



GRAND VALLEY

The Corporation of the Town of Grand Valley Special Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 28, 2020, 10:00 AM
Video Conference

The Town of Grand Valley Council met by Video Conference on
April 28, 2020 commencing at 10:00 a.m.

Notice:

In consideration of the current COVID-19 Provincial and Public Health orders prohibiting public gatherings of more than 5 people and requirements for physical distancing between persons, in-person attendance at this Special Council meeting was not permitted.

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PRESENT

Mayor Steve Soloman
Deputy-Mayor Philip Rentsch
Councillor Elizabeth Taylor
Councillor Rick Taylor
Councillor Stephen Miles
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Jane Wilson
Deputy Clerk Meghan Townsend
Public Works Superintendent Henry Rooyakkers
Deputy Treasurer Violet Bromley

1. Call to Order

The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The Mayor gave a brief opening statement to thank all those involved in the COVID-19 emergency effort, and to acknowledge the tragic events of the April 18-19, 2020 incident in Nova Scotia.

2. Roll Call by the Clerk

The Clerk took a verbal Roll Call of the Councillors in attendance.

3. Adoption of Agenda

2020-04-08

Moved by P Rentsch, Seconded by R Taylor

BE IT RESOVLED THAT Council adopts the agenda dated April 28, 2020 as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest – none

5. Deputation

5.1. Andrew Grunda, Watson and Associates Economists Ltd. – Water and Wastewater Rates Study and Water Financial Plan

2020-04-09

Moved by E Taylor, Seconded by S Miles

BE IT RESOVLED THAT Andrew Grunda from Watson and Associates Economists Limited be given leave to address Council.

CARRIED

Grunda presented the Rates Study, which will inform the Water Financial Plan to be submitted to the Provincial Government by May 5.

Watson and Associates undertook an analysis of operating and capital needs for the Town's water and wastewater systems over the next 10 years and the infrastructure's life cycle. Based on the analysis, they presented recommendations for the optimal funding mix to cover those obligations for affordable and sustainable water and wastewater systems to minimize or eliminate the need for imposing large usage rate jumps or incurring municipal debt financing.

2020-04-10

Moved by R Taylor, Seconded by S Miles

BE IT RESOVLED THAT Council receives and approves the Water and Wastewater Rate Study and Water Financial Plan as presented by Watson and Associates Economists Ltd., and directs staff to prepare the Water Financial Plan in the format required under Ontario Regulation 453/07 and submit the plan to the Province to maintain the Town's Municipal Drinking Water License,

AND FURTHER THAT in order to provide for the recovery of water and wastewater costs through full cost recovery rates and to maintain reserve funds for water and wastewater services, Council approves the water and wastewater rates shown in Chapter 6 and directs staff to review the Water and Wastewater Rate Study in five years,

AND FURTHER THAT Council elects to implement the new rates on July 1, 2020 and directs staff to amend Schedule I of By-law 2018-48 to reflect the new rates and effective date.

CARRIED

2020-04-11

Moved by P Rentsch, Seconded by R Taylor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to investigate moving to a consumptive billing model for wastewater for 2021 and report back to Council.

CARRIED

6. New Business/Items for Discussion/Notice of Motion

- 6.1. Town of Mono letter re: support for Bell's participation in the CRTC's Broadband Fund – discussion

2020-04-12

Moved by P Rentsch, Seconded by S Miles

BE IT RESOVLED THAT Grand Valley Council would like to stay informed on the issue presented in the letter from the Town of Mono and directs staff to forward a request to the Town of Mono to include all Dufferin County Municipalities in any future correspondence with Bell regarding this matter.

CARRIED

7. Staff Reports

7.1. CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

7.1.1. Winter Maintenance of County Road 15 and Connection Link

2020-04-13

Moved by E Taylor, Seconded by R Taylor

BE IT RESOVLED THAT Council approves the Winter Maintenance Agreement between the County of Dufferin and the Town of Grand Valley and directs staff to prepare and present a by-law for the execution of the agreement.

CARRIED

7.1.2. Report – Amended 2020 Council Meetings

2020-04-14

Moved by P Rentsch, Seconded by S Miles

BE IT RESOVLED THAT Council receives Report – Amended 2020 Council Meeting Schedule,

AND FURTHER THAT Council hereby suspends the regular schedule of meetings for 2020 as long as the Town is in a state of emergency, and schedules one meeting per month to take place at 10:00 a.m. on the second Tuesday of the month, starting with Tuesday, May 12, 2020,

AND FURTHER THAT Council suspends hearing all planning matters and shall review this decision at their May Council meeting,

AND FURTHER THAT Council shall otherwise meet for special meetings on an as-needed basis until the Town's declaration of emergency is lifted.

CARRIED

7.1.3. 2020 Budget Deliberations

Wilson presented the second draft 2020 budget. Council asked that an additional \$60,000 in savings be found to further decrease the tax rate, including a decrease to Council's remuneration. Amendments were discussed and agreed upon. Final draft budget to be presented at the May 12, 2020 meeting.

Council also decided not to participate with the County of Dufferin in an application for the Fleet Electrification Project.

8. By-Laws

- 8.1. 2020-XX, A By-law to authorize the execution of a Winter Maintenance Agreement between the Corporation of the County of Dufferin (the “County”) and the Corporation of the Town of Grand Valley (the “Town”)

2020-04-15

Moved by R Taylor, Seconded by E Taylor

BE IT RESOVLED THAT leave be given to introduce a By-law to authorize the execution of a Winter Maintenance Agreement between the Corporation of the County of Dufferin (the “County”) and the Corporation of the Town of Grand Valley (the “Town”), and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered 2020-18.

CARRIED

9. Confirmatory By-Law

- 9.1. 2020-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 April 28, 2020.

2020-04-16

Moved by S Miles, Seconded by R Taylor

BE IT RESOVLED THAT leave be given to introduce a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the April 28, 2020 meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grand Valley, and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered 2020-19.

CARRIED

10. Adjournment

2020-04-17

Moved by P Rentsch, Seconded by S Miles

BE IT RESOVLED THAT we do now adjourn this Special Meeting of Council at 1:05 pm to meet on May 12, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. or at the call of the Mayor.

CARRIED

Original signed by

Steve Soloman, Mayor

Original signed by

Jane M. Wilson, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer