



GRAND VALLEY

MEMO TO COUNCIL

To: Mayor Soloman and Members of Council
From: Steven Freitas, Director Finance/Treasurer
Meeting Date: 2026-04-28
Subject: Finance Department Hiring

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of a recent hiring in the Finance Department.

Background

At the meeting on February 10, 2026, Council was presented with the Report – Finance Department Staffing and passed the following resolution:

Resolution: 2026-02-08
Moved by: P. Rentsch
Seconded by: L. Dart

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Report – Finance Department Staffing;
AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the conversion of the Accounting Clerk position to a Deputy Treasurer position;
AND FURTHER THAT Council directs the Town to immediately post the Deputy Treasurer position to fill the vacancy.
AND FURTHER THAT the job description be modified, to reflect points discussed, in efforts to create the best pool of candidates possible.

CARRIED

Discussion

We are pleased to announce that Christopher Dixon-Pirzas is the successful candidate for the Deputy Treasurer position with the Town.

Christopher has over 4 years experience in accounting and comes to us from RLB Chartered Professional Accountants, where he had been working in their Not-For-Profit (NFP) Audit and Assurance Team.

Christopher joined the accounting team of RLB in 2022 as a Staff Accountant and moved into the Senior Accountant position in 2025 where he has been supervising other NFP teams.

Christopher has a Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting from the University of Guelph and is currently taking the Municipal Accounting and Finance Program (MAFP) with AMCTO. Christopher is currently working towards his CPA designation.

Christopher's first day will be May 11, 2026, and a By-Law to appoint Christopher as Deputy Treasurer will be presented at the May 12, 2026, Council meeting.

Please join us in welcoming Christopher!

Financial Impact

The budget for the conversion of this position from Accounting Clerk to Deputy Treasurer was included in the 2026 budget.

This Council Memo was submitted by,
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This Council Memo was approved by,
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