

Engage and Inform Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 9th, 2026

Members Present: Councillor Paul Buchner (Chair), Deb Riley, Tabitha Kosmal

Staff Present: Deb Fidler, Administrative Assistant – Legislative Services,
Corporate Communications and Records Management

Regrets: Jen Thomson, Mayor David Mayberry

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair Paul Buchner, and a quorum was present.

Approval of the Agenda

Resolution No. 1 Moved by Deb Riley
Seconded by Tabitha Kosmal

RESOLVED that the agenda for the September 9th, 2026, Engage & Inform committee meeting be approved, as amended.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Approval of the Minutes

Resolution No. 2 Moved by Tabitha Kosmal
Seconded by Deb Riley

RESOLVED that the regular minutes of the June 3rd, 2026, Engage & Inform committee meeting be approved.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Delegations and Appointments

Business Arising from the Minutes

Correspondence

Discussion Items

Crossroads Villages Project

The project has been promoted through social media, SWOX Talks, Village Voice, and Ox on the Run, but we have not received much interest. It is difficult to reach the residents who may know these crossroads.

Hike for Hunger & Health

The Hike for Hunger & Health event is scheduled for October 17 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Trillium Woods. Signs will be placed throughout the community approximately one week prior to the event. The committee will follow up with Mayor Mayberry, who was going to contact the Food Hub in Ingersoll and the Lions Club. It was discussed that a scavenger hunt would be held again using the laminated sheet from last year. The committee will also contact the fire department about the event so they can attend.

ReuseApalooZaha

The ReuseApalooZaha event will be held at the Lions Pavilion in Sweaburg on Saturday, September 26, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The committee will follow up with Mayor Mayberry, as he was going to contact the event organizer to secure a table for the Engage & Inform Committee. Information regarding voting procedures will be available at the committee's booth, along with a list of candidates, and the new ward map.

Legacy Document

The committee reviewed the legacy document and discussed what worked well, what did not, and what could be included for the new Council to consider.

The committee discussed expanding the Sharing Cupboard to other areas and whether there could be a small space for it in the new municipal office.

The committee also discussed the \$1,000 funding available to Community Halls and suggested encouraging Hall Boards to use the funding, if available next year, for a community event to encourage greater community engagement.

Staff will update the legacy document to elaborate more on these items.

Standing Items

Review of SWOX 2030 Action Item List

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

New Business

Adjournment

Resolution No. 3 Moved by Deb Riley
 Seconded by Tabitha Kosmal

RESOLVED that there being no further business, the Engage and Inform Committee adjourn at 1:52 p.m. to meet again on October 7th, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

DISPOSITON: Motion Carried