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PRESS RELEASE

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TOWN OF GRAND VALLEY – DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

GRAND VALLEY, ON – The Town of Grand Valley has Declared an Emergency in accordance with the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* on Friday, March 27, 2020.

An Emergency is defined under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* as a “situation, or an impending situation, that constitutes a danger of major proportions that could result in serious harm to person or substantial damage to property and that is caused by the forces of nature, a disease or other health risk, an accident or an act whether intentional or otherwise” [Section 1: Definition of an Emergency].

There are criteria established by the Province of Ontario to guide municipalities when making a decision about declaring an emergency. The Town of Grand Valley is currently experiencing several of the criteria.

- Is the situation an extraordinary event requiring extraordinary measures?
- Does the situation require a response that exceeds or threatens to exceed the capabilities of the municipality for either resources or deployment of personnel?
- Does the situation create sufficient strain on the municipal response capability in areas within the municipality that may be impacted by a lack of services?
- Is it a consideration that the municipal response may be of such duration that additional personnel and resources may be required to maintain the continuity of operation?

“Conditions are changing hourly for our community due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to continue to be able to address our community’s needs, it has become necessary to declare an emergency,” said Mayor Steve Soloman.

The emergency declaration does not change the rules or regulations that exist to ensure the Town of Grand Valley operates effectively. The Town continues to provide essential services to the community. This includes, but is not limited to, our municipal water and wastewater services, roads operations, municipal administration and planning.

We encourage all residents to stay safe and stay home, and also encourage all residents and businesses to stay in touch with your community and the various resources becoming available by monitoring media outlets and following information from our local Public Health officials. The Town's Administration Office, Public Works Yards, Library, Playgrounds and Community Centre remain closed to the public; however, staff are available by phone, fax or email. If you do not reach a staff member by phone, please leave a voicemail and someone will get back to you. We thank you for your patience during this difficult and unprecedented time.

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