



Town of Grand Valley Operating Budget 2025

Fire Department

2024 Summary

- Purchase of radio equipment
- Funding provided for new truck
- Fire Master Plan and Community Risk Assessment completed
- Discussions on dissolution of the Board town

2025 Requests and Discussion

- Anticipated Levy: 2025 levy anticipated to be similar to 2024 – \$1,056,162 in 2024
- 2024 use of reserves: \$100,000 used from Town Hydro Dividends reserves to help offset some of the increase in the levy. This money is to be repaid to the reserve; however, the repayment has NOT been included in the budget in order to address the significant levy increase that would otherwise occur. Council decision needed – to postpone the repayment OR cancel the repayment altogether.
- Fire Prevention Grant: \$8300 included in Town budget to offset expenses being paid for by the Fire Prevention Grant for new equipment. Grant revenue also included to net out the expense.
- Board Dissolution:
 - If the Town is to work toward assuming full responsibility for the fire department, along with dissolution of the Board, the CAO and Chief will require the assistance of human resources and legal in order to:
 - Navigate termination of the Board agreement
 - Arrange for staff (full-time and volunteer firefighters) to become Town employees
 - Set up financial program for the Town and wrap up the finances for the Board
 - Arrange for I.T., intermunicipal agreements, and other transfers required
 - Establish Fire Department policies and procedures under the Town
 - \$50,000 is requested in the budget for assistance with these items.

Funding Sources

- Property Taxes, except the \$8300 grant
- Board reimbursement for Wages, Benefits, Insurance

Second Draft:

- Refined levy amount based on updated budget numbers from the Board
- Added \$25,000 toward Hydro Dividends Account Repayment

Final Draft

- As part of the Fire Department's final 2025 budget, they included 2024 expenses for new firefighters. Of those new firefighters, they included an increase of 8 new firefighter positions to accommodate the needs of the growing community. In Grand Valley, we included equipping additional firefighters in our Development Charges by-law and levy; and therefore, we can pay Grand Valley's portion of those costs using our fire fighting DC reserve. The expenses and reserve revenue have been added to the budget, with no change to the levy.