the Community Centre Park as a shovel ready project should a funding opportunity becomes available



Directed staff to enter into a two-year agreement with Waste Connections of Canada Inc. for the collection of curbside waste as specified in Tender Number 2024-04, with an option for a one-year extension



Authorized staff to execute an agreement with ORCA for Risk Management Services and Education and Outreach Program Proposed Activities and Service Fees for 2025-2029



Received an update on the upcoming changes to Ambulance Dispatch. The new system is set to be implemented in Q1 2025



Approved the 2023 Consolidated **Financial Statements** of the Township of Asphodel-Norwood, as prepared by independent auditing firm, Baker Tilly



Directed staff to proceed with the updated gateway signage project for the village of Norwood and the Hamlet of Westwood



Approved a new process for its Boards and Committees reserve balances



D.M. Wills Associates, provided a follow-up status update on the Norwood Transfer Station and Closed Landfill



Approved the 2025 Municipal Insurance Renewal proposal through Marsh Canada Ltd.

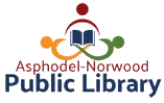
## Planning Applications

[antownship.ca/planningnotices](http://antownship.ca/planningnotices)

- Council authorized the execution of an amended Subdivision Agreement for 22 Birch Street, Norwood



# UPCOMING EVENTS



## ANPL EVENTS

#morethanjustbooks



[www.anpl.org](http://www.anpl.org)



### Youth & Teen Sport Sampler Program

Beginning January 9, 2025 join the ANPL Thursdays from 4:30 to 5:30 pm at the ANCC



### 2025 Winter Reading Program

Program recommended for ages 4 to 12.  
January 25 - February 22, 2025



### Mid-Week Matinee Club

Join the ANPL for a screening at 1:30 p.m. at the Norwood Branch, followed by a discussion on the following dates:  
• Feb 26 • May 28 • Sept 10, and • Nov 19



### Feel Good Fridays

Returning Friday, January 10, 2025, join the ANPL on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. at the Town Hall for movement, laughter, and community

## LUNCH & LEARN SEMINARS

**Time: 12:00 pm | Location: Town Hall**

Register by the Thursday prior



705-639-5343



[local@antownship.ca](mailto:local@antownship.ca)



### January 27 | Fraud Prevention

Join OPP Constable Dan Gay for insights on effective strategies and best practices for preventing fraud



### February 24 | Road Emergencies

Join Jody from Kawartha Driver Training to learn techniques for handling road emergencies



### March 24 | Westben

Donna and Brian will share captivating stories from Westben Performing Arts Theatre offering a glimpse into its vibrant legacy

## SAVE THE DATES

