



GRAND VALLEY

## STAFF REPORT

**To:** Mayor and Members of Council  
**From:** Meghan Townsend, CAO/Clerk  
**Meeting Date:** March 24, 2026  
**Report Number:** 2026-059  
**Subject:** 2025 Statement of Council and Local Board Member Remuneration and Expenses Paid

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### Recommendation

**THAT** Council receive the report 2025 Statement of Council and Local Board Member Remuneration and Expenses Paid, for information purposes.

### Executive Summary

#### Purpose

To report on the remuneration and reimbursement of expenses paid in between January 1 and December 31, 2025 for Town Council and members of the public appointed to Local Boards per [section 284\(1\) of the Municipal Act, 2001](#) and to report on Council's attendance at Council, Board and Committee meetings held between January 1 and December 31, 2025.

#### Key Findings

- Statement of the Treasurer of the Remuneration and Expenses paid to Members of Council and appointed members of local boards for 2025, required by [Section 284\(1\) of the Municipal Act, 2001](#)
- Total Remuneration and expenses paid in 2025: \$84,827.51 (2024=\$83,173.71)
- Council Meetings in 2025: 20 Regular Meetings, 9 Special Meetings

## Financial Implications

There are no financial implications to this report.

## Report

### Background

The report provides summaries the following:

- Amounts paid to, or on behalf of Members of Council and members appointed by Council to Local Boards per [section 284\(1\) of the Municipal Act, 2001](#)
- Summary of Council member attendance at Council, Board and Committee meetings held between January 1 and December 31, 2025; and
- Summary of Council meeting data

### Discussion

#### Remuneration of Council Members

**Table 1: Statement of Remuneration and Expenses Paid as Required by Section 284(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001**

Council Member	Base Salary	Board	Mileage	Other Expenses	Total Paid
Mayor Steve Soloman	\$ 19,056.31				\$ 19,056.31
Deputy Mayor Philip Rentsch	\$ 15,250.34				\$ 15,250.34
Councillor Lorne Dart	\$ 14,294.41	\$ 960.00			\$ 15,254.41
Councillor James Jonker	\$ 14,294.41	\$ 400.00	\$207.08	\$ 625.40	\$ 15,526.89
Councillor Paul Latam*	\$ 14,294.41	\$3520.00	\$129.78	\$ 1,795.37	\$ 19,739.56
2025 Totals	\$ 77,189.88	\$4,880.00	\$336.86	\$ 2,420.77	\$ 84,827.51

\*includes 2024 board retro

Note: “Other Expenses” = These expenses include registration fees for conferences, expenses for accommodation and travel by means other than by using personal vehicles, for which mileage is paid.

Conferences attended by Council in 2025 were Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Western Ontario Wardens’ Caucus Municipal Conference, Dufferin Board of Trade’s 2025 State of Business in Dufferin, Simcoe County Home Builders’ Association Housing Summit.

### Remuneration of Members Appointed by Council to Local Boards

**Table 2: Statement of Remuneration and Expenses Paid as Required by Section 284(1)(c) of the Municipal Act, 2001**

Board Member	Community Centre	Police Services	Library
Amy Steele			\$ 640.00
Brent Lyons	\$ 480.00		
Clinton Taylor	\$ 800.00		
Tom Stuckey		\$ 240.00	
Julie VanAlstine			\$ 720.00
Mary Hatch			\$ 640.00
Brennan Soleky			\$ 320.00
<b>2025 Totals</b>	<b>\$ 1,280.00</b>	<b>\$ 240.00</b>	<b>\$2,320.00</b>

### 2025 Council Meeting Attendance

Meeting attendance for members of the Council for all Regular and Special Council meetings is maintained by the Deputy Clerk with attendance tracked for Local Boards by Board Secretaries for the following meeting types:

- Grand Valley and District Fire Board
- Grand Valley and District Community Centre Board (CC)
- Grand Valley Union Cemetery Board
- Grand Valley Economic Development Committee
- Grand Valley Business Improvement Area Board
- Grand Valley Library Board

At the commencement of the 2022-2026 Term of Council, members of council are appointed to various local boards and committees. Below is a summary of the Council's members' attendance at Council and their appointed Local Boards or Committee meetings which were held in 2025.

**Table 3: 2025 Council and Board Meeting Attendance**

Council Member	Council	BIA	CC	Fire	Library	Cem	EDC	Absences
<b>TOTAL MEETINGS</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	
Mayor Steve Soloman	27		11			2		2
Deputy Mayor Philip Rentsch	29					2	4	0
Councillor Lorne Dart	26	6		9		2		6
Councillor James Jonker	28				8	2	4	1
Councillor Paul Latam	26		9	10		1		6

## 2025 Council Meeting Statistics

### Average Council Meeting Length

In 2025, there were 20 regular council meetings and 9 Special Meetings.

Average meeting duration was 3 hours. Council meeting held on July 22, 2025 was the longest meeting at 6 hours and 1 meeting was one hour in duration.

### Closed Meetings

In 2025, there were 14 Closed Meetings. Closed Meeting were held under open meeting exemptions in accordance with Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as follows:

**Table 4: Section 239 Open Meeting exemptions**

Section	Exemption
239(2)(b)	Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees
239(2)(c)	A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board
239(2)(d)	Labour relations or employee negotiations
239(2)(e)	Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board
239(2)(f)	Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.
239(2)(i)	A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization.
239(2)(k)	A position, plan procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.
239(3.1)(1)	The meeting is held for the purpose of educating or training the members

### Information Items Packages

In May 2024, Council began to receive once monthly correspondence Information Items packages which include correspondence that may be of interest to Members of Council received from non-Dufferin County Municipalities or non-Dufferin County groups or organizations, and Intergovernmental Information.

In 2025, 291 items and 1044 pages of correspondence has been relocated to the Information items packages, reducing the volume of regular council agendas.

**Financial Impact**

There are no financial impacts associated with this report.

**Consultations**

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**Attachments**

None

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