# Engage and Inform Committee Meeting Minutes Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Members Present:** Councillor Valerie Durston, Mayor David Mayberry, Catherine

White, Deb Riley, Marg Johnson and Tabitha Kosmal

<u>Staff Present:</u> Julie Middleton.

**Regrets** Councillor Paul Buchner and Jen Thomson.

# **Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chair Valerie Durston, and a quorum was present.

# Approval of the Agenda

Resolution No. 1 Moved by David Mayberry

Seconded by Catherine White

RESOLVED that the agenda for the December 14th, 2023 Engage &

Inform committee meeting be approved.

**DISPOSITION: Motion Carried** 

### **Business Arising from the Minutes**

#### 2023 Christmas Lights Contest - Judging

The Committee discussed the Christmas Lights Contest entries and their experiences judging the contest this year. They awarded the following properties:

Grand Prize: #16 – NEST Thermostat Second Place: #4 – NEST Thermostat Third Place: #3 - \$100 Gift Certificate

Fourth Place: #19 - \$50 Red Dragon Dairy Gift Certificate and Calendar

# Brownsville Community Centre "Sharing Cupboard"

Deb Riley and Catherine White provided an update regarding the Sharing Cupboard in Brownsville. Catherine White will be applying for the grant in February, 2024. The grant is open four times a year (\$2,000 grant to start a sharing cupboard in Brownsville). The cupboard is almost ready – Deb's husband is working on this.

### 2024 Volunteer Appreciation Night Brainstorming

At the previous meeting, the Committee discussed a theme and entertainment for next year's event (Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024). It will take place at the Mount Elgin Community Centre.

The Committee discussed the following ideas in regards to entertainment for the event:

- Trivia night
- Speaker
- Casino night (fake money)
- Games night (board games, price is right, let's make a deal, euchre/cards)
- Magician
- Ecuhre

The Committee requested that staff contact the boards to request feedback and further direction.

### Winter Walk for Warmth

The Committee would like to communication about the event to go out starting in January – this will be posted on the Township's website, included in SWOX Talks for January and February, and a Facebook event will be created. Discussion took place regarding how the event could be more interactive and fun for families. It was suggested to incorporate bird watching or a scavenger hunt. Staff will reach out to the Ingersoll District Nature Club to share the event flyer and communication material for sharing. The Committee will reach out to Operation Sharing and the Inn in Tillsonburg to determine their most needed items.

# **Standing Items**

Review of SWOX 2030 Action Item List (minutes of August 12th, 2015 meeting)

- 1. Social Responsibility
- 2. Communication
- 3. Active Living
- 4. Safety & Security

## <u>Adjournment</u>

Resolution No. 2 Moved by David Mayberry Seconded by Catherine White

RESOLVED that there being no further business, the Engage and Inform Committee adjourn at 8:32 p.m. to meet again on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

**DISPOSITON: Motion Carried**