



The Corporation of the Town of Grand Valley

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 24, 2025, 10:00 am
Council Chambers, 5 Main Street North, Grand Valley

Council Present: Mayor Steve Soloman
Deputy Mayor Philip Rentsch
Councillor Lorne Dart
Councillor James Jonker
Councillor Paul Latam

Staff Present: Meghan Townsend, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
Matthew Bos, Director Public Works
Steven Freitas, Director of Finance/Treasurer
Mark Kluge, Town Planner
Donna Tremblay, Deputy Clerk/Communications Coordinator
Brad Haines, By-Law Enforcement Officer
James Allen, Recreation Facilities Manager

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Soloman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Soloman announced that the meeting is being live streamed and publicly broadcast with the recording of the meeting to be available on the Town's website.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution: 2025-06-30

Moved by: L. Dart

Seconded by: J. Jonker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the Regular Council Meeting agenda and any addendums dated Tuesday, June 24, 2025 as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

No pecuniary interest was declared.

4. Closed Meeting - 10:05 a.m.

Resolution: 2025-06-31

Moved by: L. Dart

Seconded by: J. Jonker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council resolve itself into a meeting that is closed to the public at 10:03 a.m./p.m. pursuant to the Municipal Act, 2001, under the provisions of Section 239(2)(c)(d) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board and labour relations or employee negotiations.

CARRIED

The following was discussed:

4.1 Call to Order

4.2 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

4.3 Closed Minutes

4.3.1 June 10, 2025 Closed Minutes

4.4 Items for Discussion

4.4.1 Confidential Report - Surplus Lands - Janet and Arnlee Streets - Monticello (Hill Town Drive), 2025-113

4.4.2 Confidential Report - Requests for Human Resources Policy Changes, 2025-105, 2025-105

5. Open Meeting - 10:30 a.m.

Deputy Mayor Rentsch arrived at 10:06 a.m.

Council rose from its closed meeting at 10:25 and recessed until 10:30 a.m.

Council resumed its open meeting at 10:30 a.m.

6. Rise and Report

Council rose from its closed meeting and reported as follows:

Resolution: 2025-06-32

Moved by: P. Latam

Seconded by: J. Jonker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the June 10, 2025, Closed Council Meeting be approved as circulated/amended.

CARRIED

Resolution: 2025-06-33

Moved by: J. Jonker

Seconded by: P. Latam

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Confidential Report No. PLN2025-113, dated June 24, 2025, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the unopen roads known as Janet Street Plan 127 PIN 340600074 and Arnlee Street Plan 127 PIN 40600068, adjacent to Hill Town Drive in Monticello (Grand Valley), as generally shown on **Appendix 2: Plan 127 and Plan 128**, be declared surplus;

AND FURTHER THAT the unopened roads be sold to the adjacent property owners on Hill Town Drive as per the values outlined in the **Appendix 3: Land Appraisals**, prepared by Dekker Appraisal Services;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to sell the lands according to the Town's Property Disposition By-law 2006-47 as discussed.

CARRIED

Resolution: 2025-06-34

Moved by: L. Dart

Seconded by: P. Rentsch

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Confidential Report - Requests for Human Resource Policy Changes;

AND FURTHER THAT the CAO proceed as directed.

CARRIED

7. Approval of Previous Minutes

Resolution: 2025-06-35

Moved by: P. Latam

Seconded by: J. Jonker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the June 10, 2025 Regular Council Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

7.1 June 10, 2025 Council Minutes

8. Announcements

There were no announcements.

9. Deputations/Presentations

Resolution: 2025-06-36

Moved by: J. Jonker

Seconded by: P. Latam

BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be given to Anna Vanderlaan, Manager, Health Promotion, Project Management and Privacy, Wellington-Dufferin Guelph Public Health, to address Council.

CARRIED

9.1 10:30 a.m. - 2025-2028 Dufferin County Community Safety and Well Being Plan

9.1.1 Presentation - Anna Vanderlaan, Manager, Health Promotion, Project Management & Privacy, Wellington-Dufferin Guelph Public Health

Anna Vanderlaan, Manager, Health Promotion, Project Management and Privacy, Wellington Dufferin-Guelph Public Health appeared before Council to present the Dufferin County Community Safety and Well Being Plan. The presentation included a summary of the development phases, plan priorities and next steps.

Resolution: 2025-06-37

Moved by: P. Latam

Seconded by: P. Rentsch

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the presentation from Anna Vanderlaan, Manager, Health Promotion, Project Management and Privacy, Wellington-Dufferin Guelph Public Health regarding the 2025-2028 Dufferin County Safety and Well Being Plan.

CARRIED

10. Public Questions

10.1 Public Question - Kaye Martin - Stop Sign and Four Way Stop Request- Amaranth and Mayberry and Amaranth and Taylor

Resolution: 2025-06-38

Moved by: P. Latam

Seconded by: J. Jonker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Public Question from Kaye Martin regarding a Stop Sign and Four Way Stop Request - Amaranth and Mayberry and Amaranth and Taylor.

AND FURTHER THAT Council requests staff to reach out to the UGDSB and Bus company to move the pick up location.

AND FURTHER THAT Staff thank Ms. Martin and let her know of the plans.

CARRIED

11. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

12. Staff Reports

12.1 CAO/Clerk

12.1.1 Review of Tender Process for Sale of Proton Pit Lands, 2025-111

Resolution: 2025-06-42

Moved by: P. Rentsch

Seconded by: L. Dart

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Report – Review of Tender Process for Sale of Proton Pit Lands,

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs the CAO to issue the Request for Tenders using the Tender provided in this report with a minimum reserve bid of \$1.3 million and the general circulation be for four (4) weeks.

CARRIED

12.1.2 Establishment of a Citizen Committee for Council Compensation, 2025-117

Resolution: 2025-06-43

Moved by: P. Latam

Seconded by: P. Rentsch

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the report Establishment of a Citizen Committee for Council Compensation

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to proceed with **Option three**, for the Council Remuneration and meeting Review.

CARRIED

12.1.3 Update - Fire Department Funding Model, Board Dissolution , 2025-119

Resolution: 2025-06-45

Moved by: P. Rentsch

Seconded by: L. Dart

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Memo Update - Fire Department Funding Model, Board Dissolution.

CARRIED

12.1.4 CAO Performance Review Process, 2025-121

Council discussed the CAO Performance Review process requesting a hybrid review process including CAO direct reports to complete a survey to respond to 3 questions relating to CAO actions she should stop, start and continue performing and Council to conduct a review of 2024 CAO goals.

Resolution: 2025-06-46

Moved by: P. Latam

Seconded by: J. Jonker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Report – CAO Performance Review – Update

AND THAT Council authorizes Ward & Uptigrove to work with Council, the CAO and senior management on the review as discussed.

CARRIED

12.2 Director of Finance/Treasurer

12.2.1 Treasurer's Update, 2025-110

Steven Freitas, Director of Finance, Treasurer provided a verbal update advising the 2025 Final Tax Bills were completed and mailed between June 16th and 18th.

Resolution: 2025-06-47

Moved by: L. Dart

Seconded by: P. Rentsch

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Report – Treasurer's Update for information purposes.

CARRIED

12.3 By-Law and Property Standards Enforcement

12.3.1 By-law Enforcement Status Update – May 2025, 2025-112

Resolution: 2025-06-48

Moved by: P. Latam

Seconded by: J. Jonker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Report – By-Law Enforcement Status Update – May 2025, for information purposes

CARRIED

12.4 Parks and Recreation

12.4.1 Recreation Update June 2025, 2025-116

James Allen, Recreation Facilities Manager, provided a verbal update on installation of the walls the Community Centre renovations advising construction of the walls has begun.

Resolution: 2025-06-49

Moved by: P. Rentsch

Seconded by: L. Dart

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Report Recreation Update June 2025 for information purposes.

CARRIED

12.5 Director of Public Works

Matthew Bos, Director of Public Works provided a verbal update on roadside mowing advising the project will be completed by end of this week.

Council recessed at 12:40 p.m. and resumed at 1:25 p.m.

12.6 Manager of Planning

There were no reports.

13. Public Meeting - 11:00 a.m.

Resolution: 2025-06-39

Moved by: L. Dart

Seconded by: P. Rentsch

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council recess this Regular Meeting of Council at 11:00 a.m. to hold a Public Meeting pursuant to Ontario Regulation 586/06, Local Improvement Charges - Priority Lien Status, of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001.

CARRIED

13.1 Hill Town Drive (Monticello) - Local Improvement Charge By-Law

13.1.1 Notice of Intention to Pass a Local Improvement Charges By-Law

13.1.2 Public Meeting and Decision Report - Hill Town Drive (Monticello)
Local Improvement Charge By-law, 2025-109

Mark Kluge, Manager of Planning advised that the purpose of the Local Improvements Charge By-law was to cover the costs to construct Hill Town Drive in Monticello. He indicated the Hill Town subdivision will be subject to a site-specific Zoning By-Law to recognize reduced lot areas and coverage and maximum dwelling size. He stated a petition from the benefitting landowners was received by the Town and the petition was in favour of proceeding with the construction of Hill Town Drive through a Local Improvement Charge By-law. He advised the estimated cost of the local improvement has been included in the draft Local Improvement Charge By-law, the cost has been divided amongst the 21 lots and an equal payment has been established per lot. The proposed construction of Hill Town Drive will close two Town owned road stubs known as Janet and Arnlee Street. Mr. Kluge advised both the Town's legal and engineering representatives were in attendance to answer questions with respect to the subdivision and Local Improvements Charges By-law.

Mayor Soloman thanked Mr. Kluge for his report and requested Council provide their questions and comments.

Councillor Latam raised a question regarding the inclusion of landscaping in the costs estimate.

Gord Feniak, from RJ Burnside Engineers responded that the budget and built standards were based on the 1975 subdivision plan. He advised the end product will be better than 1975, but will not necessarily reflect a 2025 subdivision.

Councillor Latam raised a question regarding stormwater management. Mr. Feniak advised he was comfortable with the 1975 stormwater design subject to upgrades required for 2025.

Councillor Latam raised a question regarding costs based on number of lot numbers versus lot sizes. Meghan Townsend, CAO/Clerk advised the use of lot numbers for costs was for simplicity.

Councillor Jonker raised concerns regarding costs and raised questions regarding a contingency. He inquired as to whether the cost estimate was reasonable and viable. CAO Townsend advised the cost estimates were correct and viable and had included a contingency which would hopefully not be needed. He inquired as to whether will it

be prorated back to them. CAO Townsend advised the By-Law included estimates and allowed for adjustments with final costs based on actuals.

Deputy Mayor Rentsch raised a question regarding the timeline for tendering the project. Carley Dixon, RJ Burnside, advised the project could be tendered in relatively short order once the appeal period for the by-law had lapsed.

Al Burton, the Town's legal representative attended to provide clarification and answer questions.

Councillor Latam inquired as to whether a different interest rate could be set for outstanding payments. Mr. Burton advised a different rate could not be set.

Councillor Latam raised a question regarding funding the project with a loan versus debenture funding. CAO Townsend advised financing terms had not yet been determined.

Mayor Soloman thanked Council for their questions and comments. He invited the public to come forward and provide questions or comments. There were no questions or comments provided from the public.

14. Reconvene Regular Meeting

Resolution: 2025-06-40

Moved by: P. Latam

Seconded by: J. Jonker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council reconvene their Regular Meeting at 11:15 a.m.

CARRIED

14.1 Public Meeting and Decision Report - Hill Town Drive (Monticello) Local Improvement Charge By-law, 2025-109

Resolution: 2025-06-41

Moved by: L. Dart

Seconded by: P. Rentsch

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report No. PLN2025-109, dated, June 24, 2025, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Local Improvement Charge By-law, as generally shown in **Appendix 6: DRAFT Local Improvement Charge By-law**, be approved and the necessary By-law be adopted.

CARRIED

15. Pending Items

15.1 Update - Wastewater Flows, 2025-118

Carley Dixon and Gord Feniak were in attendance to answer questions regarding the wastewater flow update.

Resolution: 2025-06-44

Moved by: J. Jonker

Seconded by: P. Latam

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Update - Wastewater Flows, 2025-118 for information purposes.

CARRIED

16. Correspondence

Resolution: 2025-06-53

Moved by: P. Latam

Seconded by: J. Jonker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the correspondence listed on the Tuesday, June 24, 2025, Council Agenda.

CARRIED

16.1 Grand Valley Lion's Club - Shaw Way - Street Naming Request dated June 6, 2025

Meghan Townsend, CAO/Clerk provided a verbal update advising the Lion's Club made a similar street naming request in 2024 and that Council denied the request as the Town's policy was streets would not be named after individuals.

Resolution: 2025-06-50

Moved by: P. Rentsch

Seconded by: J. Jonker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the correspondence from the Grand Valley's Lion's Club - Shaw Way - Street Naming Request;

AND FURTHER THAT Council reaffirms its position from last year's request.

CARRIED

- 16.2 Grand Valley Agricultural Society - 2025 Fall Fair Requests dated June 15, 2025

Resolution: 2025-06-51

Moved by: P. Latam

Seconded by: J. Jonker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the correspondence from the Grand Valley Agricultural Society - 2025 Fall Fair Requests;

AND FURTHER THAT Council grants an exemption to the Excessive Noise Bylaw 2021-72 for September 19, 20 and 21, 2025.

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs the Director of Public Works to work with the Grand Valley Fall Fair to provide assistance as identified in their correspondence dated June 15, 2025.

CARRIED

Resolution: 2025-06-52

Moved by: L. Dart

Seconded by: P. Rentsch

WHEREAS the Alcohol Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) administers the Special Occasion Permit (SOP) program, which allows for the sale, service and in most cases consumption of liquor on larger scale events that are open to the public, such as charity fundraisers.

AND WHEREAS the AGCO issues Public Event permits for events of "municipal significance".

AND WHEREAS the Grand Valley Agriculture Society has requested Council designate the 2025 Grand Valley Fall Fair, to be held on September 19, 20 and 21, 2025 at the Agriculture Fair Grounds, 60 Main Street North, Grand Valley as of municipal significance;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council has no objection to the Agricultural Society applying for a license for the Beer Tent hosted by the Agricultural Society,

AND FURTHER THAT Council designates the 2025 Grand Valley Fall Fair held at the Agricultural Society Grounds, 60 Main Street North, as a Municipal Significant Event.

CARRIED

- 16.3 Orangeville Hydro 2025 Dividend Notice dated June 9, 2025
- 16.4 Thank You - Pink It Out Fundraising Ball Tournament - Michelle Goulding
- 16.5 Ministry of Energy and Mines - Notice of ERO Post - The Orangeville to Barrie Reconductoring Project

17. County Council Report

Mayor Soloman provided the County Council update advising the next County Council will be held on Thursday, June 26th.

18. Council Updates

Mayor Soloman's update included his attendance at the Concession 2/3 Ball Diamond Grand Opening, Purolator Red Bag Food Drive, Grand Valley Public School Grade 8 graduation and the June 8th Memorial Service.

Councillor Latam's update included his attendance at the June 9th Grand Valley and District Community Centre Board Meeting and that he will be attending an upcoming Grand Valley and District Fire Board meeting on June 25th.

Councillor Jonker's update included his attendance at the Grand Valley Library Board meeting and South West Dufferin OPP Detachment Board meeting.

19. Boards and Committees

19.1 Minutes

Resolution: 2025-06-55

Moved by: J. Jonker

Seconded by: P. Latam

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Board and Committee Minutes listed on the Tuesday, June 24, 2025, Council Agenda.

19.1.1 Grand Valley Public Library Minutes - May 12, 2025

19.1.2 South West Dufferin OPP Detachment Board Minutes and Proceedings By-Law dated May 15, 2025

19.1.3 Grand Valley and District Community Centre Minutes - May 12, 2025

19.1.4 Grand Valley and District Fire Department Minutes - April 23, 2025

19.2 Recommendations

19.2.1 Dufferin OPP Detachment Board - 2024 Detachment Board Annual Report

19.2.2 Southwest Dufferin OPP Detachment Board - Annual Report - June 24, 2025

Councillor Jonker presented the 2024 Southwest Dufferin OPP Detachment Board Annual Report. He advised that the Township of Amaranth Councillor Andrew Stirk had resigned from Council and this has resulted in a Council represented vacancy on the Detachment Board.

Resolution: 2025-06-54

Moved by: P. Rentsch

Seconded by: L. Dart

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Southwest Dufferin OPP Detachment Board - Annual Report - June 24, 2025.

CARRIED

20. New Business

Councillor Jonker raised new business inquiring as to removal of the metal poppies from the Water Street Bridge. Matt Boss, Director of Public Works advised the poppies were removed for safety reasons. The community member who created the poppies was advised of their removal, and the poppies have been placed in storage, with consideration to be given to repurposing.

21. Notice of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

22. By-laws

Resolution: 2025-06-56

Moved by: P. Rentsch

Seconded by: L. Dart

BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be given to introduce the by-laws listed on the Tuesday, June 24, 2025 agenda as item 21.1 and that the By-law be given the necessary reading and passed and numbered as By-law 2025-37.

CARRIED

22.1 2025-XXX - Being a By-Law to Authorize and impose a local improvement charge concerning the construction of a Local Municipal Road, known as Hill Town Drive (Monticello)

23. Confirm Proceedings

Resolution: 2025-06-57

Moved by: P. Rentsch

Seconded by: J. Jonker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be given to introduce a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, June 24, 2025 and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered as By-Law 2025-38.

CARRIED

23.1 2025-XXX Being a By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grand Valley at the Regular Meeting held on June 24, 2025

24. Adjournment

Resolution: 2025-06-58

Moved by: L. Dart

Seconded by: P. Latam

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn this Regular Council Meeting at 1:45 p.m. to meet again for a Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. or at the call of the Mayor.

CARRIED

Steve Soloman, Mayor

Meghan Townsend, CAO/Clerk