



The Corporation of the Town of Grand Valley

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 24, 2026, 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, Manager of Planning
James Allen, Recreation Facilities Manager
Brad Haines, By-Law Enforcement Officer
Donna Tremblay, Deputy Clerk/Communications Coordinator

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: 2026-02-19

Moved by: P. Latam

Seconded by: J. Jonker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the Regular Council Meeting agenda dated Tuesday, February 24, 2026 as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

No pecuniary interest was declared.

4. Closed Meeting (if required)

There was no closed meeting.

7. Approval of Previous Minutes

Council recessed for technical issues at 10:05 a.m. and resumed at 10:08 a.m.

Resolution: 2026-02-20

Moved by: J. Jonker

Seconded by: P. Latam

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the February 10, 2026, Regular Council Meeting be approved as circulated/amended.

CARRIED

8. Announcements

There were no announcements.

9. Deputations/Presentations

There were no deputations or presentations.

10. Public Questions

There were no public questions.

11. Unfinished Business

11.1 Council Chamber Improvements - Next Steps Discussion

Council requested that this item be deferred to the March 10th meeting for further discussion.

12. Staff Reports

12.1 CAO/Clerk

12.1.1 2025 Annual Report – Grand Valley and District Community Centre Fee Waivers, 2026-029

Resolution: 2026-02-21

Moved by: P. Latam

Seconded by: J. Jonker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Report – 2025 Annual Report – Grand Valley and District Community Centre Fee Waivers for information purposes.

CARRIED

12.1.2 Operating Agreement for Grand Valley Campground, 2026-035

Deputy Mayor Rentsch arrived virtually at 10:15 a.m.

Councilor Dart arrived at 10:15 a.m.

Meghan Townsend, CAO/Clerk presented the report.

Council discussed the report. Council requested Schedule B - Responsibilities of Operator be amended as follows:

- Utilities - Town to pay Hydro in 2026. Grand Valley Firefighters Association to assume payment in 2027
- Grass - Town to pay for grass cutting in 2026. Grand Valley Firefighters Association to assume in 2027.
- 2.5% credit card service fee to be paid by Grand Valley Firefighters Association.

Resolution: 2026-02-22

Moved by: P. Latam

Seconded by: J. Jonker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Report – Operating Agreement for Grand Valley Campground,

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the draft Operating Agreement as presented and directs staff to send the draft to the Grand Valley Firefighters Association for their consideration.

CARRIED

12.1.3 Draft Building Services Agreement, 2026-037

CAO Townsend presented the report and sought direction regarding next steps.

Council discussed the report. Discussions included consulting legal and insurance regarding the risks and liabilities associated with the proposed agreement.

Resolution: 2026-02-23

Moved by: P. Rentsch

Seconded by: L. Dart

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Report – Draft Building Services Agreement

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs the CAO to consult with Town legal and insurance regarding the risks and liabilities associated with

the proposed agreement and report back with their feedback for further discussion.

CARRIED

12.1.4 Council Priorities for 2026, 2026-038

CAO Townsend presented the report advising the list presented included all ongoing projects, outstanding directives and other items and sought Council's direction on their Council priorities.

Council discussed the list and identified priorities as follows:

- 4. Potential future use of municipal building with the addition of a master plan for all services.
- 7. Sale of Gravel Pit Lands in Southgate Township
- 10. Ritchie Swale project
- 17. Medical Dental Centre - Transfer from Board
- 19. Fire Department Services for the Community
- 30. 23 Mill Street Site Remediation
- 33. Sewer Infiltration
- 34. Student traffic at School, with the addition that a plan be in place for the Fall of 2026.
- 36. Recreation Master Plan. Provision of costing as part of Parks Master Plan.

Council requested item 16. Sponsorship/Naming Rights program be removed from the list.

Staff advised the priorities list will appear in future CAO Update reports.

Resolution: 2026-02-24

Moved by: P. Latam

Seconded by: J. Jonker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Report – Council Priorities for 2026,

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs the CAO to work on the priorities discussed and defer other projects until discussion with the new term of Council.

CARRIED

12.2 Director of Finance/Treasurer

12.2.1 Treasurer's Update, 2026-044

Steven Freitas, Director of Finance/Treasurer presented the report.

Resolution: 2026-02-25

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 Report – Amendment to Traffic and Parking By-law 2019-72, 2026-028

Brad Haines, By-Law and Property Standards Enforcement Officer presented the report.

Council discussed the report. Discussions included amendments to parking along Spryut Avenue. Council requested amendments to parking along Spryut Avenue take place at the end of June, 2026.

Resolution: 2026-02-26

Moved by: P. Latam

Seconded by: L. Dart

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Report – Amendment to Traffic and Parking By-law 2019-72

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the amendments to Schedule 'D' – No Parking Zones and Schedule 'H' – Limited Time Parking Zones of the Town's Traffic and Parking By-law (2019-72), as amended, with the addition of new No-Parking Zones and Limited Parking Zones.

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to present the necessary Amending By-Law for adoption.

CARRIED

12.3.2 2025 By-Law Enforcement Annual Report and Program Details, 2026-025

Brad Haines, By-Law and Property Standards Enforcement Officer presented the report.

Resolution: 2026-02-27

Moved by: P. Rentsch

Seconded by: L. Dart

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the By-Law Enforcement Annual Report and Program Details Report for information purposes.

CARRIED

12.3.3 Report – By-law Enforcement Status Update – January 2026, 2026-041

Brad Haines, By-Law and Property Standards Enforcement Officer presented the report.

Council discussed the report. Discussions included snow removal complaints.

Resolution: 2026-02-28

Moved by: J. Jonker

Seconded by: P. Latam

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Report – By-Law Enforcement Status Update – January 2026.

CARRIED

12.4 Parks and Recreation

12.4.1 Recreation Update February 2026, 2026-042

James Allen, Recreation Facilities Manager presented the report.

Council discussed the report. Discussions included the Town's use of Grand Valley Public School for volleyball and pickle ball programs.

Resolution: 2026-02-29

Moved by: P. Latam

Seconded by: P. Rentsch

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Report Recreation Update February 2026 for information purposes.

CARRIED

13. Public Meeting

There was no public meeting.

14. Pending Items

There were no pending items.

15. Correspondence

Resolution: 2026-02-31

Moved by: J. Jonker

Seconded by: P. Latam

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the correspondence listed on the Tuesday, February 24, 2026, Council Agenda.

CARRIED

15.1 Grand Valley Public Library - 2026 Grand Valley and District Community Centre Fee Waiver Request

Council discussed the 2026 fee waiver request from the Grand Valley Public Library.

Library CEO Joanne Stevenson was in attendance to address Council questions.

Resolution: 2026-02-30

Moved by: L. Dart

Seconded by: J. Jonker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Grand Valley Public Library - 2026 Grand Valley and District Community Centre Fee Waiver Request.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the fee waivers requested for 2026.

CARRIED

15.2 Town of Mono - Support Resolution - County of Dufferin - Stockpiled American Alcohol

15.3 Town of Mono - Support Resolution - Town of Smith Falls - OCIF Funding

15.4 Town of Mono - Support Resolution - County of Dufferin - Scrap Tire Disposal

15.5 Town of Orangeville - Resolution - Bill 21 Protect Our Food Act

15.6 Township of Melancthon - Support Resolution - Dufferin County - Scrap Tire Resolution

16. County Council Report

Mayor Soloman advised the County Council passed the 2026 Budget with a 3.89% increase after growth.

17. Council Updates

Mayor Soloman's update included his attendance at the Community Centre Board meeting where Board members toured the new dressing rooms and renovated spaces. CAO Townsend advised a Grand Opening will be held on Friday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Centre.

Councillor Jonker's update included his attendance at the Economic Development Committee where the Committee received a presentation from Rebecca Landman from Central Counties Tourism.

18. Boards and Committees

18.1 Board Minutes

Mayor Soloman left the Chair. Council recessed at 11:43 am and resumed at 11:48 am.

Resolution: 2025-02-32

Moved by: J. Jonker
Seconded by: L. Dart

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Board and Committee Minutes listed on the Tuesday, February 24, 2026, Council Agenda.

CARRIED

19. New Business

Councillor Jonker brought forward a concern regarding after hours snow removal at the Municipal Office Building.

20. Notice of Motion

21. By-laws

Resolution: 2026-02-33

Moved by: P. Latam
Seconded by: P. Rentsch

BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be given to introduce the by-laws listed on the Tuesday, February 24, 2026 agenda as items 21.1 to 21.3 and that the By-laws be given the necessary reading and passed and numbered as By-laws 2026-11 to 2026-13.

CARRIED

22. Confirm Proceedings

Resolution: 2026-02-34

Moved by: L. Dart

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, February 24, 2026 and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered as By-Law 2026-14.

CARRIED

23. Adjournment

Resolution: 2026-02-35

Moved by: P. Rentsch

Seconded by: J. Jonker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn this Regular Council Meeting at 11:54 a.m. to meet again for a Regular Council Meeting on March 10, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.

CARRIED

Steve Soloman, Mayor

Meghan Townsend, CAO/Clerk