



GRAND VALLEY

The Corporation of the Town of Grand Valley Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 23, 2023, 10:00 AM

Council Chambers, 5 Main Street North, Grand Valley

Present:

Mayor Steve Soloman
Deputy Mayor Philip Rentsch
Councillor Lorne Dart
Councillor James Jonker
Councillor Paul Latam
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Meghan Townsend
Roads Manager Tim Benham
Planner Mark Kluge
Recreation Facilities Manager James Allen
Deputy Treasurer Laura Aston
By-law Enforcement Officer Brad Haines

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

2. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution 2023-05-18

Moved by Rentsch, Seconded by Jonker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the agenda dated May 23, 2023, as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

No pecuniary interest was declared.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

4.1. May 9, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes

Resolution 2023-05-19

Moved by Jonker, Seconded by Rentsch

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the May 9, 2023 regular meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Announcements - none

6. Deputations

6.1. **6:05pm** - Sarah Spear – seniors' programming

Resolution 2023-05-20

Moved by Latam, Seconded by Jonker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be given to Sarah Spears to address Council.

CARRIED

Spears spoke to Council to advise that she had been working with the Recreation Facilities Manager and the Fireside Club to create a series of activities for June, taking place at the Grand Valley and District Community Centre. There appears to be a lot of interest from local seniors.

6.2. **6:15pm** - Orangeville Hydro Limited – annual report

Resolution 2023-05-21

Moved by Latam, Seconded by Jonker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be given to representatives from Orangeville Hydro to address Council.

CARRIED

Bob Long, Chair, Rob Koekkoek, President and Amy Long, Chief Financial Officer, of Orangeville Hydro Limited presented the 2022 Annual Report. Due to a large client rebate resulting from fee calculation errors, and the subsequent directive from the Ontario Energy Board, the Town's dividend will be lower than anticipated.

Dart joined the meeting at 10:21am.

7. Public Question Period

Jessica Deaken, Dayne Deaken and Trevor McAlister addressed Council regarding the condition of the Town's gravel road network. They felt that several sections were not safe to drive on. They advised that the recent road closures resulted in heating fuel truck deliveries being postponed. They asked Council to take steps to fix the roads quickly, acknowledging that external assistance will likely be needed as the number of repairs will be beyond the Town's staff capacity. Council directed staff to start an investigation into options for improvements the roads, including the possibility of external assistance.

7.1. Laren Raan – cannabis stores

Council received the letter and directed the planner to present a response to explain that the Town does not regulate the types of retail businesses that use the commercial space, and that the Town has authorized cannabis stores so if a business believes that operating a retail outlet is financially profitable, they are permitted to do so within the scope of all applicable legislation and regulation.

8. Unfinished Business

None

9. Staff Reports

9.1. CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

9.1.1. Treasurer's Report

Resolution 2023-05-25

Moved by Latam, Seconded by Jonker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives and approves the Treasurer's Report of May 23, 2023.

CARRIED

9.1.2. Monthly Procurement Report

Resolution 2023-05-26

Moved by Rentsch, Seconded by Dart

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Monthly Procurement Report.

CARRIED

9.1.3. By-law Enforcement Monthly Report

Council reviewed the report.

9.1.4. Updated Report – Limited Parking Within/Surrounding Intersection of Main and Amaranth Street

Council reviewed the updated by-law.

Resolution 2023-05-27

Moved by Rentsch, Seconded by Dart

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Updated Report – limited Parking Within/Surrounding Intersection of Main and Amaranth Street,

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the amendment to By-law 2019-72, as presented, and directs that the by-law be presented for passing,

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs By-law and Public Works to post signage as mentioned, after the passing of the by-law.

CARRIED

9.1.5. CAO Update – verbal update

1. Downtown flowers

- Will arrive early June due to cold temperatures.

2. Vehicle For Hire By-law

- Recommendation report to replace our existing by-law with a by-law operated under a joint agreement with Orangeville will be presented in June. The new by-law will cover licensing, customer fee structure, ride sharing, etc.

3. Telecommunications Interoperability project

- Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Town of Orangeville was not able to apply for the grant funding that was to be used to pay for the interoperability capital projects. As a result, this project has been cancelled.
- Fire Chiefs are investigating alternatives. More information to follow.

4. Health and Safety Shared Service

- Meeting held with Dufferin CAOs to discuss the current structure of health and safety administration. County to review what the municipalities require and send a proposal for a new agreement based on County ability to provide services and the cost of these services. No agreement currently exists, but rather an understanding has existed since 2002-3.

5. Webb Street Reconstruction project

- Work has been tendered and the project started.
- Parking will be on the south side only, along the new sidewalk.

- No Parking signage will be required for the north side, as will an amendment to our Traffic and Parking by-law.
6. Office Move for accommodating staffing
 - Keeping the committee table for work surface in storage room.
 - Office closure will not be necessary.
 7. Upcoming Council Events
 - May 23, 2023, 7pm – meeting with Hill Town Subdivision property owners
 - May 31, 2023, all day – Emergency Management Forum. At the Best Western, Orangeville.
 - June 1, 2023, 7:00pm – Scott Street road and drainage restoration project meeting with the public
 - Cemetery Memorial Service June 11, 2023, 2pm

9.1.6. Report – staff announcement

Council reviewed the report.

9.1.7. Report – Tax Policy Review

Council reviewed the report.

9.2. Public Works Superintendent

9.2.1. Verbal update

Council and Benham discussed the gravel roads, further to the questions raised during question period.

Council directed that a review of the gravel roads be completed, including core sampling, full cost analysis of replacing, paving, and report back to Council with action plan.

9.3. Planner

9.3.1. Report – Planning Update

Kluge presented his report.

Resolution 2023-05-28

Moved by Latam, Seconded by Jonker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to provide comments regarding the changes to the PPS allowing 3 severances to agricultural land, that Council staunchly opposes this change,

AND FURTHER THAT Council urges the Ontario government to not pass this change,

AND FURTHER THAT this letter be sent to MPP Sylvia Jones, ROMA, AMO, Minister Clark, the Premier's office, the ERO, OMAFRA and Dufferin municipalities.

CARRIED

9.3.2. Report – Fence Variance Application, 32 Gier Street

Resolution 2023-05-29

Moved by Rentsch, Seconded by Dart

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report No. PLN21-2023, dated May 18, 2023, with respect to a Fence Variance regarding the property municipally known as 32 Gier Street (Roll #304800) be received,

AND FURTHER THAT the Fence Variance for the lands municipally known as 32 Gier Street (Roll #304800), to increase the height of the fence from 2m to 2.13m, be approved.

CARRIED

10. Public Meeting under Subsection 34(12) of the Planning Act – 11:00am

Resolution 2023-05-22

Moved by Jonker, Seconded by Latam

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn this Regular Meeting of Council at 11:04am to hold a Public Meeting under the Planning Act.

CARRIED

10.1. **Z02-2023 (DOEKES)** – Application for a Zoning By-law Amendment under Subsection 34(12) of the Planning Act. The purpose and effect of this application is to permit a reduced exterior side yard setback and to recognize the existing deficient front yard setback to accommodate an addition to the home (garage).

Kluge presented his report. One question was raised by council regarding the height of the proposed building. It was noted that the draft by-law stated an incorrect side yard setback, which should be 6 metres.

Resolution 2023-05-23

Moved by Jonker, Seconded by Latam

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we reconvene our regular meeting at 11:08am.

CARRIED

Resolution 2023-05-24

Moved by Rentsch, Seconded by Dart

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report No. PLN18-2023, dated May 18, 2023, with respect to Zoning Application Z02-2023, regarding the property municipally known as 242003 Concession Road 2-3 (Roll #109900) be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Zoning By-law amendment File Z02-2023, to amend the Town of Grand Valley Zoning By-law 2009-10, as amended, for the lands municipally known as 2422003 Concession Road 2-3 (roll #109900), as generally shown in Appendix 4: Draft Zoning By-law, o this report, be approved, and that staff be directed to prepare and present the necessary by-law for passing as amended.

CARRIED

11. Pending Items

11.1. Recreation, Industrial Land, Housing

12. Correspondence

12.1. Township of East Garafraxa – shared services resolution of support

12.2. Township of Amaranth – school bus stop arm camera

12.3. Municipality of Tweed – Bell-Hydro Pole Infrastructure

12.4. City of Stratford – use of long-term care funding to support community care services

12.5. Good Roads – One Call Act

12.6. Town of Lincoln – municipal heritage register

12.7. National Chronic Pain Society – opioid use and crisis

12.8. Town of Fort Francis – response to the opioid crisis

12.9. Prince Edward County – intimate partner violence

12.10. Prince Edward County – provincial policy statement changes

Resolution 2023-05-30

Moved by Jonker, Seconded by Latam

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the correspondence listed on the agenda be received.

CARRIED

13. County Council Report

13.1. BetterHomes Dufferin request for letter of support

Council reviewed the letter and confirmed that the CAO had submitted it to the County.

13.2. Support for Town of Orangeville resolution for Bill 74

14. Committee Minutes and Recommendations

14.1 Fire Board – no update

14.2. Community Centre Board – no update

14.3. Library Board

- Board continues to work on updating policies
- Moving forward with summer jobs and recruiting replacement staff
- Seeking a Canadian charity that would accept donated books

14.4. Police Services Board – no update

14.5. Medical/Dental Board – no update

14.6. Highland Youth for Christ Youth Centre (The Door) – no update

14.7. Business Improvement Area – no update

14.8. Upper Grand Trailway – no update

14.9. Grand River Conservation Authority – no update

14.10. Economic Development Committee – no update

14.11. Health and Safety Committee – no update

14.12. Orangeville Hydro – no update

15. New Business

16. Notice of Motion

17. By-laws

17.1. 2023-XX, By-law to Authorize the Corporation of the Town of Grand Valley to further limit parking at the intersection of Amaranth and Main Street and amend By-law 2019-72.

17.2. 2023-XX, By-law to Amend By-law 09-10, as amended, known as the Zoning By-law for the Corporation of the Town of Grand Valley, to Rezone the lands from a Rural Residential (RR) Zone to a Rural Residential Exception Thirty-four (RR-34) Zone, to permit a reduced exterior side yard and a reduced exterior front yard setback.

Resolution 2023-05-31

Moved by Latam, Seconded by Rentsch

BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be given to introduce the by-laws presented as Items 17.1 and 17.2 and that they be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered By-law 2023-21 and 2023-22.

CARRIED

Recess at 1:00pm.

Reconvene at 1:35pm.

18. Closed session

Resolution 2023-05-32

Moved by Rentsch, Seconded by Dart

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council resolve itself into closed session under the provisions of the Municipal Act, 2001 at 1:35pm, in order to discuss matters pertaining to:

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

CARRIED

19. Rise and Report

Resolution 2023-05-33

Moved by Latam, Seconded by Dart

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council rise and report at 2:00pm.

CARRIED

20. Council Strategic Planning Discussion

Items discussed included:

- If they wish to apply any strategic lenses through which to approach a project (policy, by-law, study, etc.)
- If they wish to create Vision/Mission statements, branding
- Selection of Priority Areas
 - i. Considerations: need industry to make a complete town; we are making headway with recreation; road conditions
 - ii. Mandate of Economic Development Committee on industrial business recruitment
- SWOT Analysis
 - i. Strengths: delivering services well; we have river and other environmental features; productive farming community; near large population centres so are close to customers; infrastructure is in decent condition overall
 - ii. Weaknesses: having to serve more complex community with both urban and rural needs; lack of downtown area growth and vacancies in downtown; school access (e.g., no high school); lack of community/municipal self-promotion
 - iii. Opportunities: attracting residents downtown; community building; multi-use centre; Town-owned buildings
 - iv. Threats: other municipalities attracting businesses; developer inaction; managing community expectations
- What makes a Community?
 - i. High school
 - ii. Commercial/industrial
 - iii. Municipal Employees and budget to look after staff

iv. Feeling part of the community, both new residents and long-term families

v. Town support for community building

Discussion resulted in 4 overall priority focus areas:

1. Community Building
2. Municipal Land Use
3. Equipping Municipality for the Future
4. Maintaining Town's core infrastructure

21. Confirming Proceedings

21.1. 2023-XX, A By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grand Valley at its meeting held on May 23, 2023

Resolution 2023-05-34

Moved by Latam, Seconded by Dart

BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be given to introduce a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the May 23, 2023 regular meeting of Council, and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered By-law 2023-23.

CARRIED

22. Adjournment

Resolution 2023-05-35

Moved by Rentsch, Seconded by Dart

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn this Meeting of Council at 2:37pm to meet again for a regular meeting on May 23, 2023, at 7:00 for a special closed session, and a regular meeting on June 13, 2023 at 5:30pm or at the call of the Mayor.

CARRIED

Original signed by

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Steve Soloman, Mayor

Meghan Townsend, Clerk