



The Corporation of the Town of Grand Valley Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 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: Meghan Townsend, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
Matthew Bos, Director Public Works
Steve Freitas, Director Finance/Treasurer
Mark Kluge, Town Planner
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 6:00 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Rentsch arrived at 6:05 p.m.

Councillor Dart attended the meeting virtually.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution: 2024-04-01

Moved by: P. Latam

Seconded by: J. Jonker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the agenda and any addendums dated Tuesday, April 9, 2024 as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

No pecuniary interest was declared.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

Resolution: 2024-04-02

Moved by: J. Jonker

Seconded by: P. Latam

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the March 26, 2024, Regular Council Meeting and Special Council Meeting- 2024 Budget meetings be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4.1 March 26, 2024 - Regular Meeting Minutes

4.2 March 26, 2024 - Special Meeting - 2024 Budget Minutes

5. Announcements

5.1 Proclamation - National Volunteer Week - April 14-20, 2024

Mayor Soloman read the proclamation declaring April 14-20, 2024 as National Volunteer Week and urged the citizens of Grand Valley to recognize the crucial role played by volunteers in our community.

6. Deputations/Presentations

There were no deputations or presentations.

7. Public Questions

There were no public questions.

8. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

9. Staff Reports

9.1 CAO/Clerk Treasurer

9.1.1 CAO Update Report, 2024-002

Meghan Townsend, CAO/Clerk provided a summary of the report including verbal updates on a search for a Fireside Senior Bingo caller and an email and survey received from the Ministry of Infrastructure relating to the July 1st deadline for completion of the Asset Management Plans.

Council discussed the report and verbal updates requesting staff contact the Library to see if library part-time staff would be available to assist with bingo calling and to provide a letter to Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin-Caledon to address the CAO concerns regarding the

Infrastructure Ontario survey and email referencing implications to the Town's OCIF funding should asset management deadlines not be met.

Council requested staff schedule a future touch-point meeting with MPP Jones and requested the next CAO Update Report include:

- County Building Services Agreement. Staff will advise.
- Facilities Workshop. Staff will organize a workshop and advise of workshop dates.

Resolution: 2024-04-03

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Report- CAO Progress Update, 2024-02 for information purposes.

CARRIED

9.1.2 Report - Application to the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund

CAO Townsend provided a summary of the report. Council discussed the report and sought clarification regarding the fundings purpose. Staff advised the funding is for water and waste water infrastructure specific projects that will enable more houses to be constructed quickly in our community.

Resolution: 2024-04-04

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Report – Application to the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund,

AND THAT Council approves an application for the Housing-Enabling Water System Fund for the Town's new Elevated Water Storage Tank as proposed.

CARRIED

9.1.3 Report - Director of Finance/Treasurer for the Town of Grand Valley

CAO Townsend provided a summary of the memo. Mayor and Council welcomed Mr. Freitas to the Town of Grand Valley.

9.2 Public Works Director

9.2.1 Public Works Update

Matthew Bos, Director of Public Works provided a summary of his update report, including verbal updates on grading activities, seasonal equipment changes, tree trimming, bridge work and staff training. He confirmed street sweeping will commence within the next couple of weeks.

Council discussed the report and provided the following questions:

- Road grading and packing. Staff advised the packer requires repairs and road conditions did not require packing.
- Traffic Calming. Staff advised Alvaro L. Almuina at R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited will be contacted to discuss next steps.

Council requested staff advertise street sweeping activities one week before commencement.

Resolution: 2024-04-05

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Report - Public Works Update for information purposes.

CARRIED

9.3 Planner

9.3.1 Report - PLN07-2024 - Planning Update Report

Mark Kluge, Town Planner, provided a summary of his update report including a status update on 10 Watson Rd., Golden Homes and Phase 3B-1 Thomasfield and River's Edge by Thomasfield subdivision.

Council discussed the report and provided the following questions:

3B-1 River's Edge public comments. Staff advised the public commenting period has now ended with all comments provided to the applicant.

ORICA peer review. Staff advised 2021, 2022 and 2023 annual monitoring reports have been received and a future report will come to Council regarding the reports.

Resolution: 2024-04-06

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Report PLN07-2024 Planning Update for Information Purposes.

CARRIED

9.4 By-Law Enforcement

There were no By-Law Enforcement reports.

9.5 Parks and Recreation

Council requested the Recreation Facilities Manager provide a status update regarding the plans and timing for the new ball diamond parking lot.

Council inquired as to whether the 2024 Grass Cutting Tender was awarded. CAO Townsend advised staff will provide an update as part of the April Treasurer's Update Report.

10. Public Meeting under Section 34 of the Planning Act -7:00 p.m.

Resolution: 2024-04-08

Moved by: J. Jonker

Seconded by: P. Latam

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council recess this Regular Meeting of Council at 7:00 p.m. to hold a Public Meeting under section 34 of the Planning Act.

CARRIED

10.1 Application File (Z01-2024) to the Town's Zoning By-Law (2009-10, as amended) to prohibit the keeping of chickens in non-agricultural zones in the Town of Grand Valley

10.1.1 Public Meeting and Recommendation Report PLN08-2024 - Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application Z01-2024 Urban Chickens

Mark Kluge, Town Planner provided a summary of the Public Meeting and Recommendation Report advising that background information was provided in staff's report dated December 12, 2023 with Council direction to staff at that meeting to commence a Town initiated Zoning By-Law Application to clarify the prohibition of backyard chickens in various urban zones within the Town. Mr. Kluge advised a new section in the existing Zoning By-law has been proposed outlining where chickens (and additional birds) can and cannot be kept in the Town and staff used the Latin wording (Galliform and Columbiform) to describe the birds. A copy of the proposed Zoning By-Law is attached to the staff report. He advised the purpose of the public meeting is to gather public comments on the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment.

Mayor Soloman thanked Mr. Kluge and requested any members of the public who wished to provide comments to come forward.

Heather Halliday requested information as to why the Town would prohibit chickens and commented that young families move to small towns seeking a rural lifestyle and connecting with nature and requested the Town permit backyard chickens. Staff advised the December 12, 2023 staff report provided detailed information regarding reasoning for the prohibiting of backyard chickens.

Elizabeth Agrawal commented she was in favor of permitting backyard chickens as it was nice to have fresh eggs.

Nicholas Robinson inquired as to whether consideration had been given to permitting backyard chickens with restrictions on numbers based on lot sizes. Staff advised comparator research was conducted, research did not include limiting the number of chickens to lot sizes. This would require Town resources for licencing and knowledge of the keeping of chickens.

Councillor Jonker addressed public comments by directing them to review the December 12, 2023 Staff Report, a link to the report is included in the April 9, 2024 Staff report.

Councillor Dart arrived at 7:09 p.m.

Mayor Soloman thanked the public for attending and providing comments.

Mark Kluge, Town Planner outlined next steps include staff monitoring in 2024 with a report back to Council if the proposed amendment is unclear to the Public. Kluge recommended Council defer approval of the draft Zoning By-law, given public comments as identification of current rural residential properties that would permit chickens would need to be identified in the by-law.

Mayor Soloman thanked staff for the recommendation and for the public providing comments.

Resolution: 2024-04-09

Moved by: P. Latam

Seconded by: J. Jonker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council reconvene their Regular Meeting at 7:15 p.m.

CARRIED

Resolution: 2024-04-10

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Public Meeting and Recommendation Report No. PLN08-2024 – Zoning By-Law Amendment Application Z01-2024 Urban Chickens

AND FURTHER THAT Zoning By-law Amendment File Z01-2024, to amend the Town of Grand Valley Zoning By-law 2009-10, as amended, to prohibit the keeping of Urban Chickens, as generally shown in **APPENDIX 1: DRAFT ZONING BY- LAW**, of this report, be deferred.

CARRIED

11. Pending Items

There were no pending items.

12. Correspondence

- 12.1 Township of East Garafraxa - Resolution Support - County of Dufferin Social and Economic Prosperity Review
- 12.2 Town of Orangeville - Resolution - Canada Carbon Rebate
- 12.3 Town of Shelburne - Resolution Eradicate Islamophobia and Antisemitism
- 12.4 Township of Melancthon - Resolution Support - City of Greater Sudbury Amendment to Occupation Health and Safety Act - Clarify Definition of Employer

Resolution: 2024-04-07

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the correspondence listed on the Tuesday, April 9, 2024, Council Agenda.

CARRIED

13. Council Updates

Deputy Mayor Rentsch thanked Council and staff on behalf of himself and his family for the flowers and attending the visitation and funeral for his father, Hugo Rentsch.

Councillor Jonker provided an update advising he will be attending two upcoming AMO training sessions: Foundations of Advanced Land Use Planning: A Deeper Dive and Foundations in Planning for Elected Officials on April 17th and 18th.

Mayor Soloman advised he attended an event with the OPP at the Canadian Tire Store where they handed out auto theft devices.

14. County Council Report

Deputy Mayor Rentsch provided an update regarding the County's streamline services review, indicating he has completed his interview with the consultants.

Mayor Soloman advised County Council meetings would be held on Thursday, April 11th.

15. Boards and Committees

15.1 Minutes

Resolution: 2024-04-11

Moved by: J. Jonker

Seconded by: P. Latam

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Board and Committee Minutes listed on the Tuesday, April 9, 2024, Council Agenda.

CARRIED

15.1.1 Grand Valley Public Library Board-February 14, 2024 Minutes

15.2 Recommendations

16. New Business

There was no new business.

17. Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

18. By-laws

Resolution: 2024-04-12

Moved by: P. Rentsch

Seconded by: L. Dart

BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be given to introduce the by-laws listed on the Tuesday, April 9, 2024 agenda with the exception of Item 18.2 and that the By-laws be given the necessary reading and passed and numbered as By-laws 2024-17 to 2024-19.

CARRIED

- 18.1 By-Law 2024-XX Being a By-law to Appointment an Emergency Management Program Committee, Municipal Emergency Control Group and Emergency Officer and to repeal By-law 2018-63
- 18.2 By-Law 2024-XX Being a 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 amend the By-law to deal with a Housekeeping Item – Urban Chickens.
- 18.3 By-Law 2024-XX Being a by-law to appoint a Treasurer for the Town of Grand Valley
- 18.4 By-Law 2024-XX Being a by-law to appointment a Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk-Deputy Treasurer for the Town of Grand Valley and to repeal by-law 2020-25

19. Closed Session (if required)

There was no closed session.

20. Closed Meeting Summary

There was no closed meeting summary.

21. Confirm Proceedings

- 21.1 By-Law 2024-XX Being a By-law to confirm the Proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grand Valley at its Meeting held on April 9, 2024

Resolution: 2024-04-13

Moved by: P. Latam
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 9, 2024 and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered as By-Law 2024-20.

22. Adjournment

Resolution: 2024-04-14

Moved by: J. Jonker

Seconded by: P. Rentsch

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn this meeting of Council at 7:27 p.m. to meet again on April 23, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. for a Regular Meeting or at the call of the Mayor.

CARRIED

“Original Signed”

Steve Solomon, Mayor

“Original Signed”

Meghan Townsend, Clerk