

REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: Mayor Soloman and Members of Council

From: Meghan Townsend, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Meeting Date: February 25, 2025

Subject: Second Draft 2025 Operating Budget

Purpose

To present the second draft 2025 Operating Budget for the Town of Grand Valley.

Background

For the 2025 budget, Council directed that the capital budget portion be presented, deliberated and approved before the end of 2024. This was completed last December.

The operating budget covers the expenses and revenues for the services and programs the Town provides. At their January 28th meeting, Council received a first draft and provided direction on revisions, information required and additional items for consideration.

Discussion

The following pages present the second draft budget for the Town. As was presented in the first draft, this second draft is presented with the first section as the narrative description of the services, their implications for the Town's budget, revisions made since the first draft and any other items for discussion. The final pages are the budget tables showing revenue and expenses, described in the narrative.

It is recognized that the budgets for some of the local boards are still under review. Estimates and known costs for these board are included in this presentation.

In order to make progress on certain topics, rather than writing separate reports, discussion on the following matters is included in the budget report for Council deliberation:

- Information Technology upgrades
- 2025 Dog Count

The remaining information is presented for discussion. Council direction is requested.

Recommendation

THAT Council receive Report – Second Draft 2025 Operating Budget and directs that the changes discussed in the meeting be made for the final Operating Budget presentation on March 11, 2025.

Respectfully submitted by, Meghan Townsend CAO/Clerk-Treasurer