

Engage and Inform Committee
Meeting Minutes
for January 13th, 2020

Members Present: Mayor David Mayberry, Councillor Valerie Durston, Councillor Paul Buchner, Catherine White, Jen Thomson

Regrets: None

Staff Present: Julie Forth

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m. by Chair Valerie Durston and a quorum was present.

Approval of the Agenda

Resolution No. 1 Moved by David Mayberry
Seconded by Jen Thomson

RESOLVED that the agenda for the January 13th, 2020 Engage & Inform committee meeting be approved.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Approval of the Minutes

Resolution No. 2 Moved by David Mayberry
Seconded by Paul Buchner

RESOLVED that the minutes of the December 4th, 2019 meeting be approved.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Appointments

Dave Barker and Rick Bell, Sweaburg Lions: Winter Walk for Warmth

The Sweaburg Lions Club will be providing hot chocolate at the event. The Committee would like any donations received to go to the Tillsonburg Salvation Army. Hot chocolate, cookies and donations will be set up at the gate on the afternoon of the event.

Township staff will bring the portable tent. Sweaburg Lions Club will bring a table for the hot chocolate and cookies. They will also have a pick up truck at the event to collect food donations.

The Committee discussed the possibility of a burn barrel at the gate for the duration of the event. If permitted, the Sweaburg Lions Club have one that they can bring.

Advertising for the event will be circulated in early February via social media, Village Voice, website and radio. Jen Thomson has portable signs that the Committee will be able to use for directions.

Julie will update the handout that was provided last year with information on where people can go for help should they need it.

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Business Arising from the Minutes

- Mayor David Mayberry will talk to Mitch Kirby about a children's library box in Foldens. The one that is there currently, is full. It was noted that residents will need to look at what is there periodically to make sure that the books are changing.
- Catherine White commented on an initiative to leave new scarfs, hats, mitts, etc. on trees within the community for someone to take should they need one. It was suggested that this may be something that could be tied in with the Township's Random Acts of Kindness.
- Random Acts of Kindness: Advertising and promotion to come. The date has been set for SWOX of October 20, 2020. Members of Council will be encouraged to perform a random act of kindness. Information will be provided to members of the public regarding ideas about how they can help others out within their community.

Earth Day 2020 – Saturday, April 18th, 2020 (Beachville Museum)

A recommendation will be brought forward to Council from the Environment and Energy Innovation Committee to declare all Township facilities as zero waste facilities as of April 22nd, 2021. It is proposed that a committee be established to help the Township plan for zero waste facilities.

The Committee will be partnering with the Beachville Museum for the Earth Day event in 2020. Township staff will take care of placing the order for green cones, composters and recycling bins in advance of the event. Items will be sold for half price.

Foldens Gravel Pit Discussion

Discussion took place regarding a possible trail at the Foldens Gravel Pit. It was noted that there is a trail that is there already and that only minimal work would be needed to create a walking trail for residents of Foldens to get out into nature and encourage active living.

** Jen Thomson left at 2:30 p.m.*

Strategic Plan – 2020 Action Plan

Clerk Julie Forth reviewed with the Committee some of the action items assigned to the Engage and Inform Committee in the 2020 Action Plan arising from 2019 visioning discussions. Discussion took place regarding looking at opportunities to evaluate the need for child care programs in the community and to help promote the programs that are already operating.

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

New Business

Mayor David Mayberry advised that Committee the Oxford County Library is looking at what the future is for local libraries. He will keep the committee informed when they begin the consultation process.

Action Items

- Julie to update the Winter Walk for Warmth Handout

Next Meeting

Wednesday, February 5th, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.