



## GRAND VALLEY

### **The Corporation of the Town of Grand Valley Special Council Meeting - 2024 Capital Budget**

Tuesday, November 28, 2023, 2:00 PM

Council Chambers, 5 Main Street North, Grand Valley

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#### **Present:**

Mayor Steve Soloman

Deputy Mayor Philip Rentsch

Councillor Lorne Dart

Councillor James Jonker

Councillor Paul Latam

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Meghan Townsend

Director Public Works Matthew Bos

Deputy Clerk/Communications Coordinator Donna Tremblay

#### **1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Mayor Soloman called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

#### **2. Adoption of Agenda**

##### **Resolution 2023-11-48**

Moved by P. Rentsch, Seconded by L. Dart

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the Special Council – 2024 Capital Budget

Meeting agenda dated November 28, 2023, as circulated.

CARRIED

#### **3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

No pecuniary interest was declared.

#### **4. 2024 Capital Budget Discussion**

##### **4.1. Report - Draft 2024 Capital Budget**

Meghan Townsend, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer provided opening remarks stating the purpose of the Special meeting is for Council's discussion of the Town's 2024 capital

projects and to provide direction to staff. She advised the report includes attachments for each project category, outlining 2023 projects with status, 2024 proposed projects with costs, total capital budget request and levy impacts. CAO Townsend advised 2024 project information has been provided to assist Council in their discussions and directions to staff.

Council discussed each project category and provided direction to staff as follows:

### **Administration**

Council directed staff to include the \$60,000 for renovations to council chambers for future budget discussions.

### **Community Centre**

Council directed staff to include the total capital budget request of \$15,000.

### **Recreation**

Council directed staff to include the 2024 proposed capital projects as follows:

- Concession 2-3 Park Diamond lighting - \$280,000. Funding options to include sponsorship and borrowing.
- Concession 2-3 Park Pavilion - \$20,000 with design plans to include an area for recreation storage.

### **2024 Equipment Purchases**

- Council deferred discussion on 2024 equipment purchases and referred the item back to staff to prepare a report on specific roles of parks and recreation and public works staff regarding landscaping and grass cutting.

### **Resolution 2023-50**

Moved by P. Latam, Seconded by P. Rentsch

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Staff be instructed to report back on the specific roles of Parks and Recreation as well of Public Works when it comes to landscaping and grass cutting.

AND FURTHER THAT the report looks at costing and staffing both departments, with in-house or contract workers.

CARRIED

### **Bridges and Culverts**

Council directed staff to include the proposed 2024 capital projects as follows:

- Bridge 10 Replacement - \$1,400,000 with funding to include borrowing.
- Bridge 4 rehabilitation, design and permit preparation - \$30,000

Council directed staff to remove Bridge 7 structure evaluation and request an opinion from the Town's Engineers on deferring the monitoring of Bridge 14.

### **Gravel Road Capital**

Council directed staff to include the proposed 2024 capital project amount of \$400,000 for the purchase, trucking and application of gravel for further budget discussions.

### **Roads and Sidewalks**

Council directed staff regarding the 2024 proposed capital budget projects as follows:

- Council's discussion on the Mill Street West, between Main Street and Emma Street, including close-out of drain from Main Street to Grand River, be deferred with the item referred back to staff to obtain a legal opinion.
- Council deferred project planning on Leeson/Douglas/Emma streets.

### **Public Works Vehicles/Equipment**

Council directed staff to include the proposed 2024 capital project amounts as follows:

- Tandem Axel Plow Truck - \$64,000 with staff to investigate options to reduce downpayment and flowing costs. Council requested staff consider leasing options versus equipment purchases. Staff advised they will investigate and advise on any leasing options.
- Half Ton 4x4 Pick Up Truck - \$16,000.
- 2600 Gallon Slip-In Water Tank - \$33,000
- Mig Welder and Plasma Cutter with accessories - \$12,000

Council deferred the purchase of the boom flail mower attachment for trackless pending receipt of staff's report on landscaping and grass cutting.

### **Storm Sewer**

Council directed staff to include the 2024 proposed capital project amount \$28,000 for improvements to drainage along Ritchie from Hunt to Landsborough.

### **Water Tower Restoration Project**

Council directed staff to include the 2024 proposed restoration work and funding outlined in the Capital Budget Summary Sheet.

### **Growth-related Infrastructure**

Council directed staff to include the 2024 growth-related infrastructure capital projects as presented.

Council inquired as to the amounts indicated for the Scott Street redevelopment. CAO Townsend advised a meeting has been scheduled for next week on this project, any revisions to amounts will be provided to Council at the next capital budget meeting.

Council inquired as to the whether the amounts indicated for Hill Town Drive included carrying costs. Staff advised carrying costs will be included in the Local Improvement By-law.

CAO Townsend provided an update on the business park project including water servicing. She advised water servicing will be a combination of the Moco development, the Town's collection of development charges and installation of a new road for the development.

### **Wastewater System Infiltration Projects**

Council deferred the item to final 2024 capital budget discussions.

#### **Resolution 2023-11-51**

Moved by P. Latam, Seconded by J. Jonker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Report – 2024 Capital Budget;

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to make the changes discussed in the meeting for the second Capital Budget presentation on December 12, 2023.

CARRIED

**5. Adjournment**

**Resolution 2023-11-54**

Moved by J. Jonker, Seconded by P. Latam

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn this Meeting of Council at 3:49 p.m. to meet again for a regular meeting on December 12, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. or at the call of the Mayor.

CARRIED

**“Original Signed”**

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**Mayor Steve Soloman**

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**Meghan Townsend, Clerk**