



GRAND VALLEY

## Town of Grand Valley Operating Budget 2025

### Council

#### Approved Capital Budget:

- Hybrid meeting technology to improve the sound quality of meeting streaming
- Renovation of Council Chambers (exact details to be provided)
- Total budget - \$71,000
- Total taken from reserves - \$71,000

#### Approved Operating:

- 2.7% COLA as of July 1, 2025

#### Included in Budget, per previous years:

- Council wages, computer, employee recognition, miscellaneous funds for smaller projects

#### Proposed:

- The “Grand Valley” Stone Wall repairs: the costs to repair this wall can be taken out of the \$71,000 capital allocation and we will make a plan for the meeting space based on the funding remaining
- 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1985 Tornado:
  - o Staff have been advised from different sources that there is interest in the community to hold an event commemorating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1985 Tornado. With Council leadership, the Town could approach several local groups to partner together for the event, including the Historical Society, the Agricultural Society, the BIA/local businesses, the Lions Club. \$5000 has been placed in the COUNCIL – Miscellaneous budget to go toward costs for this commemoration.

#### Second Draft –

- 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1985 Tornado:
  - o Several community groups have expressed interest in working together on a commemoration. \$5000 left in budget toward this project (1-4-1000-5010).
- \$71,000 Council Capital budget:
  - o Expenses 1-4-1000-8000 = Hybrid Meeting upgrades, Council chamber reno, “Grand Valley” Stone wall repairs
  - o Revenue 1-3-9000-6000 = \$21000 COVID reserve \$50000 Admin reserve

- Council Salary and Benefits – adjust from \$82000 and \$6000 to \$85000 and \$7000 respectively upon examination of actual costs
- Memberships – reduced from \$3000 to \$2500 to reflect actual AMO membership cost
- Donation Requests:
  - In 2024, Council donated the following:
    - \$1000 to the Farmer’s Market
    - \$25 to school for commencement bursary
    - \$3000 to Garden Club for flowers (excluding new flower beds at cenotaph)
    - \$400 to Santa Claus Parade
    - \$1344 to “Hockey Day” event for ice rental
    - \$2500 to BIA for fireworks
  - 2025 requests received so far:
    - \$4000 for Garden Club flowers
    - \$2500 for BIA fireworks
  - Likely to also receive additional requests similar or in addition to the others received last year
  - Budget currently at \$8500 for 2025