



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
- 40th 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 40th 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 –

- 40th 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:
 - o 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
 - o 2025 requests received so far:
 - \$4000 for Garden Club flowers
 - \$2500 for BIA fireworks
 - o Likely to also receive additional requests similar or in addition to the others received last year
 - o Budget currently at \$8500 for 2025

Final Draft

- Council salary and benefits reduced to \$80,000 and \$6,000 respectively to reflect cancellation of COLA increase, per Resolution 2025-02-47
- Decreased Donations line from \$8500 to \$6000, and notified BIA that the Town would not fund fireworks per Resolution 2025-02-46