



The Corporation of the Town of Grand Valley

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 6:00 pm
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: Matthew Bos, Director Public Works
Steven Freitas, Director of Finance/Treasurer
Mark Kluge, Manager of Planning
Donna Tremblay, Deputy Clerk/Communications Coordinator

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Soloman called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.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: 2026-04-01

Moved by: L. Dart

Seconded by: P. Rentsch

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the Regular Council Meeting agenda and any addendums dated Tuesday, April 14, 2026 as circulated/amended

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 discussed the minutes. There were no requests for amendments.

7.1 March 24, 2026 Council Minutes

Resolution: 2026-04-02

Moved by: J. Jonker

Seconded by: P. Latam

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the March 24, 2026 Regular Council Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

8. Announcements

8.1 Proclamation - Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month

Mayor Soloman proclaimed April 2026 as Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month in the Town of Grand Valley and urged all citizens of our community to create a more inclusive world for people with ASD.

8.2 2026 Municipal Candidate Information Sessions

Mayor Soloman announced the dates for the upcoming 2026 Candidate Information Session hosted by Dufferin County lower tier municipalities. Sessions to be held virtually on April 29th and two in-person sessions on May 6th in Mono and May 7th in Shelburne. He encouraged those interested in running in the upcoming election to attend a session.

9. Deputations/Presentations

Resolution: 2026-04-03

Moved by: P. Rentsch

Seconded by: L. Dart

BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be given to Christina Corbo, Agent for the Applicant, 193064 Amaranth Street East Luther Townline, regarding Agenda Item 12.3.1 Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment Z03-2025, to address Council.

CARRIED

9.1 6:05 p.m. - Deputation - Christina Corbo, Agent for the Applicant, 193064 Amaranth Street East Luther Townline, Agenda Item 12.3.1. Proposed Zoning Amendment Z03-2025

Christina Corbo, Agent for the Applicants, 193064 Amaranth Street East Luther Townline, appeared before Council regarding the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment Z03-2025, agenda item 12.3.1. She advised she was

in support of the decision of RJ Burnside and the property owners believe it is a fair solution and achieves the property owners intention to not to expand or cause any future drainage issues.

Council sought clarification as to the use of a site plan drawing. The Manager of Planning confirmed a site plan drawing would submitted with the building permit which would be reviewed by the Manager of Planning to ensure the 40 percent impervious lot area is identified prior to the issuance of municipal approval.

Resolution: 2026-04-04

Moved by: P. Latam
Seconded by: J. Jonker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the deputation from Christina Corbo, Agent for the Applicant, 193064 Amaranth Street East Luther Townline.

CARRIED

10. Public Questions

There were no public questions.

11. Unfinished Business

11.1 Dufferin Food Share Property Tax Reduction Request, 2026-074

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

Council discussed the report. Discussions included charitable organizations qualification for a tax rebate, application of the rebate to occupancy or ownership and tax percentage rates offer by other Dufferin municipalities.

Resolution: 2026-04-06

Moved by: P. Rentsch
Seconded by: J. Jonker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Report – Dufferin Food Share Request for Tax Reduction,

AND THAT the decision be deferred.

AND FURTHER THAT staff bring back a report, no later than June 23, to include how many charities in Grand Valley would qualify for a rebate, if the rebate should apply to occupancy or ownership and the percentage rebate that other municipalities offer.

CARRIED

12. Staff Reports

12.1 CAO/Clerk

12.1.1 CAO Progress Update – March 2026, 2026-070

Deputy Clerk advised, due to the absence of the CAO, questions relating to the report would be included in the minutes with a response provided in a future CAO Update Report.

Council requested the CAO provide an update on the urban dog count including enforcement and the sale of the Southgate property.

Resolution: 2026-04-07

Moved by: J. Jonker

Seconded by: P. Latam

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Report – CAO Progress update for information purposes.

CARRIED

12.2 Director of Public Works

12.2.1 Public Works Update – March 2026, 2026-073

Mathew Bos, Director of Public Works provided a summary of the report including a verbal update regarding the commencement of street sweeping on April 13th.

Resolution: 2026-04-08

Moved by: P. Latam

Seconded by: J. Jonker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Public Works Update Report March 2026 for information.

CARRIED

12.2.2 Dalton R. Lowe and Sons Construction Ltd. - Request to Amend 2026 Gravel Tender - fuel costs

Mathew Bos, Director of Public works provided a summary.

Council discussed the requested amendment. Discussions included the fuel surcharge amount and gravel tender.

Resolution: 2026-04-09

Moved by: J. Jonker

Seconded by: P. Latam

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Dalton R. Lowe and Sons Construction Ltd. request to amend the 2026 Grave Tender - fuel costs;

AND FURTHER THAT Council agrees to the \$0.20/mt fuel surcharge as per their letter dated March 30, 2026.

CARRIED

12.3 Manager of Planning

12.3.1 Proposed Zoning Amendment Z03-2025 - 193064 Amaranth East Luther Townline – Roll 100175, 2026-067

The report was brought forward immediately following delegations. See item 9.1 for Council discussion.

Resolution: 2026-04-05

Moved by: P. Rentsch

Seconded by: L. Dart

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report No. PLN2026-067 Decision Report – Proposed Zoning Amendment Z03-2025 193064 Amaranth East Luther Townline dated April 14, 2026, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Zoning by-law Amendment File Z03-2025, to amend the Town of Grand Valley Zoning By-law 2009-10, as amended, for the lands municipally known as 193064 Amaranth East Luther Townline (Roll #100175), as generally shown in **Appendix 2: DRAFT Zoning By-law**, be approved and the necessary By-law be adopted;

AND FURTHER THAT a Site Plan drawing conforming to the applicable and site-specific zoning requirements be submitted with the Building Permit Application to be reviewed by Planning, prior to Municipal Approval being issued.

AND FURTHER THAT Zoning By-law 2009-10, as amended, be further amended to add a new definition ***Impervious Lot Area*** to Zoning By-law 2009-10, as amended, as generally shown in **Appendix 2: DRAFT Zoning By-law**, be approved and the necessary By-law be adopted.

CARRIED

12.3.2 Monthly Planning Update Report – April 2026, 2026-056

Mark Kluge, Manager of Planning presented a summary of the report.

Council discussed the report. Discussions included updates regarding 50 Emma Street pending items and Cash in lieu of parkland. Staff advised 50 Emma Street pending items relate to site plan and staff will need to meet with the Town's consultant regarding Cash in lieu of parkland to provide an update.

Resolution: 2026-04-10

Moved by: P. Rentsch

Seconded by: L. Dart

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Report PLN 2026-056 – Monthly Planning Update Report – April 2026, for information purposes.

CARRIED

13. Public Meeting

There was no public meeting.

14. Pending Items

There were no pending items.

15. Correspondence

Council discussed the correspondence.

Council requested OCWA attend at a future meeting to present the 2025 Annual Sewage Performance Report.

Resolution: 2026-04-11

Moved by: P. Latam

Seconded by: J. Jonker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the correspondence listed on the Tuesday, April 14, 2026, Council Agenda.

CARRIED

16. County Council Report

Deputy Mayor Rentsch provided the County Council Update which included upcoming meetings on April 23rd regarding OPA Number 5 and a Statutory Public Meeting on April 15th regarding a proposed Official Plan Amendment Application for 476420 3rd Line, Melancthon (Chipwoods Park).

17. Council Updates

Deputy Mayor Rentsch's update included his attendance at the Good Roads Conference delegation. He advised along with Mayor Soloman, Councillor Latam and CAO Townsend they met with Amarjot Sandhu, MPP for Brampton West and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure to advocate for the infrastructure for Grand Valley's growth.

Mayor Soloman's update included he would be attending the Sikh flag raising at Town Hall on Wednesday.

Councillor Jonker's update included his attendance at Library Board meetings and he has received an invitation to attend a May meeting of the Central Region Police Services Board Chairs.

18. Boards and Committees

18.2 Recommendations

18.2.1 Economic Development Committee - Resolution Town Advertising Policy

Councillor Jonker and Deputy Clerk Tremblay provided a summary of the EDC's request for the advertising policy.

Resolution: 2026-04-12

Moved by: P. Latam

Seconded by: J. Jonker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Economic Development Committee's Resolution regarding a Town Advertising Policy

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to prepare an advertising policy that reflects the request from the EDC.

CARRIED

19. New Business

Deputy Mayor Rentsch stated he was contacted by a resident regarding their concerns to legislative changes to the provincial appointment of Regional Chairs. He suggested Council meet with Dufferin Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones to discuss this and other recent planning related legislative amendments.

20. Notice of Motion

20.1 Waive of Procedure By-Law Rule for Notice

Resolution: 2026-04-13

Moved by: P. Rentsch

Seconded by: L. Dart

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council waives the rules with respect to Notice of Motion.

CARRIED

20.2 Motion - Meeting with Sylvia Jones, MPP Dufferin-Caledon

Deputy Mayor Rentsch brought forward a Motion to request staff to schedule a meeting with MPP Jones to discuss the constant changes to the Planning Act.

Council discussed the motion.

Resolution: 2026-04-14

Moved by: P. Rentsch

Seconded by: L. Dart

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to set up a meeting with our MPP and her staff to discuss the constant changes to the Planning Act, imposed changes to regional councils, forced reduction of development charges, and infrastructure funding.

CARRIED

21. By-laws

Resolution: 2026-04-15

Moved by: J. Jonker

Seconded by: P. Latam

BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be given to introduce the by-laws listed on the Tuesday, April 14, 2026 agenda as item 21.1 and that the By-law be given the necessary reading and passed and numbered as By-law 2026-25.

CARRIED

22. Confirm Proceedings

Resolution: 2026-04-16

Moved by: P. Rentsch

Seconded by: L. Dart

BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be given to introduce a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered as By-Law 2026-26.

CARRIED

23. Adjournment

Resolution: 2026-04-17

Moved by: P. Latam

Seconded by: J. Jonker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn this Regular Council Meeting at 7:46 p.m. to meet again for a Regular Council Meeting on April 28, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. or at the call of the Mayor.

CARRIED

Steve Soloman, Mayor

Donna Tremblay, Deputy Clerk