

Engage and Inform Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 5th, 2025

Members Present: Councillor Valerie Durston, Mayor David Mayberry, Deb Riley, Tabitha Kosmal, and Mayor David Mayberry

Staff Present: Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk Denny Giles

Regrets: Councillor Paul Buchner, Jen Thomson

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Chair Valerie Durston, and a quorum was present.

Approval of the Agenda

Resolution No. 1 Moved by David Mayberry
 Seconded by Tabitha Kosmal

RESOLVED that the agenda for the November 5th, 2025, Engage & Inform committee meeting be approved, as amended.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Approval of the Minutes

Resolution No. 2 Moved by David Mayberry
 Seconded by Deb Riley

RESOLVED that the regular minutes of the October 8th, 2025, Engage & Inform committee meeting be approved.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Delegations and Appointments

Dr. Stephanie Radu and Janice Ferguson – Project Proposal for Engage and Inform Committee

Dr. Stephanie Radu and Janice Ferguson presented a proposal to the Committee regarding "Hidden Crossroads". A similar project was completed in 2024 in Zorra Township which includes a portable display map of communities, and an accompanying book contains the

history of each Crossroad in pictures and paragraphs. These are stories of lost villages or lost hamlets within the Township that existed years ago.

The Committee asked for the idea to be placed on the next agenda for discussion. Potentially include in an upcoming newsletter to see if there is any expression of interest from the public on participating.

The Committee suggested Councillor Paul Buchner find out who's on the Historical Committee in Brownsville.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Hike for Hunger & Health - Debrief

Committee would like to see more promotion and advertising for the next event. Committee members commented that flyers were supposed to be available to hand out at Reuseahpaloozaha, but don't believe that occurred. Committee members also suggested the placement of a sandwich board placed at the trail location one to two weeks before the event.

The Committee set the next Hike for Hunger & Health event for October 17, 2026, to be held at Trillium Woods.

Discussion Items

SWOX Christmas Light Contest – Draft Poster

The draft poster was presented to the Committee. Some changes were recommended including adding the Township website and contact email for the Clerk. The judging of the Christmas lights will take place on December 18th at 5:00 p.m., at the Township Office.

South-West Oxford Essay Writing Contest

- Lauryn Hammerton
- Isaac Truer

Suggestion for next year: Posters posted at the school and speak directly with the teacher to encourage more participation.

Committee Resignation

The Committee discussed the resignation of Committee Member Catherine White and expressed thanks to Catherine for her contributions to the Committee.

The Committee suggested immediate efforts to begin recruitment for a replacement member, and posting the recruitment information in the following social media locations:

- Brownsville Facebook
- Beachville Facebook
- What's Up Mount Elgin
- SWOX Facebook
- Mount Elgin Digital Sign

- Village Voice
- SWOX Talks e-Newsletter

Correspondence

SWOX Talks and Village Voice

The Committee reviewed the monthly newsletters and Village Voice ads for October 2025. No further comments were provided.

Standing Items

New Business

Adjournment

Resolution No. 4 Moved by Tabitha Kosmal
 Seconded by David Mayberry

RESOLVED that there being no further business, the Engage and Inform Committee adjourn at 2:40 p.m. to meet again on December 18th, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried